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"Flaunt Your Wings, ESA Plans for 2025-2026"

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President: Ruth Ann Edge



DATES TO REMEMBER

- August 31, 2025
 ➡ Georgia State Council Dues (Full or ½)
- September 6 – 7, 2025
 ➡ Leadership/Fall Board (hosted by Delta Nu & Sigma Chi)
 Dalton Shrine Club
 Dalton, Georgia
- September 15, 2025
 ➡ Tax Fact Form Due to ESA Headquarters
- September 24, 2025
 ➡ SERC Conference
 Hotel Registration Deadline
- October 1, 2025
 ➡ SERC Conference
 Registration Deadline
- October 24 – 25, 2025
 ➡ SERC Conference
 Myrtle Beach, SC
- January 31, 2026
 ➡ Georgia State Council Dues (2nd half) and IC Dues
- February, 2026
 ➡ Mid-Year GSC Board Meeting (hosted by Delta Iota) TBD
- April 15, 2026
 ➡ Post Marked Date for Georgia State Council Awards Forms
- May 22 -24 2026
 ➡ GSC Convention (hosted by Gamma Omega)
 Houndslake Country Club
 Hotel Rooms at Houndslake Inn



Madame Butterfly, Our President, reports... **. IC Convention Recap**



Georgia was well represented with a total of 14 members and Pat Griffin's husband, Frank, attending. 10 members were there starting on Tuesday night, and 4 members came on Thursday. Romanda Talley was there starting on Sunday and helped with the tours even driving when there weren't enough drivers.



Tuesday, July, 15, 2025



11 of our 15 Georgia group arrived on Tuesday, unpacked and went to the bar for free drinks before heading to the Foundation Fund Fest. For the Foundation Auction Georgia entered a handmade quilted tote bag filled with cookies, peanuts, pecan pralines and Vidalia onion petals plus \$150 in gift cards. All of the food items in the tote were made in Georgia. Susan Garner, Sharon Smoot and Luanne Langmo helped with the games. The rest of us tried our luck at the games. It was a lot of fun, and the Foundation raised \$14,125.

Wednesday, July 16, 2025

There were a lot of events that took place during the day, but none that most of us had to attend except for the Welcome Party on Wednesday night. The theme of the party was "Where the Crawdads Sing" and was a summer picnic style with a BBQ Sauce Cook Off between Eastern, NC and Western, NC. The dress for the evening was summer picnic attire with hats. It was a lot of fun and we had some of our Georgia ladies on the dance floor.

Thursday, July 17, 2025

This was a full day starting at 8:30 am when First Vice President, Sharon Smoot, and I attended the Credentials Meeting. Then I attended the State Presidents and Opening Ceremonies Meeting.

The next workshop was the Hope for Heroes Workshop. The 10 Georgia members who were there all attended this workshop. The discussion was about how we can help our veterans. The idea of donating kits with personal and sanitary items for female military personnel and veterans was presented.

The PICPA Luncheon followed the morning workshops. The theme was "Sweet Magnolias". This luncheon is for current and past state presidents to sit with the IC President they served under. Of course, the largest group was the 2025-2026 Celeste's Captains.

After lunch all of the Georgia members attended the ESA Foundation Annual Meeting. We had a special auction of one item; a purse from California, the purse didn't arrive in time for the Foundation Fest. The purse raised \$900 which was added to the \$14,125 raised at the Foundation Fun Fest making the total \$15,025 raised for the Foundation.

This year the Foundation awarded 90 scholarships. The total portfolio for the Foundation is \$5.3 Million. Ninety three percent is in Endowments and Seven percent is operating expenses.

The last meeting of the day was the SERC Meeting. All of the Georgia members attended this meeting. The 2025-2026 candidates were introduced. They are: President - Lauren Ryan; 1st VP – Kelli Thornberry; 2nd VP – Jennifer Gailey, Recording Secretary - Jacqueline

DuBose Anonie and Sandy Fletcher; Treasurer - Susan Garner and Trish Villines; Corresponding Secretary – Eve Green Dudley; Parliamentarian – Sandra Edwards; and Past President – Dawn Middleton.



The Registration Form for the 2025 SERC Conference can be found on the esageorgia website. The theme for the 2025 SERC Conference is “Celebrate ESA Under the Carolina Moon”. It will be held in Myrtle Beach, SC. Let’s show up and make Georgia proud.

The 2026 SERC Conference Theme is “A Tropical State of Mind” and will be held in Orlando, Florida at the Holiday Inn – Orlando. Start making your plans to attend now.

