



The Monthly Messenger
Indiana State Council, ESA International
Debbie Frazier, President
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Message from the President

Hi Everyone!!! I would like to start off with thanking all of you that attended Fall Conference. We had an outstanding turnout. If you weren't there, you missed all the positives presented by the ISC Board, fellowship with ESA members & pledges, & wonderful hospitality of the Epsilon Lambda members. It was a beautiful day outside & inside. The ISC Board were really good about keeping their reports brief but informational. The PIPs gave a funny skit but delivered an important message re: Membership in ESA. We needed end the conference by 3:30 p.m. & we did it!!! Thank you to everyone!!

MARC Conference was outstanding. The speakers were funny; the Chinese auction & Silent auction was successful; the workshops were crafty & relaxing; the installation ceremony was out of the ordinary, & the memorial ceremony was emotional, but very nicely conducted by our own Pam Grenard, PIP of Lambda Mu-Lafayette. We were blessed with BJ Voll's lovely voice singing various songs throughout the weekend. We have been blessed with the election of Deana Walters as MARC Treasurer & Chair of the Budget Committee. She is adamant that the MARC treasury will be in the black for 2009-2010. Appointments also included BJ Voll, PIP as MARC Chaplain; Jenn Schaefer as Workshop Coordinator; Lynn Howley serving on the Nominating Committee; Annabelle Plenge serving on the Ways & Means Committee; & Wendy Yaste serving on the Audit Committee. Congratulations, Ladies.

The Camp Riley Pontoon Boat dedication was a memorable event for all. The pontoon boat was one of our philanthropic projects for 2008-2009. Thanks to all of your efforts & dedication to Camp Riley, enough monies were raised to make the purchase of the boat a reality. The rear of the boat is dedicated to ESA. The name of the boat is the "S. S. Kathryn" named in honor of our own Kathryn Nickell, PIP. The Riley staff went above & beyond in putting on a christening ceremony. You can view pictures of the event on the Indiana ESA web site. Visit the 'Camp Riley' web page at <http://www.indianaesa.org/CampRileyPontoonBoatDedication.htm>

At Fall Conference a motion was made & approved to set aside Article X. Expenditures, Section 1, and subparagraph e, to substitute the 2nd Vice President for the 1st Vice President, so that the 2nd Vice President can attend the Annual Leadership Training Seminar in Denver, CO with expenditures paid. The reason for the motion – 1st VP, Peggy Zimmer is not available to attend the Leadership Training.

A motion was made & approved that \$50 from the Special Savings Account be donated to St. Jude in memory of Richard Shadyac who recently passed away. Mr. Shadyac was a close friend and confidant of founder Danny Thomas, and he played a critical role in ensuring the stability of ALSAC and St. Jude after Danny's death, which occurred shortly before he became CEO.

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!!

Hope for Heroes Event --- November 7-11, 2009. *Let's strive to have 100% chapter participation.*

World of Hope Dinner and Auction---Carmel, In --- November 14th. Contact Jenni Russ to volunteer.

Give Thanks Walk---Indianapolis, In --- November 21st. This is a 5 K "fun" walk.

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

Chapter Happenings!!

Delta Iota-Huntington: ESA Watches - Gloria Wilson has a dozen or so ESA Watches for sale. These make a great Secret Sister gift for Christmas or Birthdays. She is reducing the price to \$15.00 with all proceeds going to Disaster Fund. Gloria will pay the shipping. Just send her an e-mail ganddwilson@verizon.net and she will mail the watch directly to you. The watch has a gold jonquil on it with a black leather band. Thanks.

Beta Phi-Rockville: They will be having their annual Winter Wonderland and Christmas Auction on **Sunday, November 15, 2009** at 1:00 p.m. at Clark's Reception Hall in Rockville. For more information, please contact Andrea Winn at 765-592-7020.

Gamma Pi-Indianapolis: There are several in the chapter participating in the Memphis St. Jude Marathon/Mini Marathon/5K on **December 5, 2009**. (Lynn Howley, Denise Hagerty, Terri Monaghan, and Brianna Putt will be doing the mini and Jan Rahn will be doing the 5K.

