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"PLANS FOR THE ESA YEAR"

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- International Council Dues Form
- GSC Voucher
- GSC Convention Raffle 50/50
- New IRS Addendum Form
- Tax Fact Form
- GSC Leadership/Fall Board Registration Form
- SERC Registration Form

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **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 25-26, 2024
North Little Rock, Arkansas Wyndham Riverfront Little Rock

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

- **November 5, 2024**



VOTE!!!!

- **November 11, 2024**



Veteran's Day

President: Susan Knudson

2024-2025 Georgia State Council Executive Board

PresidentSusie Knudson
First Vice President.....Ruth Ann Edge
Second Vice President Romanda Talley
Recording SecretaryTheresa McGugan
Corresponding Secretary... Karen Smith
TreasurerSheryl Gootee
Parliamentarian Joy Lynn Tynes
Jr. Past President.....Susan Garner

Message from our President, Susie Knudson



A big hello to all my Georgia Sisters and Brothers:

It is hard to believe, but Summer is almost over – Halloween and Christmas are already in Hobby Lobby. I hope you all enjoyed Summer being with friends and/or family, took exciting trips, relaxed a lot and ate at least one of the following – homemade ice cream, watermelon, and home-grown tomatoes.

This month chapters are meeting again and making plans for the new year. One of those plans should be to attend Leadership/Fall Board Meeting the weekend of September 7-8, 2024, in Pooler, GA. Please remember that the deadline to register without a late fee is August 19, 2024, and rooms are going fast at the Drury Hotel, our destination for the weekend. Plans for Leadership include fun, games, prizes, important information, a “craft” project and the opportunity to help homeless veterans. For those arriving on Friday, we have reservations at The Shell House. They have great seafood, but other menu items as well. This is an “on your own” event. On Saturday, following Leadership, we will again play “Dirty Santa Bingo” as a fundraiser for convention. Then we can walk to dinner at Lovezzolas where we have a private room and will be served a buffet of spaghetti, pizza, and salad. Sunday will be our Fall Board Meeting.

Additional plans of the Executive Board include finally having our Retreat on August 17th. Our plans were delayed due to exposure to Covid at IC with both Pat Griffin and Romanda Talley contracting the virus. Thankfully, both have recovered. Our plans for the Retreat include reviewing duties and refining agenda items for Leadership and Fall Board.

It has already been a busy summer with both IC Convention and the Bylaws Committee. A total of six members including myself attended IC in Overton Park,

Kansas. A recap of the Convention is included in this newsletter. I do want to thank the membership for allowing me the opportunity to represent the Georgia State Council, it was truly an honor. My thanks also to the Georgia delegates that gave me a beautiful silver ESA necklace, a garden flag with a "K" and a cute little kitty figurine. I will be sporting the necklace at Leadership.

The Bylaws Committee has been very busy as all of you have received a copy of proposed Standing Rule changes that will be voted on at the Fall Board meeting. If anyone has questions on any of the rules, please feel free to contact me or any of the members of the Bylaws Committee.

Until I see you soon, much love,
Susie Knudson, 2024-2025 GSC President

First Vice President, Ruth Ann Edge



President Susie asked us to present our plans for the ESA year. My plans for the 2024-2025 ESA year are to reflect on my duties as First Vice President, and to prepare for the 2025-2026 GSC ESA year.

First, I want to make sure I do all that I can to help our President this year. As her First Vice President I want to make sure I fulfill my duties as listed in the By-Laws, and to be ready when she asks me to help her. This is my year for learning. It has been twenty-three years since I served as President of the Alabama State Council. A lot has changed in ESA in twenty-three years, and Georgia does things a little different from Alabama. Am I ready to be your First Vice President/President Elect, I'm not sure, but I am trying. Am I scared YES; I have some powerful Presidents to follow.

I do have several things scheduled for this summer. Two of the most important to me are Executive Retreat at our President's home. I am looking forward to hearing all the great plans Susie has in store for her year as President, and hearing from all the officers about their plans for this year.

I am really looking forward to Leadership and Fall Board Meeting in Pooler, Georgia. I know we are going to have a great time, and learn a lot. I think everyone is going to like the Leadership Program that Susie has planned for us.

Remember that to keep ESA strong we need new members, and we need all members of the Georgia State Council to work towards that goal. Leadership is one of ESA's goals; so please think about running for an Elected office or accepting an Appointed position on the Georgia Council Board. Be thinking of what position you would like to hold, and be prepared to answer the call for the 2025-2026 GSC Board.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you in Pooler, Georgia for Leadership and Fall Board Meeting on September 7 and 8, 2024.

