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### *Wanda’s Aide-Memoire*

- ♪ Remember to pay your Foundation Dues early before January 1, 2023 (on-line available)
- ♪ Mid-Year Registration due by January 31, 2023... Form in this newsletter The Inn at Houndslake- All rooms: \$109.00 + tax – 803-648-9535 mention “ESA-Georgia” for this rate-reserve before January 15, 2023
- ♪ Send Bylaw Changes to Sherrie Bordeaux by 2/18/23 for consideration at GSC Convention
- ♪ 50/50 donations to St. Jude ... Daily until December 31, 2022
- ♪ Snail Walk for St Jude...Saturday, February 18, 2023... [Form in this newsletter](#)
- ♪ GSC Convention Registration Deadline: April 15, 2023 **NEW** [Form in this newsletter](#)
- ♪ GSC Convention Ad Form Deadline: April 1, 2023 **NEW** [Form in this newsletter](#)





***Hello All Georgia ESA Council Members,***

Wow, has this year flown by! December is already here and we are getting ready to welcome in a quickly approaching New Year.

I am happy to report that Georgia ESA is doing great in philanthropy.

We continue to work on our 50/50 St. Jude Challenge. Just remember our challenge ends December 31, so get those donations in before the deadline. What a wonderful gift to yourself for Christmas...donate to the St. Jude Challenge. ***Thank you for all you do for those less fortunate.***

I know of several chapters that will be attending the laying of Wreaths for our Soldiers this month. Having attended the Laying of Wreaths before, I can assure you that when you leave the cemetery, you will be filled with the true meaning of Christmas.

The area we, as a State, need to focus on is our Membership. Try to invite a friend or family member to join ESA before 2023 arrives. Membership in Georgia has reached an all-time low. We need to reach out and find members; especially, younger members. Think back to your pledge date and how you were excited about joining ESA and share that enthusiasm with someone. Also, remember to get your Foundation dues in before January while they are \$15.00. The new price will be \$40.00 next year.

We now have one of our very own elected to a seat in the Georgia State House of Representatives. ***Way to go Kim New!***



We had five members to attend SERC and we had a great time. Please remember, Georgia will be hosting SERC next October so be making plans now to attend. We have big shoes to fill following Florida's outstanding Conference, but I know Georgia is up to the challenge. I would personally like to thank those Chapters who donated the gift cards to be

auctioned off at SERC in November...Alpha Beta, Beta Zeta, Delta Iota, Gamma Omega, and Kappa Rho. You made Georgia shine at SERC.

We are now looking forward to February when those "Do Girls" and "Go Girls" host our Mid-Year Conference in Aiken. Your Registration Form is attached so fill it out and get it in the mail. I can assure you from personal experience, those ladies host a great meeting. Since I won't have a time to see all of you face to face before the New Year, I want to thank each of you for making my time as Georgia's State ESA President so rewarding. The Memories we are composing are wonderful. I appreciate each of you.

My favorite Christmas song is "I Saw Mama Kissing Santa Claus." Why...because I love the way Mr. Claus is always getting kisses. As Christmas approaches, may we reflect on its true meaning. My prayer for you, is a Safe, Happy, and Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year.

Hugs and ESA Love to all of you, Until we meet in Aiken...  
**Wanda Price, President, Georgia State Council, ESA 2022-2023**



## ♪ CHAPLAIN'S CORNER: Kaye Genovese



As Christmas draws near, you all are in my thoughts. I hope everyone is doing well and getting that Christmas spirit! I am enjoying getting ready for the big day as I have 3 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. It has been fun for me to get toys, etc. for a 4, 3, 2, and 6-month-old! It will be a zoo on Christmas day. Can't wait! With special thoughts of you I am sending a wonderful poem I found. Enjoy!

**"JUST A LITTLE DONKEY" .... Rita Beer**  
Just a little donkey... But on my back, I bore...  
The one and only savior... The world was waiting for  
Just a little donkey... But I was strong and proud...  
I gladly carried Mary... Through the chaos of the crowd  
I brought her to a stable... Where she made a tiny bed...  
A place for Baby Jesus... To lay his little head  
I pray the world remembers... That special Christmas night...  
When just a little donkey... Carried Heaven's Precious Light



Love, Kaye Genovese, GSC Chaplain 2022-2023

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## Susan Garner, First Vice President

My favorite Christmas song is Silent Night.



