



The Monthly Messenger
Indiana State Council, ESA International
Debbie Frazier, President
January 2010

Message from the President

Hi Everyone!!! Hope you all had a wonderful Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Several chapters had Christmas parties.....hope they were fun....the ones I attended were. Now on to more blooming friendships & all the wonderful things we do in ESA.

Believer's Awards - Reminder: Please look around you & find that special something in someone that goes unnoticed by others & send me their name & a brief summary of what they've done. You can even recognize yourself if you have done something outstanding in your community or workplace. At Spring Conference & State Convention, I will recognize the individuals with a certificate & a bear magnet.

Upcoming Events!!

Spring Conference --- March 20, 2010 in Ft. Wayne, IN. Check out the Indiana ESA web site for registration information.

2010 MARC Conference --- October 8-10, 2010 at the Wyndham Hotel West in Indianapolis

St. Jude Happenings!!

We are gearing up for a busy start of the New Year. Indiana has five radiothons scheduled in the first months of the new year! Below I am listing the dates, locations, and times. PLEASE consider volunteering for one of the events. The radiothons have been one of Indiana's major contributions to St Jude in the past. I have assured our ALSAC office that ESA will step up, once again, to help them with these events.

Bloomington, IN— January 28th and 29th — 6:00 am to 7:00 pm each day.

Terra Haute, IN— February 11th and 12th — 6:00 am to 9:00 pm each day.

Fort Wayne, IN— February 18th and 19th — 6:00 am to 7:00 pm each day.

South Bend, IN— March 11th and 12th — 6:00 am to 9:00 pm each day.

Richmond, IN— March 18th and 19th — 6:00 am to 7:00 pm each day.

I am in need of Chair persons for these events. As the Chairman you would work with the ALSAC Rep to schedule the ESA phone volunteers and keep track of their hours. I will also work with you as I will have sign in sheets and other materials for you. I know this is a highly sought after position---so it's first come first serve! Please e-mail me at jndcahill@att.net or call me at

(317) 288-4607 if you would like to be a chairman. I believe Forth Wayne is already spoken for, right Jenn?

If your chapter has not yet planned your "New St Jude Event" and need some ideas, let me know. We can work on it together. I'm here to help in any way I can.

Thank you for all you have given to the children in the past year--BUT we have a long way to go in 2010 to get Indiana in the "Top Ten". It's not just a number; it's saving the lives of children!

Do you believe Indiana can do it? I DO! Let's show St Jude just how big our ESA hearts in Indiana are!

DeOn Cahill,
St Jude Coordinator

Chapter Happenings!!

Delta Zeta - Terre Haute

Angie Koch is doing great since her surgery in October. Delta Zeta decorated the bank at Terre Haute First Financial and got honorable mention. They also sent out several boxes for the troops that are stationed over in Iraq and they went to where the Police Chief of Terre Haute is stationed and he handed them out along with the chapter members. The Terre Haute Fire Departments had barrels out for collecting items. It was great. They also have two new members that have joined and a potential one is the works. They have been very busy! They also had a great Christmas Luncheon. They also hope all the other ESA's sisters had a wonderful Holiday.

Gamma Pi - Indianapolis

They are currently selling Mike's Carwash Gift Certificates and they are \$8 each. They are good at ANY location including Ohio!! Contact Karen Maxey at 317-750-5368 to purchase any.

Their annual Reverse Raffle for Camp Riley will be February 20, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at *Our Lady of Greenwood School Gym*. Cost is \$15 per person and includes a spaghetti dinner with all of the fixings and dessert. Contact Denise Hagerty at 317-339-7761 to purchase tickets.

Their first *Cropping in the Tropics* Scrapbook event will be January 30, 2010 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the IMG Building at 2960 N. Meridian Street in Indianapolis. It is located across from the Children's Museum. Cost is \$20 per person for a full table to yourself. Included is breakfast, lunch, desserts, drinks, and snacks. There is free secured parking at the IMG Building. Consultants and their products will be featured, and there will be raffles, door

prizes, and make and takes. Chair massages will also be available for \$1 a minute. You can even bring your electric scrapbooking items (just need to let them know that you need electricity). Registrations are due by January 20, 2010 to guarantee your spot. Contact Karen Maxey for any questions and registration at 317-750-5368 or at kmaxey53@yahoo.com. Registration form is attached to this newsletter.

