



Minnesota

ESSAY

Don't forget to:

- Attend the Planning Meeting on June 10th
- Jot down your hours and monies for the Love Fund Auction at Convention
- Save paperback books for Hope for Heroes
- Attend the Hope 4 Youth Pizza Ranch Fundraiser and Heartland Tire Classic Golf Tournament
- Bring your Red Apron to IC Convention

President—Sandy Hongerholt

Thank you for the honor to serve as your State President for this next year.

Bruce, Dina and all members of Beta Sigma, you did a wonderful job hosting the State Convention. I believe a good time was had by all. If you weren't able to attend this year, please try to put it on your calendar for next year. I heard from a couple new members that convention really sealed the deal for them that they made a great choice joining ESA.

It's amazing all the philanthropic hours and dollars we are capable of in Minnesota.

Congratulations to our 2017-18 State Projects, Hope 4 Youth and Minnesota Children's Mental Health Association.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday June 10th. This will be the date for our planning meeting at 9:30 AM. The location is the Brooklyn Park Library in the Mississippi River Meeting room. The address is 8500 West Broadway, Brooklyn Park.

Elected and Appointed board members, along with the chapter president/representative should try to attend. All members are welcome.

Please bring any dates for events for the coming year and

any suggestions you may have to fill up our calendars with good works and good times. If you are not able to attend and have an event to put on the calendar, please get the information to me before the meeting. My email is shongerholt@yahoo.com and my phone to call/text is [612-267-3926](tel:612-267-3926).

I look forward to representing Minnesota in St Louis in July at IC Convention. We have a lot to be proud of in Minnesota.

Hope to see you all over the summer as you continue to "Leave a Little ESA Sparkle wherever you go".

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Jr Past President—Dana Terry

Thank you everyone from the bottom of my heart for opportunity to serve as MN State President. It was a truly wonderful experience and I learned so much...about ESA and about myself.

It was an awesome year letting our light shine, and now I look forward to leaving a little ESA sparkle wherever I go with Sandy Hongerholt as our new President! Great things will happen this year, I can

feel it!

Did you donate items to the Love Fund Auction at Convention? Did you win anything in the Love Fund Auction at Convention? If so, please be sure to track that on your philanthropic reports for 2017-18!!

The numbers reported on the philanthropic reports for the Love Fund seemed a little low to me. There is a lot of time

between convention and March 31st when our philanthropic year ends so people may forget what they donated and don't report it.

So, while this past convention is still fresh in your mind, write down any donations (items & money) that went to the Love Fund Auction and be sure to include them on your philanthropic reports.

Chaplain—Dianne Ocel

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Chaplain this year.

I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. Ephesians 1:16

I can't even name all the people who have helped me

grow in my faith - living and dead. people I knew well and some that I never met.

But I'm grateful for their presence and or all the ways that God worked through them, whether I understood at the time or not.

Father, thank you for all who have helped me grow in faith.

from A Woman's Book of Days by Amy Welborn

My wish for all of you is a wonderful summer and may God grant us the weather we need for our health and a

healthy planet. I wish you safety, cheer and peace as we all enjoy the coming months.



ESA Foundation—Karla Kay Nicklaus

Thanks to all who made contributions to the Foundation by paying your annual dues, donated to the Fantasy Event plus using the Turn Around Funds. One of our members – Pat Oman uses the Turn Around Funds for her memorials. Thanks Pat. Thanks to the volunteers for volunteering your time at Lab Corp which is our only fund raiser for the Minnesota State Endowment Scholarship Fund.

This year international received 5863 paid scholarship applications.

- Minnesota State Memorial Endowment – 14 applicants – 2 awarded at \$1,000
Balance in Endowment – \$40,698
- Parr Family Memorial Endowment – 13 applicants – 1 awarded at \$700
Balance in Endowment – \$13,139
- Sandy Weisenberger Endowment – no scholarship granted
Balance in Endowment – \$9,332

Awards

Eleven chapters reported for a total 436.89 hours and money, goods and miles - \$9406.