Ruth Ann Edge, GSC, First Vice President

Second Vice President, Romanda Talley



Hello GSC Members,

I am on the beautiful island of Newfoundland, thus, the reason for this short report.

Please continue to seek out new ESA members. I know you have heard it before, but let's all get out there and share our great organization with others. Let me hear from you and your plans for increasing membership in your chapter this year.

Yes, we can do it.

See you next month in Pooler!!!

Romanda Talley, Second Vice President, GSC of ESA



(Sunset from our cottage, girls' day out with my family and friends on a whale and puffin tour.)

Romanda Talley, Second Vice President, GSC

Recording Secretary, Theresa McGugan



My chapter, Gamma Omega, plans for the year are to continue to grow together with enthusiasm... "a can-do attitude!" We aim to continue to support our veterans and St. Jude Children's Hospital and sex-trafficked girls with ways and means project.

This year, our educational theme is "The Art of Entertaining" which should lead to some interesting topics; and then again Gamma Omega gals are extremely excited when we get together to discuss ideas for the coming convention in 2026. Yes, we have decided on a theme but going to remain silent for the time being. (Smiling) As President, I'm confident that Gamma Omega will have a good year.

Theresa McGugan, Recording Secretary

Treasurer, Sheryl Gootee



Hello everyone, We were asked to write our "Plans for The ESA Year". I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer. It has been very hot here in Prosperity, SC and I know for you all as well. My favorite time of year is coming up. I love fall.

CHAPTER COUNCIL DUES:

I want to remind each chapter that your council 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.

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.

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.

2024 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.

I hope to see everyone in Pooler GA. for our Leadership weekend.

Sheryl Gootee, GSC Treasurer 2024-2025



GSC Corresponding Secretary, Karen Smith



Here's Hoping For A "Purr-fectly" Cool Fall

Hello My Friends,

I hope everyone has had a great summer.

This year has found me wearing several hats and my plans for the year are to enjoy my fellow chapter members and once again produce an informative Yearbook for all of you and especially for the smartest kitty I know, President Susie.

Like most of you, I and my friends in Delta Iota work to support St. Jude and the array of other projects for veterans, children, women and those in need.

I am also lending my assistance to help bring all of you the GSC Newsletter (Jaw-Ja Jonquil) which, as you can see, is a work of art that Gennie Gilvin effortlessly produces for all of us...I don't think you would want my artistry...I have none.

I look forward to seeing many of you next month in Pooler.

Stay safe!

Karen Smith, GSC Corresponding Secretary

Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair

Hello GSC Family, President Susie has asked to share our Plans for the New Year in this newsletter. Our household is entering a new phase. You all know my husband, Ernie. Well, after 31 years at Norfolk Southern Railway, he is retiring in September. We are very excited, and he has many projects already planned. For his retirement and 60th birthday celebrations, we are going on a cruise to the Inside Passage of Alaska. We are returning the same weekend as Leadership/Fall Board, so I will miss seeing all of you in Pooler this year.



On another note, have you heard??? I'm accepting donations for the Disaster Fund, so don't forget to send them to me. The check(s) should be made payable to ESA International Disaster Fund and mailed to me at 2015 Daniel Road, Villa Rica, GA 30180. I will then turn around and forward them to the IC Disaster Fund Chair.

Many thanks!!!

Susan Garner, Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair

Parliamentarian, Joy Lynn Tynes



“Purring along with Parliamentary Procedure”

This summer, did you "purr along?" Seeing the colorful summer flowers, enjoying a splash in the swimming pool to beat the heat, or having the get-togethers with family and friends; wherever you “purred along,” I hope you enjoyed this summer. Now it is time to look forward to autumn with her cool evenings, fall festivals, bountiful harvest and of course, our ESA meetings!

Below are some parliamentary guidelines that you might find helpful during your business meetings.

For the Minutes:

...Record what is done, not what is said.

...Only the name of the person making the motion needs to be recorded in the minutes. The minutes do not need to contain the name of the one who seconds the motion.

...Do not ask, "Are there any corrections or additions to the minutes? "Why," because additions are corrections.

If you need a suggestion for your autumn reading, may I suggest the GSC Bylaws? Changes to the Bylaws are to be submitted to me by **January 10, 2025**.

The Bylaw Committee, Pat Griffin, Gail Marchant and I will review the proposed changes and present them to the Executive Board at State Council's Mid-Year meeting. All approved proposed changes will be sent out at least thirty days before our State Convention to each chapter for review. The proposed changes will be voted on at the 2025 Convention in May.