Most of you know that my parents were deaf. I grew up attending church mostly composed of deaf people. When the choir sings Silent Night in sign language, it is beautiful.

Alpha Beta will be having their annual Christmas dinner and Dirty Santa gift exchange game (which can get quite competitive) with a sprinkle of a meeting in between.

Hoping that you and your family have a blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Susan Garner, GSC First Vice President 2022-2023

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## Susie Knudson, GSC Second Vice-President



President Wanda asked us to tell our favorite Christmas song and why. There are so many, but the one I picked is "If Every Day Could Be Like Christmas" by Elvis Presley. Well, who doesn't like Elvis and who doesn't like Christmas. I love both. I love everything about Christmas – I love the reason for the season (the birth of Jesus); I love the spirit of giving and being able to give; I love sharing time and cheer with friends and family; and I love decorating my whole house with Christmas (I start in October). I also like (too much) all the Christmas goodies especially spice drops and gingerbread cookies. I do wish that everyday could be like Christmas and we would have a world filled with love, peace and charity.



Susie Knudson, GSC 2nd Vice President 2022-2023

## Vicki Warren, Jr. Past President, Disaster Fund Chair



Don't forget the Disaster Fund in your meetings. Whether it's Many Blessings or some other form to contribute, send all your donations to me so I can send them to our National Fund. We want Georgia to be a Leader in Contributions to the Disaster Fund. We also want our Chapters to be 100% Donors. Make checks payable to ESA Disaster Fund and send to:

**Vicki Warren  
125 Brandon Court  
Calhoun, GA 30701**



**Vicki Warren, Jr. Past President 2022-2023**

## Sherrie Bordeaux, GSC Parliamentarian



**Reminder:**

### **Article XX – Method of Amending the Georgia State Council Bylaws**

Section 1. All recommended changes to the Georgia State Council Bylaws will be submitted to the Parliamentarian for review ninety (90) days prior to the convention. The Parliamentarian will submit the proposed changes to the Executive Board for action. Electronic transfer is acceptable.

**Note: Ninety (90) days prior to the convention is 2/18/2023.**



**Love in ESA, Sherrie Bordeaux, GSC Parliamentarian 2022-2023**

## Sharon Smoot, GSC Treasurer



Want money from your State Treasurer, Sharon Smoot??? Anyone wanting line-item budgeted money from your State Treasurer, please be sure to attach original receipts and staple to the correctly filled-out "Check Request Form."

*(Official name of "Check Request Form" is "Voucher" and is attached to this newsletter or go on website: [Voucher](#). Please note that this link will change once new website is on-line.)*

**Note:**

- ♪ *Definitely make copies of everything for yourself*
- ♪ *Send me an email stating that you have mailed something to me.*



**Thanks, Sharon Smoot, GSC Treasurer 2022-2023**

***\*THE ABOVE ARTICLE WAS INADVERTENTLY OMITTED IN THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER.***

***APOLOGIES TO SHARON FROM ROMANDA.***

## Greetings from Recording Secretary, Ruth Ann Edge



The Holiday Season is here, or in my house it is better known as “Let the Overeating Begin”. I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. The holidays are such a joyous time to be with our families and friends.

Christmas is almost here. Let us all celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and let each of us remember that this is the season for giving. Give to the less fortunate, give of our time, and give the gift of joy. I love the Christmas song “Silent Night”, when I hear it, I think of the starry night that Jesus was born in the manger. It reminds me of the star that shown over the manger to lead the wise men to baby Jesus, and how holy the night was because our savior was born. This song brings peace to my mind whenever I think of it. Another Christmas song I like is “Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer”. This whimsical song reminds me that each of us has something about us that others might think strange or offensive. But the thing that makes us different may just be what makes us special. Like Rudolph guiding Santa’s sleigh with his red nose, our difference may be what makes the world a better place.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in Aiken, SC in February. I hope everyone is planning to attend the Mid-year meeting. The “Snail Walk” should be a lot of fun. Until we meet again, I send my love to each of you.