Hours

3rd Place	Alpha Chi 73.29 hours
2nd Place	Gamma Zeta 76 hours
1st Place	Gamma Omega 93 hours

Money

3rd Place	Alpha Chi \$1,099.39
2nd Place	Gamma Omega \$1,163.40
1st Place	Delta Mu \$3,850.75

Congratulations and thanks for all your donations of time and money. We have seven chapters, 31 individual members and State Council as paying dues. Eight Life Time Members!

Request

At the International Convention, the Foundation hosts a "Fund Fest" fund raiser and is looking for items – small items for members who are attending IC and can pack in their suitcases such as gift cards which can be used in any state. Let me know if you have items to donate.

Hats for Hope—Sandy Dolence

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! I boxed up 90 pairs of flip flops at the end of Convention 2017! The boxes were delivered Monday, May

8 to St. Anne's Place in North Minneapolis. You brightened their day!

Thank you for your continued support of Hats for Hope this past year. I wish you could see how thankful the recipients have been each time the

treasures were delivered. It has been an honor to serve as the Chair. You DO make a positive difference, and I appreciate each of you.



Hope for Heroes—Shirley Laue

What a nice convention. Congratulations to all those who won awards- in all categories, but especially for Hope for Heroes.

My goal is still to get every chapter involved. Here is another REAL easy project--- collect paperback books. This

is the list of genres: action, bestselling biographies and memoirs, fantasy, history, mysteries, science-fiction and true crime. Romances are not requested. Be sure books are in good condition--no loose, brittle, or missing pages, stains or damaged. Do not send books without front co-

vers or stripped books, (books that were "unsold or destroyed" from the publisher.). Also, no books that are sexually-oriented or racist. Religious books can be sent if requested by an individual. Let me know if you are interested in this project and I will get you the mailing infor-

mation. Have a good summer!



Hope 4 Youth—Alpha Zeta

Thank you to everyone who supported HOPE 4 Youth at this year's Spaghetti Dinner. More than 400 people attended the dinner which raised over \$8,000. This will allow HOPE 4 Youth to continue meeting the needs of the homeless youth who walk through our Drop-In Center door each and every day.

The Inspiring HOPE Luncheon was held on Thursday, May 4th. ESA presented a check to HOPE 4 Youth for \$1500.00, which was the January LabCorp check. The luncheon was very nice and featured 2 youth speakers that have worked very hard to better their life. It's truly amazing to hear what these youth have gone through and still find the strength and courage to move on from the darkness.

HOPE 4 Youth was voted in as a philanthropic state project for 2017-2018 and with that, it was mentioned at convention if we wish to continue the 1st Tuesday of each month meal service. A request was made to inquire about other days of the month that are available to provide the meal service. An email was sent out to the members listing what our current dates would be if we kept the 1st Tuesday of each month schedule, along with some other dates that are available. Hopefully, we can discuss at the planning meeting on June 10th. Until then, we will keep the current schedule, with Alpha Zeta serving the meal on June 6th. July 4th would be the next meal service date.

HOPE 4 Youth is excited to announce a new partnership with TreeHouse which will make a new impact in the

lives of young people by providing them with a Christian faith program option, after hours, should they so choose it. TreeHouse has been training volunteers who lead the program, which is held after the center closes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m.

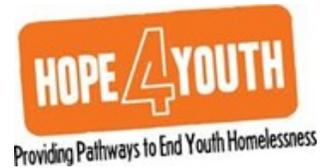
TreeHouse-trained volunteers, led by Area Director Rob Wills, have a ribbon on their name tags just like the LGBTQ Safe-Space Trained and the Wellness Team members. This ribbon has been added to the board at the Drop-In Center, so young people know who they can talk to about the TreeHouse program.

