



# The Oregon Grapevine

2016-2017 December, Issue 3

From your President



Mele Kalikimaka

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! It is hard to believe that Christmas is almost here. The time has flown and, as usual, things

are piling up. I have a note that I wrote in my day planner last January. It says and I

quote (myself) "You have cards, stamps and address labels in large blue container in art studio. Get busy on Christmas letter!! NOW!!" It seems I know myself too well.

Plans are being made for Winter meeting and I hope everyone has sent in their registrations early so the people responsible for planning can do so without acquiring any more gray hair. Seriously, please send in your registrations. Mahalo. Remember to set aside those gently used items so that we can raise more money for the Easter Seal camperships at our Haole 'Elepane (White Elephant) sale. I am meeting with Debbie Sanguras to plan more mischief and raise money for St. Jude. I think this will be a great meeting. As you know, Will Warren (our new brother) will be conducting a tour of the Village Green grounds (weather permitting). If anyone wants time on the agenda, now is the time to let me know. February is not that far away.

Tis the season for giving, getting together with family and friends, eating all that scrumptious food and toasting to everyone's health. Have fun but remember - moderation is the key. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

See you in the New Year!!!

Lani



It seems there was a flub up at Convention and Lani wasn't really installed as Oregon State President, so there was a redo! Humm!!!









## From your 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

### The Golden Goose




ESA is the goose, and the golden eggs are all the good we are able to do in the world through our efforts. We feed our ESA golden goose by welcoming new members. We can't starve the goose and expect to continue to produce all those golden eggs for St. Jude, Easter Seals, scholarship recipients, underprivileged families and everyone else we help.

The end of November marks the halfway point in the ESA year, and **we have 6 new community members since June 1 as of Oct. 31 membership report.** The good news is we still have time to reverse the trend this year with your commitment and help, There are just two possible outcomes for us when we gather at State Convention again this April. We can either be celebrating having made this the year that we reinvigorated our organization with the talents and enthusiasm of many new members, or we will quietly murmur among ourselves (again...) how we regret having allowed another year to pass (again...) and promise (again...) that we will help "next year".

Su McDonell receives a golden egg salute for her pledge Becky Diehnel		10/1/2016
Ann Choate receives a golden egg salute for her pledge Josephine Choate		10/1/2016
Kathy Rudd receives a golden egg salute for her pledge Sharon Stream		10/1/2016
Carolyn Warren receives a golden egg salute for her pledge Will Warren		7/1/2016
Dawn Bruce receives a golden egg salute for her pledge Cheryl Flint		7/1/2016
Cynthia Wobbe receives a golden egg salute for her pledge Annette Foglio		9/1/2016

### Reinstatement

Pat Stupur, Rhonda Adler, Cynthia Wobbe, Candace Osterloh, Jessica Clemen-Crawford, Hats off to all of you 

I plan on hearing all about what you have done in your chapters for recruitment, since I gave you a challenge at leadership.

Hope to see all of you at Winter Meeting in February,  
Jill Rankin - 1st Vice President - Oregon ESA



## From your Second Vice President

It's been a wonderful year with lots of family and friends. We had an incredible Leadership, thanks to so many people who worked so hard to see that we had a great time. I don't know when I have laughed so hard for so long during the hilarious skit. I think there were lots of ladies who missed their theatrical calling. I'm just happy they are sharing their talents with us now. I am, of course, looking for some ladies to fill the executive board positions. Namely the Recording Secretary position. Please call me if you think you might be interested.

Nancy Reid





### From your Recording Secretary

Greetings from your Recording Secretary. I trust that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I want everyone to know how much I have appreciated all the contacts from so many of you offering support and words of encouragement through my little ordeal. Please know that I am doing very well. I'm getting ready to start the radiation. Very excited to get it going and get it finished! I am looking forward to Winter Meeting and seeing everyone. These last few months have given me time for reflection. I realize how important friends and family are and even have enjoyed slowing down a little.

Marsha



### From your Jr. Past President & Disaster Fund Chair

Happy December!

Thank you to all the chapters who have already sent in their Disaster Fund contributions. Recent events in Tennessee and Florida remind us all that one of the most special things we do in ESA is take care of each other.

If you gave me a check, or mailed it to me since Leadership, I just mailed them to Rickie and they will be cashed soon. Sorry for any inconvenience. I hope everyone has a Mele Kalikimaka and a Happy New Year!

Kaycee Headley



Kaycee & Andyce lead the Sister/Brother-hood in the Walk for St. Judes!