This autumn surround yourself with all things that you love. Be thankful and grateful that you are an American and a part of this wonderful organization of Epsilon Sigma Alpha,

Looking forward to seeing you September 7-8 in Pooler, for our “What’s New Pussy Cat?” Leadership and Fall-Board!

Purring along, Joy Lynn, GSC Parliamentarian



IC Convention Recap, Susie Knudson

IC CONVENTION RECAP BY SUSIE KNUDSON,
GSC PRESIDENT 2024-2025



Tuesday, July 9, 2024

All six of the Georgia members arrived, unpacked and then headed to the bar before attending the ESA Foundation Fun Fest.

I took several items for the silent auction and all sold well. Most of us participated in many of the games, but Wanda Price was easily the corn hole champion winning armfuls of tickets. Pat Griffin was also a winner of \$50 in the raffle drawings. The Foundation had a very successful event raising \$17,800 and we all had lots of fun.

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

We started the day with lunch in the Hospitality Room. It was meatball day. We got to eat great meatballs and chat with other ESAers. The first workshop of the day was after lunch and was supposed to be a lecture by Ike Eisenhower's granddaughter. However, she suffered a stroke the week before the Convention (she is recovering well). In her place was Ike's grandson who spoke to us about what it was like growing up around the White House and having the US President as a grandfather. This was very informative and often humorous.

Following Ike's workshop was Hope for Heroes where the speaker was the mother of a veteran who lost his life in active duty. This was a very emotional workshop and the speaker was exceptional but no information was given about new ways ESA can help.

The next event was the IC President's Memorial Celebration for Brenda Meyers. This was an upbeat event celebrating all the contributions Brenda made through the years to ESA.

The main event of the day was the Welcome Party – "All that Jazz". As suggested, several of us went in costume as flappers.

It was evident from all the costumes that Amazon made a small fortune from ESA members.

We all enjoyed a great Italian buffet. Then it was off to bed for most but I attended the Opening Ceremony Rehearsal at 10:00 pm.



Thursday, July 11, 2024

This was an early morning as I attended the Credentials at 8:30 am. This was a breeze and was followed by the State Presidents and Opening Ceremony meeting. This was more instruction on Roll Call and the opening ceremony.

The next workshop of the day was Easterseals and all Georgia members attended. The speaker and Easterseals family spoke about Autism which affects 1 in 36 children in this country. The workshop also included a "Diaper Drive" for the local Easterseals. I am proud to report that Georgia members donated a total of \$235.00 in cash, checks and gift cards, most of which I took with me to IC. A total of ten individuals (Susan Garner, Gail Marchant, Betsy Briamonte, Susan Knudson, Karen Smith, Shirley Sams, Debra Williams, Luanne Langmo and Wanda Price) representing five chapters donated. Thanks to all of you!

The next workshop of the day was Membership. Again, all Georgia members attended. The emphasis here was the dire need for membership growth. This also included a review of the many ideas and tools on the IC website and introduced a new Facebook page to share ideas. The Facebook site is [facebook.com/groups/ESA-membership-ideas](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ESA-membership-ideas). Awards were also given for both chapters and States with the most new members.

After the workshops was the PICPA "No Host" Luncheon where past and current State Presidents sat and ate with their respective IC President. Thank you, Georgia members, for the honor of attending.

Of course, the 2024-2025 State Presidents were the biggest group in attendance.



After lunch was the ESA Foundation Annual Meeting. We were shown three videos from scholarship winners which was nice but way too long. We did get some impressive numbers for the scholarship program. A total of 76 scholarships amounting to \$65,500 were given in 2024. The cumulative total since 1980 when the program began is 4,441 scholarships totaling \$4,578,428.00. Awards were also presented for donation amounts to both the Foundation and the use of the Turn-around Fund.

The Regional Council Meetings with Georgia members attending the SERC meeting was next. Much information was given including future sites of SERC Conferences – (24) Little Rock, Arkansas, (25) Myrtle Beach, SC, (26) no bids and (27) courtesy from Tennessee. Fund raising for SERC will occur sometime in August, and will be the sale of popcorn and cotton candy. This will be through Facebook. The slate of officers for 2025-2026 was announced and proposed Bylaw and Standing Rule changes for 2024 were distributed to State Presidents. There was much discussion of SERC hosting the 2025 IC Convention which will be held in Cary, NC.

Although the IC Council Fundraiser was Thursday night, we did not attend. Instead, this was our State's night out and we went to a wonderful barbeque restaurant and then held our State Caucus.

Friday, July 12, 2024

This was a very early morning as although the Opening ceremonies were at 8:00 am, I had to stand in line to have individual pictures taken with our State Flags at 7:00am.



Opening ceremonies went well and I was honored to carry Georgia's State Flag.