We have added HOPE TreeHouse to our program schedule and officially kicked it off on April 16th. As we work to holistically serve our youth, this after-center-hours option

is intended to meet their spiritual needs.

HOPE 4 Youth will hold a Pizza Ranch Fundraiser - Monday, June 19; 5-9 p.m. at the Pizza Ranch in Andover. This Community Impact Fundraiser donates 10% of the proceeds as well as all the tips back to HOPE 4 Youth. Join us for some good food, good times, and a great cause!

Heartland Tire Classic Golf Tournament will be held Monday, August 21; 11:30 a.m. at the Edinburgh USA Golf Course (8700 Edinbrook Crossing in Brooklyn Park). The Heartland Tire Classic Golf Tournament raises funds for the mortgage of HOPE Place. For more information, visit HeartlandTireClassic.com



St. Jude—Kelly Check

What a year ESA Minnesota had for St Jude this past year! Wow! I know this coming year will be even better!!!

The Cruisin' for St Jude motorcycle ride will be held Saturday, July 15th. This new event to MN ESA really has potential to be great! We will need several ESA volunteers, family and friends, to make this event a success. We will release a rough copy agenda soon along with discussion at the planning meeting. If you are on Facebook, you have probably seen the event flyer come across your page. Please share this event and invite people to the event page. The more the event page is shared, the more people see it. If you are not on Facebook, please visit our

website, and tell your family and friends to visit us at www.mnesa.com and choose the Events tab. A flyer was put in each chapter file at convention.

2017 Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer event is scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd at US Bank Stadium. It is never too early to register! You can register to volunteer, walk/run, or fundraise as part of the ESA MN team. There is strength in numbers! The link to register has been posted on our website www.mnesa.com Currently, we have 19 team members. Our goal is at least 25 team members. Register family and friends to join us! We can do this!!!

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!!!!

St Jude Theatre of Dreams - Thursday, June 22 at the Hopkins Center For The Arts in Hopkins. This family focused event celebrates live theatre and includes a premiere performance of Shrek the Musical from Stages Theatre Company. Volunteers are needed Thursday afternoon (1pm-4pm) for event set up and Thursday evening during the event (4pm -9:30pm)

St Jude Ride & 5K Run - Sunday, July 23rd at the Afton Apple Orchard in Hastings featuring Ryan Dungey, who is from Belle Plaine, MN and a 4 time, and current Super-cross Champion. This event is a cycling ride where partici-

pants choose either a 60-mile, 40-mile, 20-mile or 8-mile bike ride. There is also a 5K Run and a 1-mile kids ride. This is a great event! Volunteers are needed Saturday, July 22nd for event set up (9am - Noon) and Sunday, July 23rd for event day (6am-5pm). More details on both of these events at the planning meeting.



Philanthropic—Betty Robinson

Here is my last article for this MN ESA year. You all did an outstanding job this year with all the chapter, state and in-

ternational projects. Be proud of all you accomplished this year! For those not able to attend the state convention,

the award information is included below. It has been a pleasure serving as your Philanthropic Chair the past 3

years. Enjoy the summer, and I look forward to seeing you all soon as your Jr. St. Jude Coordinator.

MN State Council of ESA
2016 - 2017 Philanthropic Awards

MN Philanthropic			
Hours		Hours per Member	
1st	Alpha Sigma	1733.3	1st Alpha Sigma 346.65
2nd	Gamma Omega	1495.3	2nd Delta Rho 200.08
3rd	Alpha Zeta	1428	3rd Alpha Zeta 178.5

MN Philanthropic			
Monies		Monies per Member	
1st	Alpha Zeta	\$122,308.57	1st Alpha Sigma \$20,205.17
2nd	Alpha Chi	\$111,886.94	2nd Alpha Zeta \$15,288.57
3rd	Alpha Sigma	\$101,025.86	3rd Alpha Chi \$10,171.54