Thursday night was the IC Challenge, but all of our Georgia members skipped that to have our State Dinner at the Bonefish Grille. We enjoyed the chance to just relax, eat a good meal, talk, and laugh together.

Friday July 19, 2025

I had to be up early on Friday in order to be ready for individual pictures at 7 am.

I was honored to represent Georgia carrying the Georgia State Flag at the First General Assembly. At the assembly the Keynote Speaker, Rachel Anderson, spoke on the “Three Pillars of Leading Anyway”.

The three pillars are:

- Stay kind to yourself and others
- Stay present and focus on what you can control
- Stay in the game, “Do it scared,”

The highlight of the First General Assembly was the fire alarm going off at the beginning of MS Anderson’s presentation, and everyone having to exit the building. Before all the people were able to exit the room the all-clear was given, and we all took our seats, and MS Anderson continued her presentation.



The Recognition Luncheon followed. The theme of the luncheon was “Sipping Sweet Tea on the Front Porch”. Georgia did very well with Awards. I won’t tell you about them now. I am saving them for the Fall Board Meeting. Of course you may have heard some of the news, as good news is hard to keep quiet.

Following the Recognition Luncheon the Georgia members attended the St. Jude Workshop. There are some changes to how St. Jude will calculate the money earned at the Dream Homes. I will leave that for our St. Jude Chair, Romanda Talley to explain.



After the St. Jude Workshop the 14 Georgia members gathered in my suite to Caucus. We only had 30 minutes to caucus then we had to vote.

Saturday, July 10, 2025

The Second General Assembly was called to order at 9:15 am. Casey Hoffman and Dawn Middleton gave the Convention Registration Report. Total members present were 270, number of States represented were 31.

Margaret Kramer, IC Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report:

Beginning Balance from Aug.1, 2024	\$83,872.55
Receipts	\$32,182.17
Disbursements	\$48,558.60
Balance as of June 30, 2025,	\$67,496.12

International Council Officer Election Results were given by Celeste Webb

President	Celeste Webb, Illinois
First Vice President/Pres. Elect	Angie Butenschoen, Missouri
Second Vice President	Margaret Kramer, Oklahoma
Recording Secretary	Angie Fairbanks, Kansas
Corresponding Secretary	Misty Evans, Illinois
Treasurer	Brenda Campbell, Indiana
Parliamentarian	Lynn Howell, Indiana
Workshop Coordinator	Brenda Fields, Missouri
Jr. Past President	Lynda Edwards, Alabama
2026-2027 Corresponding Sec.	Britany Covey, Missouri

Angie Butenschoen gave the Future Convention Site Report.

2026: July 12-19: Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel in Norfolk, VA.

2027: July 11-17: Embassy Suites at Portland Washington Square, Portland, Oregon.

After Recognitions and Closing remarks was the Lowering and Raising of the Gavels, and the Presentation of the Gavel. Celeste Webb presented her Appointed Board.

At 1:15 several of the Georgia ladies attended the Quilting Workshop followed by the Honeybee Workshop. The last workshop of the day was Easterseals. This was a very informative workshop presented by Marta Quintana, Chief Development Officer of Easterseals. Requests had been made for attendees to bring Gift Cards, or buy supplies for the Easter Seals Foster Children's Program. The Georgia members donated several gift cards, plus fuzzy blankets and other items needed for the children.



At 6:30 the Installation ceremony began followed by the Installation Banquet.

I was proud that we had three Georgia members who were attending IC for the first time. Following the banquet was the presentation of dollars donated to St. Jude for 2024-2025. I am so proud of Georgia. I will give you Georgia's total at our Fall Board Meeting.



Madame Butterfly



Ruth Ann Edge
GSC President



Madame Butterfly continues to report...

It is already August, where did the summer go? Schools are back in session, and we have to watch for those big yellow buses when we are on the road. Make sure you stop behind them when the STOP sign is out; or you will be paying a big fine.

I hope you have enjoyed summer breezes, long boat rides, summer foods and drinks, or just relaxing on your front porch watching the butterflies and hummingbirds. As a child one of my favorite summer pastimes was lying in the grass and looking at the beautiful blue skies and white clouds. I would decide what each cloud looked like. It is amazing what you can see when you let your mind run wild.

The chapters that didn't meet in the summer or now meeting and planning their activities for the new year. I can't wait to see what exciting things they have planned. It is now time for all of us to flaunt our wings, and see how high we can fly.