If you have been thinking about going to the Memphis marathon, but were concerned about a hotel room, your problem is solved! Jenni Russ has an extra room available. Please contact Jenni for more information.

We do know that the 1/2 marathon is full, but there are still a few openings for the 5k. So it's not too late to join in the fun weekend.

Alpha Zeta-Fort Wayne: Jennyfer Schaefer – Will be running in the St. Jude Mini Marathon on **December 5th, 2009** again this year to help support the children of the best hospital in the world. She will be running in memory of Kelsey Tatum as well as in honor of all the survivors, employees, and volunteers of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Her fundraising goal is \$1,000. You can donate online at her personal Web page, www.stjudeheroes.org/users/jenn, or you can mail your contribution to 1632 Timberlake Trail - Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

Messages From Your ISC Board

BJ Voll, Jr. Past President

DISASTER FUND: HIP HIP HOORAY! HOORAH! Thank you all so very much for your support of the Disaster Fund by helping me to sell all 100 umbrellas! The profit to the Disaster Fund is \$800. You all are awesome! No one takes care of everyone, including our own, like Indiana ESA! I cannot wait for Indiana to receive the #1 state award for most monies donated to the Disaster Fund at IC next July. Now don't forget to do your chapter projects and keep track of your change and bring it to Spring Conference. We collected over \$134 at Fall Conference from the change/cash collection. You guys rock!!

If you would still like to order umbrellas, they can still be purchased. BJ will need to have at least 25 in order to place additional orders.

HOPE FOR HEROES: You should now be receiving contact information for the deployed Indiana National Guard units. I am so very excited that all of them have been adopted by Indiana ESA chapters. We have some individual family members who are deployed and they have been adopted by chapters, too. I was so humbled and awe struck by the reports of upcoming events for the National Hope for Heroes Project November 7-14; projects for the holidays and ongoing support of our military men and women. Please remember to shower our ESA sister Carri Darland of Lambda Mu Lafayette with holiday cards. Her address is;

SSG Carri Darland
HHC, TF 38
APO, AE 09391

For those of you who asked for my daughter, Beth's address. It is:

Beth Ann Day
Camp Black Horse/J6
APO AE 09320

Please don't forget to let our military folks know who you are and that you appreciate their sacrifice and that of their families to protect our freedoms. There is a sample letter in the Chapter President's booklet from Leadership and on both the Indiana and International web sites, along with a list of what to include and not include in your care packages.

Let me know the results of your events. If you receive cards, letters, and pictures from the units or individual service members PLEASE share those with me. If you need anything or have questions, please, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for all you do to make a difference!!

"Participate in Hope for Heroes ESA Nationwide event Nov 7 - 14th...YES, WE CAN!"

MAJOR MOVES: Thank you so much for your responses and comments at Fall Conference concerning having Leadership during State Convention. PLEASE do not forget to poll all of your chapter members about this possible change and send your chapter results form to me no later than **December 1, 2009** so President Debbie and the Major Moves Committee will be able to act on what you share with us. The [form](#) is attached to this newsletter and was in the chapter packets at Fall Conference. Thank you for your time!

DeOn Cahill, St. Jude Coordinator - St Jude News

It was nice to see everyone at Fall Conference. I was asked what the volunteer positions would be at the Give Thanks Walk on November 21st. I have found out. They need six people for registration, two to hand out goodie bags, three or four to direct traffic so walkers can cross a busy intersection, two at water stations and two to help with food. So as you can see there are plenty of opportunities. The walk is at Northwest Park in Indianapolis. ESA needs to provide at least 10 volunteers on event day to receive credit for 20% of the net revenue. Please contact me if you can help.