**Ruth Ann Edge, GSC Recording Secretary 2022-2023**



## Romanda Talley, GSC Corresponding Secretary 2022-2023



It is hard to believe that our 2022-2023 Georgia State Council is now in its eighth month and very soon I will be starting to type our President’s Convention Agenda. That is, after I type the agenda for our Mid-Year Meeting. So, please let our President, Wanda, know if you will be presenting an oral report at Mid-Year, so I can place your name on the agenda. YOUR agenda for Mid-Year will be ready for printing by February 10, 2023. No corrections/additions to the agenda after that date.

I have two Christmas songs that mean so much to me. The first is what I consider Santa Claus’ favorite song...*“O Little Town of Bethlehem.”* Can you imagine flying over Bethlehem on a cold, starry night and looking down to see the stable where Jesus was born. Just gives me “goose bumps.” Santa has a wonderful job.

The second song is *“I’ll Be Home for Christmas.”* That song because my mother came to America in the early 1940s and she wasn’t able to return home for Christmas and I have often thought of how heavy her heart must have been when there was no snow, no phone to call her mother, and no special turkey and Jiggs dinner. Yet, in all those years, she never complained or showed us her sadness during Christmas about not being in her homeland. Yes, we did start going home to Newfoundland with my mother at Christmas as we grew older and is still my favorite place to be at Christmas. I love to sing “I’ll Be Home for Christmas” any time I feel the need for snow, turkey and a Jiggs dinner.

Merry Christmas to each of you and sing your favorite Christmas song all year long.



**Romanda Talley, Corresponding Secretary 2022-2023**

## Delta Iota

We do a lot for the holidays so we split our efforts between November and December Meetings.



At our November meeting, we all brought paper goods for S.H.A.R.E. House (a safe house for battered women and children) per their request.

We all cleaned our closets of clothing and shoes to donate to Must Ministries (they operate a free store for the homeless). We sent a car load!

We also sent money to the National Cemetery for Wreaths across America for our veterans. In December we are doing Christmas cards for the Veteran's rehab facility in Milledgeville.

We made stockings with lots of extras for the veteran's hospital in Carrollton at the Fall Board Meeting. Even with all this going on, we are working on hosting a

great convention for all our GSC members. We are looking forward to our Christmas Party this year. We are having visitors from other chapters and some friends.

After the holidays we will be gearing up for Mid-year meeting where we will have more opportunities for all of GSC members to win money.



## Delta Nu – Small but Mighty!

Our Chapter is down to 2 members, Mary Cooper and Vicki Warren. We may be small but we have been busy this Fall.

Mary serves on the Board of Directors for the Northwest Georgia Crisis Center which is a shelter for Domestic Violence victims. Our chapter supports them in many ways. They have a “Walk in My Shoes,” which Mary attended and worked, a Motorcycle Ride that Mary served the Riders lunch, and a Christmas Shoe Party where Vicki and Jim played Santa.



Our Chapter supports United Way through the Unity Run each year by packing bags and distributing them to the runners before the race. We do Shoeboxes for Samaritans Purse. Vicki served lunch to Veterans after the Veterans Parade. We partnered with the Calhoun Elkettes to raise \$850 to sponsor a Family of four for Christmas through the Voluntary Action Center.



And of course, this is the Christmas Season and Vicki and Jim are busy with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The majority of our appearances are philanthropic. We contribute our time to organizations and churches. We are not in this for the money. It's our love of Children and Christmas that is important to us. Some of our appearances are Santa in Uniform for Whitfield County Fire Department, Yaarab Shrine Temple Children's Christmas Party, Georgia "Elk's Aidmore" Children's Home, Whitfield County Drug Court Christmas Party, and Dalton Shrine Club Photos With Santa.



We plan to partner with Sigma Chi and Alpha Nu to sponsor the 2024 Georgia State Convention. We hope to grow our chapter but as all of you know it is very hard. We look forward to seeing everyone in Aiken in February.

*Georgia Elks Aidmore Children's Home in Conyers, GA*



As Registration Chair for our “*Rock n Roll*” Convention in May, I’m sending along a **Revised Registration Form and Ad Form** since May will be here before you know it. You can also retrieve the forms from the terrific ESA Georgia Website when you are ready to fill them out and send them to me.