Following introductions was the Keynote Speaker. Our speaker was Elizabeth McCormick, a former Black Hawk Helicopter Pilot who is now a world-renowned motivational speaker. She related her life story in becoming a pilot and what it takes to be a pilot. It was such an incredible story that I bought one of her books titled "The P.I.L.O.T. Method". I have only begun to read it though. Following her talk,

was the usual course of business including roll call, credentials, and Disaster Fund reports.

The Awards or Recognition Luncheon followed. Of course, after eating a huge Barbeque meal on Thursday night, our lunch was more barbeque. Awards were exciting as Georgia did very well. In fact, at one of the awards I got so excited I made a scene turning my chair over as I got up to run get the award. Other than St. Jude which I will tell later, you have to come to Fall Board to hear all the exciting news.

Lunch was followed by the St. Jude workshop. Again, speakers were good but we did not hear any new ways to help St. Jude.

At 4:00 voting was open and with the new electronic process in place, it took about one minute for me to cast our votes.

Friday evening included both the IC Challenge for St. Jude and Easterseals Bunco Fundraiser. The IC Challenge was a 50's Sock Hop based on the movie theme "Grease". Each participant had to raise at least \$200 to attend. I was fortunate to have a \$500 donation to attend. It was a fun event with games, prizes, music and dancing. I did one dance. I did not attend the Easterseals Bunco.

Saturday, July 13, 2024

Saturday began with the Celebration of Life Service. ESA lost nearly 80 members in 2023-2024. Georgia lost one member, our past State President Debbie Glore. I did receive a bouquet of sunflowers which I will give to Vicki and Mary at Fall Board.

The Second General Assembly followed. The Registration Report had 319 in attendance at the Convention. SERC also presented the skit for 2025 IC Convention with all SERC State Presidents participating. Several workshops followed the Assembly. One was Crushing Connections through Technology which I attended. This workshop presented two software programs, "Zeffy" and "Splitwise". Zeffy is a program similar to Zelle, Pay Pal, and Venmo. Splitwise is used to allocate the share of expenses by each participant in a given activity. Two other workshops were offered – one was learning how to decorate cupcakes but since I do not bake, I saw no need to attend. The other workshop was on sign language but I did not attend.

The finale of Convention was the Installation of Officers, Saturday Night banquet and the St. Jude Presentation. The 2024-2025 Officers installed are:

Lynda Edwards, Alabama	President
Celeste Webb, Illinois	First Vice President
Angie Butenschoen, Missouri	Second Vice President
Brenda Campbell, Indiana	Recording Secretary
Betty Keeton, Alabama	Corresponding Secretary
Margaret Kramer, Oklahoma	Treasurer
Brenda Fields, Missouri	Parliamentarian
Angie Fairbanks, Kansas	Workshop Coordinator
Terri Olson, Minnesota	Past President Mentor/Disaster Fund

The highlight of Saturday night was the St. Jude presentation.

I should wait until Fall Board to tell you but I am not...

First, Georgia was in the top ten states with a total of **\$1,122,323.00**.

That means I got to hold up a number for our overall total for St. Jude which you see was \$23,158,920.00. We learned that our cumulative total is **\$384,438.650.00**.

Georgia was also recognized with a Pinnacle Award for raising over one million dollars in one year and Georgia has reached a new milestone. We have donated over \$14,000,000 to St. Jude.



Needless to say, IC convention was great and I thank you for the opportunity to go and represent all of Georgia.

SERC Coordinator, Joy Lynn Tynes



A Gentle Reminder:

Chapter SERC Donations are due for the year 2023-2024. The SERC year ends in October. Does your chapter budget include the requested donation of \$10.00 in last year's budget or this year's? Whichever it is, please see that it has been made and mailed to SERC Treasurer Kelli Thornberry - 1118 East Burnett Avenue, Louisville, KY 40217.

These donations help SERC send their representative to our convention, and we all know how much fun it is to have our SERC Rep. visit with us and share ideas.

The Georgia State Council chapters have had 100% participation in the past. This can happen again this year with your help. Check with your treasurer to see if this donation of \$10 or more has been made for this SERC year.

Thanks so much, Joy Lynn, SERC Coordinator

2025 GSC Convention Finance Projects



- **Luanne Langmo, 2025 Convention 50/50 Raffle Chairman**

As you may know, the Gavelettes are hosting the 2025 Georgia State Council Convention in Amicalola Falls State Park and Lodge in the north Georgia mountains.

It takes money to fund a convention and the Gavelettes are going to have a 50/50 raffle in addition to lots of food, crafts and fun at Leadership/Fall Board to raise these funds. The 50/50 raffle drawing will be at the Fall Board meeting on September 8th.