If you would rather walk in the event, please do so. Better yet, put together a team! If you are not able to develop a team, but would still like to walk, let me know. I would be willing to be the team captain for a TEAM ESA. The minimum pledge would be \$35.00 and you can solicit sponsors for that amount and MORE! I included information in the chapter packs at Fall Conference, or you can go to www.givethankswalk.org for more information. Hope to see many of you there!

I would like to thank those who are helping with the Evansville Dream Home. If you can help with the open houses on Saturdays or Sundays from noon to 5:00 p.m. or with the telethon on November 1st from 1:00 to 3:00, please call Courtney Burge at 800-545-1696.

Those who were not able to be at Fall Conference, please ask your chapter about the St. Jude Beautiful Elephant Contest. Keep in mind; use your imagination! You do not have to use the elephant I handed out. Your entry can be anything elephant you choose. I just ask, due to space available-no live or life size projects! ([See the info at the end of this newsletter.](#))

Chapters please remember to let me know about your St. Jude projects. Like I have said, I want to attend as many as possible. I also want pictures of your events for a project I'm working on for Spring Conference. You can e-mail them to me or mail them as well.

Thank you all for everything that your chapters are doing for St. Jude. I know we can make this a fantastic year!

Jennyfer Schaefer - Lamp Editor

DON'T forget - the next LAMP article is due November 1st for the December issue.



Aphrodite Hudson - Association of the Arts

Near the end of this newsletter is a [survey](#) for Association of the Arts 2009-2010. Please participate in the survey – fill it out – send it to Aphrodite. She is trying to obtain a goal of 100% chapter participation this year. Let's all help her obtain her goal!

Pat Hamby - ESA Foundation

Scholarship application deadline is February 1, 2010. To see the various scholarships available & get an application visit the Foundation web site.

(http://www.esaintl.com/esaf/scholarship_application2009.html)

Red Fridays

Military Story - Will you give this to my Daddy?

As a Company, Southwest Airlines is going to support '**Red Fridays.**'

Last week I was in Atlanta, Georgia attending a conference. While I was in the airport, returning home, I heard several people behind me beginning to clap and cheer. I immediately turned around and witnessed one of the greatest acts of patriotism I have ever seen.

Moving through the terminal was a group of soldiers in their Camoes. As they began heading to their gate, everyone (well almost everyone) was abruptly to their feet with their hands waving and cheering.

When I saw the soldiers, probably 30-40 of them, being applauded and cheered for, it hit me. I'm not alone. I'm not the only red-blooded American who still loves this country and supports our troops and their families.

Of course I immediately stopped and began clapping for these young unsung heroes who are putting their lives on the line everyday for us so we can go to school, work, and home without fear or reprisal.

Just when I thought I could not be more proud of my country or of our service men and women, a young girl, not more than 6 or 7 years old, ran up to one of the male soldiers. He kneeled down and said 'hi.'

The little girl then asked him if he would give something to her daddy for her.

The young soldier, who didn't look any older than maybe 22 himself, said he would try and what did she want to give to her Daddy. Then suddenly the little girl grabbed the neck of this soldier, gave him the biggest hug she could muster and then kissed him on the cheek.

The mother of the little girl, who said her daughter's name was Courtney, told the young soldier that her husband was a Marine and had been in Iraq for 11 months now. As the mom was explaining how much her daughter Courtney missed her father, the young soldier began to tear up.

When this temporarily single mom was done explaining her situation, all of the soldiers huddled together for a brief second. Then one of the other servicemen pulled out a military-looking walkie-talkie. They started playing with the device and talking back and forth on it.

After about 10-15 seconds of this, the young soldier walked back over to Courtney, bent down and said this to her, 'I spoke to your daddy and he told me to give this to you.' He then hugged this little girl that he had just met and gave her a kiss on the cheek. He finished by saying 'your daddy told me to tell you that he loves you more than anything and he is coming home very soon.'

The mom at this point was crying almost uncontrollably and as the young soldier stood to his feet, he saluted Courtney and her mom. I was standing no more than 6 feet away from this entire event.