## From your Circle of Life Sr. Chair

Hello all ESA members,

**Good News** Our Team ESA of Oregon virtual walk on September 18th was a great success. We did not reach my goal of exceeding our 2015 contribution, but we raised a total of \$4215.00

for the hospital. Thanks so much to the 38 members, chapters and family who made this total for the St. Jude Walk/Run for Childhood Cancer. The top fundraiser for the Seattle Walk/Run was a corporate organization whose contribution was well over \$10,000. The great news was that Team ESA of Oregon was the 2nd highest fundraiser.

With the help of those who gave cash, my sister and brother, and Beta Eta and Alpha Chi chapters, I was able to have 10 online contributions during September. This allowed me to be entered into a drawing for 50,000 American Airline Advantage Miles.

Drum Roll, we **WON!!!!!!**

Now the news that you all need to share with your chapter members. I am willing to give these miles to anyone who would like to use them. The condition is that you make a contribution to St. Jude Children's Hospital in the amount that they allow you to save on your flight. There is a deadline to use them of 4/28/2017 (I believe that you just have to order tickets by then). This is a win/win for you and St. Jude as you can use the contribution as a tax deduction. If interested give me a call.

We also qualified for some incentive gifts and I will be bringing those to Winter Meeting and making those available to some lucky member.

\*\*\*\*\* *An important update for ESA members regarding St. Jude Forms.* \*\*\*\*\*

As of 11/1/2016 prior to filling out the forms for ALSAC events you must ask your ALSAC rep for the tier you fall into for the event. You will report this information on the booked and completed event forms. On the completed event form you will also need to get the exact event total from your rep. This will allow ESA Headquarters to calculate your credit amount - meaning you should be able to receive credit for these events sooner. All ALSAC reps have been educated about this new process and should be prepared to supply you with the information you need. The process for any cash event that you host will remain the same as it has been.

You can go to the website to see the document: ESA Credit for Field Operations Events. Go to [epsilonsigmaalpha.org](http://epsilonsigmaalpha.org) - member center - chapter management - Forms - St. Jude and click on Don't Know Your Tier. Also you can contact Kristin Hall: [Kristinh@epsilonsigmaalpha.org](mailto:Kristinh@epsilonsigmaalpha.org).

Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and will enjoy a wonderful Christmas. See you soon in Cottage Grove at Winter Meeting.

Judith Huntley, Oregon Circle of Life Sr. Chair  
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St. Jude's  
walkers



### From your ESA Foundation Coordinator

Oh my goodness, it's almost Christmas!  
My grandmother's favorite 'ditty' ...  
"the older I get, the behinder I become"  
seems to be my latest mantra.

I'm feeling very grateful to my chapter who, with very short notice, gathered together around Sandy Diess' dining room table and helped me collate, fold, stuff, address and stamp 359 letters to 359 Oregon High Schools letting them know about the ESA Foundation Scholarships available to them and any others seeking help with furthering their educations. I received 53 of these letters back as "undeliverable"? Wasn't aware that High Schools moved... silly me.

I look forward to seeing you at our Winter Meeting. I will have with me photos and Thank You letters from the students who won 2016 scholarships. Andrew Weber from Vale, OR -the Oregon State Council Endowment and the Hazel Knapp Endowment, Kelsy Weber from Vale - the Laverne Bun Young Endowment, Uijin Jung - the Hope Baney Memorial Endowment. Please ask to see them. I think you'll be impressed by the impact these scholarships have on their lives.

I have received the latest donations to ESA Foundations from Oregon members. If you have not yet paid your ESA Foundation dues ---Please do so. Only 6 chapters have paid dues, 3 districts, the Gavels and the Oregon State Council. The Turn-Around Fund has been used just 6 times this year to help validate our 'not for profit' standing. I urge you to utilize the form enclosed with this Grapevine. Copy the page and keep it handy.