Foundation / MN Memorial			
Total State Hours		Total State Monies	
436.79		\$9,406.00	
1st	Gamma Omega 93	1st	Delta Mu \$3,850.75
2nd	Gamma Zeta 76	2nd	Gamma Omega \$1,163.40
3rd	Alpha Chi 73.29	3rd	Alpha Chi \$1,099.39

MN Love Fund			
Total State Hours		Total State Monies	
22		\$1,196.09	
1st	Alpha Sigma 16	1st	Delta Mu \$349.60
2nd	Delta Mu 3	2nd	Beta Sigma \$256.25
3rd	Delta Rho 2	3rd	Delta Rho \$243.58

Disaster Fund			
Total State Hours		Total State Monies	
6		\$302.61	
1st	Alpha Sigma 6	1st	Alpha Chi \$100.00
		2nd	Alpha Sigma \$85.36
		3rd	Beta Sigma \$75.25

St Jude			
Hours		Monies	
1st	Alpha Sigma 699.5	1st	Alpha Zeta \$92,891.71
2nd	Alpha Zeta 223	2nd	Alpha Sigma \$45,655.33
3rd	Delta Mu 149	3rd	Delta Mu \$41,497.77

Easter Seals			
Total State Hours		Total State Monies	
313.64		\$4,239.85	
1st	Alpha Chi 90.04	1st	Alpha Chi \$909.24
2nd	Gamma Zeta 61.85	2nd	Gamma Zeta \$789.84
3rd	Gamma Omega 50.75	3rd	Gamma Omega \$752.88

Alzheimer's Association			
Total State Hours		Total State Monies	
447.54		\$6,603.16	
1st	Beta Sigma 105.25	1st	Beta Sigma \$1,182.75
2nd	Alpha Chi 75.29	2nd	Alpha Chi \$1,025.97
3rd	Alpha Sigma 55.5	3rd	Gamma Omega \$880.01

Hope 4 Youth			
Total State Hours		Total State Monies	
667.19		\$9,909.07	
1st	Gamma Omega 139.25	1st	Gamma Omega \$1,938.11
2nd	Alpha Zeta 126.25	2nd	Alpha Zeta \$1,690.53
3rd	Alpha Sigma 95	3rd	Gamma Zeta \$1,335.18

Hats for Hope			
Total State Hours		Total State Monies	
58.5		\$508.98	
1st	Gamma Omega 25.5	1st	Alpha Sigma \$242.18
2nd	Alpha Sigma 20	2nd	Delta Mu \$71.60
3rd	Beta Sigma 10	3rd	Gamma Omega \$58.14

Hope for Heroes			
Total State Hours		Total State Monies	
1141		\$287,306.29	
1st	Alpha Chi 296.5	1st	Alpha Chi \$97,024.60
2nd	Alpha Sigma 241.75	2nd	Gamma Omega \$71,105.24
3rd	Delta Rho 224.25	3rd	Alpha Sigma \$47,309.61

Chapter/Civic Projects			
Total State Hours		Total State Monies	
4764.11		\$42,728.55	
1st	Delta Mu 955	1st	Delta Mu \$12,344.20
2nd	Alpha Zeta 945.5	2nd	Alpha Chi \$9,378.24
3rd	Gamma Omega 899.25	3rd	Alpha Zeta \$8,430.49

	HOURS	TOTAL MONIES
GRAND TOTALS:	9,423.71	\$681,294.14

ESA State Convention

Hi there, my name is Callie Scheving and I am a Senior Regional Development Representative for ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and I am honored to be your ESA representative. I am so happy you are all here today to celebrate the amazing work you all do. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to share with you the wonderful things being done at St. Jude because of you, the MN ESA chapters.

This year, over 16,000 families, will hear the words, "your child has cancer". Cancer kills more children than any other disease. Danny Thomas promised that **no child will ever be turned away because of race, religion or a family's inability to pay for treatment.** And because of you all, this promise still stands today.

