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## "SUMMER ENGAGEMENT"

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President: Susan Knudson

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### International Council Convention July 7 – 14, 2024

- **June 16, 2024** Hotel Deadline  
DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel  
Kansas City-Overton Park,  
Overton Park, Kansas

- **July 31, 2024** Yearbook updates due to Karen Smith
- **August 7, 2024** Leadership/Fall Board **HOTEL** Deadline
- **August 19, 2024** Leadership/Fall Board **Registration** Deadline
- **August 31, 2024** Georgia State Council Dues (Full or ½)
- **September 7-8, 2024**  
**Fall Board/Leadership**  
(Hosted by Gavelettes from Gamma Sigma & Kappa Rho)  
Drury Hotel, Pooler, Georgia
- **September 15, 2024**  
Tax Fact Form due to ESA Headquarters
- **September 28, 2024**  
St. Jude Walk/Run

### Southeastern Regional Council Conference

October 25-27, 2024

North Little Rock, Arkansas

Wyndham Riverfront Little Rock

- **October 1, 2024**  
Conference **Registration** Deadline
- **October 3, 2024**  
**Hotel** Reservation Deadline

**2024-2025 Georgia State Council Executive Board**

- President .....Susie Knudson**
- First Vice President.....Ruth Anne Edge**
- Second Vice President ..... Romanda Talley**
- Recording Secretary .....Theresa McGugan**
- Corresponding Secretary... Karen Smith**
- Treasurer .....Sheryl Gootee**
- Parliamentarian ..... Joy Lynn Tynes**
- Jr. Past President.....Susan Garner**

**Message from our President, Susie Knudson**

**Hello to all my Georgia ESA sisters and brothers!**

I have lots to share with you but first a recap of our great convention is in order.

Many thanks to Alpha Nu, Delta Nu, and Sigma Chi who delivered an incredible experience in “Exploring in the Mountains.” Unicoi State Park was beautiful and the food was some of the best we have had at convention.

Our State President Susan ran the meetings to “purr-fection.”



*Susan Garner*



**What a great litter of kitties.**

Friday Night was lots of fun with all the games provided by our hostesses. We need to do more of that this coming year. Fun was also had in the presentation of our candidates on Friday.

Saturday's meeting went well without many hairballs – all the Bylaw/Standing Rule changes and the budget were passed! Saturday also included the Awards and our Installation of New Officers.

**A big congratulations goes to our Member of the Year, Frances Lanier, Kappa Rho and to our Chapter of the Year, Alpha Delta.**



*Member of the Year - Frances Lanier*



*Chapter of the Year - Alpha Delta*

**Another big THANK YOU to my special friend, Romanda Talley for a very special installation.**



## Message from our President, Susie Knudson...*Continued*

I would be very remiss if I did not acknowledge to all of you the honor of serving as your President for 2024-2025. I am truly humbled. I consider all of you my family and your support, advice, concerns, ideas, and hopes are especially important to me.

This issue of the newsletter is "Summer Engagement." I will be attending the IC Convention in Overton Park, Kansas and will bring you what I learned from the meetings and workshops in the next issue. Your Executive Board will be meeting in July to plan for the coming year, which includes Leadership in September. So, I am asking if you have ideas/topics the Board needs to consider for Leadership or just the year in general, please call me, email me, or text me.

As my theme for the year is "ESA, It's the Cat's Meow", my hope for each of you is that you are planning a fun filled year engaging in all the projects and good works that make ESA AWESOME!

**Susie Knudson**  
**GSC President 2024-2025**

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### 2023-2024 GSC Award Winners - Gail Marchant



#### Chapter Annual Philanthropic:

Most Monies Per Member: 3<sup>rd</sup>-Delta Nu, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Delta Omega, **1<sup>st</sup>-Kappa Rho**  
Most Hours Per Member: 3<sup>rd</sup>-Gamma Omega, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Delta Omega, **1<sup>st</sup>-Delta Nu**  
Philanthropic Summary: 3<sup>rd</sup>-Alpha Delta, 2<sup>nd</sup>-tied, Delta Iota & Kappa Rho,  
**1<sup>st</sup>-Alpha Beta**

**Willene Viglione Candlestick: Wanda Price (303 hours)**

**St. Jude Spirit Award in Memory of Pat Genovese: Delta Iota (\$5,229)**

**St. Jude 1<sup>st</sup> Time Event: Kappa Rho**

#### **Easterseals: Overall Total \$1,410**

Most Monies Per Member: 3<sup>rd</sup>-Kappa Rho (\$25.75), 2<sup>nd</sup>-Beta Zeta (\$65.00),  
**1<sup>st</sup>-Alpha Beta (\$122.50)**