**From my heart to yours this holiday season...  
May your Christmas be merry and bright and  
full of warm hugs, shared memories and laughter.**

**See you at the Village Green for Winter Meeting in February!**

Su McDonell



# TURN AROUND FUND REQUEST

The check you send to the TURN AROUND FUND must be **made payable to ESA FOUNDATION**.  
 Your donation to each charity must be for \$25 or more and they must be a 501c3 IRS designated/certified organization.  
**You must provide the EIN # for each charity. May be found on [www.guidestar.com](http://www.guidestar.com) or ESAF website**

**ESAF website [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/about/ESA-Foundation/contribute/turn-around-fund](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/about/ESA-Foundation/contribute/turn-around-fund)**

- NOTES:**
1. All Turn Around checks to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will be given directly to Headquarters for processing  
 If you would like it returned to you, please indicate that to us in writing.  
 If you use ALSAC / St. Jude materials / supplies for your event, you may NOT use the Turn Around Fund.
  2. A Turn Around Check cannot be issued directly to an individual or reissued to a Chapter or State Council.
  3. The Internal Revenue Service does not allow the Foundation to use Turn Around funds for donations to the following:  
 ESA Disaster Fund, State/Regional Love or Care Funds.
  4. All checks will be mailed to the donor / chapter for distribution to the charity, unless indicated otherwise.
  5. Checks that must be re-issued for whatever reason will have a service fee of \$ 25 deducted from the check.
  6. Checks not cashed within 120 days of the date of issue will be considered a donation to the ESA Foundation General Fund.
  7. **The name of the Charity must be listed as the IRS has them. If the EIN# is not provided your check will be returned.**

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They were dropping like flies, who would live through that terrible night and who did it?  
 If you didn't go to Leadership then you missed out on the answers and giggles.





## Parliamentarian and Documents

Jeannette Rhodes [jcrhodes@charter.net](mailto:jcrhodes@charter.net)  
and Kathy State [kathystate@rconnects.com](mailto:kathystate@rconnects.com)

### VOTING AT STATE MEETINGS

Have you discussed ideas for changing the State Voting Procedures? You still have time. We hope to present some ideas on how to proceed at Winter Meeting. At Leadership, it was brought to our attention that it might be time for a change in our State Voting Procedures.

The current procedure is:

- Each chapter receives 1 vote for the President and 1 vote for each 8 members.
- For each additional 4 members they receive 1 additional vote.
- Each Gavel receives one vote.

Options for change are:

1. Continue as is.
2. Give EACH person 1 vote only, plus signed Proxies if not present.
3. Give each person 1 vote only, no Proxies.
4. Other ideas are welcome and should be forwarded to Julie Rassmann or Linda Gratteri.

Ideas will be presented and discussed at Winter Meeting with a motion published in the March Grapevine. The final vote will take place in April at our State Convention.

Jeannette Rhodes  
Parliamentarian

Kathy State  
Junior Parliamentarian

#### Votes were turned in by the following chapters:

Alpha Upsilon chapter of Hillsboro:

- 1) All chapters receive one ballot each
- 2) Gavels as a group receive one ballot

Beta Eta chapter of Portland

The consensus of the Beta Eta members is that we continue as is.

Delta Gamma chapter of Florence

Each Oregon State ESA member in good standing gets one (1) vote ONLY, plus signed proxies if not present.



#### Calendar of Events

- February 1, 2017 OR State Officer Nominations to 2nd VP Nancy Reid
- February 1, 2017 ESA Foundation Scholarships due online [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org)
- February 1, 2017 Distinguished Individual Award & Youth Award forms send to JoAnne McKenny
- February 11-12, 2017 Winter Meeting - Village Green Resort & Gardens, Cottage Grove
- March 1, 2017 Oregon Grapevine Deadline



### ALPHA UPSILON

Alpha Upsilon is preparing for the Christmas Season. Our December Christmas dinner meeting will be hosted by member Sue Horton and husband Gene, assisted by the social committee.

A gala evening is being planned which will begin with appetizers and bubbly, cheer and laughter. Dinner will follow, which will be prepared by Sue and Gene Horton. Salad and dessert will be furnished by the social committee and the membership. A brief business meeting will follow dinner. Christmas games and a crazy gift exchange will end the evening.

Alpha Upsilon is supporting the CANDLE LIGHTERS Org this Christmas Season. Candle Lighters is an organization that supports families who have a child with cancer. We are giving to one of the families with 3 children, one of which is a cancer patient. Our family of five, Mom and Dad, three small children range in age 18 months to 5 years old. So in the next few weeks we are shopping, wrapping and playing Santa.

Our January Social is a Bunco Rush Social. Three potential new members will be joining us for fun and information about ESA. They will be invited to our February business meeting to become acquainted with the business and philanthropic part of ESA.

Linda Gratteri, was installed as NW District President at the NW District Spring Meeting. Claudia Hale performed the installation. Claire Duran was installed as 2016-17 President of Alpha Upsilon in May at the Meriweather Golf Club.

