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NEWSLETTER



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**This Issue's
THEME:**
Winter/Spring
Memories and
Adventures

2023-2024
Georgia State Council
Executive Board

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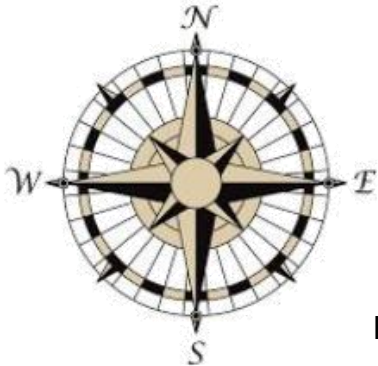
Upcoming Events...

- February 17, 2024
- April 15, 2024
- April 15, 2024
- April 16, 2024
- April 16, 2024
- May 17-19, 2024

- GSC Mid-Year, in Aiken, SC
- GSC Awards Forms due
- GSC Association of the Arts Forms due
- GSC Convention Registration due
- Unicoi Reservation due... for GSC Convention
- GSC Convention, Unicoi State Park, Helen, GA



Message from our President...



Susan Garner



Hello to my Georgia ESA family,

Well, its official, General Beauregard Lee and Punxsutawney Phil have both predicted an early Spring! YAY!!! This brings me to my favorite Winter/Spring memories. I love when things are starting to bloom and the birds are coming back around. It just warms my heart.



Some lovely views from Susan's home in Villa Rica and her Lakehouse



So, once the temperatures start to get a little warmer, I encourage you to take time and visit your local parks and stretch your legs. Enjoy the beautiful surroundings and to just be thankful for all that we are blessed with.

This time of year also means that construction of the St. Jude Dream Homes in Atlanta and Savannah have gotten underway. Be on the lookout for information in the coming months about volunteering your time once the homes are ready for Open House.



Our State Convention will be in a few months and I have been informed that the IC Representative attending will be Celeste Webb, IC 2nd Vice President and the SERC Representative attending will be Tammy Gregg, SERC 1st Vice President. I will be placing their contact information in the Chapter Packets at our Mid-Year meeting. Please take a moment to let them know that we are looking forward to them joining us in May.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our Mid-Year Meeting in Aiken, South Carolina and I appreciate our Gamma Omega Chapter for hosting this meeting. They always do a great job!!

ESA Hugs,

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



Messages from our Boards

GSC VICE-PRESIDENT susan KNUDSON



As I am writing this, it is only January, but I am ready for Spring and it is less than two months away ! President Susan asked us to tell about our most memorable Winter / Spring. As this coincides with tax season, most of my memories are numbers, lots of numbers.



I happen to like numbers, but they are not really interesting to write about to you. So, I won't. Instead, I will remind everyone that nominations for elected officers have been sent out to all. I would love to have lots and lots of nominations sent to me by March 1, 2024. In case anyone accidentally deleted my e-mail with the forms, another copy of the Nomination form, Acceptance Letter and "Willing to Serve" forms are located in this Newsletter. You do not have to wait until March 1. I will gladly accept forms at our Mid-Year meeting.

This time of year is also good for planning ahead to Spring. What do you need to be planning ? Plan an event that is fun and invites potential new members or former members to join / rejoin ESA.



The Spring Membership campaign is "Just One More", meaning try to have one more member than last year. Use your imagination. There are great themes such as St. Patrick's Day, Easter and "Spring has Sprung". You can make this an adventure – tour a favorite place and end with a wine and cheese party. Getting that "Just One More" is certainly an achievable goal. Just do it !

I look forward to seeing everyone again at our Mid-Year meeting. I hope all of you are coming and we will "catch up" and mingle at the great social that our sisters in Aiken have planned for us on Friday at 4:00pm.

Susie Knudson
GSC 1ST Vice President

GSC SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

RUTH ANN EDGE



From the cold dreary days of winter to the beautiful warm days of spring. Each season has its own charm. During winter I could snuggle up with my cats, a book and a blanket and be perfectly content. There were other things to look forward to in winter like Thanksgiving with my family and Christmas with my ESA Sisters and the family Christmas celebration.