Most Hours Per Member: 3<sup>rd</sup>-Alpha Beta (2), 2<sup>nd</sup>-Delta Nu (2.5),  
**1<sup>st</sup>-Kappa Rho (10)**

#### **Hope for Heroes:**

(Most Monies Per Member): 3<sup>rd</sup>-Sigma Chi (\$172.66), 2<sup>nd</sup>-Delta Iota (\$628.63),  
**1<sup>st</sup>-Gamma Omega (\$3,369.66)**

(Most Hours Per Member): 3<sup>rd</sup>-Kappa Rho (15.125), 2<sup>nd</sup>-Delta Nu (25.5),  
**1<sup>st</sup> -Gamma Omega (38.33)**

**ESA Foundation:**

**Joyce Robyn ESA Foundation Turn Around Fund:**

3<sup>rd</sup>-Alpha Beta (\$50), 2<sup>nd</sup>-Delta Omega (\$140), **1<sup>st</sup>-Beta Sigma (\$672)**

**Rosie Huggins ESA Foundation Award:**

3<sup>rd</sup>-Alpha Beta (\$220), 2<sup>nd</sup>-Kappa Rho (\$240), **1<sup>st</sup>-Delta Iota (\$415)**

**Educational:**

**The Gold Seal Merit:** 3<sup>rd</sup>-Delta Omega, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Kappa Rho, **1<sup>st</sup>-Gamma Omega**

**The Gold Link:** Gamma Omega, Kappa Rho, Delta Omega, Delta Iota, Alpha Beta

**Rushing:**

**Angela Coleman Rushing Award:** 3<sup>rd</sup>-Alpha Delta, 2<sup>nd</sup>-Kappa Rho, **1<sup>st</sup>-Gamma Omega**

**Chapter with Most New Pledges: Alpha Delta (5)**

**Willow Gray Rushing Award: Frances Jennings (3)**

**What ESA Means to Me: (Member with Less than 1 year), N/A**

(Member with More than 1 year), **Debbie Lamp'l**

**Disaster Fund: (Most Monies PM):** 3<sup>rd</sup>-Delta Iota (\$25.38), 2<sup>nd</sup>-Kappa Rho (\$37.50),  
**1<sup>st</sup>-Alpha Beta (\$65.25)**

**Overall Total \$1,215**

**St. Jude Certificates of Recognition:**

Alpha Beta, Delta Iota, Delta Nu, Delta Omega, Gamma Omega,  
Kappa Rho, Sigma Chi, Gamma Sigma

**Luanne Langmo was recognized for achieving her Fifth Degree Pallas Athene.**

**Pledge of the Year: Wren Pirkle, Alpha Delta**

**Member of the Year: Frances Lanier, Kappa Rho**

**Chapter of the Year: Alpha Delta**

**Association of the Arts - Best in Show -Luanne Langmo – Rope Basket**



## Association of the Arts

*Div I – Painting and Div III - Painted Crafts - no submissions*

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Div II - Photography -	1 <sup>st</sup> Pat Griffin - Sunset
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Debbie Lamp'l - Dog
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Debbie Lamp'l - Daisy Field

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Div IV - Mixed Media Crafts -	1 <sup>st</sup> Gennie Gilvin – Bear
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Gennie Gilvin - Cat Ornament
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Susan Garner - Flower Plaque

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Div V Needlework -	1 <sup>st</sup> Luanne Langmo - Rope Basket
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Div VI Quilting -	1 <sup>st</sup> Luanne Langmo - Turquoise Quilted Lap Blanket
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Luanne Langmo - Snuggle Scarf

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Div VII Holiday Theme -	1 <sup>st</sup> Romanda Talley - Christmas Shell
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Div VIII Presidential Theme -	1 <sup>st</sup> Gennie Gilvin – Carved Logo Ornament
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## Year Book Chair, Karen Smith

### 2024-2025 Yearbook

**Hello My Friends, It's that time of year again!!!! I need any updates, changes, additions, or subtractions to our yearbook.**

If you are a **chapter president**, please make sure to let me know what offices your members hold...primarily the **executive positions**...for the coming year...**2024-25**.

