



*Janja Jonquil*

# NEWSLETTER



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2023-2024  
Georgia State Council  
Executive Board

- President... **Susan** Garner
- Vice-President... **Susan** Knudson
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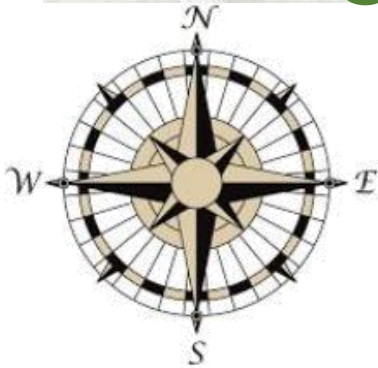
## Upcoming Events...

May 1, 2024	ESA Founders Day
May 1, 2024	IC Convention Registration Due
May 17-19, 2024	GSC Convention, Unicoi State Park, Helen, GA
June 16, 2024	IC Convention Hotel Room Registration Due
July 7-14, 2024	IC Convention at Doubletree Hotel, Kansas City
September 15, 2024	Tax Facts due by each Chapter to ESA Headquarters
October 25-27, 2024	SERC Conference at Wyndham Riverfront in North Little Rock, Arkansas



**This Issue's  
THEME:  
Recap of  
Adventures of  
2023- 2024**

# Message from our President...



Susan Garner



Hello to my Georgia ESA family,

I can't believe its April already and that our Convention is next month! This year has really flown by with so many adventures! I thought it was so fitting that, in the most recent Journey magazine from IC, there was an article on "Wandering Through National Parks." I've been fortunate to have visited three of these and look forward to visiting some other ones soon. Below is a picture of 6 National Parks that were featured:



(1) Yellowstone - ID, MT, and WY; (2) Grand Canyon - AZ; (3) White Sands - NM; (4) Great Smoky Mountains - NC and TN; (5) Hawaii Volcanoes - The Big Island, HI; and (6) Black Canyon of the Gunnison – CO

This past year has been filled with so many adventures and memories, that I just wanted to share them with you. May 2023 we all gathered at Little Ocmulgee State Park in Helena, Georgia and my ESA . . . Adventures Awaits began! July brought volunteering at the St. Jude Dream Home, as well as traveling to Grapevine, Texas for IC Convention. In August, I hosted the Executive Board Retreat where we had fun at our lake house in Alabama. September brought our Fall Board/Leadership in Bremen, GA, as well as the St. Jude Walk/Run. October was filled with the virtual Olive Oil & Vinegar event and SERC Convention in Pooler/Savannah, Georgia. In November, I attended an educational hosted by Alpha Delta in Bremen, GA where our own Kim New, State House Representative District 64 was the speaker. December was filled with a Christmas Party hosted by Delta Iota in Douglasville,

GA and laying wreaths at the Marietta National Cemetery in Marietta, GA. In January, I was fortunate to tour House of Cherith within City of Refuge in Atlanta, GA. Then in February, it was off to Aiken, SC for our Mid-Year Meeting. In March, I was able to attend an Ice Cream Social at Trinka Davis Veterans Village in Carrollton, GA, as well as a House of Cherith event hosted by First Baptist Church of Villa Rica, GA. This month, I plan to attend Alpha Delta's St. Jude event "Diamonds and Denims" as well as another Ice Cream Social at Trinka Davis Veterans Village. Then, guess what? Next month will be our annual convention! Sprinkled in with all of this was monthly zoom calls with other State Presidents and putting together articles for various newsletters. Oh, and I can't forget my own Chapter: Alpha Beta's monthly meetings, Christmas party, and game night socials. What a wonderful year I have had and I could not have had any of this if I was not a part of such an AWESOME organization! Thank you again for allowing me this opportunity to represent Georgia at every one of these events. And most importantly, thank YOU all for your hard work and dedication in making our Georgia State Council a success!!!

I am very much looking forward to going to Unicoi State Park & Lodge in Helen, Georgia next month and Exploring in the Mountains with all of you. I know that Sigma Chi, Delta Nu, and Alpha Nu have worked hard to bring us a wonderful convention.

ESA Hugs,

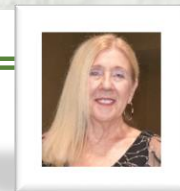
Susan Garner  
GSC President 2023-2024  
ESA . . . Adventure Awaits



## Messages from our Boards



**GSC Vice-President**  
Susan Knudson



President Susan asked us to "Recap our Adventures for the Year". Since I was unable to tell you about IC Leadership at our Mid-Year Meeting as it had not yet happened, I will tell you now.