During my many winters I have had the opportunity to live in many different winter climates. One of my Florida Christmas' was 85 degrees, and then I moved to Colorado where on one Christmas we had a blizzard and a white out. From Colorado I moved to Kansas where the winter was very cold with wet snow on the ground for most of the winter. From Kansas on to Alabama where the winter was just like it is here in Georgia. My first twenty one years were spent in Kentucky where it was a tossup whether it would be fairly warm or cold and lots of snow.

No matter where you live winter is more of a quiet time. It is a time to reflect rest and recharge. Now we are nearing spring. My yard is already full of Cardinals and Blue birds, and some of the plants are beginning to shoot up from the soil. I am reminded of four lines from one of my favorite songs; just remember in the winter far beneath the bitter snows, lies the seed that with the sun's love in the spring becomes The Rose.




Spring is almost here. The Georgia State Council Mid-Year Meeting is this month in Aiken, SC. It will be great seeing all of my ESA sisters. I hope each of you is planning to attend. I am sure I will get lots of bids from Chapters to host the 2026 GSC Convention. I can't wait to get your bids.

Ruth Ann Edge
GSC 2nd Vice President

GSC RECORDING SECRETARY

VENETIA LEWALLEN



When I was a working monkey, each year from January to March was time for our annual anonymous weight loss competition. We did this every year and I was the hostess with the mostest (to lose). I would place the scales and spreadsheet in an empty cubicle. We privately weighed in and listed our 'beginning' weight along with a fake name. If you lived out of town, you would use your own scales and send in the info (honor system).  I was always 'Captain Fantastic'.

We walked together after work, had salad days and it was fun. Music was important too. The best walking song for us was "I've Got Friends in Low Places".



The participant who lost the most percentage of their body weight won the contest. Did I mention that the winner won money...?

My last year had over \$400 in the kitty and participants were from all over the world.

I've been retired a few years now and this time of year still reminds me of those days... and Garth Brookes. It makes me wake up and start being more active.

If there's a walking path in Aiken, you may see 'Captain Fantastic' crawling along...



Because music can trigger memories, I added a challenge to the newsletter. If you like music of the 60's and 70's, check out the NAME THAT TUNE challenge near the end of the newsletter. Answers are included (though you won't need them).

Hope to see you soon, in Aiken.

Venetia Lewallen

GSC Recording Secretary

GSC CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

kim new



A Memorable Adventure at a Dude Ranch



Right before Christmas last year, my husband and I embarked on an exciting adventure that had been on his bucket list for a long time - a trip to a dude ranch. Despite my initial skepticism, - I mean if you know me, then you know that "dude ranch" has never been on my bucket list. Like ever...

But, my husband wanted to go, and I love my husband, so of course we went. We

also had friends going so it was the perfect time to go. I'm so glad we did, we had a fantastic time. I also had wonderful unforgettable memories of me and my husband doing dude things at the ranch, having breakfast out in the desert on a ride. Or the ride into the mountains. And the ride to the desert for wine tasting and cheese. It was unforgettable.

Billy's horse was huge. He looked like he might've ate one of the smaller horses to make him even bigger. My horse, Titan, loved to gallop and hated to be in the back of the line. Me, being an inexperienced rider, let Titan know upfront that he was the boss. He took full advantage of that and galloped all over the desert - I was good with that. Lol



We also got to visit the historic town of Tombstone and ride in a horse drawn buggy. Known for its rich Wild West history, Tombstone offered a glimpse into the past. We strolled down the famous Allen Street, lined with old saloons and shops, and even witnessed reenactments of the infamous gunfight at the O.K. Corral. It was like stepping back in time and immersing ourselves in the spirit of the Wild West.



While this trip was a dream come true for my husband, it's now my turn to choose our next bucket list adventure. I am eagerly looking forward to planning our next escapade and creating new memories that we will treasure for a lifetime. I'm thinking Iceland. Who's in?