I sent an e-mail on 8/4 with a PDF sheet of 10 raffle tickets for you to print out as many pages as you want to sell and those tickets are also included in this newsletter as well. The prices are on the tickets. When you print out the tickets there will be a line for you to sign as the seller. For every 10 tickets you sell – you will receive an extra ticket. If you are not going to be able to attend the meeting, can you please give the sold tickets and \$\$ to someone who will be there? I will be sure your tickets and your personal extra tickets are included in the drawing. Sooooo, now is the time to print pages of tickets and get out to your family, friends, book club members, quilt guild members, church members and everyone you can think of to include them in this \$\$\$\$ opportunity.

Any questions? Give me a call or text or email. 586-419-5477,
CarolinaLangmo22@gmail.com

- **Gail Marchant is chair of the Signature Page**

- **Romanda Talley is chair for Dirty Santa Bingo on Saturday night.**

- **Each Gavelette** is to bring a wrapped item valued at \$10 for the prizes for the Bingo. We will need at least 20 prizes.
- The price to play will be \$5.00 a card or 3/\$10.

- **Gennie Gilvin is chair for the Silent Auction.**

- Bid sheets will be supplied for items donated. Let her know of any items you plan to bring and minimum bid price.

- **Vicki Warren is chair for Food Sales:**

- The Gavelettes will be selling Food and Baked goods at the Fall Board Meeting to raise funds for Convention. Please bring plenty of money to stock up on your cakes and goodies.
- If you would like to contribute anything, please contact Vicki Warren at 706-280-5424 and let her know what you are bringing.



SERC Coordinator, Joy Lynn Tynes



Southeastern Regional Council Conference October 25-26, 2024 North Little Rock, Arkansas Wyndham Riverfront Little Rock

In a 1962 History Resumé of SERC “Miss Jonquil” wrote about the SERC Fall Conference. Here is an excerpt from her article:

Miss Jonquil brings to the attention of all ESA members throughout the SERC states the additional avenues of service - numerous opportunities for leadership - extensive rewards in fellowship and new friendships throughout our neighboring states. In our story of SERC-ESA, the benefits are unlimited when you step from your own group as a chapter, or as a state, to deeper appreciation of ESA as a larger group. To participate in the SERC gives one the realization that ESA does not begin and end in your own respective group. So, why not travel with your ESA sisters; join them at the next Fall Conference...!

That is a great idea! October 25-26 in North Little Rock, Arkansas at the Wyndham Riverfront. Come “Shine Like a Diamond” while enjoying friends and making new ones from all over the south! This can be your opportunity to step out of your local community and share your talents in a larger setting.

Last year seven Arkansas members and one guest traveled due East to Pooler to support our hosting the 2023 SERC Conference; so, let’s do the same for them and have a large Georgia delegation at this conference!

With all the Fall colors, Arkansas “shines” brightly this time of the year. The city is full historical sites like the Argenta Historic District and the North Shore Riverwalk Park, a part of the “Trail of Tears.” You can even go on the North Little Rock Scavenger Hunt to view the public art murals. Why not explore the “Old Mill” used in the filming of *Gone with the Wind*? Like the outdoors? Take a promenade along the 15-mile trail loop on the Arkansas River Trail. North Little Rock has it all for you and your friends to reconnect and “shine” together during this Conference weekend.

So, consider joining Susie and me October 25-26 in North Little Rock.

Gennie, our webmaster, has made it easy for you to complete your registration form from our website or in this newsletter. Print it out and mail it by October 1. Check out the extra preconference’s outing, too. If you wish to pay online, register on the SERC website. (Check with me or the SERC webmaster if you need the password.)

Fall is a lovely time of the year to travel. Invite members of your chapter who may have not been to SERC and celebrate with other SERC members!

Joy Lynn, SERC Coordinator

Philanthropic Chair, Sherrie Bordeaux



Good afternoon to all of you!!!

Certainly, hope y'all are doing well and staying dry!!! We didn't want a storm, however thankful for the rain. My grass is **GREEN** again.

I will not be at Leadership and Fall Board this year in Pooler. This will be the first one I've missed in many years. I'll miss seeing you, but I have a high school friend who lives in Florida and she's coming to our **61st** high school reunion. I don't know how I got to be 45 and having a 61st reunion. I'm going back to Florida with her and fly back on September 12th. I know it will be a great weekend in Pooler.

I have two beach trips planned from now to the end of October, with a visit to Charleston in between.

Please continue to keep up with all of your hours, monies, and miles. The philanthropic forms will be due once again on April 15, 2025. I have a trip planned for Tuscany, Italy, from April 1 to 13, so I'll be looking forward to seeing all of the reports when I get back.