Linda Gratteri and Su McDonell were recognized at IC Convention this year. Linda was awarded the Maie Wells Educational Award - 3rd place. This award is given to the State Educational Chairman. We know how hard Linda works for ESA and it is wonderful she was recognized on the International level. Alpha Upsilon is very fortunate to have Linda as an ESA Sister.

Also congratulations to Su McDonell who was awarded 2nd place for Grapevine editor. Those who have had this position know well that it takes, a huge amount of talent and effort to bring it all together.

CHRISTMAS is a time to remember those who light our lives with friendship and laughter and fill our hearts with memories and love. So to all our ESA SISTERS  
**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Pearl Lushina..Alpha Upsilon.

Dec. 1, 2016







## ALPHA ZETA

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving in the company of family and friends. I know I did. Ate too much as I am sure we all did. Oh well, today is another day and sanity returns for a few days prior to getting ready for the Christmas and Holiday season.

Alpha Zeta has been working very hard on our educationals and today (11/29) we visited Food for Lane County. This organization wears many hats including Meals on Wheels and we were treated to a 1-1/2 hour tour of the facility. So far, we have toured MECCA which offers recyclable materials especially for educators but the public can also avail themselves of the supplies for art projects, etc. Just to give an example, eyeglass lenses were painted, holes drilled in one end to make earrings. It is an interesting concept. We have also had a tour of Linda Howes' home which is mostly made of recycled materials. She has graciously offered her home for tours for any chapter interested in an educational. As I stated before we have also had a Master Recycler speak at one of our WVDC meetings and we toured Lane Forest Products. Five down, four to go!!

We had a wonderful birthday party for Ann Malarsie's 100th birthday. The party was held at Indulge restaurant at the Gateway Mall. We lunched on wonderful goodies seated amongst antiques and watched Ann open all her birthday cards. In all, she received 127 cards from ESA members and friends and family. Old friends came from California and Washington to add to the festivities. She also received a letter from President Obama and a photo. I talked with her a few days later to deliver even more cards and got to see a bouquet she received from family. This bouquet had 100 - count 'em - roses. It was beautiful, to say the least.

We put on a Paint and Pour party and raised \$350.00 for St. Jude. A total of 21 people attended this event. Thank you to all our ESA sisters who came to support us from Portland, Albany and elsewhere. A good time was had by all. We wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Kwanzaa and a Happy New Year!!



Lani Shimer, Publicity





## Delta Gamma

Our holiday season began with our 29th Charity Auction on November 12th. Thanks to many of you who attended, as well as our community of friends of Delta Gamma, we raised just over \$11,000. In addition to funding our scholarships, supporting special charities, and helping individuals throughout the year, these funds

also allow us to create holidays for families in our community. We provided Thanksgiving and much, much more for nine families this year... a favorite project of ours. It is so rewarding to deliver bags and bags of groceries, including a turkey, a ham, and all the trimmings, and the families are always so appreciative. This week all of our members are busy shopping for four families, with a total of 13 children, that could use a helping hand this Christmas. The spirit of the holiday season is definitely upon us, and Delta Gamma wishes all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



## DELTA XI HAPPENINGS

Mea culpa!! Mea culpa!!!! I missed the September deadline for the Grapevine so this article will be covering a lot of news. First of all thank you to the Delta Xi members for all your help on Leadership and thank you to all those who attended. It was a great weekend.

Philanthropically Delta Xi is as busy as ever. We are all in again for providing meals for the Clark Center and this year we have added providing breakfasts for the Hansen Shelter which houses 205 overnight guests. We are continuing lunches for the HIV center and also providing birthday bags for them. Dress For Success, Mercy Corps, (clothing) the Morrison Center, (suitcases and yarn) and ILR (helping with their functions) are still receiving our support. And of course we are always participating in St. Jude and Easter Seal projects. We also participated in the Veteran's Day Parade in the Hollywood District by helping serve cookies and lunch after the parade to the Veterans. We are still donating children's books to the Literacy Program.

Our Educational theme this year centers around food and we have heard about "Heart Healthy Food", "Inside the Food Industry" and ingredients in various food products.

We are also active socially. Hosted a Bunco party for members, spouses and guests in October. Several members also attended the Annual Doll Tea in Longview and a Salad Luncheon for another sorority.

We experienced some sad news as well. We lost our member Virginia Hammersmith due to a lung issue in October. Virginia was a very active member for many years and currently was serving as our Treasurer. She will be greatly missed.