First, let me thank each of you for the opportunity to attend IC Leadership. I had a great time and learned a lot. One of the first things that happened was we were all placed in color groups. We sat with our group for most of the sessions. My group was Orange – one of my favorite colors. We participated in three Color Wars activities but we could also win points for the team during other presentations. The Orange group won all three of the Color Wars activities – ESA Trivia, Emoji



Riddle Game and the Photo Challenge. I have included a copy of our winning photo. The Orange group won the Overall Color Wars and I have included a photo with our crowns.



All of the sessions were very informative and as expected, we had presentations on Membership, St. Jude, ESA Foundation, IC Convention, IC St. Jude Challenge and Hope for Heroes. There were also sessions on "Tech Talk". This is where I learned the most. We explored the ESA website and there are mountains of information on our website. Not only ideas for different events, but lots of templates for meetings, flyers, letters, business cards, etc. From our website you can also access Canva, which is another platform of templates. Other Tech topics included digital business cards and QR codes – these two I need much instruction.

Some of what we experienced you may be seeing at our Leadership this coming Fall.

I also need to ask all of you again about serving on the state council for the coming year. I still need a Finance Chairman and Social Chairman. If you would like either of these positions, please contact me immediately. One last thing, there is still time to do the IC Spring Membership Campaign of "Just One More", meaning try to have one more member than last year. You can do it!

I really look forward to seeing everyone at convention. We have a great venue and plan to have a lot of fun!

Susie Knudson  
GSC 1<sup>ST</sup> Vice President



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## GSC Second Vice-President

Ruth Ann Edge



President Susan asked us to recap our 2023 – 2024 adventures. My 2023 – 2024 adventure began with Executive Retreat at Susan Garner’s lakehouse. It was informative and a lot of fun learning about our plans for the year under Susan’s guidance. She also provided us with a scrumptious lunch. It is always fun when the Executive Board gets together.

In June, I went on a very special adventure of my own. For many years I have dreamed of going to Ireland. Well, June of 2024 was my time to realize my dream trip. I flew from Atlanta to Dublin, Ireland where I boarded the Azamara Pursuit for an intensive eleven-day trip visiting eight ports in Ireland and the United



Kingdom. That was truly an amazing adventure that I will never forget.

My next adventure was in September in Bremen where we met for our Leadership and Fall Board Council Meeting. After our Executive Board Meeting on Friday night several of our ESA members visited the Trillium Winery in Bremen. It was a relaxing evening enjoying the beautiful vineyard and of course sampling several of the wines produced at Trillium Winery. Our adventure continued on Saturday where we had an informative Leadership followed by a dinner of pizza, and games of Bingo.



Believe me the ESA ladies are very aggressive when they want to steal a prize from another member.

In February, the ladies of Gamma Omega outdid themselves when they hosted our Mid-Year Meeting in Aiken, South Carolina. On Friday evening they treated us to a fun reception. The members of Gamma Omega prepared various foods and served a variety of wines for our enjoyment. They really know how to host a party.

After our Mid-Year Meeting ended on Saturday Susan Knudson, Kaye Genovese and I shopped in historic downtown Aiken. We discovered some really cute shops, and of course found some items we had to have. We also enjoyed a good dinner in one of the local restaurants along the main street.

Our 2023-2024 year is quickly coming to an end. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Unicoi State Park and Lodge for our Seventy Fourth Annual GSC Convention "Exploring in the Mountains". I know our Alpha Nu, Delta Nu and Sigma Chi sisters are planning a fun convention for us. It will be a great setting for ending our 2023-2024 adventures with Susan Garner. Susan, thank you for a fun filled year with lots of fun and adventures.

Ruth Ann Edge  
GSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

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## GSC Recording Secretary

Venetia Lewallen



GSC convention is almost here...!

Unicoi and Helen, Ga are going to be a blast. We can enjoy the antiques, fudge, wineries, haunts, bars, waterfalls, zip lines, sauerkraut and other adventures in the Alpine village.

I've enjoyed working with our awesome GSC President Susan and her awesome Board. Big Thank You... to my GSC family for supporting and tolerating this rookie recording secretary and allowing me to serve.

Hope to see you soon, in Helen.  
Venetia Lewallen  
GSC Recording Secretary

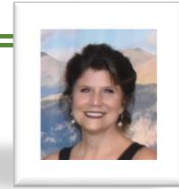


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## GSC Corresponding Secretary

Kim New



This past year in ESA has been really amazing. We've had so many cool adventures and fun times. Our organization is such a special group of individuals. I feel so blessed to call you all my friends.