Our adventure at the dude ranch was a delightful surprise, filled with laughter, relaxation, and unforgettable experiences. It reminded us of the joy of trying something new and stepping out of our comfort zones. As we look forward to our next adventure, we are grateful for the memories we made and the opportunity to share this incredible journey together.

Kim New
GSC Correspondent Secretary

GSC JR. PAST PRESIDENT

Wanda PRICE



2024 Greetings to all Members of Georgia State Epsilon Sigma Alpha,

Hope your New Year has been good to all of you. We have so much to be thankful for. Unfortunately, not every ESA member has been as fortunate as us and needs extra help. I am asking each chapter in the Great State of Georgia ESA to dig deep in their pockets and help the Disaster Fund raise monies for this great cause.

I would also like to personally thank the five chapters that have contributed this year already. We are running a little behind on our contributions, but I know that is because we can only collect from the individual chapters and not have any projects to collect monies at our state meetings. There are a few months left for everyone to contribute, so just mail your checks to me and I will do the paperwork

and send them to IC. Please remember to attach a note with the chapter name and number if it is not on the checks.

I am so looking forward to seeing all of you at Mid-Year. I have been on an Adventure myself this Holiday Season and quite frankly I don't want to take this Adventure again. LOL (** broken hip last Nov)

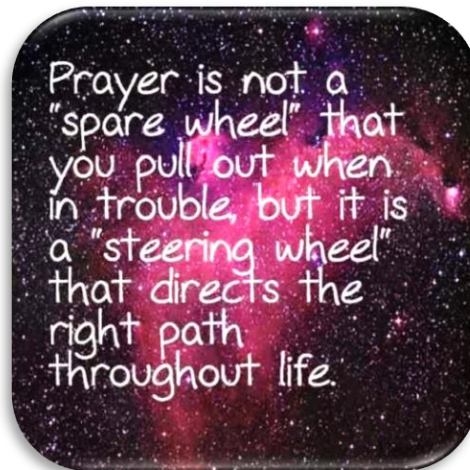
Sending Much ESA Love and Hugs,

Wanda Price
Georgia State Disaster Fund Chairman
2023-2024

GSC CHAPLIN Luanne Langmo



A quote shared by our lovely GSC Chaplin, Luanne.



You are stronger than you believe, more talented than you give yourself credit for, and capable of achieving more than you can even imagine. Next time self-doubt creeps in, flip the script. Talk to yourself like you would to your best friend, with kindness, love and unwavering belief. You've got this.

As you journey on this adventure in life, do so with the knowledge that you are enough.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Aiken for the Mid-Year meeting.

Hugs, Luanne
GSC Chaplain

ST JUDE
ROMANDA TALLEY – CHAIRMAN



From Your St. Jude Chairman, Romanda Talley

Next week will be a special week for children in school as they draw, color, paint and prepare for Valentine's Day. However, there are children at St. Jude Hospital that won't be able to participate, but we can do something to make them feel better.



Go to stjude.org and stroll down until you see a cute "little angel" that is forming a heart with her hands. That web site will give you suggestions on how to send cards to St. Jude children. What a great way to give St. Jude children a fun day...reading Valentines. (Like we all used to do in school.) The site also gives more suggestions for helping the children.

Midyear is a few days away. I have lots of St. Jude information to give to you at the meeting. So, get prepared to hear some good news for Georgia. I am pumped about seeing all of you and enjoying the beautiful area of Aiken, SC; while staying at the awesome Carriage House Inn.

Safe travels.

Agape',
Romanda

esa FOUNDATION
SHERRY PRESSLEY – CHAIRMAN



Foundation News from Sherry Pressley

Hello everyone, I sure hope you had a great Christmas and New Years, and here we are in the year of 2024! We have closed another year of Foundation Scholarships, but there was a sad bit of news and that was at least 20 of those scholarships are going without having anyone to apply for them. Georgia was among those that did have applications. Way to go Georgia..!



Even though I may be the Chair for Georgia it takes the whole state to let our seniors know about what we as ESA have to offer. Every high school councilor's office in Whitfield County had a message that let them know of our Foundation and what was offered to the senior classes.