Congratulations to both Donna Orth and Mary Lambert on becoming great grandmothers. Cheers to them both and their families.

Delta Xi also welcomed a new member, Margaret Dragoon. We are looking forward to having Margaret in our chapter.

Best wishes to all for a very Happy and Healthy Holiday Season.

Pat Stupur





## DISTRICT AFFAIRS

### WILLAMETTE VALLEY DISTRICT COUNCIL



Julie Rassmann was the hostess for November's district meeting. Our previous scheduled meeting was cancelled due to the "STORM OF THE CENTURY" which never happened. Luckily, this time we had beautiful weather and we got to enjoy Julie's beautiful home.

Twenty members from our four chapters attended and we enjoyed a sumptuous lunch of leftovers from Delta Gamma's annual auction the previous evening. If you have never attended the auction, make an effort next year because the items are to die for, plus it is an evening of camaraderie and fun even if you don't buy anything.

Epsilon Theta announced that it has four potential members. Omega Mu hosted a Paint and Pour in November. Su McDonell informed us that the deadline for scholarships from the Foundation is February 1, 2017. We were saddened to learn that Arlene Kennedy, a former ESA member from Epsilon Theta, had died. And Katie Hobson, WVDC President, verified that Ellie Allen was Philanthropic Chair, Lani Shimer was Publicity and Rhonda Adler was Outstanding Member Chair. Evidently, we weren't formally asked.

Joy Serkowney discussed the Seafood and Wine Festival which will take place in February. This will be a fund-raising project for all four chapters and the proceeds will be divided accordingly. The actual dates are February 23 through February 26, 2017. This year's theme will be "40th anniversary" and the colors will be ruby red and silver.

Epsilon Theta has been manning the ticket booths for Waldport HS sports. All monies are funneled back into the sports department. As stated above, they have four potential members. Otherwise, they have not been too busy due to the small membership now.

Omega Mu hosted a Paint and Pour as a fundraiser for Easter Seals. Mostly they have been getting this year organized at this point.

Delta Gamma put on their one big fundraiser, the auction, and had a good turnout. It is always fun to attend this function.

Alpha Zeta has been busy doing their educationals and, so far, we have done five - count 'em - five educationals. Only four to go. We, also, celebrated Ann Malarsie's 100th birthday. Many cards were received and some old friends from California and Washington came to help with the merriment. We continue to help at Bags of Love. Our Paint and Pour was successful. But the best news is that we gained a new member. Becky Diehnel had so much fun, she decided to join us and we are delighted to have her in our midst.

Lani Shimer, our State President, talked to us about the possible changes to the voting procedure. Printouts were distributed and each chapter was urged to discuss this in the chapter meetings and decide if a change is needed and wanted. This was something that Jeannette Rhodes brought up at Leadership. Now we must decide what changes we want. This will be voted on at State Convention. This will also be posted in the Grapevine.

Lani Shimer, Publicity

Oregon State Council  
Winter Meeting

Village Green Resort & Gardens  
Cottage Grove, Oregon



February 11-12, 2017

Registration: \$60.00 (includes Saturday lunch & dinner)

Make checks payable to: Douglas District Council

Registration Deadline: January 20, 2017

Cancellation Deadline: January 26, 2017

Village Green Resort & Gardens  
725 Row River Rd, Cottage Grove  
541-942-2491/800-343-7666

Room Rates: \$95.20 Double Queen, ask for ESA International

Or rooms can be booked online at

<https://reservations.moonstonehotels.com/immnet/login.aspx?resort=12>

Guest ID: ESAINTL Password: ESAINTL

Room block held until Jan 11, 2017

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Name & Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Diet Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Jenni Dickinson  
436 W Elm St  
Roseburg, OR 97471

\_\_\_\_\_ Elected Board  
\_\_\_\_\_ Gavel

\_\_\_\_\_ Appointed Board  
\_\_\_\_\_ Guest



# "Come Celebrate Oregon's Luau" Oregon State Convention April 28 - 30, 2017

Registration \$125.00

Red Lion Hotel Pendleton

Room Reservations 541-276-6111

Be sure to mention ESA OR State for these rates:

Room Rates: \$91.00

(Subject to State and Local Taxes currently 9.8 % plus \$1.50 assessment)

for Single, Double, Triple and Quad

Cut off date 04/07,2017

Registration Includes

Meals on Friday night, Saturday Lunch, Saturday Banquet  
and Sunday Brunch

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