Messages From Your ISC Board

Aphrodite Hudson, Association of the Arts Chair

Bear Announcement - See info at the end of this newsletter

Adopt a bear & you can automatically be considered for entries for TWO competitions: Association of the Arts OPEN TALENT and BEST DRESSED BEAR Competition. See Aphrodite's info at the end of this newsletter. This sounds like a lot of fun for the Association of the Arts event this year at State Convention. Please contact her if you have questions.

Jennyfer Schaefer, Lamp Editor

LAMP: You should have received your December issue. If you didn't, please contact Jenn. Reminder: Articles for the March issue are due to Jenn by **February 1, 2010**.

Please be sure to send her snail mail addresses/e-mail addresses of those new members so they can be added to her database as well as any address changes.

Jaycee Peak, Scrapbook Chair

It is still not too late to submit your chapter and/or State Board information on a monthly basis to me for your respective page. I need your assistance in making Deb's Scrapbook a memorable year as our Indiana State Council President!! So, please take a moment and gather your scrapbook information and submit it to me for your respective page. If you want to e-mail your information, please do so (jayceescreativestamping@comcast.net). Also, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (317) 745-2823. Take care, have a blessed holiday season and I look forward to receiving your Scrapbook information soon!!!

ESA Love and Friendship,
Jaycee

Tammy Bryant, Easter Seals Chair

Cartridges for Kids - If chapters or individuals wish to participate in the Cartridges for Kids program, I can send you a mailing label for the boxes. Please send me any pictures of your Easter Seals events. My e-mail address is: jtb1980@comcast.net. My address is: 4013 Tamara Way - Franklin, IN 46131. Thanks, Tammy Bryant

DeOn Cahill, St. Jude Coordinator

Your support of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital has made a difference in the lives of children around the world. As a small token of appreciation, St. Jude wants to share with you this [special video](#) featuring several St. Jude patients celebrating the holidays with joy and hope. As you watch the video, please know that you have helped to make this celebration—and celebrations like it every day—possible.

[Please share this video](#) with others who will be encouraged by this simple expression of courage, joy, and optimism from children who are fighting for their lives. By sharing this video, you will be letting your friends and family know that St. Jude is a place of hope, a place where children and families have so much to celebrate even while fighting childhood cancer and other devastating diseases.

Thank you again for everything you do for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Have a Happy New Year.

BJ Voll, Jr. Past President

Disaster Fund - Don't forget to remember to put your loose change in your tin, a box, a baggie, or wherever you might keep your loose change for the Disaster Fund. This is our way of helping each other in times of tremendous need.

Hope for Heroes - Members of ESA across the State of Indiana participated in Hope for Heroes projects for other National Guard Units and deployed military persons from their areas like the one we did in November for the deployed National Guard Unit out of the Bloomington area. As a result of our project we had some money left to use for future projects for the deployed units and their families. The ESA chapter in Ft. Wayne had some monies left from their project in November so they bought some gift cards and sent them to me to use as needed.

Early in the morning Christmas Eve, I received an email from the Family Readiness Group Representative about a deployed soldier's family from the Bloomington Unit that was struggling and may not have much of a Christmas. This is a family of three children ages 13, 7 and 2. The 7 year old has some serious medical issues and that takes a toll on their

budget due to problems with insurance companies. A church family had adopted this deployed soldier's family for Christmas but just before Christmas the man lost his job.

Good News - we were able to deliver the cash and gift cards to the deployed soldier's wife on Christmas Eve and along with a couple of gifts they did receive from their church family they were going to have Christmas. The soldier's wife said that she would use the cash and gift cards as gifts from "Dad and Mom" and go shopping the day after Christmas with the kids. While it wasn't a lot, it made all the difference to this Mom to be able to give her children something from Dad who is in Iraq. She very much appreciated not only the gifts but receiving them on Christmas Eve. We made sure Mom had a gift too.

A little more info from the ESA perspective is that I called Kappa Theta sister, Sherrie Sutton, who didn't hesitate to say they would get the gifts to the family when they returned to Indy Christmas Eve.

I took the cash and gift cards to Terre Haute with me then Sherrie, Butch, and Mom took them back to Indy with them so the deployed soldier's wife could pick them up. She said that she would come to Sherrie and Butch's house to pick them up. On the way home from Terre Haute, Butch said there was no reason for her to come all the way from Fishers to Avon so they called her and arranged to meet her at a McDonalds just a couple of blocks from her house and delivered the gifts. I packaged up a Willow Tree Angel of Courage I had bought extra, along with Starbuck cards, Bath & Body Works cards, and a Speedway Gift Card from the Ft. Wayne chapter to make a gift for the Mom.