Also, this year starting this month the Foundation board will be on a Fiscal calendar year. We have a new Board. The Board Chairman is Kimberley Mandrell. Patricia Howerton will be the new Foundation Counselors Chairman and Pat will also be the Co-Chairman for the Fund Fest.

Please encourage folks to use the **Turnaround Funds** when disbursing their chapter funds. This is an easy way to support the Foundation. The turnaround funds donation form is its own form and is available on the contribution page of the ESAF website.

Benefits and highlights include:

- Rather than sending individual checks to one or more 501c3 charities, the individual sends one check to the Foundation indicating which charity is to receive what amount. The Foundation turns around this request and sends individual checks back to the person using the turnaround funds. Then the person sends the checks to the individual charities.
 - Benefit: Easier to document donations on your taxes (donations to one charity instead of multiples)
 - Item to remember: Checks are returned to the individual, not the charity, so the individual needs to send them on to the charity.

Note: In order to better track ESAF contributions, Headquarters is asking for Turnaround funds to be sent in a separate check from other ESA donations, i.e., dues, grant, or endowment donations.



ESA Foundation - 2024 Fantasy Event : OZ-STRAVAGANZA

March 1, 2024

As you know, your tax-deductible contribution to the ESA Foundation will help fund projects and programs that promote higher education and support strengthening communities.



On March 1st, take a walk around the block, do a little dance, or just click your heels. Join in simply by scanning the QR code on the postcard (you may have received in the mail), or visiting the ESAF website, or writing a check.

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 :
Gamma Omega & **Gamma Sigma.**



gamma omega (aiken) THERESA MCGUGAN – CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Gamma Omega has had another successful year! We are very happy to report that our Rush Party garnered two new pledges who are enthusiastic and involved. The Christmas party hosted by our chapter President, Theresa McGugan, included former members, friends and visitors from other chapters. Delicious sweets and savory hors d’oeuvres and drinks of Peppermint and Gingerbread martinis were served.

Adhering to our “Following the Trail” theme, we have been visiting various South Carolina towns, learning about their founders, traditions and history. We have been to McCormick and it’s gold mine; Graniteville and “Little Boy’s gravesite that was unknown that the town rallied and saw he had a proper burial; Saluda’s Alamo Museum; Aiken by way of a trolley tour featuring Hopeland Gardens and the Thoroughbred Museum, glorious cottages (22 bedrooms or less), and hearing about the famous people who have lived in Aiken (Joan Woodward) or visited (FDR, Fred Astaire, Duke and Duchess of Windsor).

We are hosting a Game Nite fundraiser, February 29th to support Bridge 2 Home, a safe home in Aiken for sex trafficked girls. There will be a silent auction, food, drinks and door prizes provided.

ESA’s Mid-year meeting will be held in Aiken, February 17th. We are eagerly planning a great time for everyone. Hospitality of food and drinks will be provided Friday evening on February 16th and a delicious luncheon the next day in our historic city at Newberry Hall.

Gamma SIGMA (savannah)

SANDRA HELTON – CHAPTER PRESIDENT

Greetings to everyone from our wonderful Gamma Sigma Chapter, ESA !

It's been a hard few years for those of us who have been blessed to work, play and share our lives together in Gamma Sigma. We have dwindled down from twelve to ten and then very quickly to seven. We lost five precious husbands, Steve Saunders, Gerald Wilson, Fred Humphries, Tim Ryan and Mike Stroud. Our little group has not been the same, but we are blessed to have each other and holding on to the love we share.

We have started combining our meetings and socials. We have a nice dinner and then have a short meeting afterwards. So far it is working well. In August we started out the year with a low country boil where we presented the officers for the year. In October we had a Spaghetti Dinner and in January a Chili Dinner, both followed by a short meeting. We shared a "Girls Christmas Party" at Tubby's Restaurant on the water in Thunderbolt where we exchanged our gifts, which is always a fun evening. Just before Christmas, we all went on a beautiful "Wedding Cruise" to Bimini, where Angela and Hugh Coleman's granddaughter Victoria got married. What memories we made.