The Executive Board Retreat was August 5-7 at Logan Martin Lake in Alabama. We discussed what we plan to do this year, and discussed the agenda items for Leadership and Fall Board.



Luanne Langmo and Sharon Smoot presented an Education Program on how to make Lemon Scones. Luanne made the scones with the assistance of Sharon reading the recipe.



After the scones were finished, we had a delicious breakfast prepared by Luanne and Sharon. The Lemon Scones and the maple bacon were both a big hit with all of us. We had our meeting following breakfast. After the meeting we enjoyed lunch and socializing on the deck overlooking the lake.

We were treated to a beautiful sunset on the water.



September 5-7 will be Leadership and Fall Board Meeting in Dalton, Georgia.



For the members arriving on Friday, September 5th, we can plan dinner. There is a restaurant across the street from the Carpentry Hotel that is owned by the hotel. I have been told it has a full menu. There are also several other restaurants close to the hotel that we can choose from.

At 7:00 pm the Executive Board will meet at the Shrine Club for their Executive Board Meeting. **Leadership will begin at 10:00 on Saturday.**

We will be sharing information on how to build membership, fun, games, prizes, and a speaker from the Northwest Georgia Crisis Center.

We have an opportunity to help the women and children in need.

The crisis center needs twin bed sheets and pillowcases, towels, wash cloths, basic household needs, and school supplies for children at the center. I know how generous our membership is, and I am certain we will bring many items for this worthy cause.



Santa Jim Warren will be cooking a Low Country Boil on Saturday for the members. The cost will be \$10.

I hope to see each of you in Dalton, GA for Leadership/Fall Board. Remember this is your council, and it is up to each of us to make it great.

Madam Butterfly



Ruth Ann Edge
GSC President

When the spirit of nature touches us, our hearts turn into a butterfly!"

Mehmet Murat Ildan



Butterflies Vibes from the Executive Board



Flaunt Your Wings

Always be your own best cheerleader and a good opportunity to add ESA into your cheer.

Share your amazing times, friendships, volunteerism, etc. with possible future members and they may help. You keep the conversation going with questions for you about us.

I mean - **WE ROCK** - so rock with what we do!

Hope to see you in September, Membership Chair



(or is that Membership "**SHARE**"!)

Sharron Smoot
1st Vice President



Be the Hostess with the “Mostess”

Have you stayed overnight anywhere lately? Did you say to yourself “This would be a great place to share with my ESA family”? Let’s talk about making it happen. As a team, we can host an amazing 2028 GSC Convention.

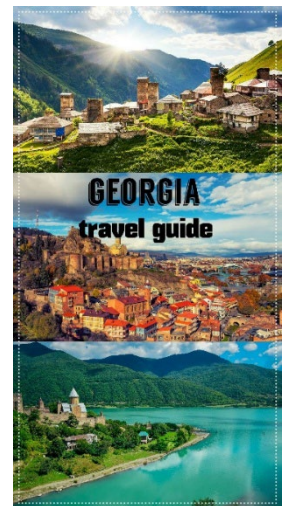
On the flip side, is there somewhere you’d like to see if a GSC Convention could be held? I loved this approach by our beloved Jean Johnson. She loved picking the destination and then getting chapter(s) to host. I’m game. Let me know where you’d love to go and we can research the possibilities. Send me an email with your ideas.

As I’ve told you before, as your GSC 2nd VP, getting a hostess chapter(s) for 2028 is one of my primary jobs. If you want me to quiet down about the topic, shut me up by agreeing to work with me as hostess.

I am enjoying being part of Ruth Ann’s executive board. The talent is felt each time we’re together. Looking forward to seeing all of you in Dalton in September. Love to all.



Susan McVey
Second Vice President





IC, Lightning and Kicking Back

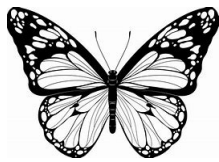
Hi Everyone, IC Convention in Cary, NC was filled with all kinds of good news, awards, adventures and reunions. It also contained some changes – some that didn't sit well and some that will benefit everyone. Sharon and I went to the "Nerd" house escape room tour. Our team didn't find the diamond first – but we were so close. Strike that one off my bucket list.



It's been a really wet summer in Charleston...it seems like we're in the tropics with high heat and humidity and afternoon thunder showers. Lightning struck REALLY close to my house and knocked out all of the garage outlets along with my bedroom electronics and most importantly my air conditioning. That was in the 100 degrees week! So, I've been getting workmen in for the last couple of weeks tweaking everything back to normal.