The second reminder is that I will be updating our **Georgia State Council Yearbook** in the next few weeks, so please send me any changes and or updates to:

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

**Karen Smith...Registration Chair and GSC Yearbook Editor**

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## Connie Presley, St Jude Coordinator



Don't forget, those of you who are going to Mid-Year, we will be having the Snail Race. See Sharon Smoot's sign-up sheet for the race ([In this newsletter](#)). Minimum donation to participate is \$20. **Get your Family, Friends and Coworkers to sponsor you and see how much we can raise. I have created a sign-up sheet that you can use to get more donations. (See next page).**

**When you sign in for the race, please bring sponsor sheet and all donations to me. I will report amount raised in Saturday meeting,**

In March we will do the Pi Day again and see how that goes. I will put something in the next newsletter about it.



Thanks, **Connie, St Jude Coordinator**



## Sharon Smoot, Snail Run FUN-draiser

What is a Snail Run? For Georgia it is a fundraiser for St. Jude by our St. Jude Chair. It is so easy to set up and join in the fun. All we need is an empty parking lot, set up a few tables, plot out a "course" of small dimensions and have some fun. [See sign up sheet in this newsletter.](#)



It starts with the START LINE where you pay your race fee and carbo load.



Continue on by walking across the lot to the far corner WATER STATION CHECKPOINT for re-hydration.



Go on to the FINISH LINE for refreshment and goodies.

Planned for the late Friday afternoon (4pm) before our Mid-Year State meeting. We don't want anyone running - um, walking in the dark.



**GEORGIA STATE COUNCIL OF ESA,**

**SNAIL WALK FOR ST. JUDE**

**FEBRUARY 18, 2023**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CHAPTER # \_\_\_\_\_

I am raising money for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital; Won’t you join me in helping the Kids. Make checks payable to St. Jude, we will see to it that they get it. Thank you for helping us help St. Jude.

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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**MID-YEAR MEETING**  
**ST. JUDE**  
**SNAIL RUN**  
**FUNdraiser**

**On Your Mark - Get Set - STROLL**  
**FRIDAY EVENING - FEBRUARY 17, 2023**  
**4:00pm by the Houndslake Hotel**

**Pre-Start our Mid-Year Meeting with a little - very little  
exercise the Friday before our meeting.  
Join in the thrill and excitement!**

**Walk - don't run and just GO - GO - GO**  
**as fast slow as you wish**

**Your short walking course by Houndslake Inn will include:**

**START LINE: for some carbo loading**

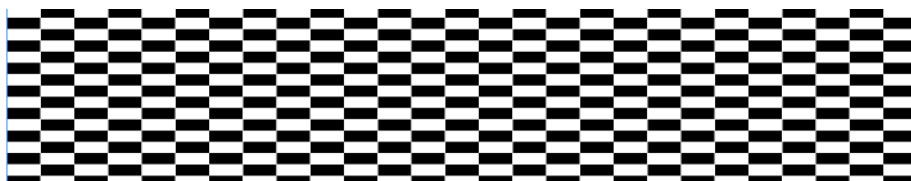
**HALFWAY CHECKPOINT for water rehydrating**

**FINISH LINE for some celebration goodies**

**All this for just \$ 20 minimum donation per person**  
**Feel free to donate more, for the kids!**



**Sign up with Connie Presley now or at the START LINE that evening.**  
**[ConniePresley1137@yahoo.com](mailto:ConniePresley1137@yahoo.com) or call 478-394-2614**





## Georgia State Council Fundraiser Pennies With a Purpose

Do you have that special occasion coming up? Someone's birthday or anniversary? Not sure what to buy? Here is the perfect item. Each ring is a great buy, for only 15.00, this a great price for this special ring. Thank you for your support and helping Easterseals. This is for the 2022-2023 year only.