So, even though we are few in numbers, we are huge in heart for our wonderful Gamma Sigma. Time changes all things, but the memories we have shared for 40 to 50 years will be with us forever and we are forever grateful.

Blessings from Gamma Sigma to all our Georgia sisters. We love you all!

Sandra Helton, President, Gamma Sigma

Postcards from IC...

SUSAN GARNER – GSC PRESIDENT



News from IC Headquarters by Susan Garner, GSC President 2023-2024

"Just One More in 2024" is the new membership campaign from IC Headquarters for this year. Please go to www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/membershipdirector for your one stop shop for information and ideas! ESA will also be 95 years young on Founder's Day. Maybe your Chapter could host a recruitment drive or a reunion and invite past members.

If you are on Facebook, you can join the group "ESA Membership Ideas." Lauren Ryan and Kerry Considine (IC Membership Chairs) have a Facebook Live and I believe it's the first Monday evening of each month.

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, as well as Georgia's website.



As you all know, 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...

GSC EXECUTIVE BOARD



GSC Mid-Year is here...! Saturday, February 17, 2024



ESA Adventure Awaits For You in Aiken, SC

Our meeting will be at Newberry Hall on Saturday, 2/17 at 10:00AM.

Address is: 117 Newberry St, SW
Aiken, SC 29801.

Reminder – If you want to participate, bring grooming items for abused women at Cumbee Center in Aiken, which provides temporary, emergency shelter for survivors of domestic violence and their children.

Another Reminder - If you are planning to be there on Friday, Gamma Omega will be hosting a hospitality gathering at The Carriage House Inn on Friday, 2/16 from 4:00PM to 6:00PM.



News from GSC

Georgia would like to hear about what each Chapter has been up to lately. Please send us information about events or organizations you help with within your community. Pictures are also great to have. We would love to celebrate with you!



Our Seventy-Fourth Annual State Convention will be here soon. As you know, it will be on May 17-19, 2024 at Unicoi State Park & Lodge in Helen, Georgia. The Registration and Convention Book Ad forms are available on the GSC's website and the deadlines are April 16, 2024.



Postcards from SERC...

SUSAN GARNER – GSC PRESIDENT



News from SERC

SERC President Laura Gnewuch's theme is "Reach with your Heart" and she has set up a Facebook page to increase communication within the SERC family. Laura would like everyone to join the page and "share, share, share" your good works and your social events. The Facebook page can be found at Epsilon Sigma Alpha – Southeastern Regional Council (SERC).



SERC 1st Vice President Tammy Gregg has also shared that the Willing to Serve and Nomination forms can be found on the SERC website. If you are looking for opportunities to serve at the SERC level, she would love to chat with you and see how your talents can be put to work. Tammy can be reached at tammyjo21@yahoo.com. The deadline for Nomination forms to be submitted is June 15, 2024.

The 2024 SERC Conference will be held on October 25-27, 2024 in North Little Rock, Arkansas at the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel. More information will be provided at a later date.

What's the difference between a \$20 steak and a \$55 steak ?
February 14th

Just a Few More Things...



An Update: Wreaths Across America

Sat, Dec 16, 2023

Several of our amazing chapters from Georgia participated in the Wreaths Across America events scattered across the state this past December.