I'm looking forward to our Leadership and Fall Board Meeting in September. I hope you all will go to learn the latest "stuff", kick back, relax and enjoy our time together.

Till then, spread your wings and fly!



Luanne Langmo,
Recording Secretary



*Well, I must endure the presence of a few caterpillars if I wish to
become acquainted with the butterflies.*

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry



Lots of Laughs, Hugs and Inspiration

The fun began Tuesday morning July 15th when Susie, Ruth Ann, Susan and I (with some help from Earnie) packed up “Ruby” and headed to North Carolina for the IC Convention. The appropriate eight- hour trip allows us to share many stories, ask and answer many questions about ESA and life and have tons of laughs!



To me going to the IC convention affords me the opportunity to connect with sisters from all around the States. The special hugs and chats are so special when they are shared with past IC Presidents and friends I haven’t seen in years. When one of these sisters came up and called me by name, my heart “fluttered” with happiness. I truly enjoyed chatting with friends from West Virginia, Colorado, New Mexico, Illinois, Nebraska, Texas, Kansas, Idaho and the SERC States.

I was delighted to have lunch with two of my cousins. They came from Greenville, a couple of hours east of Cary. Our chats included reminiscing about my summer visits to our Granny Jent’s and trips to the Outer Banks. It was so nice to be able to share memories and catch up on events.



The “E” in ESA represents education and I enjoy attending some informative workshops.



The Hope for Heroes workshop shared ideas from different councils who explained their projects. The Easterseals workshop was presented by two NC Easterseals Coordinators. Members attending this workshop donated items (including fluffy blankets) and gift cards for their Foster Card program. The quilting workshop shared how to create patterns using paper squares and diagonal cuts to make at least four quilt patterns. The honey workshop emphasized the importance of seeking out your local beekeepers and buying their honey. (I came home with some beautiful NC honey.) I always enjoy learning something new every day.



The Georgia delegation served during the convention as helpers at the Foundation Fun Feast and as pages during some workshops. I was so proud of us. Also at the Awards Luncheon, our council clapped and waved our flags as Georgia was called as winners in many categories. Again, at the banquet, when the St Jude presentation was made, we clapped with pride as the Georgia numbers were revealed. Come to Leadership- Fall Board September 6-7 in Dalton to find out all the good news, and you, too, will clap and show your pride for all the good works that were accomplished last year.

Going to the State, Regional and IC meetings will put you in the know and give you the chance to meet new sisters and brothers as you chat, laugh and share ideas. Mark your calendar and make plans to attend our Fall events- Leadership and Fall Council September 6-7 in Dalton where “Butterflies know the Beauty of Change” and SERC in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina October 24-25 when we will “Celebrate ESA Under the Carolina Moon” All information may be found at <https://www.esageorgia.com/events>.

Wouldn’t you come join me and participate in all the laughter, hugs and education? Hope to see you at both events.



Joy Lynn Tynes
Corresponding Secretary



Dates to Remember and Forms

Hello everyone, I hope your summer has been great! Is everyone ready to "Flaunt Your Wings" and make new ESA Plans for 2025-2026.

Please put on your calendar these important dates:



CHAPTER COUNCIL DUES:

I want to remind each chapter that your council's dues are payable by August 31st (half or full) with the other half by January 31st. Your chapter Treasurer should have access to your chapter roster on the ESA website. (www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org) The current state dues are \$30 per each jewel pin member.

Please forward your chapter check and a current roster to me. Make your check out to Georgia State Council.

Sheryl Gootee 803-944-7640
1538 Prosperity Hwy.
Prosperity, SC 29127

IC COUNCIL DUES:

Due at the beginning of the ESA Year by August 1st and must be paid by May 1st to be in good standing to receive voting privileges at IC Convention.

These dues are mailed to the current IC Treasurer.
DO NOT SEND TO ESA HEADQUARTERS.

2024/2025 TAX FACTS FORMS ARE ALSO ATTACHED:

These forms can also be found on the ESA website
(www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org)

or on the Georgia State Council website
(www.esageorgia.com).



REMEMBER YOUR TAX FORM HAS TO BE SUBMITTED BY SEPTEMBER 15TH TO ESA HEADQUARTERS TO REMAIN NON-PROFIT.

Georgia State Council Voucher form:

A copy of the Georgia State Council Voucher form is attached at the end of this newsletter.
Please submit with all receipts you have for reimbursement.

Please see all forms attached at end of newsletter.