Each day at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®, more than 260 children are provided with complete and total medical care. No family ever pays St. Jude for anything. Ever. But the healing does not stop there. Over the years, our researchers have developed many successful treatments that are being used by hospitals and institutions worldwide to save the lives of children everywhere for free. This is all made possible because of you and the volunteers throughout this country who have joined St. Jude in the battle against childhood cancer and other deadly diseases. Together we can help preserve the world's greatest asset – our children. Your benevolence will impact children throughout the world and generations of children to come. It is gifts such as yours that will make new breakthroughs possible and will allow us to provide the very best care to every child who comes through our doors.

You **all** have helped make this happen. In 1972, ESA adopted St. Jude Children's Research Hospital as its international philanthropic project. Since this time, **ESA has raised over \$240 million dollars in cash and pledges for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.** Members of ESA are among St. Jude's most dedicated and hard-working volunteers helping in events all across the country. We are able to count on **you** to help us make our fundraising events a success. You are our trustworthy volunteers in the area. Not only are you a volunteer but you are part of our St. Jude family.

It is because of you reaching out to our local donors, interacting with them at our St. Jude events, including the St. Jude Walk/Run, Fall Festival of Hope, Red Carpet for Hope, K102 Radiothon and Theatre of Dreams, in addition to your own events, that these children and families are not only given the best treatment and research available but they are given **HOPE.**

This includes patient Abby, or better known as "Abigator" who some of you may have met her father who spoke at the Style Show, you've given them HOPE and many more years with Abby. All of the other local patients and their families here in Minnesota say, THANK YOU.

Thank you for not only being our best volunteers in the MN area, but for being an advocate for the kids and part of the St. Jude family.

I hope you leave here today with a heart filled of joy because that is what Minnesota ESA chapters have given us.

The passion, hard work, and funds you raise for the kids of St. Jude are an incredible accomplishment that you all deserve a round of applause for.

Thank you..... from the kids and the local MN St. Jude Team

IC 2nd Vice President—Kim Kummer

Have you made plans to attend IC Convention this July in St. Louis? There is still time to send your registration form, sign up for the tours and make hotel reservations. Attached is the registration form for convention and the tours. St. Louis Union Station Hotel, Curio Collection by Hilton information is on the bottom of the registration form.

Note these deadline dates:

- First Registration deadline - Postmarked by May 1

- Second Registration deadline - Postmarked by June 1 (add \$25)
- Tour Registration deadline - Postmarked by June 1
- Program Advertising deadline - June 1
- Years of Service - June 16
- Hotel Registration for group rate - June 25

The ESA website is packed with information, forms and FAQs in the member center. Go to: www.epsilonsigmaalpha.com

log into the member center; Chapter/Council Mgt (right side); International Council (left side of the drop down); 2017 IC Convention.

If you have any questions please email or call me. Bring a friend and come to St. Louis for a great time!

See you in St. Louis,

Kim Kummer
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Editor's Note:

The April issue of the ESSAy contains the IC Convention Registration Form, the Tour Registration information, the St. Jude IC Challenge Form, the Association of the Arts Entry Form (Entries must be received by June 15th to Theda Hall, 56 Kirkcaldy Drive, Bella Vista, Arkansas 72715-5700; email Theda at tlhent@aol.com), and Proposed Bylaw and Standing Rule changes (delegate vote). If you need any of these forms, refer to the April issue or contact me.



God bless all the members who took the time to write and send me cards during my long illness.

My operation was very successful after being bedridden five months! I am even starting to walk, all those pray-ers really helped.

Colleen Riley

Many thanks to all of my wonderful E.S.A. Sisters for their phone calls, e-mails and cards regarding Fred's recent illness and subsequent passing. Your concerns and caring thoughts have been of a huge comfort both to me and to Fred's entire family.

Agape, Betty Kickertz, Beta Sigma

Thank you from the bottom of my heart for all you have done for me. Thank Betty and Kate for organizing the spa basket sale (what fun was that?!?!?!; I'm disappointed that I didn't win it, but someone was very, very lucky!)

