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"HOLIDAY PLANS"

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President: Susan Knudson

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 10, 2025  
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- January 20, 2025  
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- January 31, 2025  
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↳ IC Leadership, Denver, Colorado
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↳ GSC 2025 Mid-Year Meeting Meeting Host: Alpha Beta Location: Winston, GA
- April 15, 2025  
↳ GSC Awards and Association of the Arts Forms due  
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- May 16-18, 2025  
↳ GSC 2025 Convention, Amicalola Falls State Park, Dawsonville, GA 30534

**2024-2025 Georgia State Council Executive Board**

**President .....Susie Knudson**  
**First Vice President.....Ruth Anne Edge**  
**Second Vice President ..... Romanda Talley**  
**Recording Secretary .....Theresa McGugan**  
**Corresponding Secretary... Karen Smith**  
**Treasurer .....Sheryl Gootee**  
**Parliamentarian ..... Joy Lynn Tynes**  
**Jr. Past President.....Susan Garner**

**Message from our President, Susie Knudson**



**Greetings to all my Georgia sisters and brothers: This is my favorite time of the year and there is a lot to report to you.**

In October, Georgia had five Georgia sisters and brothers attend the SERC Conference in North Little Rock, Arkansas. Attendees included Joy Lynn Tynes, Ruth Ann Edge, Susan and Ernie Garner and myself.

Georgia did really well with Awards on Saturday. We won the following:


- The Jean Freeman “Happiness is’ Philanthropic Award, third place with \$86.03 per member;
- The Thelma Waggoner ESA Foundation Award, second place with \$34.48 per member;
- The Jan Lee Easterseals Award, third place with \$24.02 per member.
- The Enis Karns Hope for Heroes Award with \$449.02 per member.

Taking two cars, we drove the 503 miles to Arkansas. What a fun time – our sisters in Arkansas really know how to put on a conference.



Thanks to all of you, I was able to put up a new Christmas Tree this year – my Kitty Tree.

I was able to reread all the sweet messages you wrote to me on the back of many of the kitty ornaments. I even bought a tree skirt for it and I already had a kitty angel tree topper.

This is how it came out 

I do love it and will have many years of great memories.

Thank you, again.



Many of you are participating in events to help others during this time of giving. As Hope for Heroes is one of my focuses for the year, one of those events is Wreaths Across America and it is highlighted later in the newsletter. The other is increased opportunity to assist at the Trinka Davis Veterans Home in Carrollton, GA. Vicki Warren let us all know that the monthly socials for the veterans could use more ESA help. This is a monthly ice cream social and bingo party. What a great way to help our veterans. Please contact Vicki if you can participate.

Of particular note, Trinka Davis Veterans Home is the local charity choice for our hostesses for our Mid-year meeting. Our Alpha Beta sisters are asking that you bring white crew socks for the vets to our meeting.

There are two upcoming events – IC Leadership and GSC Mid-year meeting. The information on attending IC Leadership is attached. This is a fun learning experience and although it is geared for Incoming Presidents, it is open to all ESA members. The only drawback is that it is the same weekend as our Mid-year Meeting. Ruth Ann will be attending IC Leadership and will be missed at our meeting. The registration form for Mid-year is also attached to the newsletter.

May you each have a blessed Christmas and a very Happy New Year in 2025!

Susie Knudson, 2024-2025 GSC President



## First Vice President, Ruth Ann Edge



### The Holiday Season is here!

Thanksgiving 2024 is in the books, and Christmas is almost here.

I celebrated Thanksgiving in Nashville, TN at my Granddaughters house. It was a really great family gathering. My family is small, but when we get together it is always joyous. After stuffing ourselves with Turkey and all the food that go with it, we went to see the movie Wicked. On Friday we shopped, and then back to my Granddaughters for more food, and the jigsaw puzzle marathon. Saturday, we joined the long procession of cars and trucks to make our way home.

Now on to Christmas where the family will gather on Christmas Eve at my Condo for dinner, Christmas morning brunch, opening presents and dinner at my Daughter's house in Dallas, Georgia. It is fun to be with all the family, but I do miss having little ones around. Of course we have several Fur Babies to fill the gap.

This is the time of year to share with those less fortunate. There are numerous opportunities to give joy to others. Donate toys for children that might not have a toy under their tree, donate to the food bank or give a family in need a full Christmas dinner. Delta Iota gives gift cards for Chick-fil-A to each child at Calvary Children's Home.