I just couldn't bear to think that this family might not have Christmas and Daddy this year when I had these things to give away. I was so grateful that Sherrie lives in Indy and it could all be done without hassle.

Thank you!
BJ

RED FRIDAYS ----- Remember to wear **RED** on Fridays.

Happy News!

Gamma Pi-Indianapolis

Pat Billiard married Delbert Dodson on Sunday, November 29th. Congratulations, Pat. In the December newsletter I gave the wrong address for them. Their address & phone # is:

Pat & Delbert Dodson
8828 Suzanne Court
Indianapolis, IN 46234
317-271-9224

Update: El Parker & IU-Kokomo Chapter

Hi Ladies!

I met with a faculty member today and got a signature!!! My meeting with Ms. Snoddy was at the same time as my sisters were holding a call out meeting so when I got back, we all paraded upstairs to turn all of our paperwork into the student activities office just 15 minutes before they closed. Kat Widman looked at me and said "you're now officially a student club." The girls said I was glowing and I could not hold back a smile. Next step: chapter installation!

Thank you all for your work on this. I am so amazed at how much you all have supported my effort. I know ESA is a great organization, but its members are beyond that. You've all taken time out of your lives to help Phi Lambda and the growth of Epsilon Sigma Alpha and I think that's pretty rare to find members of any group like that. Thank you all so much, you'll be hearing from me soon with more information as I get it from Headquarters.

-El Parker (Leader trying to get IU-Kokomo chartered as a new chapter)

Congratulations to Mary Anne Schneider – Delta Delta-Seymour

Mary Anne was recognized at White Creek Lutheran/St. Paul Lutheran Church recently. The Award was funded by the Reams family through the Heritage Fund of Bartholomew County. They read some of the letters that teachers, parents and students submitted. They submitted her name to the Bartholomew County Heritage Fund as an outstanding teacher and she received the award and a \$3,000 stipend! They wanted to present it to her on the Sunday when she helped with the Camp Atterbury Christmas party, but ESA got in the way. ☺

Everyone kept it a surprise until the Pastor went up and said there was a special presentation. Mary Anne's family was there so that made it special, too. Congratulations to

Mary Anne for the outstanding job she does in everything!!!!

Congratulations to Jennyfer Schaefer – Alpha Zeta-Ft. Wayne

First off, Jeb passed his interview for the Ft. Wayne police department and gets to move on to the next step with the psych test and background check so please keep praying for his success. The bigger news is that he asked Jenn to marry him and she said YES!! Yay! It was a great Christmas Eve - both the letter about the police department and the ring all in the same day. So, I guess they will be planning a wedding soon ☺

Chaplain Update – Carmen Oswald

Sad News! Please keep the following members and their families in prayer.

Alpha Zeta - Ft. Wayne

Just to make sure everyone knows: Jennyfer Schaefer, Lamp Editor, lost her grandmother.

Jennyfer Schaefer
1632 Timberlake Trail
Fort Wayne, In 46804,

Gamma Pi - Indianapolis

Jim Cahill (husband of DeOn Cahill) has bladder cancer & recently had surgery--however--they feel it was found very early and that they were able to remove the entire tumor. Therefore treatment right now is on hold as they are going to monitor him for at least a year. He will go in every month and have blood work and a scope of the bladder. He is REALLY NOT looking forward to that! If they find any changes in the area or any other concerns in that time, treatment will be addressed. After the first year, he can go to every 3 months. Apparently, bladder cancer has a 95% chance of coming back.

During all the issues with Jim, DeOn fell & broke her tailbone. She is getting better every day. They have way more than their share of situations this past year. Please pray that things get better for all of them in 2010. DeOn thanks all of you for your kind words, prayers, and support. They feel very lucky to have all of you in their lives.

Jim & DeOn Cahill
7966 Destry Place
Fishers, IN 46038

Gamma Pi - Indianapolis

Delbert Dodson, husband of Pat (Billiard) Dodson is recovering well from stent placement. His neck surgery is delayed until Feb. due to being on blood thinners.

