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Download Attachments Links:

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MAY 1, 2026

Postmark deadline for IC Registration

JUNE 23, 2026

Reservation deadline for IC hotel
Sheraton Norfolk - Virginia

JULY 15-19, 2026

International Council Convention -
Norfolk, VA / Registration by: 5-1-26

AUGUST 31, 2026

GSC Chapter dues - Full or half amount

SEPTEMBER 12-13, 2026

GSC Leadership/Fall Board - Dalton, GA
(Delta Nu & Sigma Chi)

SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Chapter Tax Facts form deadline
to MCESA

SEPTEMBER 19 & 26, 2026

St. Jude Walk - Atlanta, GA
St. Jude Walk - Memphis, TN

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"What's Up" from these Chapters:

Delta Nu & Gamma Sigma
Kappa Rho & Beta Kappa
Gamma Omega & Alpha Beta
Alpha Delta & Sigma Chi
Delta Omega, Beta Sigma & Delta Iota
Alpha Nu & Beta Zeta

Article Deadlines

June 5, 2026
August 7, 2026
October 9, 2026
December 4, 2026
February 5, 2027
April 5, 2027

Deadlines are for Executive & Appointed Board members too

NOTES FROM YOUR BOARD MEMBERS:

Sharon Smoot - President - "Encourage - Support - Appreciate"



I am honored to be the Georgia President this year. A big focus point for Georgia is to get more members and any guests at our meetings. How to do that? Luanne, Susan McVey and I have been discussing this and coming with several hopeful ideas. We encourage and need your input, of course. Our State meetings belong to every member - not just me and the Executive Board. We have it in each one of us to make it happen.

I also hope you will embrace "Recycle - Reduce - Reuse"... It is a way to look at things and giving them another life. For fun consider how this can also play out in our Association of the Arts in May. Ideas were pictured in your Chapter folders picked up at Convention.

Also, how can your Chapter help food banks. Finding ways for the never-ending problem of getting children fed well so they can grow, learn and be productive every day. Summer is often difficult for children getting food without school help. Help can be found with your local food bank. Contact one close to you and see what they need to help children get the food they need. A needs list was also put in your Chapter folder from Convention.

See you at more than just a meeting - Leadership/Fall Board in Dalton. A registration form is attached.

Have a truly fun and productive Summer. May you also see many dragonflies...

Sheryl Gootee – 2nd Vice President

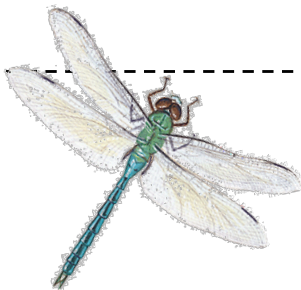


Embracing new adventures in ESA.

I am excited to embark on new adventures within ESA as I take my role as the newly elected 2nd Vice President. This year, our President's theme is to Encourage, Support, and Appreciate. My primary goal is to promote membership while supporting the convention chairs for 2027 and 2028. I want to express my gratitude to all members who are actively engaged in our efforts. We are currently in need of a 2028 Convention Chair. I assure you that I will dedicate myself to working alongside you in this significant responsibility. Having just completed the 2026 convention, I understand the challenges it entails, but it was incredibly rewarding. The camaraderie during lunches and gatherings brought a wonderful sense of fulfillment, knowing that I was collaborating with a group of dedicated women to make this event successful.

During our last gathering, three individuals joined us to learn about our organization, and it seems/hope is that, we may have gained some potential new members. Membership continues to be a critical concern that we must confront directly. As we move forward into this upcoming year, I eagerly anticipate your Encouragement, Support, and I want to express my heartfelt Appreciation for each one of you.

I wait to hear from one of you that you and your group would love to Host the 2028 GSC Convention...Call – text - or email me 803-944-7040 shgootee@yahoo.com



Vicki Warren - Treasurer



I look forward to serving as your Treasurer this year. I will receive the checkbook on August 1st. I will be able to make deposits and write checks after that date.