Delta Iota and individual members of the chapter donate to Wreaths Across America. This is a great way to show our support for our Veterans who have given their all for their country. I know that many of our membership contribute to this good cause. It is so beautiful to look over the cemetery and see all the green wreaths with red bows in front of the headstones.

I won't be at the Mid-Year Meeting, and I am truly sorry to miss the meeting. I will be going to Leadership in Denver, Colorado in February, and it is unfortunate that it is the same weekend as our Mid-Year Meeting. I hope that I come back with knowledge that will help me and the Georgia State Council for 2025-2026.

I will be sending Nomination Forms for the Executive Board, and Willing to Serve forms for the Appointed Board in early January. These forms are also in this newsletter. The forms for the elected offices have to be signed by your Chapter President and the nominee.

Please give serious thought to serving on one of the boards. This is your council, and with your talent we can achieve all our goals, and make the Georgia State Council the best in ESA.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Ruth Ann Edge, GSC, First Vice President

## Second Vice President, Romanda Talley



December is a great month to meet lots of prospective ESA members...office parties, family gatherings, church events, community events. Use the season to reach out and spread the word about ESA. During Kappa Rho's party, we had a guest and she could easily see what camaraderie we have. Share ESA all year. It's those unexpected times that you find members.

My holiday plans this year are somewhat unusual. I have one grandson that will be staying at college, as he is a manager for the football team and he has to be there to prepare to leave on the 26th for their bowl game in Florida. I will drive to Nashville for one day to be with the rest of the family and then they will travel to Mississippi to be with him for a couple of days. We will all celebrate in January when they come to Pooler. That's except the oldest grandson who will be skiing in Canada. (A trip that was planned about nine months ago before the bowl game.) I find it harder to get everyone together now that my grands are in different colleges in different states, but January will be okay, because more members of my family are also coming to celebrate. No, I'm not alone on Christmas day, I already have two invitations.



Merry Christmas from Kappa Rho!  
MERRY CHRISTMAS everyone!!!  
Have a Holly, Jolly time!

Romanda Talley, Second Vice President, GSC

## Treasurer, Sheryl Gootee



I want to remind each chapter that if you paid half of your council dues in August **the other half is due by January 31<sup>st</sup>**. Your chapter Treasurer should have access to your chapter roster on the ESA website ([www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org](http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org)) The current state dues are \$30 per each jewel pin member.

**Please forward your chapter check and a current roster to me.**

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

Sheryl Gootee, GSC Treasurer 2024-2025

## GSC Corresponding Secretary, Karen Smith



Hello My Friends,

It is time to recognize the joy and giving that Christmas brings and the honor we have to be able to worship each in their own way.

I am proud to be a part of such a giving group of friends and that is what all of you are.

Each year my family gathers at my sis's home and we have the best time. This year, aside from being able to spend another holiday with my mom, there will be other family who moved back into the state this year.

Love to you all and may we have a healthy new year coming.



Stay Safe!

Karen Smith, GSC Corresponding Secretary

## Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair



I hope you all had a wonderful, safe, and healthy Thanksgiving! The holiday gift-giving season has started, so if the Disaster Fund is somewhere on your list, please feel free to send your "gift" my way. The check(s) should be made payable to ESA International Disaster Fund and mailed to me at 2015 Daniel Road, Villa Rica, GA 30180. Being a good little elf, I will make a note of your gift(s) and then forward them to the North Pole via the IC Disaster Fund Chair, where it can be shared with those in need. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Many thanks!!!

Susan Garner, Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair



## Parliamentarian, Joy Lynn Tynes

### Purring along with Parliamentary Thoughts from Aunt Edith

The car was packed, but Susie, Ruth Ann and Joy Lynn made room for me to go to the SERC Conference in Little Rock! I was so delighted that Joy Lynn taught her SERC sister a new parliamentary term, "seriatim." Now maybe those councils will use it next time they have a lengthy set of proposed bylaws or standing rule changes!



Speaking of changes, proposed changes to the Georgia Bylaws are to be submitted to Joy Lynn by January 10, 2025. The Bylaw Committee, Pat Griffin, Gail Marchant and Joy Lynn will review the proposed changes and present them to the Executive Board at the State Council's Mid-Year meeting. All approved proposed changes will be sent out at least thirty days before our State Convention to each chapter for review. The proposed changes will be voted on at the 2025 Convention in May.