Thank you for kicking me out of the room (ahem!!) and deciding to give me more money to pursue the dream of representing Minnesota on the journey to the top!

I promise to Let my Light Shine and Spread a Little ESA Sparkle Wherever I Go!

Thank you!

CHAPTER



Alpha Chi—Kathy Rice

Sue Todd, Gloria Iverson, Nora Meyers and yours truly attended the State Meeting on March 18th which Beta Sigma hosted. The morning assorted rolls were delicious as well as the luncheon. Thank you, ladies.

It was interesting to hear our two guest speakers, one from Minnesota Association for Children's Mental Health and the other from Hope 4 Youth. Both are worthy organizations.

Our April 1st chapter meeting was held at Pat Peterson's,

and, of course, yummy refreshments were served and we were so happy to see Colleen Riley. She looked great and she says she has no pain. Missing were Gloria Iverson and Joane Buche, as both of them were attending family functions. The meeting was conducted by Sue and we voted on projects we would like to support this coming year. We also went through the bylaws and voted on those as well. By the time this article appears in the Essay Easter will be over. The Alpha Chi ladies hopes

that all of our Minnesota sisters and brothers will have had a wonderful Easter.

Thank you, Gamma Omega, for the wonderful salad luncheon at the State Rushing Event held on Saturday, April 8th. Kathy Lamphere, our newest member, brought a guest, Shellee Micho, who enjoyed knowing about ESA and meeting the members. We hope she will consider joining. It seems this year is flying by and, you know what, we will be thinking about Christmas. Hope to see you at Convention.

Congratulations Beta Sigma for a great convention. You did an outstanding job. The hotel is very nice, the food very delicious. In fact, I stayed overnight on Saturday and ate at their Sunday Buffet. Wow, it was delicious and you should have seen the desserts. There must be a Pastry Chef there because these were fabulous. Congratulations Dana on a wonderful year. You did good!!!!!! Congratulations Sandy on a new year for you. I know you will do an outstanding job as well.

Alpha Sigma—Shirley McGowan

Birdie said that like all of you, I had a wonderful time at MN ESA Convention. I know those of you who did not attend are now wishing you had. Well it was GREAT!!! Beta Sigma made it look like they were only enjoying themselves and not working one bit. Bruce and Dina had no stress. Our super president Dana ran the meetings with perfection. It was a great agenda and showed that a 2-day convention can have everything a 3-day convention has had in the past. Congratulations to all.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all who chatted with me about my illness and the bump in the road I experienced while returning home from Florida. I am doing great

now. I am on oxygen 24/7 but can take a few minutes here and there without that thing in my nose. I had a wonderful chapter who made sure my supply got to Convention, and helped get those tanks where ever I needed them. I have had to admit that after years of multi-tasking, I have had to stop that and spend time just watching my health. Thank You all for your concern and love.

The MN ESA 2017-2018 Board looks like they will be working for all of us. I for one thank you all for taking an office and making sure that MN ESA continues to prosper and doing good things for others.

Rose and Jim celebrated her

sister's 50th Wedding anniversary a couple of weekends ago in Iowa. Then they went and 'partied on' in Hawaii for a week, and celebrated their own 40th wedding anniversary! The state Convention was very FUN this year. Thanks to co-chair's Dina & Bruce, and to all the Beta Sigma crew for hosting it. It's back to reality now that the convention is over, although it's great to have summer in front of us rather than behind!

Diane Vanusek had to say that unfortunately, the ladies we had invited were unable to come to an informational get together, so the chapter decided to go out to lunch. We missed Birdie and Shirley McGowan, but it was very nice to spend purely social

time with each other and Nancy Johnson. It was a great cool down after a very hectic tax season, especially the week before it ended, went by in a blur. The MN State Convention was well done, and I congratulate Dina and Bruce Strachota on a job well done.