Being Corresponding Secretary this year has truly been an honor. I couldn't have served with a better President than Susan. She is an incredible individual who loves ESA with all that she is. She has made it fun, memorable and downright adventurous.

As we get ready for the convention, please send me your correspondence either by email or mail.

See you all next month... Adventure Awaits!!

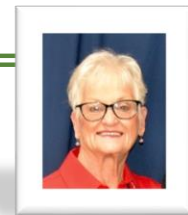
Kim New  
Correspondence Secretary

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## GSC Jr. Past President & Disaster Fund Chair

Wanda Price



Hello to all of our Sisters and Brothers in ESA.

The time has come for my last opportunity to report to you in our JawJa Jonquil as your Disaster Fund Chairman. I would like to express my sincere thank you to all of those who supported this worthy cause for the 2023-2024 year. The way we collect donations changed this year with no extra collections to be taken at our state meetings. But, you have certainly stepped up to the plate and made a home run in the name of Disaster Fund in Georgia ESA. Thank You, Thank You.



I will be presenting our totals at the State Convention and the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards will be given at the Awards Luncheon there also.

I must say with the way our U.S. Mail has been lately, this in itself has been an adventure... receiving and mailing Disaster Funds donations.

I have enjoyed my adventure as your Junior Past President. One of my adventures this year involved my not-so-good attempt with directions to President Susan's Summer Cabin to attend the Executive Board Retreat. It was an exhausting adventure that started as I traveled from Columbus and then took the wrong Highway and spent 2 ½ hours, 4 stops for directions, and then the help of a Police Officer to get there. Who but me... It only took 1 hour to return to Columbus the next day. Yes, that's Me folks! LOL

Can't wait to see all of you wonderful people in May.

Hugs,  
Wanda Price  
Georgia State ESA  
Disaster Fund Chairman  
2023-2024

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## GSC Chaplin

Luanne Langmo



A quote shared by our lovely GSC Chaplin, Luanne.



May the warmth of the sun and the beauty of the flowers remind us of the endless possibilities that lie ahead. Let us embrace this season of growth with open hearts and minds, and may it inspire us to be the best version of ourselves.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Helen.

Hugs, Luanne  
GSC Chaplain

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## St Jude

Romanda Talley – Chairman



From Your St. Jude Chairman...



We are already into another Georgia State Council year (April 1). I do hope all of you aren't taking a long break from St. Jude events for 2024-2025. The children at St. Jude Hospital don't have breaks from their medical pain and we should continue helping them daily.

The Dream Home in Pooler/Savannah kicked off this week and ticket sales are good. Atlanta's Dream Home kick off will be later in May. Thanks to all of you that sent your name to Sherry and Vicki to help with the Atlanta Dream Home in Atlanta. Twenty thousand tickets will be sold in Atlanta this year. Yes, we can do it for the children that need our help.



I hope to see lots of you at Alpha Delta's St. Jude event this weekend. It was such a nice event last year and I know Alpha Delta will provide us with another fun evening, while raising money for St. Jude Hospital.

Thank you, Susan, for my appointment as St. Jude Chairman this year. I have enjoyed being a part of helping children at St. Jude Hospital, and with the new Global Initiative to eradicate childhood cancer throughout the world.

Romanda Talley

St. Jude Chairman, GSC



ESA Foundation  
Sherry Presley – Chairman



Hello All

With IC Convention coming up please remember the Fund Fest on July 9th, 2024. If you can help please let Pat Howerton know as soon as possible.

- Sponsors: \_\_\_\_ \$100 Carnival
- Sponsor FFF Patrons: \_\_\_\_ \$200 Silver
- \_\_\_\_ \$300 Gold
- \_\_\_\_ \$500 Pearl
- \_\_\_\_ \$1,000 Platinum

- Volunteer at the Silent Auction Table and Game Areas \_\_\_\_\_
- Member Name/Email Address \_\_\_\_\_
- Chapter Name/Number \_\_\_\_\_
- Willing to Donate: \_\_\_\_
- Silent Auction Items \_\_\_\_\_
- Oral Auction Items \_\_\_\_\_
- State Basket – Description \_\_\_\_\_

Thank You

Sherry Presley - Foundation Chair



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Association of the Arts  
Sharon Smoot – Chairman



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## Association of the Arts - Reminder Rhyme

*E*SA-ers unique art ideas can flow if you know  
It's always appreciated when you come in May, to show

*B*y getting your own artistic juices to thrive  
Beginner or advanced items means at least you tried

*B*oth right brain and left brain folks need a high five  
So, each entry gets a recognition pin when your art arrives