Thanks to each of you for welcoming me into the Council. It is fun working and playing with you.

Joy Lynn and I would like to share a Christmas recipe with each if you.

### Recipe for Holiday Joy

*(Serves Many)*

One warm fireplace

Two platters of gingerbread men

Add wishes for happiness

Sprinkle with generosity

Mix with family and friends

Garnish with greenery

And share all season!



We hope that you will share this with your family and friends. Have a wonderful Christmas filled with joy and love.

Purring along with Joy Lynn, Aunt Edith

Joy Lynn, GSC Parliamentarian

## St Jude Chair, Romanda Talley



Hello from your St. Jude Chairman,

Wow, Christmas is next week. Where has the year gone? For St. Jude patients it hasn't been a fast year, but, a year of pain and away from family members. When I see those little angels on TV, all I can think of is what they have to endure to live. Let's finish this year with a little something extra for St. Jude. Send a present to St. Jude...every dollar counts.

2025 will have three St. Jude homes. I will have sign-up sheets at Midyear for you to sign up to work these three houses. All information regarding the three houses should be finalized by then and you can select your time and dates.

Merry Christmas,  
Romanda Talley, St. Jude Chairman, GSC

## LIVING GREEN, President Susie Knudson



As we are in the midst of the holiday season, I urge you to continue to think green when putting up decorations, and wrapping and opening gifts. This issue will highlight tissue paper, gift bags and light bulbs.

Reduce new purchases of tissue paper by reusing and recycling. Think about reuse when receiving a package – carefully fold tissue for reuse. The paper can be bagged and sorted by colors. If maintained in good condition, reuse in another bag or line a boxed item. If in medium condition, reuse as filler in the bottom of a gift bag. In poor condition, shred and use as fru-fru in bags or as stuffing in items that are mailed.

Reduce your electricity consumption by replacing non-working strands of incandescent lights with LED (light emitting diode) strands. You can now replace bulbs in old strands that still work with Led light bulbs. Small and large bulbs can be reused in multiple ways – attach floral picks to the base and use in floral arrangements, use as filler in vases of Christmas “silk” flowers, or hot glue a jewelry pin to make a Christmas pin or glue finials to make a pendant. Unfortunately, there are no programs to “recycle” incandescent bulbs, however as normal incandescent bulbs do not contain any hazardous materials, they can be tossed into the garbage as a last resort.

The invention of gift bags is like the invention of paper clips – I wish I had bought stock in either. If kept in good condition, gift bags can be reused. Since gift bags are now sold for almost any occasion, store your bags accordingly. Plain bags can also be converted to a special occasion bag or Christmas bag by adding decorations such as cards and/or stickers.



## “ARTFUL RECYCLING”

As I was putting out my decorations for Christmas this year, it is always a trip down memory lane for me. I noticed many items were actually created by using recycled pieces. I chose three to illustrate my point.



The first is made from a recycled tin can and is just painted with a Santa. The second is an ornament stand made from leftover wood and a metal dowel (lots of work in this one). The third is made from a recycled soda can that has been shaped, painted with a Santa, and ribbons added.

So, I am issuing a challenge to our talented members to enter at least one item in the Association of the Arts this year that is made from recycling pieces that might normally be trashed. This is not a new category and although the examples given are Christmas items, do not let that stop your imagination.



## SERC, Joy Lynn Tynes

### Purring along with Joy Lynn and Aunt Edith



What a nice trip we had by attending the SERC Conference in Little Rock Arkansas. Joy Lynn and I rode with President Susie and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Ruth Ann. We all rode in Susie new car, Ruby! Susan and Earnie met us there, too!

It was a great trip going and coming.



Joy Lynn told me all about the sisters she visited from other SERC states and the fun chats they had together. She was the Chaplain this year. At this conference she presented the Celebration of Life Service, gave the opening and closing thoughts along with the meal blessings.

During the Celebration of Life service, she had a special remembrance of past IC President Brenda Myers, and 1st Vice President Tammy Gregg.

The South Carolina sisters in attendance were honored with a pink rose. A special tribute to Tammy was given by their 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Tywanda Atkinson. Other sisters were honored by candlelit hearts and handmade rose pictures presented to their State Presidents. What a lovely ceremony it was.