Please let me know if I can help you with anything.

Have a great weekend in Pooler! Not sure why I'm saying that because I know you all will!!!!!!

Sherrie Bordeaux, Philanthropic Chair, 2024-2025

St Jude Chair, Romanda Talley



What an exciting evening at IC's St. Jude Presentation. I can't wait to tell you all about it at Fall Council...and it just keeps getting better...Savannah had a sellout in June and Atlanta is closing in on their ticket sales with 14,000 plus tickets. Thank you for your help in both campaigns. A special thank you to Sherry Presley and Vicki Warren for chairing the campaign in Atlanta.

Information on the Dream Home in Columbus will, hopefully, be available soon. More on our next Dream Home at Fall Council.

I'll be returning to Pooler on the August 13. If you need me before then, just text or email me. I am checking my emails and texts daily.

Can't wait to see you in Pooler, where it's cooler (and wetter at this time).

Romanda Talley, St. Jude Chairman, GSC



Wanda Price and Kim New, Association of the Arts

Hello To All ESA Members,

As your Co-Chairs this year, we are sending all members a reminder to start getting your Association of The Arts entries ready for our 2025 Convention. We have some wonderfully talented members and are looking forward to seeing your fine artistic skills.

There will be some entry forms in later newsletters.

We are excited to be your Association of the Arts Appointed Board Co-Chairs and are looking forward to a great year.

Sending “Kitty Kisses”

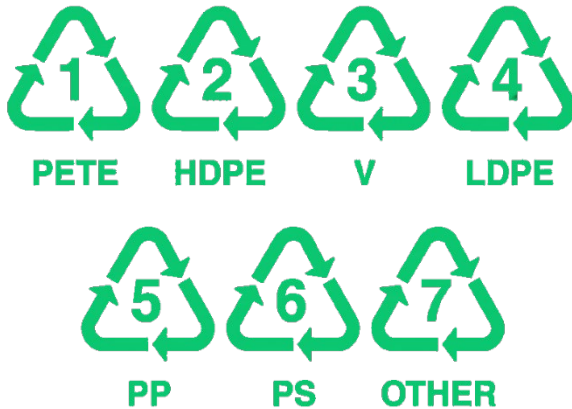
Wanda Price and Kim New, Association of the Arts Co-Chairs





Plastics are one of the most versatile products invented in the 20th century and is used worldwide. Unfortunately, recycling still has not caught up with the amount of plastic we use and discard daily. There are still many areas of our country and the world where recycling is simply unavailable – this is a story for another time. What I am providing are the most common recycling symbols on plastics so you can be better equipped to possibly reduce plastic waste and help the environment.

The following is a picture of the most common symbols:



The “chasing arrows” symbol you see on plastic containers and products does not necessarily mean the product is recyclable.

The number inside the triangle is there to help identify the type of plastic used for the product.

Understanding the number classifications will determine the appropriate disposal of the plastic.

Symbol 1: PETG or PETE This symbol represents polyethylene terephthalate which is commonly used for soft drink bottles, mineral water containers, fruit juice containers and cooking oil containers. This plastic is easily recyclable so it’s often part of curbside recycling programs. It can be reused to make containers, carpet and furniture.

Symbol 2: HDPE This symbol indicates one of the most commonly used plastics in the US. It stands for high-density polyethylene and is used as the plastic of choice for containers for items like cleaning agents, milk, detergents and washing soap due to its low weight and high strength. These plastic items can be easily recycled into pipes, pens, and detergent bottles and is commonly accepted by curbside recycling.

Symbol 3: PVC or Vinyl Plastic material that has symbol 3 with the letter “V” represents PVC plastic or polyvinyl chloride. This plastic is used in bubble foils and trays for sweets and fruit. Also, PVC foam board is used for a wide variety of commercial applications. Since it’s properties are lightweight and rigid, PVC plastic can be easily stamped, sawed, punched, nailed, riveted or bonded with PCV adhesive. PVC is rarely recycled and not usually part of a curbside recycling program. In rare instances, it can be recycled for speed bumps, roadway gutters and cables.

Symbol 4: LDPE Symbol 4 with the acronym LDPE indicates that the plastic is made from LDPE plastic, which stands for low-density polyethylene. This plastic comes in the form of shopping bags, highly-resistant sacks and crushed bottles. This type of plastic is not usually recycled, but it can be converted into floor tiles and shipping envelopes.