A few dates to remember: August 1: Chapter Dues will be payable starting August 1 and at least ½ must be paid prior to Fall Board in order for the chapter to vote. Chapter Dues are \$30 per member of the Chapter. Must send a printed copy of your Roster off of the IC Website with your Chapter Dues so we can verify those members on the State Roster. Also, please verify that you have paid your IC Chapter Dues. That form can be found on the Website after IC when the new Treasurer is elected. State Chapter Dues should be mailed to me. My address is:

Vicki Warren / 125 Brandon Court / Calhoun, GA 30701

September 15: Tax Facts are due by September 15 to ESAMC. This reflects all financial information for the Chapter from August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026. The Form can be found on the Website. Also, Delta Nu is hosting Fall Board along with Sigma Chi. Registrations should be mailed to me at the above address. The Registration Deadline is August 15. Registrations must be postmarked by that date. After that date, a late fee will be charged.

Looking forward to a great year.

Ruth Ann Edge – Past President / Disaster Fund



Thank you Gamma Omega and all the Georgia State Council members for a beautiful end to my 2025-2026 year as State President. The 2025-26 Convention at Houndslake Country Club was amazing. I can't find the words to adequately thank you for all you did, and what I know will continue to do so. I will just say Thank You from the bottom of my heart.

Now I start my new job as junior Past President / Disaster Fund Chair. I know you will be generous in your Disaster Fund donation this coming year because that is just who you are. We don't know when disaster will strike or whether it will be a hurricane, tornado, fire, or a medical emergency that we will need help covering the cost. That is what the Disaster Fund is. The maximum amount per claim is \$8000.00 for an ESA member in good standing. That would be a tremendous help in trying to just get the basic needs after a devastating disaster.

Because of the draught we have already seen fires in Georgia and in so many other states.

June 1 started hurricane season. According to the weather forecast the prediction is for a milder hurricane season. Hurricane Andrew struck when it was predicted to be a milder hurricane season. All it takes is one devastating storm, fire or other disaster to deplete the Disaster Fun. Your donations are vital to keep this fund able to help our members. Our ESA members in good standing are the only ones who can receive money from this fund.

Please give generously to the Fund - you never know if it's you who needs the assistance.

Theresa McGugan – Recording Secretary



I am so appreciative of the Gamma Omega gals that worked so diligently on the Georgia State Council Conference. We actually pulled it off! Now that it is over, we will focus on the upcoming year. So many of our members have stepped up this year by serving on the GSC elected and appointed board. It is time to focus on the theme, "Encourage, Support, and Appreciate."

Gamma Omega meets Friday, June 5th to discuss what action we will be taking this year to support our community and philanthropic projects.

We may branch out and try something new...smile.



Romanda Talley – St. Jude Coordinator



What a great convention in Aiken! Thanks for the memories.

Thanks, also, to the three chapters that have made monetary donations to St. Jude Hospital since our April 1, 2026 start. Please remember to keep those donations going for the children at St. Jude.

Savannah's Dream Home was given away on June 9th. It was a sell out and plans are already in place for next year. Next year's DH will be earlier. That will be better; since, we have three concurrent Dream Homes in Georgia and that puts a strain on volunteers.

Columbus' Dream Home will be given away next week and Atlanta's will be in July, so you still have time to get your name on the volunteer list. If you want to volunteer in Columbus, let me know and I will get in touch with our new contact at that Dream Home. For Atlanta, please call Sherry Presley or Vickie Warren. Thanks to all of you that work the Dream Homes. I know it is a drive for some of you, but the children at St. Jude need our help.

And, remember: June is TURKEY MONTH. Bake a turkey, invite some friends over and make a donation to St. Jude.



Romanda's Other Hat – 2027 Convention Chair:

Our GSC 77th Convention hosted by Beta Zeta + Gamma Sigma + Kappa Rho. Thanks for all that registered early. To the 14 of you that registered – Awesome! You are special – learn how special at Leadership/Fall Board. We are still taking early registrations from those wanting to get it done early. Don't hesitate... send in your form and money now using the attached NEWLY REVISED registration (the old one will work too!).

Join us in Pooler, where ESA is Cooler – May 14-16, 2027.