During the business meeting I heard that the Georgia State members in attendance helped to educate the members of the SERC Conference by teaching them the term "seriatim." That saved a lot of time by considering all the proposed bylaw changes at once. Each part could be considered and amended as necessary. When all parts had been considered, the entire motion was considered and voted on as a whole. It passed and then there was a big round of applause!

I also heard that the awards luncheon was a successful one for Georgia. Yeah!

Come to the Mid-Year Meeting Saturday, Feb 8, 2025, hosted by Alpha Beta at Atlanta's Finest Catering and Events 7981 US-78, Winston, GA 30187.

We will have a "*Be My Meow-entine*" time together.

Remember that "Cats don't let you do anything silly alone!" So, enjoy the holidays!

Joy Lynn, SERC Coordinator



## **Beta Sigma, Susie Knudson**

In November I received a card from Kaye Kinnebrew of Beta Sigma Chapter with updates on her and Barbara Dixon's news. Some of the news was really great and some was very sad. I will give you a few quotes from her card. "As I've gotten older, I've gotten busier and slower. Since 2009, I got tasked into a cat feeding situation (temporary, a few days a week.) Well here we are in 2024, I feed 29 cats at 5 places, 7 days a week and I have 6 of my own. This is so time consuming but I love them."

"I also have worked at a credit union for 25 years and still do it, sometimes don't get home until 7 or 8. I love it and have lots of cats to feed so I'll continue to work. I continue to raise \$ by selling brownies at work on Thursday and Friday. I also collect cans."

This is a woman after my heart. She is not only an incredible cat woman but with her brownie sales and cans, she made a \$700 donation to St. Jude Children's Hospital this year. Now for the sad news. Kaye indicated she is again the only member left in her chapter. Barbara Dixon came back into her chapter several years ago. Both she and Barbara loved theatre and got together to see plays often. Unfortunately, on July 25 of this year, police were called to where she lived and found Barbara passed away. Kaye did not give a lot of details, but the fact remains that we have one more member to mourn. Although there have been months since she passed, I am sure that Kaye would love to hear from all of you. In this time of giving, you might want to consider helping her with all her kitties.

## **Delta Omega, Sharon Smoot**

Delta Omega - the "DO" girls now!

The Thanksgiving holiday brought a five-day visit from Luanne's sister and husband. An early Thanksgiving with them along with Luanne's daughter and her beau. What fun they had showing off Charleston and just having a good time every day.

As for Sharon, she spent Thanksgiving Day serving several hundred homeless and other residents of Aiken through the goodness of the Salvation Army. All were welcome and all were served, even giving seconds to those requesting it. The Aiken community donated everything with enough left over for several days of more meals for the folks being housed at the Salvation Army. Who doesn't like turkey and pumpkin pie leftovers!

This December holds plenty of one day volunteer commitments of gift wrapping for the day home for mentally disabled folks, placing wreaths on military graves, fixing a dinner for those families at Fisher House, while their veteran is undergoing VA hospital care; singing Christmas carols and delivering holiday stockings to a veterans' home and, donating 26 hand-knit easy to wash lap blankets to the local VA hospital for the dialysis veterans to keep.

Keeping up the pace, watching a holiday parade and attending what could look like way too many holiday lunch gatherings plus spending a few days together in Charleston. Totally embracing the season spirit of giving and sharing when it is so strong this time of year.

Sharon Smoot & Luanne Langmo



## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



**Alpha Beta:** The pictures are from 2023.

Although sisters in the chapter participate by buying wreaths, none were able to attend the ceremonies this year at the Georgia National Cemetery in Marietta, GA.

**Beta Zeta:** I am part of a patriotic family. My grandfather served in both the U.S. Army and U.S. Navy, my daddy was a proud Navy man, and my uncle served in the U.S. Air Force.

My grandmother was a member of the GAR, The Grand Army of the Republic, which became the preeminent veterans' organization formed at the close of the Civil War. Mother, Jimmie Joy, attended Pittsburgh State in Kansas where young men from all branches of the service attended college.

As a member of this family, I am proud to show this patriotism by participating in *Wreaths across America* by donating wreaths to the National Cemetery in Fort Scott, Kansas. Mother's dad and mother, my grandfather and grandmother, are buried there. Lieutenant General Winfield Scott, a general-in-chief of the U.S. Army established a cemetery for his soldiers who died while serving in this garrison. Then the city used the post as a community burial grounds which was controlled by the Presbyterian Church. November 15, 1862, the Church's Graveyard along with additional town property was designated Fort Scott National Cemetery. This made this site the first National Cemetery.