As the soldiers began to leave, heading towards their gate, people resumed their applause. As I stood there applauding and looked around, there were very few dry eyes, including my own. That young soldier in one last act of selflessness turned around and blew a kiss to Courtney with a tear rolling down his cheek.

We need to remember everyday all of our soldiers and their families and thank God for them and their sacrifices. At the end of the day, it's good to be an American.

RED FRIDAYS ----- Very soon, you will see a great many people wearing **RED** every Friday. The reason? Americans who support our troops used to be called the 'silent majority'. We are no longer silent, and are voicing our love for God, country, and home in record breaking numbers.

We are not organized, boisterous, or over-bearing. We get no liberal media coverage on TV to reflect our message or our opinions. Many American, like you, me, and all our friends, simply want to recognize that the vast majority of America supports our troops.

Our idea of showing solidarity and support for our troops with dignity and respect starts this Friday and continues each and every Friday until the troops all come home, sending a deafening message that every red-blooded American who supports our men and women afar will wear something red.

By word of mouth, press, TV -- let's make the United States, on every Friday, a sea of **RED** much like a homecoming football game in the bleachers.

If every one of us who loves this country will share this with acquaintances, co-workers, friends, and family, it will not be long before the USA is covered in **RED** and it will let our troops know the once 'silent' majority is on their side more than ever; certainly more than the media lets on.

The first thing a soldier says when asked 'What can we do to make things better for you?' is....We need your support and your prayers.

Let's get the word out and lead with class and dignity, by example; and wear something **RED** every Friday.

Chaplain Update – Carmen Oswalt

Sad News!

Please keep the following members and their families in prayer.

News from **Delta Iota-Huntington:**

Bob Williams – husband of Delta Iota's president, Carolyn Williams is having heart trouble. He had a Pace maker-defibrillator put in. Carolyn's address is: 735 Henry Street -Huntington, IN 46750.

Melissa Nondorf, Delta Iota Huntington lost her brother to cancer. He lived in North Carolina. Her address is 10622 S 600 W - Warren, IN 46792

News from **Delta Zeta-Terre Haute:**

Angie Koch recently had surgery at IU. She is home recuperating. Her address is: 3641 Marquette Avenue - Terre Haute, IN 47805

News from **Gamma Pi-Indianapolis**

Pat Billiard is having surgery on November 3. Her address is: 8722 Dana Court - Indianapolis, IN 46234

Rozanne Robertson broke her foot. Her address is: 8514 Bermuda Drive - Indianapolis, IN 46219

News from **Gamma Omicron-Speedway**

Please keep Lois Archer, in your prayers. She has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Last year she was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease & she received her 50 year service pin at State Convention. Her address is: 8614 W. 10th St, Apt 302 - Indianapolis, IN 46234

Happy News!

News from **Delta Zeta-Terre Haute**

Jeannie Ellis just became great grandma to twins. Her address is: 2528 South 9th Street – Terre Haute, IN 47802

News from **Alpha Zeta-Ft. Wayne**

Karen Casazza gave birth to a healthy baby girl. Jeff & Karin's address is 1020 Skyline Pass - Fort Wayne, IN 46825. Nana DeEtta & Papaw David's address is: 1633 Orchestra Way - Indianapolis, IN 46231

News from **Delta Kappa-Franklin**

Elizabeth Landis gave birth to a baby boy. Her address is: 7170 Shelby Street – Indianapolis, IN 46227

News from **Gamma Pi-Indianapolis**

Jennifer Biddle, a member of Gamma Pi & the oldest daughter of Teri Blau gave birth to a baby boy. Jennifer & Brian's address is 8813 Country Lane Ct - Indianapolis, IN 46217. Terri's address is: 2290 Willow Circle Drive – Greenwood, IN 46143.

Audrey Kidwell has celebrated her one year anniversary with the Peace Corp. Her address is: BP 81 Koupela - Burkina Faso, West Africa. She loves hearing from you in ESA.