Delbert Dodson
8828 Suzanne Court
Indianapolis, IN 46234

St. Jude

J. D. Miller, the ISU student who has been so supportive of St. Jude fundraising through the Up Til Dawn program and the Give Thanks Walk in Indianapolis has passed away after his battle with cancer. He was able to enjoy Christmas celebrations with his family, but passed away December 26th.

J.D. was not a St. Jude patient but was committed to supporting the work done there.

Those of you who attended the Give Thanks Walk in November had the opportunity to meet this outstanding young man. For those of you wanting more information about J.D. you can visit www.caringbridge.org and type in jdmiller in the search window.

Cards can be sent to his mother at 4740 Lena Lane - Clayton, IN 46118. We do not have an address for his father.

Epsilon Lambda-Indianapolis

In the December newsletter, we told you about Charles & Velma Anderson and the automobile accident they were involved in. This past Saturday, Dec. 26th, Charles Anderson passed away. He was the husband of Velma, and father of Christina Anderson, both members of Epsilon Lambda Chapter, Indianapolis.

Charles and Velma had been involved in a bad auto accident in mid-November. Velma has been progressing really well, but Charles had not been doing so well.

Calling and services were Wednesday, Dec. 30, at the First Congregational Church, 7171 North Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis.

Velma's Anderson
6257 Apache Court
Indianapolis, IN 46254

Christina Anderson
6026 Apache Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46254

Please visit www.leppertmortuary.com, where you can sign the guest book, leave a message for the family or make a contribution in memory of Charles to the Riley Children's Hospital or the First Congregational Church.

Gamma Omicron-Speedway

Follow-up on Lois Archer. She was back in the hospital recently. She is having a problem where the good bacteria in her body is being attacked by the bad bacteria. She was having severe diarrhea and getting dehydrated. The doctors have been introducing more good bacteria. Beth said she was expected to go home on Saturday, but she still wasn't up to it, and that she might come home today. But because of this infection, she will not be able to start her chemo for colon cancer until she is much stronger. Lois' address is:

Lois Archer
8614 W. 10th Street, Apt. 302
Indianapolis, IN 46234

Follow-up on Mark Inskeep (Becky Archer-Inskeep's husband), went home a couple of weeks ago & is feeling much better as the result of congestive heart failure & pneumonia. He had a tracheotomy.

Meanwhile, Becky has been fighting a bad cough. Apparently not flu, but not letting her get much rest. Becky & Mark's address is:

Becky & Mark Inskeep
6949 Tall Timber Way
Indianapolis, IN 46241

Delta Zeta-Terre Haute

Jeannie Ellis, PIP is on meds for a urinary tract infection and her husband Charlie had an insulin reaction. Please keep both in prayers. Her address is

Jeannie & Charlie Ellis
4528 S. 9th Street
Terre Haute, IN 47802

Roster Changes:

Please check your CHAPTER ROSTERS to make sure they are correct. Please send all changes to BJ VOLL, PIP; JODIE PAYTON, Corresponding secretary; JENNYFER SCHAEFER, Lamp Editor; and ME!!

Jeanette Smith Address Update

Jeanette Smith
PO Box 101033
Palm Bay, FL 32910

This address will probably change at the end of the school year (June or so). Hopefully that will be the last time! ☺

Reminders:

Send philanthropic reports to Deena Personett the end of each month and send a copy to DeOn Cahill for St. Jude events, Tammy Bryant for Easter Seals, and BJ Voll for Disaster Fund events following each event in which your chapter participates. Due one (1) month after the event.

****The Lord gave us two ends - one to sit on and the other to think with. Success depends on which one we use the most. --Ann Landers**

FUNDRAISER AND DONATION ANNOUNCEMENT!!



*****BEAR ADOPTIONS*****

Association of the Arts NEEDS YOUR HELP! 100 bears have nothing but the fur on their skin and are desparately in need of clothes, art supplies, or anything you think might make them happy. To date, 19 bears have been adopted. There are **5 colors**: pink, white, tan, light brown and dark brown. The adoption fee is ONLY \$3 and then you can decorate or accesorize any way you can/want.