Friends and I have enjoyed participating in the *Wreaths' Across America* ceremony at the Marietta U.S. National Cemetery. This was first established by General Henry Thomas in 1866 to bury 10,000 Union soldiers from the Civil War Atlanta campaign. The Confederate soldiers are buried in the Marietta Confederate Cemetery. Today more than 17,000 United States soldiers and their family members are buried in this cemetery along with 10,172 Union Civil War soldiers.



What a feeling it is to say the soldier's name as a wreath is placed in front of the headstone. Then to see the more than 17,000 wreaths honoring those who have fought for our freedom.

God Bless America! Joy Lynn

**Delta Iota:** Delta Iota opts to buy wreaths for the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, GA. We have our beloved Bill and Geri Day there. Ruth Ann Edge's husband, Harold is also buried in Canton. We buy enough wreaths for all of these. We voted at our December meeting that in 2025 each member of Delta Iota will buy a wreath in addition to the amount in the budget.

**Delta Omega:** Sharon Smoot of Delta Omega says "I can't begin to tell you how absolutely patriotic these ceremonies can be. Usually less than one hour and varies at each cemetery. I attend one of five cemeteries that hold events here in Aiken, SC, and it includes our local home school band, short talk from high-ranking officer at nearby military base, 21-gun salute (7 guns shot 3 times), Junior ROTC students (high school) dressed in their military uniforms. Then, we all take off throughout the cemetery to look for grave markers with a military logo or other military marking on which to lay a wreath. The students come early to put boxes of wreaths in various sections of the cemetery which makes it easier for us.

**Gamma Omega:** What a glorious day for laying Wreaths Across America. The sunshine won the day and a breeze kept the large American Flag flying strong over the Flag Pavillion at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery. We enjoyed a program that started at noon and included speakers and singers accompanied by 3 jet fly overs, a 3-helicopter salute, bagpipes, and a 21-gun salute. The vocals began with the "Star-Spangled Banner", "Proud to be an American", "Some Gave All", and ended with "Taps".

Families were allowed to put Wreaths on their loved ones tombstones and then we were allowed to put a wreath on each of the 13,394 tombstones and say the name on each tombstone, as a token of never forgetting.



**Kappa Rho:** Kappa Rho placed wreaths on Saturday, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> at the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Glennville, GA. Janie Kozal's husband Harry, a veteran and a member of a Veterans Harley Riders Group, helped the girls.



## INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL DISASTER FUND GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the ESA International Council Disaster Fund is to assist an ESA member whose home and/or personal belongings are destroyed or damaged extensively by one of nature's causes -fire, flood, etc. Assistance may also be given when a member incurs heavy financial responsibility due to a debilitating illness or accident, which involves the member or their spouse or *immediate family who resides in the home due to physical or mental impairment whom they have legal guardianship over and are legally responsible.*

The need for assistance must have occurred in the current ESA year from **June 1 to May 31**. This timeline is **NOT** the same as the International Council ESA year which is August 1 to July 31. However, the ESA International Council Disaster Fund Committee works together to ensure that any claims submitted **after May 31** will be reviewed and whether approved or denied, will be listed on the following year's report.

Following receipt of an application, the International Council Disaster Fund Chair will review with the Committee, comprised of the IC Disaster Fund Chair, the IC President, and the IC First Vice President/President-Elect, and will make the final determination regarding the claim. In the event a member requests additional help after one claim has been paid, the ESA International Council Disaster Fund Committee **MUST** investigate the application thoroughly. **The Disaster Fund is not an on-going source of assistance; a second claim will not be paid for the same illness or accident.** If the International Disaster Fund Committee establishes that the additional need is valid, the application must be submitted (along with the information regarding the reasons for the additional claim) to the ESA International Council Disaster Fund Chair.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

- 1 Active Members of 90 days or more.
- 2 Members-at-Large who are in good standing with Headquarters.
- 3 Life Active Members will be determined by the IC Disaster Fund Chair in agreement with the IC President and First Vice-President/President Elect.

### AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE

\$8,000.00 is the maximum amount given to a member for a Disaster Fund claim. Every consideration will be taken when determining the total amount that will be paid to the claimant. The ESA International Council Disaster Fund Chair will determine the total amount to be paid based on the nature of the claim. The International Council Disaster Fund Committee will review the claim and make the final decision if there is some doubt as to the amount to be paid.

# INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL DISASTER FUND GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

## HOW TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE

- 1 An application MUST originate from the member involved, even if the member is MAL. See #3 for additional information.
- 2 All information requested on the application MUST be completed or the application will be returned. Dollar amounts must be given as requested on the application form. Additional pertinent information, which would help the IC Disaster Fund Chair in reaching a decision, should be included in an accompanying letter.
- 3 If assistance is needed due to a terminal illness, it is recommended that the request be made as early as possible. A claim initiated before or within 30 days following the death of a member will be paid to the surviving family providing it meets all other criteria.

## ESA IC DISASTER FUND GUIDELINES

Send all claims **directly to ESA IC Disaster Fund Chair** for review. (To comply with HIPAA guidelines, **DO NOT** send Applications to the Chapter or State President.) All claims must be submitted on a valid form in compliance with the IC Disaster Fund Chair Guidelines.

Things that **do not qualify** for assistance under these guidelines:

- anything in the home damaged or needing repair that does not pertain to a Natural Disaster,
- broken pipes, flooding in home,
- remodeling for medical issues,
- co-payments other than medical bills,
- divorce,
- unemployment,
- furnace/air conditioning replacement,
- funeral expenses,
- housing (house payments, hotel bills) etc.

## NOTE:

The ESA IC Disaster Fund Application should be completed according to the guidelines listed above. Once the Application Form is completed and has been signed by the member, the Application Form, **and any additional information** (e.g., proof of the reason for the claim) should be sent to the International Council Disaster Fund Chair (currently the IC Past President Mentor).

The 2024-2025 IC Disaster Fund Chair is:

Terri Olson IC Past President Mentor 1361 Lake Drive W., Apt. 329 Chanhassen, MN 55317-8623	Email: terri.mneas@gmail.com Phone: 612-578-5003
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## ESA INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL DISASTER FUND APPLICATION

Date		Name		Spouse	
Address				City/State/Zip	
Phone			Email		
Member of Chapter Name			Number		City/State
Member's Pledge Date and Present Status					
<b>Explain Nature of Destruction/Damage to Home/Explain Nature of Destruction/Damage to Personal Items/Explain Serious Accident and/or Catastrophic Illness</b> <b>Prior to filling out this form, be sure to read the guidelines which address qualifications for a claim.</b>					
<b>Is additional material included to back up the nature of the damage, destruction, serious accident/medical and/or medical files?</b>					
YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>(Prior to approval, the Committee will require information to determine the claim.)</b>	
Total \$ Amount of Destruction and/or Medical Expense					
Total \$ Amount of Disaster Fund Assistance Requested					
Prior Assistance from Disaster Fund?					YES
					NO
If YES, Indicate Amount Received			Date	Nature of Claim	

**NOTE: ALL ABOVE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED AND MUST BE COMPLETED** - Additional information can be attached to this application. Send original application to the ESA IC Disaster Fund Chair, who will confer with the IC President and IC 1st Vice President (Application/additional material may also be emailed to the IC Disaster Fund Chair)

IC Disaster Fund Chair only Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_



Epsilon Sigma Alpha  
Georgia State Council  
Midyear Meeting



“Be My Meowentine”



Date: February 8, 2025

Location: Atlanta’s Finest Catering and Events  
7981 Hwy. 78  
Winston, GA 30187

Registration: \$50.00 each (checks payable to Alpha Beta)

Late Registration/Walk-in: Additional \$10.00

Registration Deadline: January 28, 2025

Registration Full Refund, (must be in writing, email): by January 28, 2025

Mail to: Gail Marchant, 6960 Cowan Mill Rd., Winston, GA 30187

Easy Directions: From Interstate 20 West, Exit on Post Road (Exit 30),  
right on Post Road, travel approx. ½ mile to the traffic light then  
turn left onto Hwy. 78, approx. ¼ - ½ mile on left (location has a  
gravel/dirt parking lot).

Nearby Hotels: All are within 5 miles from the meeting site and on Hwy. 5 (Exit  
34), Right off Hwy. 5, Sleep Inn, LaQuinta Inn & Suites and the Holiday Express.