***Also, please don't forget to let me know about any members that have left the chapter and/or new members you have acquired.***

The following info is critical and if anything is incorrect, it could mean that you don't receive important communications.

**Your name (and first name of your significant other)**

**Address**

**Phone Number(s)**

**Email Address *(Please make sure this info is correct)***

**Birthday: Month & Day Only**

**I will need to get the info returned to me no later than July 31st.**

Please feel free to phone me with questions...use my home number please...

*(I can only receive calls/voicemails to # 706-818-0581) or send a message to*

[kcsdms@gmail.com](mailto:kcsdms@gmail.com)

Take care and have a great summer,  
Karen Smith, GSC Yearbook Chair



## First Vice President, Ruth Ann Edge



President Susan Knudson asked us to write about our Summer Engagements. A summer engagement brings to my mind memories of my happy places. White sand beaches, sunshine and a breeze washing over me while, listening to the soothing sound of ocean waves crashing against the shore. This makes me feel happy and content. The thought is so peaceful until my mind tells me to wake up and remember the terrible sun burns, I have endured after a day relaxing in the sun.

My mind then goes to another of my favorite places. I love the quite beauty of the mountains. It is so peaceful listening to the wind blowing through the leaves of the tree covered mountains, and walking the beautiful trails winding through landscape littered with wildflowers. I can smell the sweet scent of the flowers, and my mind sees a colorful painting made by God that no man could ever duplicate. Then my mind says wake up! You get out of breath after a few short blocks, and forget climbing up hills.

I guess I had better get back to reality. I don't have any special plans for travel this summer. I am going to spend my summer enjoying my family and friends. I will spend some time relaxing by my daughter's pool. I will use my imagination to travel to my happy places.

In July I will work at the St. Jude Atlanta Dream Home. I am also looking forward to attending Executive Retreat at President Susie Knudson's house. I know she has some exciting plans for the 2024-2025 year that we will be discussing. It will be great getting to know the board members better.

I want to center my attention on increasing our ESA membership. It will take all of us working together to accomplish this. We need to spread the word about ESA. Talk to our friends, acquaintances and people we meet. We have ladies who have been members but left for personal reasons. We need to see if they are ready to re-join ESA. Let's make our meetings meaningful and fun.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at Leadership and Fall Board Meeting in Pooler, Georgia. I know the ladies in Pooler are planning a great weekend for us.

Ruth Ann Edge, GSC First Vice President



## Second Vice President, Romanda Talley



Membership is of the upmost importance in ESA. It will take all of our members working on membership to get ESA out of the slump we are in today.

So, let's put our heads together and come up with some suggestions on how to bring new members into our chapters. I know all of you have heard membership, membership, membership, but we have to face the fact that Georgia has lost too many members in the past five years. Yes, Covid didn't help, but that period is behind us and we need to reach out and find new members.

I challenge all Georgia chapters to rush before Leadership. Don't wait until October. Do it now. Summer is a great time for rushing. Back yard parties, lazy days at the local pool, lots of daylight savings time to take a friend out to eat and introduce her to ESA, or jog ahead to catch that friend on your daily/weekly walk in the neighborhood. You, are creative and so friendly...you can do it.

If you bring one new prospective member each month to your chapter meeting/social and pledge two of those members in this sorority year, that's two out of 12 and that is good.

I would like to report on how many chapters are "reaching out" from April to September. Please send me the number, even if you did not pledge anyone. The whole thought behind this is: Are chapters really working to increase membership in their chapter or have chapter members become complacent with their membership. Just text/call me when you "reach out." I want all of you to see how many prospective members Georgia members are really working with to bring into our great sisterhood.

See you in September,

Romanda Talley, Second Vice President, GSC





## Treasurer, Sheryl Gootee



What a great time we had at Unicoi State Park in Helen, Georgia. I was more involved this year as I was the Finance Chair for 23/24. It was work but fun. I really enjoyed seeing and getting to know each other.

We were asked to write about summer engagement. This season of my life I am enjoying my grandchildren. I have 6 grandchildren, 4 girls and 2 boys. Three (3) of my granddaughters started college last year two (2) at the College of Charleston and one (1) at University of SC. I had one (1) grandson graduate high school this year and will attend University of SC starting in the Fall. My last two (2) grandchildren will graduate High School next year, and I can't wait to see what college they will attend.