Symbol 5: PP Symbol 5 is PP or polypropylene plastic. Due to its durability, strength, and low weight, this plastic is utilized in furniture, luggage, toys, and the lining and external borders of cars. This is one of the safer types of plastic making it ideal for ketchup bottles and medicine bottles. Luckily, it is also increasingly being accepted in curbside recycling programs.

Symbol 6: PS Symbol 6 that includes the acronym PS is styrene plastic or polystyrene. This plastic can be rigid or foam products, also known as Styrofoam. This plastic is commonly used in toys, hard packing, refrigerator trays, cosmetic bags, costume jewelry, CD cases and vending cups. As Styrofoam is 98% air, it is not accepted in many curbside recycling programs. It can be recycled to make egg cartons, take-out containers and rulers.

Symbol 7: Other Symbol 7 with the word “other” stands for “other plastics” which include, but are not limited to acrylic plastic, polycarbonate plastic, polylactic fibers, nylon and fiberglass. Common items made from these include three- and five-gallon water bottles, bulletproof materials, sunglasses, DVDs, clear plastic cutlery, lighting fixtures, signs and displays, and certain food containers. Not every plastic can be recycled, but both acrylic and polycarbonate can be recycled and be repurposed for future projects. Since they are both thermoplastics, they can be reheated without a loss of quality.

It is estimated that 8.8 million tons of plastic ends up in our oceans every year with the amount increasing every year. Plastic is here to stay, but we can help our environment if we try to reduce, reuse and recycle. Let us hear from you if you have some creative ideas on reusing plastics of any type.

(sources: Office of Energy Efficiency & Renewable Energy and Goodhousekeeping)



Kappa Rho, Frances Lanier, President

Our Theme this year is “Be a Hero in ESA”. We plan to do an educational on the people that are there when you need them for emergencies, like medical people, like nurses, EM'S, ambulance people, firemen, weather alert people, police men, and women. These are real heroes. We want to learn how to do CPR and the Heimlich maneuver.

You know today some children think of celebrities as their heroes and they don't understand the meaning of what heroes really are.

Look around you in your Chapter, all of you are heroes in ESA, you make things happen for others.

Frances Lanier, Kappa Rho President



Alpha Nu, Gail Gilvin

Alpha Nu Chapter #1943, Epsilon Sigma Alpha International
Chartered December 14, 1952; Macon, Georgia



Sisters, Brothers, and ESA Friends, This month, Alpha Nu's Brag Time will contain nearly SEVENTY-TWO YEARS of bragging material! Also, since at my ripe old age of 88 and with 48 years of service in Alpha Nu, I'm quite certain I have more Alpha Nu bragging years behind me than ahead of me.

Hopefully, you'll understand if I take this opportunity to mostly brag about Alpha Nu's PAST contributions to our Georgia State Council. Although newer members of the GSC won't recognize many of the names I mention, many of these will bring back joyful memories to us "of a certain age". My fondest hope for new members is that your ESA journey will be as special and meaningful as mine.

For starters, Alpha Nu Chapter #1943, Macon, Georgia, is currently the oldest active ESA chapter in Georgia, chartered in December, 1952. Over the years our membership numbers have ranged from a high of 26 in 1968 to our current low of 3 in 2024. When we outgrew meeting in members' homes, we enjoyed instead eating and meeting at Macon's Shoney's.

Several of the names from our chapter rosters will be familiar to those of you who have been in ESA at least 30 years. Mary Thomas, Ethel Tallent, Doris Carter, Ann Martin, and Ann Taylor usually attended every Georgia State Council Convention, as well as many SERC and International Council meetings through the years.

Several Alpha Nu members have served as GSC Presidents: Mary Thomas 1972-73; Ann Martin 1988-89; Gail Gilvin 2005-06; and Gennie Gilvin 2010-11. Connie Presley, while in Beta Chi, served as GSC President in 2008-09.

Through the years, our chapter has hosted many GSC events. If you attended the Georgia State Convention 1996 at the Hilton, perhaps you remember trekking down 16 flights of stairs with former - AND CURRENT - Georgia State President Susie Knudson. In our nightclothes! (*Someone pulled the fire alarm in the middle of the night.*)

Preserving our history of Alpha Nu hosting state conventions we have continued the opportunity through co-hosting with other chapters, most recently at 2024 GSC Convention at Unicoi State Park with Delta Nu and Sigma Chi. Since all 3 of us are Gavelettes we will be working hard again with the 2025 GSC Convention at Amicalola Falls State Park & Lodge. Currently, Gennie is serving as Convention Co-Chair and Connie Presley is Convention Finance Chair. Gennie is serving as GSC Contract Chair and Webmaster and Connie is serving as GSC Finance Chair.

I hope to be with you for the 2025 Convention at Amicalola!