Contact: Gail Marchant, Cell: 770-846-1187

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***(PLEASE CUT ON LINE AND RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR REGISTRATION)***

**Midyear Registration Form (due by January 28, 2024)**

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

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

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

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Method Paid and or/Check #: \_\_\_\_\_



**Georgia State Council Letter of Acceptance**

**Please print**

**Name:**

**Street:**

**City:**

**Zip:**

**State:**

**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 for the fiscal Georgia  
State Council Year of \_\_\_\_\_.

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 to be held on date: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



**Georgia State Council Nomination Form**

Chapter name and number:

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

**Name:**

**Street:**

State:

**City:**

**Zip:**

Phone:

**Office Desired:**

Second Choice:

**Years of Service:**

**Letter of acceptance attached?**

**Number of Conventions attended:**

**GSC:**

**SERC:**

**IC:**

**QUALIFICATIONS**

Chapter:

State:

SERC:

IC:

**OTHER QUALIFICATIONS – ACCOMPLISHMENTS:**

Chapter President's Signature:

Nominee's Signature:



**Georgia State Council Letter of Acceptance**

**Please print**

**Name:**

**Street:**

**City:**

**Zip:**

**State:**

**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 for the fiscal Georgia  
State Council Year of \_\_\_\_\_.

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 to be held on date: \_\_\_\_\_

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 elected and/or appointed position.**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chapter Name/Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check all that apply**

### **Available Elected Offices:**

**First Vice President** \_\_\_\_\_

**Second Vice President** \_\_\_\_\_

**Recording Secretary** \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Available Appointed Offices:**

**Association of the Arts Chair** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hotel Contracts Chair** \_\_\_\_\_

**Auditor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Hope for Heroes Chair** \_\_\_\_\_

**Awards Chair** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parliamentarian** \_\_\_\_\_

**Chaplain** \_\_\_\_\_

**Philanthropic Chair** \_\_\_\_\_

**Corresponding Secretary** \_\_\_\_\_

**Photographer** \_\_\_\_\_

**Credentials Chair** \_\_\_\_\_

**SERC Coordinator** \_\_\_\_\_

**Easterseals Chair** \_\_\_\_\_

**Social Chairs** \_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Chair** \_\_\_\_\_

**St. Jude Coordinator** \_\_\_\_\_

**ESA Foundation State Counselor** \_\_\_\_\_

**Web Master** \_\_\_\_\_

**Finance Project Chair** \_\_\_\_\_

**Workshop Coordinator** \_\_\_\_\_

**Flag Ceremony** \_\_\_\_\_

**Yearbook Chair** \_\_\_\_\_

**Historian** \_\_\_\_\_

# National Leadership Conference

## Dates

February 6-9, 2025

Thursday 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM

## Location

DoubleTree by Hilton

Denver International Airport

6900 Tower Road, Denver, CO 80249

## Registration Fees

\$350.00 (Registration Deadline

January 20, 2025) Includes:

- Lunch on Friday, lunch and dinner on Saturday
- Ready-to-use ideas and materials to take back to your chapter and state

## Travel Tips

Fly into Denver International Airport, CO. The DoubleTree by Hilton Denver International Airport has a complimentary shuttle to and from the airport. Hotel check-in starts at 3:00 PM and checkout time at noon. Guests arriving before 3:00 PM will be accommodated as rooms become available.

## Hotel Information:

DoubleTree by Hilton - DIA room block:

**Attendees are responsible for making their own hotel**

**reservations before February 1,**

**2025.** Attendees may choose to room

with other attendees. If you do not

know anyone attending the

conference and would like a

roommate, please select that option

on the registration form below. ESA

Headquarters will do our best to

match roommates. Attendees will be

directly responsible for room booking

and payment.

## Method of Reservations:

Hotel reservations for the event will

be made by the individual attendee

directly by using the online

reservation link listed at the bottom

of [epsilonsigmaalpha.org/Leadership](https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/Leadership)

or by calling the Hotel at 303-574-1300.

Attendees should identify themselves

by the Group code "Epsilon Sigma

Alpha" to receive the group room rate.

**For more information about the conference please visit**

**[epsilonsigmaalpha.org/Leadership](https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/Leadership).**

# Annual Leadership Conference Registration Form

We're so happy you're joining us! Complete one application per attendee and return it with check payment to ESA Headquarters at 2580 E Harmony Road, Suite 301-11, Fort Collins, CO 80528. Prefer to register online? Visit [epsilonsigmaalpha.org/Leadership](https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/Leadership) to register and pay with a credit card.

## Personal Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Member #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

## Emergency Contact:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relation: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## ESA Officer Information (choose the option that best describes your attendance):

I am attending as an incoming state president.