This year we took a cruise with my husband's 919<sup>th</sup> Engineer group 11<sup>th</sup> Cav from Viet Nam. We had 8 couples who were able to go. We enjoyed 8 days of remembering and enjoying life. In June I will be going on another cruise to the ABC Islands for 9 days with 37 of my family members. Life is so good. Can you tell I love to cruise (being waited on, relaxing, eating, and no cleaning)

I hope to see everyone at Leadership on September 7 – 8 in Pooler Georgia.

As treasurer this year I want to remind all chapters that at least one half of the state dues are payable by August 31 and the other half by January 31<sup>st</sup>. See: Article XV – State Dues Section 1 (a)

Sheryl Gootee, GSC Treasurer 2024-2025



## Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair



Hello GSC Family, I wanted to say a great big THANK YOU again to the 2023-2024 Executive and Appointed Boards for all of their hard work and dedication this past year. We are so fortunate and blessed that Georgia has so many talented and dedicated members.

Since this issue is about summer engagement, I am going to do my best to reach out to our younger generation to let them know about ESA. During our weekends at the lake this summer, we usually have a variety of friends show up. So, I hope to begin conversations with them about ESA and will plan to have literature on hand to give them.

On another note, please don't forget about the Disaster Fund this summer. Maybe put out a jar your kitchen to put loose change in. Our Chapter still does "Many Blessings" at each meeting. Whatever you can do is much appreciated.

Hope everyone has a safe, healthy, and wonderful summer!!

Susan Garner, Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair

## Corresponding Secretary, Karen Smith



A Blooming Summer Is Under Way and The Kitties are Out!

I hope everyone is planning a great time over the summer months.

I'm honored to serve on Susie's Executive Board and for you, our GSC membership. Also, I want to reiterate our President's "thank you" to Alpha Nu, Delta Nu and Sigma Chi for a terrific convention...every event was so well planned and executed. Unicoi State Park is beautiful and its proximity to Helen made it even more enjoyable. Also, the staff was terrific!

I also want to say how moving it was to have our Frank Griffin, (hubby to Pat Griffin from Alpha Delta) post our beloved U.S. Flag.

I'm going to be busy with several family events. My mom will celebrate her 93rd birthday and my nephew who served in the Air Force, retired and now back in Georgia with his lovely wife and two children...my family is truly excited.

Ruth Ann and I will be working the St. Jude "Dream Home" in July. We did that last year and enjoyed it so much we decided to do it again...meeting all of the people who come to visit is a fun endeavor.

I will also be at the Executive Board Retreat in July, that I'm sure will be fun and informative.

Take care my wonderful friends and be safe!  
Karen Smith, GSC Corresponding Secretary



## ALPHA Beta NEWS – Debbi Debbie Lampf



"HAPPY SUMMER DAYS" from Alpha Beta Chapter in Douglas & Carroll Counties. Our wonderful leader, Stormy Bowie, 2023-24 President, did an awesome job this year. One of the most loved extra activities we did was to have a "Game Night". It was on a separate night from our business meetings and we learned how to play many games that some of us had never played before. Each member donated \$5 to our Ways & Means funds.

We are also planning a Fall Rush event at "Paint with a Twist" . You will all be invited, so keep watching for more information and registration details. The proceeds will be donated to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

We are looking forward to an exciting year starting in August and will hopefully increase our membership

## Parliamentarian, Joy Lynn Tynes



Happy New Year! Happy New Georgia State Council Year, that is!

Our year will be a successful one with each of the new officers reviewing our duties and communicating with our members. President Susie and her Board are ready to purr along with you and help in any way we can.

Did you remember that we have a Policy Manual, *The Jaw-Ja Guide*? It is located on our website under the *More* Section. This document is full of information. Below is a list we as members and parliamentarians can share. From The Jaw-Ja Guide page 72

### RULES FOR PARLIAMENTARIANS TO LIVE BY:

1. Keep an open, but not an empty mind.
2. Parliamentary procedure is a tool and should never be used as a weapon.
3. It is seldom necessary to insist that parliamentary procedure be followed “to the letter” just for the sake of form.
4. The rules of parliamentary procedure are based on sound fundamental principles of regard for the rights of:
  - the majority
  - the minority
  - the individual
  - the absentee
  - all of these together
5. Courtesy to all, from all.
6. Remind members they are obligated to abide by the rules even if they disapprove or disagree with them, or they may take measures to change them.
7. The larger the group, the greater the degree of formality that will be necessary to keep meetings orderly and productive.
8. A good presiding officer must always be firm but fair.
9. If it “ain’t” broke, don’t fix it.
10. If you don’t stick your neck out during the meeting, don’t stick your tongue out afterward.