CHAPTER NEWS AROUND THE STATE FOR YOU

Delta Nu Happenings

For a small chapter, Delta Nu has been very busy. Vicki and Mary have attended all the State Meetings over the past year. We enjoyed seeing our fellow sisters and the friendships we find so valuable. We plan to work at the Atlanta Dream Home and in the Ticket Office for the Dream Home. We always find this so fulfilling.

One of our Chapter Philanthropies is the Shrine Children's Hospital. Vicki spent 10 days at the Circus in Marietta in Support of the Shriners. She worked the Lost and Found and First Aid station all 10 days. This is such a worthy cause and this is just one way to give back. Throughout the year, both Mary and Vicki have given to this Philanthropy in different ways.

Mary is going to Martha's Vineyard with several of her friends in June. This past year, she has visited Dubai, Florida, and Pigeon Forge among others. She has become a world traveler in her retirement. Vicki will be serving as State Treasurer this year. Having held this office before, she knows what is expected and will do her best to carry out the office.

Delta Nu along with Sigma Chi will be hosting Leadership/Fall Board again this year. The meetings will be held at The Dalton Shrine Club and Hotel will be the Carpentry. Vicki's husband, Santa Jim, will be cooking a Low Country Boil on Saturday night for those interested. This was a hit last year and we hope everyone will enjoy it again. Registrations need to be sent to Vicki. A Registration Form is attached to this newsletter.



We look forward to seeing everyone in September in Dalton





EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA



“Be the Lift in Someone’s Day”

Georgia State Council Fall Board/Leadership

Saturday & Sunday / September 12 & 13, 2026

Dalton Shrine Club / 514 Chattanooga Ave; Dalton, GA 30720

Name _____ Chapter # _____

Telephone # _____ Email _____

Dietary Needs _____

REGISTRATION FEES

Members & Guests (includes Saturday lunch)	\$50.00 _____
Late Registration Fee (After August 15, 2026)	\$10.00 _____
Saturday Night Low Country Boil	\$10.00 _____
Walk-in Registration Fee	\$60.00 _____
TOTAL	_____

Hosted by Delta Nu and Sigma Chi

Make check payable to: Delta Nu

Send registration to: Vicki Warren
125 Brandon Court Calhoun, GA 30701
vickiwarren57@gmail.com

Registration Deadline: August 15, 2026

Late Registration:? Call Vicki Warren 706-280-5424

(cancellations received in writing or email by August 15, 2026 will receive a full refund)

**Hotel Accommodations: The Carpentry Hotel
204 W Cuyler Street
Dalton, GA 30720**

Hotel Phone: 706-529-3040 Group: ESA GA Rate: \$189.00

Hotel Cutoff Date: July 11, 2026

IMPORTANT GPS NOTE: Put in 514 Chattanooga Ave instead of “Dalton Shrine Club”

**GEORGIA STATE COUNCIL
SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION**

“ESA IS COOLER IN POOLER”

Embassy Suites Hotel Savannah Airport
145 Mulberry Boulevard, Savannah, GA
Friday, May 14 -- Sunday, May 16, 2027



Name: _____ Chapter: _____ Chapter# _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Mark All That Apply:

Member Registration (Includes all meal functions) \$160.00 _____

Full Guest Registration (Includes Friday Mixer & Saturday Banquet) \$120.00 _____

Guest Name _____

Late Registration Fee (Postmarked after **April 23, 2027**) Add \$25.00 _____

Walk-in Registration Fee at Convention Add \$35.00 _____

Total Enclosed: _____

Make check payable to: GSC Convention 2027

Mail to: Angela Coleman, Convention Treasurer
110 Santee Road, Savannah, GA 31410

Please Check: Pledge _____ First Time Attendee _____

Medical Dietary Needs: _____

Group name for room reservations: GA State Council, ESA

Embassy Suites 912-330-8222

Room Rates: \$169.00 ++ (All Suites)

Cut-off Date **4/26/27**

Convention Hosted By: Beta Zeta, Gamma Sigma, & Kappa Rho

Convention Chair: Romanda Talley

Co-Chairs: Angela Coleman & Joy Lynn Tynes