Shirley McGowan has been getting together with girlfriends, and going out to eat. We went to be in the audience at the television station in Eden Prairie for "The Jason Show". I'm getting in a little bit of Bingo. Still enjoying work in the Costco store in Eden Prairie. Went to visit my granddaughter, for a weekend at her college in Waverly, Iowa. We enjoyed listening to her in the college choir event. Went by bus with a group of women to the Old Log Theater. It's

Beta Sigma—Linda Schultz

Here we are! This is the end of our ESA year ~ time, as usual, has been illusive and leaves us with SO many things with dreams and hopes for next year. Isn't it exciting?!

What a finish we have had with Beta Sigma's own Bruce and Dina Strachota coordinating a very successful and fun State Convention :) As usual for them, they have done a fantastic job.

May's Beta Sigma meeting was held on April 29th at the home of Bonnie Olson with Karla Nicklaus co-hosting. We had our election of officers for next year. Here are the results:

Beta Sigma officers for 2017-18:

President – Marcie Haigh
Vice-president – Eileen Spencer

Recording Secretary – Jackie Swanson
Corresponding Secretary – Karla Nicklaus
Treasurer – Bonnie Olson
Parliamentarian – Kim Olsen Jr.
Past President - Jackie Swanson

As the year ends, accolades , many thanks, and much gratitude for a fabulous year by our 2016-2017 officers and appointed board.

Congratulations to each and all of the 2017-2018 officers and appointed board. Installation will be held June 24th at the home of Marcie Haigh, followed by a potluck luncheon, followed by the planning session for next year.

Leann Monahan presented our two new members, Chris Johansen and Karen Marxer, with training packets.

Congratulations go to these wonderful Sisters for years of service awards.

5 Years: Judy Searles
Eileen Spencer

30 Years: Betty Kickertz
Leann Monahan

60 Years: Kay Fogarty

WOW! That is a combined total of 130 years given to all the good works with great benefits and results to the world! We are proud of you!

Three Cheers! for the installation of Judy Searles as our MN ESA State Secretary. You will do a great job, Judy. Just look at what you have accomplished this year for our Educational Series at our chapter level.

Everyone had a blast practicing the Welcome Cha Cha

Cha Conga Line for the opening of the State Convention.

Time was spent after the meeting assembling items in folders including meal tickets and name tags in plastic badges, as well as defining responsibilities of each at the convention itself.

Hats off for a GREAT year!



Gamma Zeta—Dorothy Wangen

At a recent State Board Meeting, Dianne Ocel gave a short report on Gamma Zeta, so here is a little addition. The chapter was chartered August 25, 1974. The charter members were Olga, Mary K, Mary M, Joan O, Inga, Pat H, and Judy.

The only remaining charter member is Judy. Mary Tolle and Dorothy Wangen were members of Beta Sigma and Dianne was a Member of Beta Beta.

Gamma Zeta now has five members Mary T, Dianne, Judy, June and Dorothy. Be-

tween the five of us, we have about 230 years of membership. WOW! Dorothy has 55 years, Dianne and Judy have 50 years and June has 25 years. We have worked many fund raising projects over the years, including MedTox, the Metrodome, candy sales,

bows, bake sales on Good Friday, estate sales and stuffed envelopes among many other things. We are all still very proud of being members of ESA. Wishing everyone a Blessed Easter and a wonderful spring.

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EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA

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ESA is Good Friends, Good Works, and Good Times... We create activities and support causes that let us surround ourselves with welcoming, positive people who enjoy making a difference and having fun together.

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MINNESOTA ESSAY

All issues of the ESSAY are published here: <http://www.mnesa.com/>

The ESSAY is published on a monthly basis (August—May, except December) at the beginning of each month.

The deadline for submission of articles is the 25th of each month.

Chapter Presidents, please share the newsletter with members in your chapter who may not have email.

If you would like to be included on the email list, please let me know.

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"All our dreams will come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."

—Sherry Day,
International Council President 2016-2017