As we meet this year, let’s remember parliamentary procedure is written to show courtesy to all.

Have a wonderful summer. See you September 7-8 in Pooler for our “What’s New Pussy Cat?” Leadership and Fall Board meeting!

Purring along, Joy Lynn, GSC Parliamentarian



## Hope for Heroes, Sharon Smoot



With Memorial Day, Flag Day, and July 4<sup>th</sup> so close together, please remember how much can be done to help and show respect for our Active Military and Veterans - along with their supportive families throughout the year.



Is there a retired veteran or spouse at your church or in your neighborhood? Consider taking that person to the grocery store or other shopping errand help. Bring some flowers or home cooked cookies, cupcakes, or other home cooked treat. Just letting them know you are thinking of them and proud of their service support.



Next time you are out and about, stop at Target, Walmart, or wherever, and pick up a bunch of large white socks, underwear, white t-shirts. Call a Veteran Service Organization, such as American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Paralyzed Veterans of America - for example - and ask if you can drop them off or do they know where to drop them off,



See if there is an event going on that supports and helps our military, call and volunteer for that event day.

One of our chapters collects torn and tattered flags in their housing development and takes them to a local mortuary to be cremated with a veteran. Those old flags can also be dropped off at any Veterans Service Organization that has a flag burning. Often, most of them do that once or twice a year. Collection can be done simply by having a small basket on your doorstep and letting your neighbors know US flags can be left 24/7. Do this once a year for the months of May through July every year or do it throughout the year.

**Remember: "All Gave Some - Some Gave All"**



## Philanthropic Chair, Sherrie Bordeaux



Good afternoon to all of you!!! Certainly, hope all is well. It was so good to see you at Unicoi State Park – what a GREAT convention!!! Thank you, Alpha Nu, Delta Nu, and Sigma Chi.

Just now getting caught up from convention doing all of the things I usually do the following week; cleaning, pressure washing and all that stuff. However, I love to pressure wash my porches, deck, windows and outside furniture. It is my time to reflect on things that I normally don't think about when I'm just sitting around. It's relaxing to me. I know, sounds strange, but I love it.

I hope you're all focusing on your philanthropic projects for this upcoming year. Whatever you do, please keep up with your hours, monies, and miles. It's always exciting to see what the chapters have done during the year. Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Those of you who are going to IC Convention, have a wonderful and safe trip. I attended the convention in Overland Park a few years ago. Lots of good food around in that territory and lots of fun.

See you in Pooler at Leadership and Fall Board!!! (that really sounds strange).

Sherrie Bordeaux, Philanthropic Chair, 2024-2025

## Recording Secretary, Theresa McGugan



Hello everyone, this is Theresa and I am very excited about the progress Gamma Omega are making. First of all, we have signed up a new member before May 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for Power of Us campaign, "Just One More!" Yay, us!

We also will be having our first fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Hospital. It is our annual Shredding event that will be held this coming Friday, June 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Afterwards, we will meet at the FeedSack for a wonderful lunch and perhaps a glass of wine. If y'all haven't visited the FeedSack, I encourage you to do so the next time you are in Aiken. Next, we will have a short meeting in the lounge.

On June 20<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our first social to celebrate the first day of summer. After all, if one is to work hard, we need to be mindful that play is needed! Yes, we will be visiting The Back Yard restaurant for a pleasant evening of fabulous foods. This is the newest restaurant to open in Aiken.

Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, we will have our second event for St. Jude Children's Hospital with a stone painting event which is so popular in the community and of course some of our members delight in painting their stones. As long as we have two worker bees, we're good!

I am so excited at having three new members engaged in our chapter for we need new ideas and association.

## St Jude Chair, Romanda Talley



Georgia is busy with two Dream Homes. While that is tremendous, my monthly reports from Headquarters show only two chapters have contributed to St. Jude Hospital since April 1. A special thanks to those chapters.

Please try to do a project for St. Jude Hospital during the summer and don't just depend on the Dream Homes to help with our donations to St. Jude Hospital.

Information on the Columbus Dream Home will be coming soon. That campaign will most likely be after Christmas. More on the Columbus Dream Home as soon as I get it.

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness month. A couple of facts:

- 45 children in the United States are diagnosed with cancer every day.
- Around the world 400,000 children develop cancer each year.

