



## Southeast Regional Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha

**December**

# Newsletter



### DATES TO REMEMBER

Bylaw revisions to Anita Hilburn by June 1, 2025

SERC Dues

State dues- January 1, 2025 and no later than  
June 1, 2025-

\$30 to Jennifer Gailey

Chapter donations-\$15 to Jennifer Gailey

IC Dues- present and no later than May 1, 2025

Chapters \$40, State \$45  
to Margaret Kramer

Leadership -February 6-9, 2025 Denver, Co

Hello all of my SERC sisters. I hope you are well.

Thank you to the Arkansas ladies for being wonderful hosts.

I was sick for three weeks after SERC with congestion and cough.

By the time school was done, my throat was sore and I could not eat. All of this while prepping for state testing which is presently going on.

Please check the Dates to Remember (above left). If you need

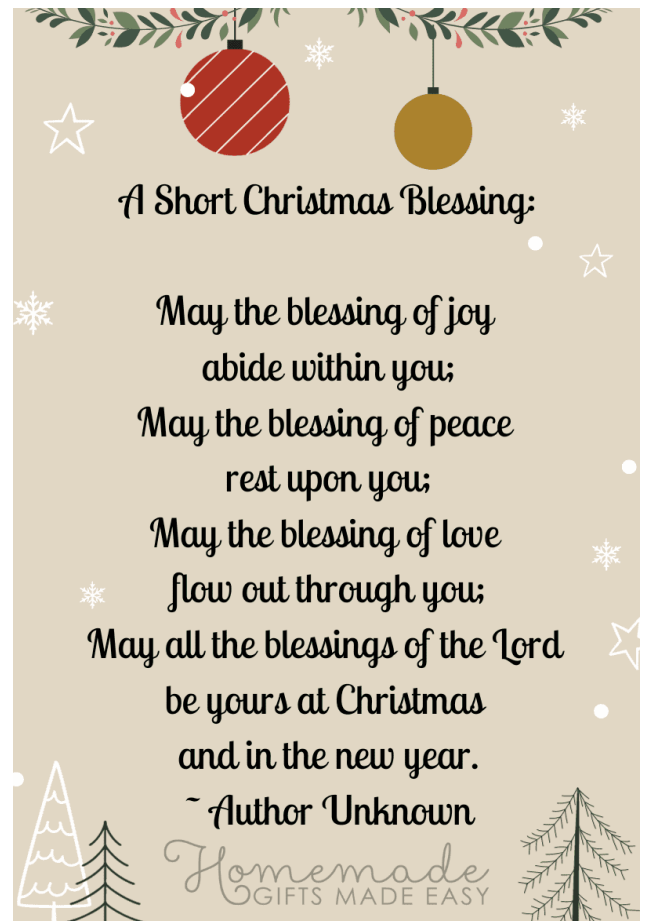
anything, don't hesitate to call.

I sincerely wish wonderful holiday blessings on you, your family and friends.

Love in ESA

Dawn Middleton

SERC President



Happy Holidays!

The nominations committee is working on reviewing the nomination and willingness to serve forms and will have those posted on the website and distributed to membership in January. I hope that you will consider running for a position on the Executive Board or trying out an appointed position. It is a great opportunity to learn more about our organization and serve at a different level. If you have any questions, please reach out to me!

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Hello all! I cannot believe it is already mid-December!

As a reminder, all State and Chapter dues should be mailed to me by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to Alabama, Arkansas, North Carolina, and Tennessee and several chapters for already getting theirs in! The updated forms can be found on the SERC website but please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions!

Wishing each of you and your families a very happy and safe holiday season!

ESA Love,

Jennifer



Recording Secretary

Amazing how quickly time is flying by - 2025 will be here in a few weeks. It is a time to reflect on what we have done, what we are doing and what we wish to do in the future.

Before our journey into the new year, we will be sharing Christmas with our loved ones and the bringing in the New Year. It is the time to remember that Christmas is forever, not for just on day, for loving, sharing, and giving, and should not to put away like bells and lights in some box upon a shelf. It should be enjoyed throughout the year....The good you do for others is good you do yourself.

I wish you a very safe, happy and wonderful holiday season filled with lots of family, friends and hugs.

Hugs to all and to all a wonderful time.....Sandra



Happy Holidays, Hope you have a wonderful time with your family. Please make memories and enjoy time with your family and friends.

I wanted to remind you if your state would like to bid on the SERC convention to please send in a written formal bid. You can email to me at [kjthornberry@ yahoo.com](mailto:kjthornberry@yahoo.com)

Kelli Thornberry  
2nd VP SERC

**Merry**  
**Christmas**  
**And**  
**Happy**  
**New**  
**Year**

Happy Holidays!

Thank you all for "Reaching with your Heart" during my SERC Year. I applaud Arkansas for hosting a beautiful SERC Conference. I want to welcome Dawn Middleton to the helm of this awesome region of SERC. With the "Music in her heart", we sing and accomplish great things.

After SERC, my dad had an exam to determine all his arteries in his heart were clogged 100% with the exception of one at 90%. They scraped that one and placed a stent in; however, four days later he was bleeding internally. My folks live in Lake City, Florida. The hospital there couldn't help so, they shipped him to Gainesville where four days later he passed away. I was on my way, maybe an hour shy of getting to the hospital, when he passed. The nurse said his heart just stopped and he wasn't in any pain...a blessing. Now, life gets more challenging as my mom has no living relatives nearby. Both of my sisters have passed on from cancer and it is ME. I've been down to Florida twice since he passed Nov 13. She doesn't want to leave her home. I understand; but, it would be a whole lot easier if she was near me. She had a stroke a few years back and her mind isn't very sharp. Prayers that she'll want to move closer...soon.

All that said, the holiday season is upon us and I have decorated a tree. It is so beautiful! My late husband absolutely loved decorating for the holiday...this year I was determined to put up a tree. I had to replace the angel of 25 years that was the tree topper, now it is a bright shining star.

To you all, relish the memories over the holidays and in your daily life for they are precious! I pray our Lord blesses you for years to come!

As for my new role as Jr. Past President and Disaster Fund chair, I encourage you and your state to make a gift to the disaster fund. It sure seems like our region gets hit with too many disasters.

Peace and love,  
Laura