Georgia State Council Leadership Agenda

Georgia State Council Leadership September 7, 2024

10:00 am...Welcome and Opening Thought

Welcome

Opening Thought

"Where are the Files"

"Parliamentary Puzzle"

Navigating Tax Facts

St. Jude Presentation

11:35 Break

Officer Duties – True/False

Living Green

12:30 Lunch

"How prepared are you for a Meeting?"

(Team Challenge)

Membership/Being an Officer

Officer Duties – Multiple Choice

ESA Trivia (Team Challenge)

Round Table Discussion

Crafts (Pumpkin Cat)

Closing

4:00 Bingo

4:45 Gavalette Meeting

6:30 Dinner at Lovezzola's

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.**

Attachments:

- **International Council Dues Form**
- **GSC Voucher**
- **GSC Convention Raffle 50/50**
- **New IRS Addendum Form for \$5,000 or above donations to any one Charity.**
 - **Attached to this newsletter as well as Link below takes you to online Georgia State Council Form**
 - https://www.esageorgia.com/New_IRS_Addendum_Form
- **Tax Fact Form**
 - **Attached to this newsletter as well as Link below takes you to online Georgia State Council Form**
 - https://www.esageorgia.com/Tax_Facts
- **GSC Leadership/Fall Board Registration Form**
- **SERC Registration Form**



International Council Dues Chapter, State, and Other Councils

How to Remain Non-Profit?

- All entities **MUST** pay IC Council dues. Entities are: Chapters, District Councils, Regional Councils, State Councils, and any other Zone or Auxiliary.
- All entities **MUST** submit a Tax-Form (**Tax Facts**) to Headquarters each year by September 15th.
- All individual ESA members **MUST** pay individual member dues.

If these three (3) items are NOT completed, then the entity is NOT considered Non-Profit

What Do I Owe and Where Do I Send It?

- **Individual Member dues** are sent to ESA Headquarters. Each member will receive a bill in the mail. These are paid yearly during the month you pledged. Dues are \$59 (unless you are a senior or a Life-Active Member).
- **IC Council dues** are due at the beginning of the ESA Year (August 1st) and must be paid before May 1st to be considered in “good standing” and receive voting privileges at IC Convention. These dues are mailed to the current IC Treasurer. **DO NOT SEND TO ESA HEADQUARTERS.**

2024-2025 International Council Dues are Due Upon Receipt

Please check one:

- Chapters: \$40.00**
Name _____ Number _____ State Affiliation _____
- Other Councils/Districts/Zones/Auxiliary (within a state) \$40.00**
Name _____ Number _____ State Affiliation _____
- State Council/Multi-State Council \$45.00**
Name _____ Number _____

Treasurer's Name _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Email Address _____

Send Payment to: IC Treasurer
Margaret Kramer
114625 S 4172 Cir.
Eufaula, OK 74432
mghnurseok@aol.com

Make Checks Payable to: **ESA International Council**
Please include chapter name & number on check

FOR IC TREASURER'S USE ONLY

DEPOSIT #

CHECK # _____

ACCOUNT #

NOTE: Individual membership dues of \$59.00 should be sent directly to ESA Headquarters



Georgia State Council Voucher

Date of request: ____ / ____ / ____ Make check payable to: _____

Phone #: (____) _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Amt. of Check: \$ _____ Signature: _____

Your Elected/Appointed Office: _____

Note: Expenses must be an approved budget item and amount. Failure to obtain approval may result in purchaser having to incur the expenses.

RECEIPTS MUST BE ATTACHED. (Please Print)

Requestor Complete this Section:

Treasurer Completes:

Description of Purchase	\$ Amount Requested	Budget Acct #	Budgeted Amount	Amount Reimbursed	Remaining Line Item Balance
TOTAL					

(FOR TREASURER'S USE ONLY)

Date of payment: ____ / ____ / ____ Check #: _____ Total Paid: _____ Voucher #: _____

Delivery method: _____

All vouchers are due to the State Treasurer 30 days prior to convention. Due date for 2024-2025 is April 16th.

Georgia State Council Treasurer

Georgia State Council President



**Georgia State Council
Convention Raffle**

2/\$5
4/\$10
6/\$15
10/\$20

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Seller: _____

50/50 Drawing September 8, 2024



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***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.

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	_____
	Total:	_____

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

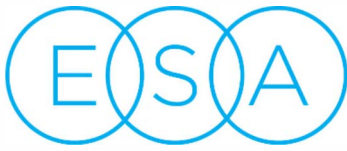
Call-In **1-800-325-0720** and refer to Group # 10106772

or

"Online: druryhotels.com 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