Yes, we can do more than just Dream Homes.

I will be calling on chapters at Fall Board that have done a project(s) for St. Jude to let the membership know what they have done.

Please try to have a chapter project for St. Jude Hospital to report about at Fall Board. Amounts aren't necessary, just the name of your project(s) and a few comments on them.

Have a wonderful Flag Day and Fourth of July.

Romanda Talley,  
Georgia State Council St. Jude Chairman





### LIVING GREEN

To start our tips on Living Green, I thought it best to give you a few benefits of buying “**Made in the USA**”.

1. Foreign labor standards allow unsafe working conditions in many countries. When you buy made in the USA products, you support not only American manufacturers but also American workers, safe working conditions and child labor laws.
2. Jobs shipped abroad almost never return. When you buy made in the USA products, you help keep the American economy growing.
3. US manufacturing processes are much cleaner for the environment than many other countries; many brands sold here are produced in countries using dangerous, heavily polluting processes. When you purchase made in USA products, you know you're helping to keep the world a little cleaner.
4. Many countries have no minimum wage restrictions, or the minimum wage is outrageously low. When you choose made in the USA products, you contribute to the payment of an honest day's wages for and honest day's work.
5. The growing lack of USA ability to manufacture many products is strategically unsound. When you seek out American-made products, you foster American independence.
6. The huge US trade deficit leads to massive unsustainable borrowing from other countries. Debt isn't good for you and it isn't good for America.
7. Foreign product safety standards are low. For example, poisonous levels of lead are in tens of millions of toys shipped to the USA. When you buy toys and other made in the USA products, you can be confident that American consumer protection laws and safety standards are in place to protect you.
8. Lack of minimum wage, worker safety, or environmental pollution controls in many countries undermines the concept of “fair and free trade”. No Western nation can ultimately compete on price with a country willing to massively exploit and pollute its own people. When you buy only American made products, you insist on a higher standard.
9. Factories and money are shifting to countries not friendly to the USA or democracy. When you avoid imported goods in favor of American-made items, you help ensure that the US doesn't find its access to vital goods impacted by political conflict.
10. As the US manufacturing ability fades, future generations of US citizens will be unable to find relevant jobs. Buy American and help keep your friends and neighbors – and even yourself - earning a living wage.

(Source: Made in America Movement)



Alpha Delta is heading into the summer months with celebration on our mind! We have a bunch of things to celebrate.

We just wrapped up a very successful “Denin & Diamonds” St. Jude Dinner and Auction and certainly made more than we ever have on a St. Jude event. Our event was well attended with over 100 people and they very generously opened their pockets and spent over \$7,000 on our auction items. Kim New was in a bidding war over a battery-operated chain saw



– who would have thought it? We just sent our check to St. Jude – the amount was

**\$12,244!!!**

YEA!!! We send special thanks to all of our ESA family that attended and participated in the event and look forward to more of you coming out next year. The date is on our

calendar and be sure to put it on yours – **April 12, 2025!!**

Then it was off to State Convention at Unico State Park in Helen.

We won a few awards at the luncheon on Saturday but boy were we surprised when they called Alpha Delta as the Chapter of the Year that evening. Frances Jennings and I were the only two present, however, it didn’t take us long to jump up and receive the silver tray and certificate. But wait, before that the Pledge of the Year was awarded and it went to Alpha Delta’s Wren Pirkle. She wasn’t present to receive it but we will present it to her at our next meeting.

We are so proud of all our members for helping to make this happen.

In June, we will have a planning meeting to start work on next year’s projects. Currently, we plan to have a booth at the Bremen Towne Festival in October and then another St. Jude event next April. Other projects will be decided on at that meeting. We wish all of our sisters and brothers a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you in September in Savannah.





## TAX FACTS and IC Chapter Dues:

Completed tax facts forms must be **SUBMITTED** by September 15 to ESA Headquarters via mail or email (*no longer accepting faxes*).

*(form is attached to this newsletter)*

**NEW IRS REQUIRED ADDENDUM:** If you donated \$5,000 or more to any ONE charity this year you are required to submit this addendum with your tax facts form.

*(form is attached to this newsletter)*



These forms are vitally important to ESA chapters and councils because completion of the appropriate forms by the annual September 15th deadline along with on-time payment of the chapter/council's International Council dues allows ESA's International Council to report financial information for the chapter/council and **eliminates the requirement of each chapter/council filing an IRS return.**

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Dear ESA Headquarters:

This is to confirm that:

Chapter Federal ID #:		
Chapter/Council Name:	Chapter #:	
City:	State:	Zip:

is a paid member of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Council (ESAIC), and as such is under the jurisdiction and supervision of the ESAIC. It is the desire of the above to be included in the group exemption from the Internal Revenue Service.