*S*how off your willingness to wing it  
Because ESA members know how to "BRING IT"



Mail me your form postmarked no later than April 15,

Find it on <http://www.esageorgia.com/award>

Sharon Smoot 27 Windermere Way / Aiken, SC 29803

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To our GSC moms...  
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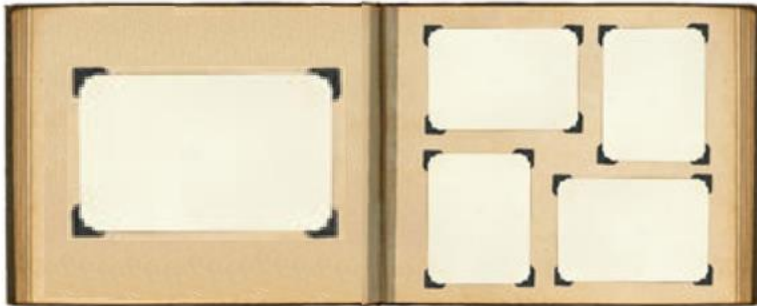
**GSC Scrapbook Committee**  
Alpha Beta Chapter



**Reminder:**

2023-2024 Scrapbook is coming together but needs pics from all of our Georgia Chapters.

A big thanks to those who have already sent their chapter photo(s) to Venetia Lewallen.  
If you haven't yet... then, please send a photo or group of photos of your Chapter today.  
Due Date: May 1, 2024



Thanks, in advance...!

Send to Venetia:  
[venlew1@bellsouth.net](mailto:venlew1@bellsouth.net)

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# ESA Founders Day

May 1, 2024

## ESA Is TURNING 95!



Mark your calendars...! ESA Founder's Day Virtual Anniversary Celebration (via Zoom).  
Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4:30 PM Pacific / 5:30 PM Mountain / 6:30 PM Central /  
7:30 PM Eastern / 9:30 AM Friday QLD/AU

ESA members across the country (and Australia) will be joining for a live lamp pin ceremony for any new members who would like to join ESA during the special Zoom event. Any new members from this year who have already joined and would like to re-enact their pin ceremony are invited to do so as well. All members are invited to share in this ESA experience.



There will also be guest speakers and a group toast to ESA.

Registration is required and closes April 29, all members and guests welcome.

Register at [www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/Events](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/Events).



# Take a Tour...

with our GSC Chapters...



We are excited to hear from our amazing GSC Chapters from all over the state of Georgia and beyond.

**Chapter Brag Time** for this issue :  
**Kappa Rho** & **Sigma Chi.**

**Kappa Rho** (Pooler)  
 Romanda Talley – Chapter President

Greetings From Kappa Rho Chapter.

Kappa Rho has been active this year. While we are in our 38<sup>th</sup> year as a chapter here in Georgia, and some of us are getting “younger”, we have managed to help our fellow man (and furry friends) by participating in Summe Reading Literacy for areas of Southern Georgia, Dr. Seuss Reading Literacy in March, donating food and cleaning items for our furry friends, Abused Women programs (3 times), donating to Georgia Parks, donating to Trees in our National Parks, Georgia



Scholarship, St. Jude Dream Homes, St. Jude Chapter Projects, Stamps and Cards to our Heroes, Valentine Candy to 50 EMS Heroes in Effingham County, donating and laying Wreaths Across America, Footies for a Nursing Home, a Thanksgiving Dinner for a needy family, food (3 times) to the Social Apostolate for the Hungry in the Coastal



Empire, and to our own State Council when we were asked to donate last May to our state treasury.

We had one member that attended IC in Grapevine, Texas, and five members to attend and help SERC to be such a success. While only two members could attend Leadership/Fall Council...(one member broke her leg, one fell and broke her shoulder, one was a care giver for her husband at home, and one was doing inventory for her company), we did have six members in attendance at Midyear, and yes, one got injured there requiring stitches. Hopefully, 2024-2025 will find Kappa Rho healthy.

Yes, Susan, it has been an adventure this year.

While we had “unforeseeable” things to happen this year, Kappa Rho still has that motivation. Zig Ziglar’s quote reminds us of that...”People often say that motivation doesn’t last. Neither does bathing. That’s why we recommend it daily.”

We have already made plans for the coming year and “membership” is our number one priority. While we are helping others in need, we know that ESA is in need of membership and we will use our energy and enthusiasm to attain new members (and/or reinstatements that are out there and we need to get them back in our wonderful organization) to see growth in ESA.

See you next month when we celebrate our “adventures.”