Representing State: \_\_\_\_\_

I am not attending as an incoming state president.

Highest Office: \_\_\_\_\_

(i.e. 2023-204 MARC President)

## Room Accommodations (choose one):

I will be rooming alone and making my own hotel reservation.

I will be making my own hotel reservation and rooming with roommates

(name(s)) \_\_\_\_\_

I would like a roommate. I will reach out to my designated roommate and coordinate room splitting and reservations.

I will be staying at (lodging location) \_\_\_\_\_ and getting myself to the conference hotel each day.

## Payment Information (registration fees non-refundable):

Enclosed is a personal check or money order for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to ESA.

\*Pay with a credit card via online registration: [epsilonsigmaalpha.org/Leadership](https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/Leadership)



## **ESA Leadership Cancellation Policy**

### **Hotel Rooms:**

If you or your roommate are unable to attend the ESA National Leadership Conference for any reason, attendees are responsible for making and paying for their own room reservations, ESA Headquarters is not responsible for covering any portion of your hotel costs should the attendee or attendee's roommate cancel, regardless of whether attendee's roommate was one of their choosing or assigned by Headquarters. Please contact ESA Headquarters immediately upon learning of inability to attend. ESA Headquarters will attempt to help the attendee find a new roommate if possible, though finding a replacement roommate is not guaranteed. If attendee's roommate cancels and ESA Headquarters is unable to find the attendee a new one, the attendee will be responsible for working out payment with their original roommate.

\*Note: The hotel requires a 48-hour cancellation notice. If attendee or attendee's roommate cancel within the 48-hour period, attendee will be charged according to the hotel cancellation policy.

### **Registration Cancellation:**

Any attendee who cancels their reservation after the registration deadline (January 20, 2025) will receive a refund minus expenses already paid by ESA Headquarters for that attendee to attend the conference. Refunds will be sent to attendees who cancel after the event. Please notify ESA Headquarters immediately if you are unable to attend.

**Questions?** Contact Mackeigan Bickel, ESA Headquarters at

[communication@epsilonsigmaalpha.org](mailto:communication@epsilonsigmaalpha.org) or 970.223.2824 Ext. 4



GEORGIA STATE COUNCIL  
SEVENTY FIFTH ANNUAL CONVENTION  
DIAMOND JUBILEE

Amicalola Falls State Park & Lodge

FRIDAY May 16, 2025 - Sunday, May 18, 2025

418 Amicalola Falls State Park Rd, Dawsonville, GA 30534

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

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fees: Members (Includes all meal functions)** \$155.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest (Includes Mixer Party Dinner and Banquet)** \$90.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Names:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Late Registration Fee (Postmarked after April 16, 2025)** \$30.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Walk-In Registration Fee at Convention** \$50.00 \_\_\_\_\_

**Gavelette Luncheon** \$35.00 \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Please Check:**      **Pledge (new member)**      **First Time Attendee**

**Special Dietary Needs:**

**Hosted by: Gavelettes**

**Make Check Payable to: GSC Convention 2025**

**Mail to: Gail Marchant, 2025 Convention Treasurer**  
6960 Cowan Mill Rd.; Winston, GA 30187

**Convention Registration Deadline: April 16, 2025.**

*Cancellations must be received in writing to Convention Registration Chair by April 25, 2025 to receive a refund.*

**Amicalola Falls State Park & Lodge**

**Hotel Reservation Deadline: April 15, 2025 ("Cut-off Date"). PHONE: 1-800-573-9656**

**Group: Epsilon Sigma Alpha Georgia Council**

**Group Code: 06125**

Group room rate is \$169.00 per night plus tax (15%) and \$12 Lodge Service Fee.

Individuals can guarantee reservations with a credit card. There is free parking.

**All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card**

- Go to website: [www.amicalolafallslodge.com](http://www.amicalolafallslodge.com)
- Upper right-hand corner Click on Blue box: Lowest Rate Guaranteed BOOK HERE! Click on BOOK NOW! Enter arrival date and select number of room nights Click on Rate Options
- Enter Promotional Code: 06125
- Click on Next Select room, scroll to bottom of page and click NEXT Complete required information to make reservation



## Georgia State Council 2025 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 16, 2024**

**Make Check Payable to: ESA Convention 2025**

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

Gail Marchant, Convention Treasurer  
6960 Cowan Mill Road  
Winston, GA 30187

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