Further, this Chapter/Council has its own Employer Identification Number (listed above) and wishes to be included in the annual group tax return and will comply with Federal Regulations of the ESAIC. An annual financial statement will be submitted to ESA Headquarters each year by September 15 to be used in the filing of the annual tax return to the Internal Revenue Service.

The undersigned Chapter/Council hereby agrees to the above and will fulfill all requirements necessary to secure and receive benefits of this exempt status.

Signature (President or Treasurer)	Member #	Address
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**This report is to be filed with:**  
**ESA Headquarters**  
**2580 E. Harmony Rd Suite 301-11**  
**Fort Collins, CO 80528**  
**Email to: [esainfo@epsilonsigmaalpha.org](mailto:esainfo@epsilonsigmaalpha.org)**

**Deadline to file: September 15, 2024**  
**DO NOT SEND REPORT AFTER THIS DATE**  
**- it cannot be included in the Group Form 990.**

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on Hand (all accounts) 1   
August 1, 2023

#### INCOME

Dues  2

Ways & Means  3  
Philanthropic projects

Other (Interest)  4

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Operating Expenses  7

Philanthropic or  8 (\*See Note)  
Service projects

Other  9

Subtotal of Income 5   
(Add #2, #3, & #4)

Total Disbursements 10   
(Add #7, #8, & #9)

Total Income 6   
(Add #1 & #5)

Balance on Hand 11   
July 31, 2024 (all accounts)  
(Subtract #10 from #6)

**\*Note – new in 2024:** This is where you report your donations to other nonprofits. *If you donate \$5,000 or more to any one nonprofit (meaning a total of \$5,000+ to a single nonprofit, not \$5,000+ across multiple nonprofits), the IRS is now requiring us to report these amounts on our group tax return. If your chapter or council falls into this category, please use the accompanying Excel spreadsheet to provide the information. We have provided examples to show the information needed. If these are two you donated to, please just fill in the “Cash Grant” amount. If you have different organizations you donated \$5,000 or more to, please provide all the information in each column. If you file electronically, please save the file with your chapter name and number in the file name and send it along with your TAX FACTS form. If you file via USPS, just print the file and send along with your form. The file is set up so that all you have to do is click on “Quick Print”.*

**Chapters and Councils please take notice! The IRS now makes us list each participating subordinate member of the group exemption in our annual Form 990 tax return. If you do not file TAX FACTS, you will not be included in the Form 990 and, therefore, will NOT be a participating member of the group exemption that year. Therefore, it is imperative that you file your TAX FACTS annually and on time.**

*The method of record keeping is up to the individual Chapter or Council.*

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The purpose of a federal income tax exemption is to preclude a Chapter or Council from having to pay Federal Income Tax on money it raised for charitable purposes. For example, if a Chapter raises \$1,000 through a fundraising drive, i.e., a bake sale, style show, etc., and the expenses incurred amount to \$500, in effect the Chapter has earned a \$500 profit. The tax exemption privilege precludes the Chapter from having to pay Federal Income Tax on that "profit" when it has been designated for a charitable purpose.

Listed below are the requirements which a Chapter or Council must meet in order to qualify under the Group Exemption Status of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Council (ESAIC).

1. A letter of authorization must be filed with ESA Headquarters, each year, stating that the Chapter/Council is under the jurisdiction and supervision of the ESAIC and that said Chapter/Council is a paid member of the ESAIC. You meet this requirement by signing the top half of the other side of this page.
2. A financial report must be filed EACH year with ESA Headquarters covering the period August 1 through July 31. This fiscal year period is necessary for this report only and is not intended to interfere with established procedures in the Chapters and Councils. (This form must be received by Headquarters no later than September 15 of each year.) You meet this requirement by filing this TAX FACTS Form.