News from **Delta Sigma-Evansville**

Linda Carol Wilson, PIP has moved to St. Louis & is at her sister's. She has had 3 eye surgeries since last April and her eyes are not good. She has Diabetic Retinopathy. She has had two Vitrectomy surgeries and one surgery to remove Cataracts. The bottom line is she can barely see (shadows and motion) and there is only a 40% chance that she will recover her sight. She has to have complete rest; cannot work or continue to care for her parents as she has been. They will be selling the house in Evansville and moving to St. Louis where her sister Bonnie and the two grown sons can care for Linda and her parents. Her address is:

Linda Carol Wilson
C/o Bonnie Cuneo
9707 Grantview Forest Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63123

BJ Voll – MARC Sisters

It is with heartfelt sadness that I share the news of the death of two (2) of our MARC sisters. The following ESA families need our thoughts and prayers.

Death of Rose Fucito - Beta Psi, Ohio: Rose passed away October 17, 2009. Her Ohio sisters share that Rosie was one of a kind. Up until the last couple of years Rosie was very active in ESA. After she reached 90 she did slow down. If you would like to send a card to her family please send it to: Tom Fucito, 2580 Montchateau Dr. - Cincinnati, OH 45244

Death of Reggie Daffron - Alpha Mu, Missouri. Reggie passed away October 19. Reggie was the best friend and cousin of Jeanne Parker. She was a member of ESA for over 70 years. If you would like to send a card to her family please send it to:

Tom Daffron
11252 Pennsylvania
Kansas City MO 6415

Jeanne Parker
12901 E 40th Terrace
Independence Mo 64055

Jamie Atchison – IC President

Is there anyone in your state that goes the extra mile time and time again? If you'd like to share a short article about them, I would love to use it in an upcoming issue of the ESA News...please share your stories with me...

Keep those Hope for Heroes coming...we're off to an awesome start...let's make a big push in the coming weeks!

Thanks for all you do and for believing in ESA! I believe in you!

All my love,
Jamie Atchison, President
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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!!

Jennifer Henson – Beta Chi-Huntington recently married – last name change to RIFE.

Jodie Payton – Corresponding Secretary: Recently married – last name changed to JOHNSON. Address remains the same.

PIP Jeannie Ellis – new e-mail address – ellisjeannie@gmail.com

Summer Bennett – new member of Beta Phi-Rockville (sponsored by Jodie)

P.O. Box 212

Perrysville, IN 47974

countrychick1819@yahoo.com

765-585-5694

Nancy Walker – new member of Beta Phi-Rockville (sponsored by President Deb)

7999 E. Oak Drive

Rockville, IN 47872

funtoon@netzero.net

765-344-6415

Remove **Lindsay Patten** from Kappa Theta-Zionsville's roster. She moved to Atlanta, GA & has changed to MAL status.

Remove **Lori Backner** from the Kappa Theta-Zionsville's roster. She has chosen MAL status due to some family and work stress.

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.

Message from the President

Chapter Presidents – please review the State President's Special Edition Newsletter along with the results of the skit the PIPs conducted at Fall Conference. There was a lot of positive information, suggestions, etc. presented & I'm hopeful & optimistic that everyone will take the information presented & use it to the benefit of ESA & the growth of the Indiana membership in order that we can have net growth by June 1, 2010.

Please share & discuss these results with your chapter members at your next meeting. Please let me and 1st VP Peggy know if any of the suggestions provided help you and or your chapter with your membership drive for new members.

**When Would You Attend Leadership
As Part of the Annual State Convention?**

We would attend Leadership on Friday afternoon at approximately 4 p.m. at State Convention.

Yes _____ No _____

We would attend Leadership on Sunday at State Convention immediately following the adjournment of the convention.

Yes _____ No _____

Would attend either day _____

Comments:

Note: Please poll your chapter members and insert the numbers in the blanks above for when they would attend Leadership. For example, if 4 members would attend Friday at 4 pm then put "4" in the yes blank. If 2 members would attend Sunday then put "2" in the yes blank. If your chapter members would attend on either day, please put that number in that blank. If your members would not attend, put the number in the "no" blanks for both options.