Romanda  
Kappa Rho President 2023-2024

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## Sigma Chi (Jasper)

Sherry Presley – Chapter President

### News from Sigma Chi.

Sigma Chi was chartered 21 years ago by Brenda Bowersox and Susan McVey during Pat Griffin's IC Presidential year. Since that time we have added members, lost members and had 3 other chapters start up from this one chapter. This has been a very busy year with helping plan the 2024 state convention with two other chapters, Delta Nu and Alpha Nu, thank goodness for other sisters helping one another. We hope everyone enjoys their time in the mountains.

This year we visited the Trinka Davis Veterans Village and spent time there sharing in their Ice Cream Socials along with the Patriot Guard and taking much needed items to the Veterans. We had a Clean Up Your Park working to make sure our parks were going to be there for our kiddoes. From donating blood and working with our local CERT group (Community Emergency Response Team) handing out weather radios and signing people up for the Emergency Weather email so you would



know when bad weather was headed your way. Placing flags on our Veterans graves and working at the St. Jude office in Atlanta and attending the SERC in Pooler it has been a busy year.

We do have some other brag moments and they are to do with our children.

- Susan is beyond excited to be welcoming their first grandchild. Her son Trevor and his wife Haley will welcome a Baby girl in September.
- Kim's daughter has graduated college and is working a fantastic new job.



Sherry Presley

# Postcards from IC...

Susan Garner – GSC President



**ESA will be 95 years** young on Founder's Day. Join the Founder's Day Virtual Celebration on Thursday, May 2nd. The festivities kick off at 7:30 pm (EST) and you can visit [epsilonsigmaalpha.org/Events](http://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/Events) for registration information and more details.

ESA Australia is celebrating 60 years! ESA Australia was established on December 10 1963, chartering 18 members into the Alpha Alpha Branch of Childers, Queensland. In Australia, Chapters are referred to as Branches. More information about ESA Australia can be found in the most recent edition of the Journey magazine.





**Registration details**

Visit the ESA website [epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ICConvention](http://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ICConvention) for all IC Convention forms.  
Please contact Celeste Webb at [webbfam@consolidated.net](mailto:webbfam@consolidated.net) with any questions.

<p><b>IC Convention Registration</b> Full registration is \$275, deadline May 1, 2024</p> <p><b>Tours</b> You must book your tours before the convention. Visit <a href="http://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ICConvention">epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ICConvention</a> for more information.</p>	<p><b>Follow us on Facebook</b> Page: <a href="https://facebook.com/ESA.IC.Convention">facebook.com/ESA.IC.Convention</a> Group: <a href="#">Epsilon Sigma Alpha Annual IC Convention Group</a></p>
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Kansas has been working hard on the upcoming 2024 IC Convention. They have finalized tours and the forms for registration, tours, and ads have been uploaded to the IC website at [epsilonalpha.org/ICConvention](http://epsilonalpha.org/ICConvention). Forms have also been uploaded to Georgia's website as well.

The IC Challenge at IC Convention this year is a 50's Sock Hop.

You can find more information about registration at [epsilonalpha.org/ICChallenge](http://epsilonalpha.org/ICChallenge).

### 50s Sock Hop IC Challenge

Hey there, cool cats and kittens! Get ready to twist and shout at the most happenin' event in town - our 50s sock hop extravaganza! It's gonna be the bee's knees, a real blast from the past where you can jive, groove, and cut a rug to the rockin' rhythms of rad 50s jams. So slick back that hair, put on your poodle skirts and saddle shoes, and let's make like greasers, 'cause this shindig is gonna be one for the books! Don't be a square, join us for a night of nostalgia, boss threads, and jukebox magic - you won't want to miss it, Daddy-O! Start fundraising today and register before May 31, 2024 to call dibs on your T-shirt.

All donations (including the \$200 registration fee) submitted to the 2024 IC Challenge will benefit the kids of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®.

Register at: [epsilonalpha.org/ICChallenge](http://epsilonalpha.org/ICChallenge)



SERC will be hosting the IC Convention in 2025 and the theme will be "A Southern Serenade." So far, we know it will be July 13-20, 2025 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton, Cary, North Carolina. Room rates are as follows + tax: \$175 (S/D), \$185 (Triple), and \$195 (Quad). Parking is \$5.00 per night self-parking. The hotel offers complimentary breakfast, Happy Hour, and complimentary internet. Forms for registration, tours, and ads have not yet been finalized.

## Postcards from GSC...




**2024 GSC Convention**  
Unicoi State Park & Lodge, Helen, GA  
Friday, May 17, 2024 – Sunday, May 19, 2024

\*\* hope to see everyone at convention..!