If you have any questions, you can call or email me anytime.

Sheryl Gootee, GSC Treasurer 2025-2026
803-944-7640//shgootee@yahoo.com



Sheryl Gootee
Treasurer



Review, please!

Greetings to All! I hope you are all enjoying the recent reprieve from the intense hot weather we have endured this summer...I know I am! I can almost feel "fall in the air and I love it!"

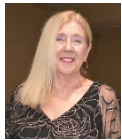
If you recall, I requested that you review the GSC Bylaws for any corrections, changes or additions you thought were needed. I know we are early in the GSC year, however, thus far I have not received any. In this newsletter, I am requesting the same of you, except with our Standing Rules. Again, please send any suggestions to me via email at gmarchant12@gmail.com. Your Bylaws Committee will also be diligently reviewing both of these documents. Remember, both for these documents aid in keeping our Georgia State Council running smoothly!



I hope to see all of you in September for the Fall Board/Leadership in Dalton, where I know we will have a wonderful time!



Gail Marchant
Parliamentarian



Dollars Add Up!

President Ruth Ann has asked all of us to Flaunt Your Wings and give our plans for our 2025-2026 year. I asked each of you in the last newsletter to put aside just \$1 a week for the Disaster Fund until your chapter meets again after your summer break. I am now asking you to continue to do so for the rest of the year but to round that amount up to just \$5 a month. With Georgia having 60 members, \$5 a month would give us a state donation of \$3600. This is still less than half of one claim but it would nearly double our donations in the past.



Why is this so important? The Disaster Fund is the helping hand that we do for ourselves to assist financially with results of natural disasters like the floods in Texas, catastrophic events like major personal injury in an accident or major financial loss due to loss of job or loss of capability to work. I returned from our IC Convention with some startling information regarding this past year activity of Disaster Fund. Total donations received were only \$37,617.99. There were 19 claims paid to ESA sisters for a total of \$159,456.27 which meant that funds had to be transferred from the investment portfolio. I realize that the investment portfolio seems very well funded, but we do not know what the current year may bring.

I have not received the books for the Disaster Fund yet, but I can still start accepting donations for the Disaster Fund. I will be attending Leadership/Fall Board and can accept your checks there or you can send them to me at my home address, which is 3926 Birdie Drive, Douglasville, GA 30134. Checks should be made to ESA International Disaster Fund. As soon as I start receiving checks, I will forward them to the new IC Disaster Fund Chair, Lynda Edwards.

Thank you in advance of all those checks!



Susie Knudson
Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair



On the Wings of our Butterflies

from our Appointed Officers



The Many ways Families are helped by with Easterseals

As the Easterseals Chair, I attended the Easterseals workshop at IC Convention. I found the Workshop interesting and helpful. Easterseals helps communities in many different ways. Not only do they help people with physical, mental and social disabilities, but they also help people with substance abuse and the homeless. Easterseals also works with Social Services to place children in foster homes. If a child has behavioral problems, their foster parents are given training on how to deal with behavioral problems.

I am asking each chapter to help with this worthy cause. Since my Gamma Omega Chapter is part of the Georgia Council, we send our donations to the Easterseals Center in Augusta, Georgia.



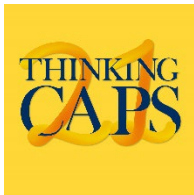
If you need information on the Easterseals Center closest to your chapter, please contact me, and I will provide the information.

Theresa McGugan
Easterseals Chair



Changes along with New Ideas

Hello GSC Family, A lot of changes are happening with ALSAC and the St. Jude Dream House and Walk/Run. We will no longer be able to count monies, only hours worked. This means that we (individual members and chapters) will need to come up with additional projects to help support St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



So, I ask that each of you put on your "thinking cap" and let's come up with different ways that we can help fund the research to defeat childhood cancer! Also, let's not forget any other project that you are passionate about, i.e., Veterans, Battered Women's Shelters, Food Banks, Easterseals, etc.

Please remember to jot down any volunteer work you are doing to spread you wings with ESA. Make sure you keep up with your hours, mileage, monies donated, and value of items donated. Every little bit helps, so keep a pen and paper close by or, if you're like me, you send yourself an email reminder (LOL). Please feel free to reach out to me with questions.

Best, Susan Garner
Philanthropic Director



“Celebrate ESA Under the Carolina Moon”

Hello GSC Family, I hope you are all enjoying this cooler weather. I know I am! It means that football season is just around the corner!