Send orders to: [sherrypresley86@gmail.com](mailto:sherrypresley86@gmail.com)

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Ring Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Birth or Year of Special Occasion: \_\_\_\_\_



*Georgia On My Mind...*  
*in Aiken, SC*

**ESA Georgia State Council Mid-Year Meeting**

Hosts: Delta Omega & Gamma Omega

**Saturday, February 18, 2023**

Houndslake Country Club – Dogwood Room - 901 Houndslake Drive, Aiken, SC 29803

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Registration (member or guest) \$32.00 \_\_\_\_\_ includes lunch & mtg room

Late Registration (postmarked after January 31) + \$10.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Walk-in Registration \$45.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Need a name tag? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you: First time Mid-Year Attendee \_\_\_\_\_ Pledge \_\_\_\_\_ Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Make check to -> Gamma Omega <u>Meeting registration deadline: January 31, 2023</u> Send to: Sheryl Gootee   3504 Prosperity Hwy   Prosperity, SC 29127-9561
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**\* EACH ATTENDEE IS REQUESTED TO BRING A CAN OF FOOD FOR OUR LOCAL FOOD BANK \***



HOTEL INFORMATION

**The Inn at Houndslake** – just steps away from meeting location

Come a day early and spend time in Historic Downtown Aiken

The Inn has Complimentary Continental Breakfast Buffet   High Speed Internet   Fresh Baked Cookies Every Evening  
Free HBO   Business Center   Free Parking

All rooms: \$109.00 + tax – mention “ESA-Georgia” for this rate - **reserve before January 15, 2023\***

897 Houndslake Drive, Aiken, SC 29803   Call 803-648-9535 or

book online at [stay@theinn@houndslake.com](mailto:stay@theinn@houndslake.com) (mention “ESA Georgia”) Must get a confirmation.

\* Unreserved rooms will be open for public reservations *after* January 15

Inn has: 11 double bed rooms (2 beds each) + 7 queen bed rooms (2 beds each) and 2 corner suites with 2 queen beds each.

If no rooms available at Inn at Houndslake, hotels close by (near Applebee’s on Whiskey Rd)

Fairfield Inn & Suites 803-648-7808 or Clarion Inn & Suites 803-648-0999

*“Composing Memories In ESA”*



With ESA



**GEORGIA STATE COUNCIL  
SEVENTY SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION**

FRIDAY 5/19/2023 – SUNDAY 5/21/2023

Little Ocmulgee State Park & Lodge

80 Live Oak Trail

Helena, GA 31037

PHONE: (229)868-7474

Hosted by Delta Iota Chapter, #4367

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Registration fees:

Members (Includes all meal functions) \$120.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Gavalette Luncheon \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Guest (Includes Mixer Party/Dinner and Banquet) \$70.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Guest Names) \_\_\_\_\_

Late Registration Fee (Postmarked after April 15, 2023) \$20.00 \_\_\_\_\_

Walk-In Registration Fee at Convention \$25.00 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Check: Pledge (new member) \_\_\_\_\_ First Time Attendee \_\_\_\_\_

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

Make Check Payable to:

Delta Iota/GSC Convention

Mail to: Karen Smith, Convention Treasurer  
2060 Wynbrooke Place  
Madison, GA 30650

Registration Deadline: April 15, 2023

Cancellations must be received in writing to Convention Treasurer by April 25, 2023 for a refund.

Hotel Reservation Deadline: April 10, 2023 Group: Epsilon Sigma Alpha

Group room rate is \$89.00 per night plus tax (13%) and \$10 Lodge Service Fee for rooms and \$129.00 per night plus tax (13%) and \$10 Service Fee for suites. The reservation phone number is 877-591-5572. Individuals can guarantee reservations with a credit card guarantee. There is free parking.



## Georgia State Council 2023 Convention Advertising Order Form for Program Book

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

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested Ad Size: Full Page \$50. \_\_\_\_\_

Half Page \$25. \_\_\_\_\_

Quarter Page/ Business Card \$15. \_\_\_\_\_

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

Layout Assistance Needed: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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**Advertisements Accepted through April 1, 2023**

**Make check(s) payable to: Delta Iota/GSC Convention**

Mail form, ad copy and check to:

Karen Smith, Convention Treasurer  
2060 Wynbrooke Place  
Madison, GA 30650

It is preferred that Ad(s) be emailed to Susan Knudson at [knudson4070@comcast.net](mailto:knudson4070@comcast.net), with your check for payment and completed form mailed to Karen Smith at the address above.