Top 10 ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS:

1. The bears must be adopted prior to or AT spring conference. This means you must have your bear and pay Aphrodite \$3 for the adoption fee by the end of Spring Conference. (shipping can be arranged)
2. The \$3 adoption fee covers the cost of the bear and also leaves \$ in the pot for prizes for the 2009-2010 Association of the Arts awards. (NEW AWARD/PRIZE OPPORTUNITIES in response to the surveys in fall of 09). The bears that you adopt are automatically considered entries for TWO competitions: Association of the Arts OPEN TALENT and BEST DRESSED BEAR Competition
3. Yes, after the judging and awards, you may keep your bears for yourself or as gifts; HOWEVER, bears submitted will be donated to one of our three charities *if not submitted* with a request to have them back.
4. Judging will take place at STATE CONVENTION in June. All entries will be considered for BOTH competitive events and MUST BE PRESENT AT STATE CONVENTION!!
5. 81 bears are still available. THIS MEANS YOU or your CHAPTER can adopt a bear and fix it up to submit.
6. The amount and types of prizes DEPENDS ON EACH OF YOU! The more adoptions, the more \$ in the pot to buy awards and prizes for this year. Don't miss your ONLY opportunity to contribute to the pot and showcase your artistic talents.

7. NO! The response, "I have no artistic ability whatsoever" does not apply when it comes to shopping and putting clothes and coloring books with these bears. Anyone can buy an outfit and put it on a bear. IT doesn't have to be lavish, merely ATTEMPTED!
8. Money is tight, I know, but there are ways to get around \$20 or \$30 outfits at Build-A-Bear. Dollar Tree and Dollar General are just two stores that sell clothes that will fit the bears. Outfits run \$1-\$3 dollars. Most come with accessories, but if not, those are sold separately for the same prices. That's the cost of a cup of coffee. Drink water and ADOPT TODAY!!
9. Bears are only about 8 inches tall and clothes can be bought to fit bears up to 8''.
10. The prize for the BEST DRESSED BEAR Competition will be a donation to the winner's charity of choice. I'm still working on donations right now, so the amount is TBA. How cool would it be to win, and be able to help others in the name of ESA? IT WOULD BE WAY COOL! Prizes for the winning bear in the OPEN TALENT category for Association of the Arts will be distributed with the Arts awards.

PLEASE contact me ASAP and adopt your bear before they are all gone! You may: call, e-mail, or just send me a check in the mail and let me know if you want your bears shipped in advance, or plan to pick them up at Spring Conference.

Call- 812.205.5684 e-mail- aphroditeh@live.com
Snail- 4501 Strathmoor Drive, Evansville, IN 47711

If you have any sisters on the ISC Board, please ask them if they have their bear available to show you. Some have already adopted bears. Thank you to those who have already adopted and chose to lead by example.

IF you have any other questions or comments, just ask!

Thanks for all of your help and creativity!
Aphrodite



“Cropping in the Tropics”
With Gamma Pi Chapter, **ESA**
Saturday, January 30, 2010
9 am to 4 pm
IMG Building
2960 N. Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN
(across the street from the Children’s Museum)
Free Secured Parking at the IMG Building
Cost: \$20.00 for full table

Includes: Breakfast, lunch, desserts, and drinks.

** Consultants and their products ** Raffles ** Door Prizes ** Make & Takes **

Stampin’ Up with **Jaycee Peak**: Phone 317-745-2823 Jayceescreativestamping@comcast.net
(See web site <http://jayceescreativestamp.stampinup.net> for special offers starting Jan. 5, 2010)

Creative Memories with **Renee McCoy** 317-831-7407 - letgodbeweird@yahoo.com
(Free gift for preorders received by 1-20-2010 5820 Cadillac Dr. Martinsville, IN 46151)

Embossing Cards with **Pam Grenard** - pgrenard@comcast.net

Close to My Heart with **Antoinette Herrin** – happy2bscrapbooking@yahoo.com
317-889-5194 (Visit her Web site WWW.ANTIE.MyCTMH.com for more information.)

Chair Massages with **Krystal Killy**, LMT 317-956-4480 – krystalynn@yahoo.com
\$1.00 per minute

DRESS for the Tropics and you could win a prize!!

Name: _____

I’d like to sit by: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number _____

How did you learn about this event? ___email___newspaper___consultant___friend
Will you need electricity? ___Yes___No Are you interested in a chair Massage? ___Yes___No

Mail registration form and check or money order payable to **Gamma Pi** for \$20.00 by
1-20-2010. This will guarantee your spot. Mail to the following address:

Gamma Pi’s Cropping in the Tropics, c/o Karen Maxey, 6846 E. Ann St., Camby, IN 46113
(Walk-ins are welcomed as long as space is available)

Please contact Karen Maxey for any questions and registrations after 1-20-2010 at 317-750-5368.