Please return this form to BJ Voll, Jr. Past President **NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 2009** by email chaplainbj@aol.com or regular mail 4152 Lee Drive, Jasper, IN 47546. If questions email or call me at 812/631-8119.

Thank you!!!

November President's Newsletter- Association of the Arts - Aphrodite Hudson

Hi ESA friendship - I mean membership! I took a short survey at fall conference and I am busy re-aligning the results with the new design for Association of the Arts for the 2009-2010 year. There should have been a copy in the chapter packets from conference that the president or representative should share with the chapter. If there are any responses, ideas or suggestions, please e-mail me or snail to me as soon as possible! aphroditeh@live.com or 4501 Strathmoor Drive - Evansville, IN 47711. A copy is included now just in case you want to look over it again. I am very eager to draw out the depths of creativity in Indiana's ESA group. I will provide whatever assistance I can in order to ensure everyone has an opportunity and MOTIVE to participate this year. Please contact me for more information or ideas. I announced my goal for the year at Fall Conference - I MUST HAVE 100% chapter participation! Please help me reach my goal! Through my success, you will all succeed.

With the holidays, there are ample creative outlets for everyone! Halloween - if you have pictures of yards, decorations, costumes, pumpkin carvings, or with Thanksgiving there are meals made that are "good enough to eat", take pictures, submit recipes, more decorations, and of course Christmas explodes with fun and innovative objects/ideas for submissions. Please start concocting your creations for May will be here before you know it!

Association of the Arts SHORT SURVEY! October 2009

Have you submitted an entry (entries) in prior years? YES NO

How many categories have you submitted an entry for? 0 1 2 3 more than 4

Why did you submit an entry (entries)? _____

What would incent or entice you to submit an entry this year? (Please list specific awards, rewards, recognition, or other motivators) _____

Are you more likely to participate for individual awards/recognition _____ -or- Chapter awards/recognition _____

If you have never participated, please briefly tell me why: _____

What do you need from me so that you will participate this year? _____

-----Thank You-----

ST JUDE BEAUTIFUL ELEPHANT

I recently had the privilege to tour the St Jude Target House in Memphis. What an amazing place. The Target House is for patients and their families to stay for long-term care more than 3 months. Some families have been there 3 years! Between the two buildings there are 46 apartments. Each apartment has two bedrooms, one bathroom, a kitchen, dining area, and living room. Within each building there are several community areas, such as a library, game room, teen room, craft rooms, play areas, and on and on. There is also an outdoor playground and barbeque area.

The mascot of the Target House is the elephant. The elephant was chosen because they represent family, long life, strength and playfulness. Elephants are found throughout the complex. From paintings to statues, a huge water fountain in the front, and even shrubs trimmed into elephants!

Part of the Elephant theme included many celebrities. There is an Elephant Exhibition on display. The following elephant picture was sent out to hundreds of celebrities for them to decorate and return. The pictures are now framed and hanging in the halls of the House. Just to name a few that are on display — Oprah, Carrie Underwood, Martina McBride, Sarah Ferguson, Tiger Woods, Maya Angelou, John Travolta, and Tom Hanks. It is amazing to see just how many there are.

I am asking that you decorate the attached elephant and return it to me at Spring Conference. I am planning to have a Beautiful Elephant contest. At the St Jude ways and means table, your elephant will be displayed and everyone can vote for their favorite. Each vote will cost 25 cents, so bring your change to Spring Conference.

This can be copied and given to your chapter members who were not able to be here today. I want to be flooded with a herd of Elephants, so get to work. Use your imagination. You do not need to use this picture. If you want to create your own— go for it! I will have a prize for the artist that earns the most votes.

This is also a project that your chapter could use in the community. I think grade school children would enjoy being a part of raising money for St Jude. If you know of a teacher, or have a child or grandchild in grade school, maybe they could do the same contest in their school.

As always please contact me should you have any questions!

DeOn Cahill- St Jude Coordinator