The committee has an excellent weekend planned for us. See you there for 'Exploring in the Mountains'.

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 GSC info, events and photos can be found on our Facebook page (ESA Georgia).

## 2024 Service Pins

### Service Pin Ceremony



Our Service Pin Ceremony will be held Sunday morning at convention. We will be celebrating members with 5, 10, 15, 20 and beyond... years of service to ESA.

*If* you will be celebrating a service milestone this year, please contact **Susan Garner** at 770-856-7798 or email her at: [stg2015@bellsouth.net](mailto:stg2015@bellsouth.net)

**... by April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Also, bring and give your pin/dangle to **Susan Garner** at Convention.  
Please include your name with your pin.

We have so much to celebrate and we want to celebrate you!!!!

\*\* You can order your Service Year Pin online at: [https://acgreek.com/greek/list.php?cat\\_ref=40](https://acgreek.com/greek/list.php?cat_ref=40)

## Postcards from SERC...



Linda Long – SERC Coordinator

What an exciting and meaningful adventure this sorority year has been for me as SERC Coordinator. I was fortunate to personally experience more closely two SERC Boards meeting both SERC Presidents and members of their Board - first with 2022-2023 President Theda Hall from Arkansas with her theme, "SEE IT, BELIEVE IT, ACHIEVE IT" when she was our GSC convention representative and then in October, 2023-2024 President Laura Gnewuch from North Carolina when she began her year with, "REACH WITH YOUR HEART." Both ladies are delightful and full of enthusiasm. Their messages were entertaining and full of encouragement. It made me hopeful for the purpose of our Southeastern Regional Council. I enjoyed being a part of this Council as it gives one an opportunity to share and learn from members from other states. This year was very blessed when we, the Georgia State Council, proudly hosted the annual SERC Conference where we displayed our leadership and our Southern hospitality with "Georgia's Hidden Treasures." This appointed office allows one to expand one's horizons and provides more opportunities to make new friends. I have genuinely enjoyed serving as Coordinator and encourage others to do so in the future.



SERC Reminders: Keep SERC First Vice President Tammy Gregg in your thoughts and prayers as she and her family deal with her health issues. Please send cards to her at: 1328 Hunts Bridge Road, in Easley, South Carolina 29640 or email: [tammyjo21@yahoo.com](mailto:tammyjo21@yahoo.com)

Send Welcome Wishes to our new SERC representative to our State Council Convention, SERC Recording Secretary Jennifer Gailey at 708 Bob White Court, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122, or email: [Thackerchic4@gmail.com](mailto:Thackerchic4@gmail.com)

Chapters send your annual SERC donations, recommended amount \$10 to SERC Treasurer, Kelli Thornberry, 1118 East Burnett Avenue, Louisville, KY 40217 – email: [kjthornberry@yahoo.com](mailto:kjthornberry@yahoo.com) .

Best Wishes for a beautiful and incredibly **Happy Spring!**

Linda Long, SERC Coordinator



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Susan Garner – GSC President

### News from SERC

As we are all aware, Tammy Gregg and her family are facing challenging times right now. Because of this, she has decided to step away as SERC 1st Vice President at this time. We wish Tammy all the best and continue to keep her in our thoughts and prayers.

Dawn Middleton has moved up to serve as SERC 1st Vice President. If you are looking for opportunities to serve at the SERC level, I am sure that she would love to chat with you and see how your talents can be put to work. Dawn can be reached at [dawnmiddleton1@gmail.com](mailto:dawnmiddleton1@gmail.com). The deadline for Nomination forms to be submitted is June 15, 2024. To find Dawn's mailing address, please refer to the Executive Board Roster on the SERC website, as the mailing address information on the forms have not been updated.

### SHINE BRIGHT LIKE A DIAMOND



SERC CONFERENCE 2024 -  
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR

The 2024 SERC Conference "Shine Bright Like a Diamond" will be held on October 25-27, 2024 in North Little Rock, Arkansas at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel.

Registration form and tour information can be found on the SERC website, as well as on the Georgia website (thank you Gennie)!



# Just a Few More Things...



## 2024 GSC Convention IC & SERC Representatives

Send Welcome Wishes to our IC and SERC representatives attending our State Council Convention.



**Celeste Webb**

IC- Second Vice President

We are so excited to have them!