Just a reminder that the SERC conference will be held at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on October 24-25, 2025, and . . . we will be on the beach!! The theme is “Celebrate ESA Under the Carolina Moon.” Please note the following deadlines:

- Hotel reservation – **September 24**. Landmark Resort @ (855) 338-0226, Group Name: ESA-SERC 2025
- Registration fee - **October 1**. After 10/1, there is a late fee added. Mail registration form and check to Sondra Kucklick
- Ad for Booklet – **October 1**. Mail form and check to Terry Holifield and email the ad to terryholifield135@gmail.com
- Tour to Brookgreen Gardens – please email melissagfinch78@gmail.com if you wish to join the group



The registration and ad forms, along with the tour information, can be found on our state's webpage at esageorgia.com and also in this newsletter.

I would love to see a huge group from Georgia attending. If you haven't been to a SERC conference in a while or if you have never been, please consider going. You'll have a great time!! I know I always do! 😊

Best, Susan Garner
SERC Coordinator



Leadership and Fall Board Education-Service Project-Fun- Eating

Delta Nu and Sigma Chi has an exciting Leadership and Fall Board Meeting planned for you in Dalton, Georgia at the Dalton Shrine Club on September 6 and 7. If you haven't registered yet, please let Vicki know and e-mail her your Registration Form so we can plan on you being there. You can pay when you get there.

We will be supporting the Northwest Georgia Family Crisis Center that supports Domestic Violence Victims. If you would like to bring items to support them, items they could use include towels, washcloths, twin size sheets, toiletries, toothbrushes, school supplies, etc.



On Saturday night we will be having Santa Jim's famous Low Country Boil. We plan to start that at 5:30 and immediately after Gamma Omega will play Bingo at 6:30. We plan to have a Bartender on site to serve Cocktails for those who may be interested. We look forward to seeing you in Dalton in September!

Vicki Warren
Leadership Chair



St. Jude Newsletter Report

IC was full of fun and lots of information. However, a big surprise came with the change for ESA from ALSAC. As of July 1, 2025, we will no longer be able to claim any monies collected that is an ALSAC project (only hours and you must be signed into the volunteer center for the hours). This includes Dream Homes, St. Jude Walks, etc. If you are “going out on your own,” so to speak, and sponsoring an event for St. Jude where you are NOT using one of the ALSAC sponsored events, then you can claim monies and hours. Exceptions: the ALSAC Walk and the Memphis Walk. So, my suggestion for walks if you haven’t already collected money in the name of St. Jude for a walk, is to plan your own thing and collect money for it...example: the suggestions I gave in the last newsletter...Watermelon Day, Rum Day, Grilled Cheese Day, etc. and turn in the monies that way. Do not use the word WALK in an event your chapter is sponsoring. If you do, you cannot claim the monies. (Please see the last newsletter for special day events that I listed for ideas to bring in money for St. Jude Hospital.) Also, go to the website and find the page that says: “What is a cash event for St. Jude.” I am working on the Atlanta Dream Home situation, as it was a sell out in June; even though it was given away after July 1. My contact at ALSAC has stated she will help me with that. I will also be questioning how we stand if we use any free items from ALSAC for events that we sponsor. Example: St. Jude brochures, handouts, bags, etc. When speaking to our Dream Home contact in Atlanta about the new rules, she was totally unaware of the changes. So, at this time, all I can say is “to be continued” and I will get any new information to you. However, please find a way to get donations for the children at St. Jude Hospital. Go online and see all the new information about the changes. (I will have handouts for each chapter president at Fall Council pertaining to the changes.) For some positive thoughts: Ruth Ann will be giving you the results of Georgia’s contributions for 2024-2025, and since she wants to give this at Fall Council, I will not list the results of Georgia’s St. Jude monies in this article.



Romanda Talley

Georgia St. Jude Chair 2025-2026

“A butterfly symbolizes acceptance of each new phase in life. To keep faith as everything around you changed.”

Lisa Kleypas, *Rainshadow Road*



Mariposa Magic! from our Chapters

Hot, Hot, Health, Family and a Reunion- Beta Kappa's summer

I hope all of you are staying cool. It's been really hot as I'm sure it has been where you are too. Beta Kappa has been kind of low key this summer. As most of you know, Linda Long has had some bad health problems this year. She's had two hip replacements within the past few weeks. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.



AND, send her a card, 532 Arden Close, Woodstock, GA 30188.

Barbara Tinsley has been busy with her family.