3. There will be no cost to the chapters or Councils for the filing of the annual tax report. (This service is provided to Chapters and Councils by the ESAIC and ESA Headquarters).
4. An annual Form 990 will be completed by ESA Headquarters and will include all TAX FACTS reports sent to ESA Headquarters by September 15 of each year. The completed Form 990 will be delivered to the IRS in a timely manner each year.
5. Each Chapter/Council must have an Employer Identification Number. This is a nine-digit number and is used like we use our social security number, only the format is 88-8888888 and not like the SSN format 888-88-8888. It is necessary that a Chapter have this ID Number when they file their financial report each year. ESA Headquarters automatically applies for your EIN when you charter your chapter.
6. The federal designation as nonprofit does not exclude the Chapter/Council from paying State/City Sales Tax, etc. In order to be exempt from State/City Tax, you would have to apply for the exemption through your State or Local taxing Agency.
7. Financial information must be filed every year. Be sure this report covers transactions from August 1 through July 31. The report must be received at ESA Headquarters prior to September 15 each year. Send in an envelope marked "TAX FACTS".

The International Council has a 501(c)(4) designation which refers to Civic Leagues and Social Welfare Organizations. This is not a charitable or tax-deductible designation. ESA Chapters must report once a year to ESA Headquarters to qualify under the Council's Group Exemption.



# "What's New Pussy Cat?"

**Georgia State Council**  
Fall Board/Leadership Registration  
Drury Hotel - Pooler, Georgia  
September 7-8, 2024

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter/Number \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Needs \_\_\_\_\_

## REGISTRATION FEES

Members & Guests (Includes Saturday lunch & Snacks)	\$60.00	_____
Late Registration Fee (After August 19, 2024)	\$15.00	_____
Walk-in Registration Fee	\$20.00	_____
Sunday Only Registration Fee	\$10.00	_____
	<b>Total:</b>	_____

Make Checks Payable to: Gamma Sigma, ESA  
Mail to: Angela Coleman  
110 Santee Road  
Savannah, GA 31410

**(912-313-5780)**

Registration Deadline: August 19, 2024 (cancellations received in writing or email by August 19, 2024 will receive a full refund.)

Hotel Accommodations: **Drury Hotel; 500 East US-80, Pooler, GA 31322**

Rates \$144.00 plus taxes for 2 Queen Beds Deluxe (10 rooms)  
Deluxe ADA Mobility 2 Queen Beds Deluxe (2 rooms)

Individual Reservations made by:

**Hotel deadline: August 7, 2024**

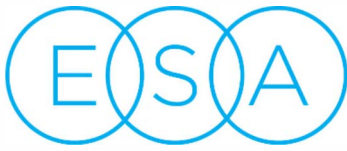
Call-In **1-800-325-0720** and refer to Group # 10106772

or

"Online: [druryhotels.com](http://druryhotels.com) then enter Group # 10106772.

Hosted by: Gamma Sigma & Kappa Rho Past State Presidents.

This is your **"LIVING GREEN," NO FROU-FROU** Registration Form (Only basic information).



EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA

SERC CONFERENCE 2024
"Shine Bright Like a Diamond"
North Little Rock, AR
October 25-26, 2024

SHINE BRIGHT LIKE A DIAMOND



SERC CONFERENCE 2024
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR

State Council

Last Name (Please print)

First Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone

Email

Mark All That Apply:

- Registration options with checkboxes and prices: Full Member Registration (through/after 10/1/24), Full Non-Member Registration (through/after 10/1/24), Full Guest Registration (through/after 10/1/24).

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$

Guest Full Name:

Medical Dietary Requirements:

Check all that apply:

- Checkboxes for various roles and categories: SERC Elected/Appointed Board, SERCHETTE, STATE President, IC Elected/Appointed Board, PICPA, ESA Foundation Board, New Member (pledge), First Time Attendee, Headquarters Staff, Other.

Make Checks Payable to:

Arkansas State Council

Mail Registration and Check to:

Sarah Fletcher, 550 Sorrento Dr
Centeron, AR 72719
479-899-1321 fletchersm27@gmail.com

If you wish to register and pay online
please use form on SERC website

Hotel: Wyndham Riverfront Little Rock

Room Rates: \$119 + State & Local tax/fees
2 Riverfront Place
North Little Rock, AR 72114

Hotel Reservation Deadline: 10/3/24

Phone: 501-371-9000
Group Name: Epsilon Sigma Alpha SERC 2024
Group Code:

- \*A \$30 fee will be assessed for a returned check
\*Cancellations must be in writing and received by 10/1/24 -
\*After 10/1/24, no cancellations will be refunded, ONLY transferred
\*A \$10 processing fee will be retained on all cancellations
\*Payment by card, cash, or cashier's check only after 10/1/24