**Jennifer Gailey**

SERC Recording Secretary

IC Second Vice-President, Celeste Webb  
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or email: [webbfam@consolidated.net](mailto:webbfam@consolidated.net)

SERC Recording Secretary Jennifer Gailey  
at 708 Bob White Court, Mt. Juliet, TN 37122,  
or email: [Thackerchic4@gmail.com](mailto:Thackerchic4@gmail.com)

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## 2024 GSC Registration Raffle Winner



### Congratulations Sharon!

**Sharon Smoot** is the winner of the  
2024 registration raffle sponsored by  
GSC convention committee.

# 'Denim & Diamonds' Alpha Delta Style

Pat Griffin – Chapter President

Alpha Delta held their “Denim & Diamonds” St. Jude event Saturday, April 13 at Sewell Mill in Bremen. The venue was beautifully decorated with a western flair. There were 102 people in attendance with many dressed in their jeans and boots.



Alabama Rain provided the entertainment, there were many fantastic auction items along with a yummy dinner and a few dancers.



A big thanks to all of our ESA sisters that attended and supported us. Our goal, secretly, was to make at least \$10,000 on this event. The final numbers are still not in, so stay tuned to see if we reached or exceeded that number.

## 2024-2025 Executive Board - Candidates & Qualifications

Susan Knudson

President Candidate: Susan B. Knudson (Delta Iota)

41 years of service

Number of conventions attended: 39 GSC, 26 SERC, 18 IC

Qualifications:

Chapter: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian and All Appointed Offices

Area: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Parliamentarian and All Appointed Offices

State: President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Gavalette President, Auditor, Awards, Chaplain, Contracts Committee, Disaster Fund Chair, Easterseals Chair, Education Chair, Finance Chair, Flag Ceremony, Leadership Chair, Philanthropic Chair, Yearbook Chair and Local Convention Chair (multiple)

SERC: Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Parliamentarian, Auditor, Awards Chair, Easteresals Chair, Finance Chair, Chaplin, Teller, Special Projects Chair, Convention Co-Chair

IC: Administrative Assistance, Teller, Credentials Committee, IC Convention Committee

Other Qualifications: First Pearl, 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Pallas Athene, Pledge of the year, Woman of the Year, Own my own tax business, Master's degree from Georgia Tech



1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President Candidate: Ruth Ann Edge (Delta Iota)

33 years of service

Number of conventions attended: 7 GSC, 21 SERC, 5 IC

Qualifications:

Chapter: (GA) President, Recording Secretary, Hope For Heroes, Educational Director, (AL) President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Philanthropic Chair

Area:

State: (GA) 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Hope For Heroes, ESA Foundation State Counselor, Gavalette Treasurer, Minutes Committee

(AL) President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Jr. Past President, Philanthropic Chair, Easterseals, Association of the Arts Chair, Disaster Fund Chair

SERC: Search Editor, Association of the Arts Chair

IC: Teller

Other Qualifications: (none listed)





2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Candidate: Romanda Talley (Kappa Rho)

53 years of service

Number of conventions attended: 52 GSC, 26 SERC, 20 IC

Qualifications:

Chapter: All Elected Offices (more than once)

Area: President Chatham County Council, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

State: All Elected Offices, Corresponding Secretary (2), Gavalette President, Disaster Fund Chair, Leadership (3), Finance, St Jude Coordinator (3), Awards, SERC Coordinator

SERC: President, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Treasurer

IC: Nominating Committee, Credentials Committee, IC Convention Committee

Other Qualifications: 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Pallas Athene, Woman of the Year



Corresponding Secretary Candidate: Karen Smith (Delta Iota)

43 years of service

Number of conventions attended: 35+ GSC, 5+ SERC, 3+ IC

Qualifications:

Chapter: President, Vice-President, Treasurer

Area: President, Vice-President

State: President, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Treasurer, St Jude Coordinator, Easterseals, Yearbook Chair

SERC:

IC:

Other Qualifications: Woman of the Year



Recording Secretary Candidate: Theresa McGugan  
(Gamma Omega)

8 years of service

Number of conventions attended: 6 GSC, 1 SERC, 0 IC

Qualifications:

Chapter: President (3), Corresponding Chair, Educational Chair (3), Philanthropic Chair (2), Social Chair (2)

Area:

State: Mid-Year Hostess (2), Yearbook Chair (2) Educational Chair

SERC:

IC:

Other Qualifications: (none listed)





Treasurer Candidate: Sheryl Gootee (Gamma Omega)

4 years of service

Number of conventions attended: 2 GSC, 1 SERC, 0 IC

Qualifications:

Chapter: Treasurer

Area:

State: Finance Chair

SERC:

IC:

Other Qualifications: (none listed)



Parliamentarian Candidate: Joy Lynn Tynes (Beta Zeta)