Delta Omega #5619

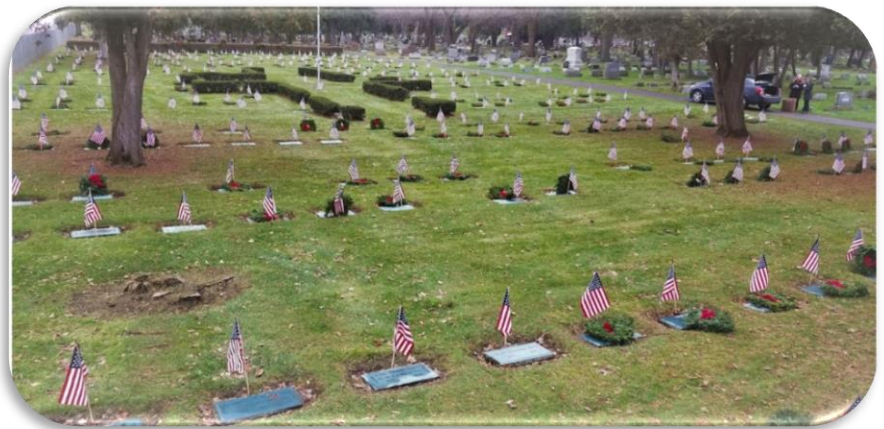
Wreaths Across America in Aiken County

If you ever want to feel pride as an American, this hour long event is an opportunity to share pride with others. These December events, held at local cemeteries that include deceased veterans, are done throughout America to honor their military service.

The website states: *Remember the fallen. Honor those who serve.*

Teaching the next generation the value of freedom is the mission of

Wreaths Across America. You can help by sponsoring a wreath, volunteering or partnering with your local National Wreaths Across America Day.



Lovely hilly site in Aiken, SC



Junior ROTC students from local high school, in formation.

In 2023 in Aiken County, I again attended one of the six site ceremonies that included Junior ROTC uniformed students from a local high school in formation, a home school band, a wonderful speech by a 4-star General, a bag piper playing Taps, along with being able to share this with my retired friends from the various County veteran service organizations. There was also a 21 gun salute by seven of the JROTC students.

Following the ceremony, those that could, spread out and placed a wreath on the grave sites noted with a military insignia. These wreaths were provided by so many people donating funds to this worthwhile non-profit. The ceremony I attended, was done on a hilly site and we appreciated the Junior ROTC students having placed boxes and boxes of wreaths throughout the grounds prior to the ceremony for easy access. It was all done quickly because of the many attendees. To find your local event sites: Google Wreaths Across America (enter your county name) to find out when and where. The 2024 designated date is December 14.

Kappa Rho #5125

Wreaths Across America at Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Glenville, GA on December 23, 2023.



Mary Wynn, Monette Horton, Janie Kozal, Romanda Talley and Frances Lanier



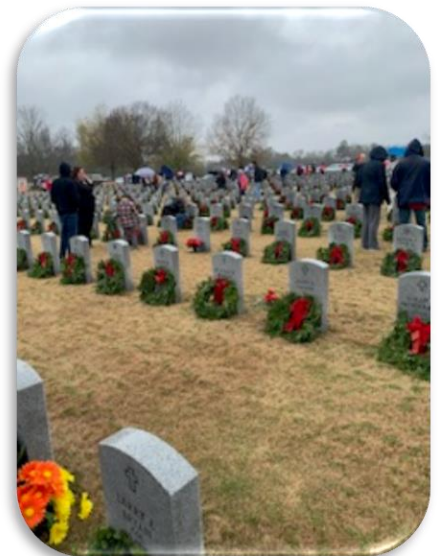
Romanda, Mary & Monette



Mary Wynn, Romanda Talley & Monette Horton



Monette Horton



Beautiful view...

Beta Zeta #2336

Joy Lynn and friend Marge enjoyed the ceremony at the National Cemetery in the city of Marietta. Joy Lynn was happy to honor her father who served in the Navy and her grandfather who served in both the Army and Navy. Marge was there to honor her husband who was Army Airborne Ranger and his friends who served with him.

We were privileged to remember and honor each veteran whose graves we placed a wreath by saying their name aloud and pausing to thank them for their service. This year for the first time in the history of this program that began in 2007 were all the 18,846 Marietta graves decorated with a wreath. How proud to be an American!

What a wonderful experience and a privilege to be a part of this event.



Joy Lynn Tynes & her friend Marge

Alpha Beta #5544

Amazing morning..!

Susan Garner and Venetia Lewallen from Alpha Beta attended the wreath ceremony at the Marietta National Military Cemetery. The grounds are beautiful and very old.