I worked about 7 weeks this summer. But that was ok because I couldn't get outside and do too much because of the heat. I'm getting ready for my 62nd High School Class Reunion on the 23rd of this month. A friend of mine is coming from Florida and I'm going back with her to spend some time at the beach.



Hope to see a lot of you at Leadership/Fall Board in Dalton, GA. I'm sure it will be a little cooler "up North".

Sherrie Bordeaux

Alpha Nu - Flaunts Our Wings - ESA Plans For 2025-2026

Gennie Gilvin has been busy closing out 2025 Convention and updating <https://www.esageorgia.com/>

Gail Gilvin writes Birthday, Get Well, and Sympathy cards for every one of the over 100 residents at The Glen at Lake Oconee. Should you have any cards you do not need she would appreciate any donations.

Connie Presley volunteered in the "Name of ESA" with the [Disciples of Antioch Motorcycle Ministry Chapter 104](#) out of Middle Georgia in the Poker Run for little Aurora and her family. They raised over \$3K for this family in need. Originally scheduled to distribute the poker cards at Harley-Davidson of Macon, Connie was "volunteered" to ride along with their president to record video of the ride. **See the rear view mirror in the picture below.**

Connie's Alpha Nu Sisters were very impressed with her bravery of video taping while riding full speed on the back of a Harley! If you wish to see more of this event and Connie's participation check out Youtube video:

<https://youtu.be/liKhDYZI3uM?si=b7PNGtyRaadmPyw>

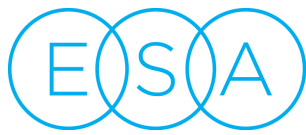
Gennie Gilvin, Alpha Nu





Butterflies- Nature's Confetti!

Forms and more



EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA



"Butterflies know the Beauty of Change "

Georgia State Council Fall Board/Leadership

Dalton Shrine Club

514 Chattanooga Avenue; Dalton, GA 30720

September 6 & 7, 2025

Name _____ Chapter/Number _____

Telephone # _____ E-mail _____

Dietary Needs _____

REGISTRATION FEES

Members & Guests (Includes Saturday lunch) \$40.00

Late Registration Fee (After August 1, 2025) \$10.00

Walk-in Registration Fee \$55.00

TOTAL

Hosted by Delta Nu and Sigma Chi

Make Check Payable to: Delta Nu

Send registrations to:

Vicki Warren

125 Brandon Court

Calhoun, GA 30701

vickiwarren57@gmail.com

Registration Deadline: August 19, 2025

(cancellations received in writing or email by August 19, 2025 will receive a full refund.)

*If you are planning to attend and have not registered by **August 25**. Please contact Vicki Warren and hold your check to pay at Leadership.*

Hotel Accommodations: The Carpentry Hotel

204 W Cuyler Street

Dalton, GA 30720

Individual Reservations: **706-529-3040** Group: **ESA GA** Rate: **\$169**

Arriving: Friday, September 5th, 2025

Departing: Sunday, September 7th, 2025

Hotel Cutoff Date: 7/25/25



FEDERAL TAX FACTS – YOU MUST FILE WITH ESAMC STAFF EVERY YEAR!

Dear ESAMC Staff:

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 ESAMC Staff 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:

ESAMC Staff Offices
2580 E. Harmony Rd Suite 301-11
Fort Collins, CO 80528
Email to: esainfo@epsilonsigmaalpha.org

Deadline to file: September 15, 2025

DO NOT SEND REPORT AFTER THIS DATE

- it cannot be included in the Group Form 990.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on Hand (all accounts)
August 1, 2024

1

INCOME

Dues 2

Ways & Means
Philanthropic projects 3

Other (Interest) 4

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

Total Income
(Add #1 & #5) 6

DISBURSEMENTS

Operating Expenses 7

Philanthropic or
Service projects 8 (*See Note)

Other 9

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

Balance on Hand
July 31, 2025 (all accounts)
(Subtract #10 from #6) 11

***Note – this was new in 2024 and remains true:** 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 list each beneficiary on a separate sheet with the following information:*

EIN of Recipient:

Name of Recipient:

Complete Address of Recipient:

What IRS Code Section (501 c 3, 501 c 4, etc.):

Amount of your aggregate donations to this nonprofit:

The purpose of the donation (general support, scholarships, etc.):

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.

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 ESAMC Staff, 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 ESAMC Staff 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 at the ESAMC Staff's office 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 your ESAMC Staff.)
4. An annual Form 990 will be completed by ESAMC Staff and will include all TAX FACTS reports sent to ESA's Offices 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. ESAMC Staff 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's Staff Offices 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's Staff Offices to qualify under the Council's Group Exemption.