32 years of service

Number of conventions attended: 28 GSC, 25 SERC, 7 IC

Qualifications:

Chapter: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Education Chair, Philanthropic Chair, Scrapbook Chair, Installing Officer, Convention Committee

Area: President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Education Chair, Nominating Chair, Philanthropic Chair, Installing Officer, Social Chair, Convention Committee

State: President, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Advisor, Association of the Arts, Awards Chair, Chaplain, Disaster Fund Chair, Easterseals Chair, Education Chair, Flag Ceremony, JawJa Jonquil Editor, Installing Officer, Philanthropic Chair, SERC Coordinator, Scrapbook Editor, Workshop Coordinator, Administrative Assistant, Nominating Chair, Awards Chair, Bylaws Chair, Convention Committee, JawJa Jonquil Revision Committee, Fall Board Meeting Chair, Gavelette President

SERC: President, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Appointed offices – Disaster Fund Chair, Chaplain, Easterseals Chair, Educational Chair, Flag Ceremony, Philanthropic Chair, Search Editor, Scrapbook Editor, Historian, Presidential Advisor, Workshop Presenter, Convention Committee, Serchette President

IC: Audit Committee, Workshop Presenter

Other Qualifications: 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Pallas Athene, GSC Woman of the Year, MA Humanities, BA French, Educator Mentor Cobb County Schools, Foreign Language Association of Georgia Executive Board Member, Georgia Foreign Language Teacher of the Year, Hart County Teacher of the Year, Outstanding Teacher Lassiter High School, Cooperating Teacher of the Year Kennesaw State University, Secretary and Seminar Chair Peach State Glass Club, YMCA Senior Board



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Last thought from Susan, Kim & Venetia...



**I**t's been a joy bringing the Newsletters to GSC this year.  
Thanks to all the wonderful friends who helped  
make them possible.



Have a wonderful Summer... and see you soon !





**GEORGIA STATE COUNCIL  
SEVENTY FOURTH ANNUAL CONVENTION  
"Exploring in the Mountains"**  
FRIDAY May 17, 2024 - Sunday, May 19, 2024 Unicoi  
State Park & Lodge  
1788 Highway 356, Helen, GA 30545

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fees: Members (Includes all meal functions)	\$150.00	_____
Guest (Includes Mixer Party/Dinner and Banquet)	\$80.00	_____
Guest Names: _____		
Late Registration Fee (Postmarked after April 16, 2024)	\$25.00	_____
Walk-In Registration Fee at Convention	\$35.00	_____
<b>TOTAL ENCLOSED:</b>		_____

Please Check: Pledge (new member)  First Time Attendee

Special Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Hosted by: Sigma Chi, Delta Nu, and Alpha Nu  
 Make Check Payable to: EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA 1943 ALPHA NU  
 Mail to: Gennie Gilvin, Convention Treasurer: 126 E Montego CT, NW; Milledgeville, GA 31061  
 Convention Registration Deadline: **April 16, 2024.**

*Cancellations must be received in writing to Convention Treasurer by April 25, 2024 for a refund.*

**Unicoi State Park & Lodge**

**Hotel Reservation Deadline: April 16, 2024 ("Cut-off Date"). PHONE: 1-800-573-9659**

**Group: Georgia State Council of ESA Group Code: 10296**

Group room rate is \$159.00 per night plus tax (15%) and \$12 Lodge Service Fee.  
 Individuals can guarantee reservations with a credit card. There is free parking.

***\*Rates are good 2 days prior and 2 days after convention. If you plan to arrive prior to May 16, 2024 or stay after May 19, 2024 you must call for reservations (1-800-573-9659) as their website will not give you the rate outside of actual convention dates.***

**Go to website: www.unicoilodge.com**

- Upper right-hand corner Click on Blue box: Lowest Rate Guaranteed BOOK HERE!
- Select Arrival/Departure Dates and number of guests per room
- Click CHECK AVAILABILITY – then Click on RATE OPTIONS
- Click in box "Promotional/Group Code" and Enter Promotional Code: 10296
- Click CHECK AVAILABILITY again, then Select Room Type
- Select BOOK IT and Complete required information to make reservation



## Georgia State Council 2024 Convention Advertising Order Form for Program Book

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***(Add \$10.00 to full or \$5 to half page ad if using a colored background)***

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**Advertisements Accepted through April 16, 2024**

**Make Check Payable to: EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA 1943 ALPHA NU**

**Mail form, ad copy, and check to:**

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126 E Montego CT, NW;  
Milledgeville, GA 31061**

**Email digital copy of Ad to: [ggilvin@aol.com](mailto:ggilvin@aol.com)**