A little history - The cemetery has 18,000+ burials of US veterans and family members. Of all these, 10,172 are Union soldiers from the Civil War, 1861-1865... many from the Battle at Kennesaw Mountain.

Heartfelt respect and love for all veterans buried there was shared by the 100's of us who were there to lay the wreaths and thank them for their sacrifice. The volunteers included people of all kinds – boy & girl scouts, motorcycle clubs, families, retired vets, ESA members and more.



Susan Garner



Susan Garner & Venetia Lewallen at the main entrance



Each grave site was decorated – beautiful..!



Venetia Lewallen



23.3 acres of rolling hills with 18,000+ gravesites.



ROTC students performed a wreath ceremony

Challenge: Name That Tune !

(venetia lewallen)

Skimming through my recent issue of the AARP Mag, I spotted an article / quiz about popular songs from my childhood – and it was a blast..!
So, thought I would share it with you - and added a few more songs, for fun.
Enjoy..!



From these opening lyrics, can you identify the song..?

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|---|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1- On a dark desert highway, cool wind in my hair... warm smell of colitas rising up through the air... 2- When I find myself in times of trouble, Mother Mary comes to me... 3- You know that it would be untrue. You know that I would be a liar... 4- Ever since I was a young boy, I've played the silver ball from Soho down to Brighton I must've played them all... 5- Sometimes it's hard to be a woman... givin' all your love to just one man... 6- People say I'm the life of the party, 'cause I tell a joke or two... 7- I took my love and I took it down. I climbed a mountain and I turned around... 8- Get your motor runnin'... head out on the highway... 9- Hello darkness my old friend, I've come to talk to you again... 10-Jeremiah was a bullfrog, was a good friend of mine... 11-Oh, my love, my darlin', I've hungered for your touch... 12-Why do birds suddenly appear, ev'ry time you are near..? | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 13-You can dance, you can jive, having the time of your life... 14-Strumming my pain with his fingers... 15-All the leaves are brown, and the sky is gray... 16-It's nine o'clock on a Saturday. Regular crowd shuffles in... 17-Oh, I could hide 'neath the wings of the bluebird as she sings. The six o'clock alarm would never ring... 18- It's a little bit funny. This feeling inside... 19- Almost heaven, West Virginia, Blue Ridge Mountains, Shenandoah River... 20-A long, long time ago, I can still remember how that music used to make me smile... 21- I see trees of green, red roses too. I see them bloom for me and you... 22- Wise men say, only fools rush in... 23- Every time when I look in the mirror, all these lines on my face getting clearer... 24- Cowboys ain't easy to love, and they're harder to hold. They'd rather give you a song than diamonds or gold... 25- There's a lady who's sure All that glitters is gold... |
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ANSWERS:

1 - Hotel California, Eagles 2- Let It Be, Beatles 3- Light My Fire, The Doors 4- Pinball Wizard, The Who (Elton too) 5- Stand By Your Man, Tammy Wynette 6- Track of My Tears, Smokey Robinson 7- Landslide, Fleetwood Mac 8- Born to be Wild, Steppenwolf 9- The Sound of Silence, Simon & Garfunkel 10- Joy to the World, Three Dog Night 11 - Unchained Melody, Righteous Brothers 12- Close to You, The Carpenters 13- Dancing Queen, ABBA 14- Killing Me Softly With His Song, Roberta Flack 15- California Dreamin', the Mamas and the Papas 16- Piano Man, Billy Joel 17- Daydream Believer, Monkees 18- Your Song, Elton John 19- Country Roads, John Denver 20- American Pie, Don McLean 21 - What a Wonderful Life, Louis Armstrong 22- Can't Help Falling In Love, Elvis 23- Dream On, Aerosmith 24- Mamma's Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to be Cowboys, Willie Nelson 25- Stairway to Heaven, Led Zeppelin

next GSC NEWSLETTER

Our next Newsletter will be heading your way in April 2024. Please join in and email your Newsletter entries by **Monday, April 8, 2024.**

Next Newsletter Theme:
Recap of Adventures of 2023-2024

Chapter Brag Time:
Kappa Rho & Sigma Chi

** Your entries are greatly appreciated.



Send to:

stg2015@bellsouth.net; kimnew@bellsouth.net; venlew1@bellsouth.net

Be sure to celebrate **Galentine's Day**, on February 13th.