SERC CONFERENCE 2025
"Celebrate ESA Under the Carolina Moon"
Myrtle Beach, SC
October 24-25, 2025

State Council

Last name (Please print)

First name

Address

City

State

Zip

Telephone

Email

Mark All That Apply:

- | | | |
|--|----------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Member Registration (through 10/1/25) | \$155.00 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Member Registration (after 10/1/25) | \$165.00 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Non-Member Registration (through 10/1/25) | \$155.00 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Non-Member Registration (through 10/1/25) | \$165.00 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Guest Registration (through 10/1/25)
(Includes Fri Night Mixer and Banquet) | \$130.00 | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Guest Registration (after 10/1/25) | \$140.00 | _____ |

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Guest Full Name: _____

Medical Dietary Requirements: _____

Check all that apply:

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> SERC Elected Board | <input type="checkbox"/> IC Elected Board | <input type="checkbox"/> New Member (pledge) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SERC Appointed Board | <input type="checkbox"/> IC Appointed Board | <input type="checkbox"/> First Time Attendee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SERCHETTE | <input type="checkbox"/> PICPA | <input type="checkbox"/> Headquarters Staff |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STATE President | <input type="checkbox"/> ESA Foundation Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please specify |

Make Checks Payable to:
Epsilon Sigma Alpha

Mail Registration and Check to:
Sondra Kucklick, 117 Messina Street
Moncks Corner, SC 29461
843-834-1228 jefsan123@gmail.com

Hotel: Landmark Resort
Room Rates: \$75-\$130/night
2 night minimum
Phone: 855-338-0226
\$15 resort fee
13% SC state tax

1501 S Ocean Blvd
Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Group Name: ESA- SERC 2025
Group Code:
Cut off Date for Room rate 09/24/2025

ESA

Celebrate ESA

Epsilon Sigma Alpha

Under the Carolina Moon

SERC Conference 2025 October 24-25, 2025

Ad Order Form for Program Book

Name _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Please Circle

Requested Ad Size: Full Page \$100 Half Page \$50 Quarter Page \$25

Note: Add \$10 to full Page or \$5 to Half Page if using a colored Background.

Layout Assistance needed: Yes No

Due by October 1, 2025

Make Checks Payable to: South Carolina State Council

Mail Form and Check to: Terry Holifield

135 Christian Lane

Summerville, SC 29486-2340.

Please email an electronic Copy of your ad to: terryholifield135@gmail.com.

🕒 HOURS

Hours: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

For daytime admission, gates close at 4:30 PM. For their safety and the safety of our animal collection, **pets are not allowed**, nor can they be left in vehicles inside Brookgreen. Service animals that have received special training to assist disabled persons are welcome.

🎫 TICKETS

DAILY GENERAL ADMISSION TICKETS FOR 7
CONSECUTIVE DAYS

Children 3 and under: Free

Children 4-12: \$12

Adults 13-64: \$22

Seniors 65 & Over: \$20

📍 LOCATION

1931 Brookgreen Drive
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

Brookgreen Gardens

DINING



The Courtyard Cafe is located in the Lowcountry Center and offers salads, sandwiches, and wraps.

Daily | 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM

[Menu](#)

The Old Kitchen is located at the end of Live Oak Allée and offers sandwiches, salads, wraps, desserts, beverages, and light refreshments. The porch is a great place to relax overlooking the beautiful gardens.

Daily | 10 AM until 4 PM



As Brookgreen Gardens is home to many different types of wildlife, we recommend the following for a safe visit.

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Please admire, don't pick. Preserve our garden's natural beauty.
- Do not approach, feed, or otherwise bother wildlife.
- Avoid the edge of ponds and ricefields.
- No swimming or wading in any pools, ponds, or other bodies of water.
- Closed-toe shoes are recommended.
- Stay on the paths.
- Bring sunscreen and insect repellent if necessary. This is also available to purchase at Keepsakes.

As an educational and cultural institution that welcomes children and families, no concealable weapons are allowed at Brookgreen Gardens.

What is included in General Admission?

Your general admission ticket includes all gardens and galleries, the Lowcountry Zoo, and exhibits in the Lowcountry History Center. Your ticket is good for 7 consecutive days.



Oct 23, 2025
12pm

Limited transportation from
the Landmark available.

Please email
MelissaGFinch78@gmail.com
to coordinate.