The holiday was introduced in 2010 and is a special way to tell your pals and gals that you appreciate them.

It's all about 'Ladies celebrating Ladies'.





**Georgia State Council
Nomination Form
2024-2025**

Chapter name and number: _____

wishes to nominate the following member as a candidate for an office on the board of the Georgia State Council, 2024 - 2025:

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____

Zip: _____ **Phone:** _____

Office Desired: _____ **Second Choice:** _____

Years of Service: _____ **Letter of Acceptance attached?** _____

Number of Conventions attended: _____ **GSC:** _____ **SERC:** _____ **IC:** _____

QUALIFICATIONS

Chapter: _____

Area: _____

State: _____

SERC: _____

IC: _____

OTHER QUALIFICATIONS – ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Chapter President's Signature: _____

Nominee Signature: _____

Date: _____



**Georgia State Council
Letter of Acceptance
2024-2025**

Please print.

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____

Zip: _____ **Phone:** _____

This is to certify that I, _____ will accept the nomination of
 (chapter name and number) _____
 for the office of _____

on the Executive Board of the Georgia State Council, Epsilon Sigma Alpha International.

If elected, I will serve to the best of my ability and will observe the bylaws of the organization.

I will be in attendance at the Georgia State Council Convention *May 2023*.

Nominee's Signature: _____

Date: _____

GEORGIA STATE COUNCIL WILLING TO SERVE FORM

Yes, I am very willing to serve the Georgia State Council of ESA in an appointed position.

Name _____

Chapter Name/Number _____

Please check all that apply

Available Appointed Offices:

Credentials Chair _____

Easterseals Chair _____

Finance Project Chair _____

Foundation State Counselor _____

Photographer _____

SERC Coordinator _____

Social Chairs _____

Committees:

Bylaws _____

Budget _____

Contracts _____

Membership _____

Nominating _____



ESA Adventure Awaits For you in Aiken, SC

ESA Georgia State Council Meeting

Host: Gamma Omega

Saturday, February 17, 2024

Newberry Hall - 117 Newberry St. SW- Aiken, SC 2980

Name _____ Chapter Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____


Registration (member or guest) \$38.00 Includes lunch & meeting room

Late registration (postmarked after January 31) \$42.00 Walk- in registration \$46.00

Please let us know if you have food allergy and we will try to accommodate _____

Need a name tag? Are you: First time Md- Year attendee? Pledge Guest

Will you be staying overnight If so, how many nights

Make check to  Gamma Omega Meeting registration deadline: January 31, 2024
 Send to: Sheryl Gootee 3504 Prosperity Hwy Prosperity, SC 29127-9561
 If you have any questions, you may call Sheryl at 803-944-7640

Each attendee is requested to bring grooming items for abused women at Gimbee Center

Hotel Information

Come a day early and spend time in Historic Downtown Aiken

100 Carriage House Inn 803- 644- 5888

Downtown Aiken on Laurens St.

Eight Double rooms and six suites have been blocked with 9 more suites being block at later date (some suites can sleep three to a room.) Mist make your reservations by Monday, December 18th or they will no longer be available. The doubles will go fast.

Other option is to make your reservation at Hundslake 844- 209- 0598

Please book early so I can get 10 more rooms blocked



**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	_____
TOTAL ENCLOSED:		_____

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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	Half Page	\$25.	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Quarter Page/ Business Card	\$15.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

Layout Assistance Needed: Yes No

Advertisements Accepted through April 16, 2024

Make Check Payable to: EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA 1943 ALPHA NU

Mail form, ad copy, and check to:

**Gennie Gilvin, Convention Treasurer
126 E Montego CT, NW;
Milledgeville, GA 31061**

Email digital copy of Ad to: ggilvin@aol.com