



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

Hi Everyone!!! Hope you're enjoying this lovely weather in Indiana. We're getting geared up for the upcoming **Leadership meeting** scheduled for **Saturday, August 29th** at the **Rockville Christian Church in Rockville**. My chapter members are preparing for the **95 registrations** we've received. That is an awesome # of registrations!!! I'm really looking forward to seeing all of you that are planning to attend Leadership.

I know that some of the chapters have had their first meeting of this ESA year & are planning great things. I'm looking forward to hearing about all the exciting things you've got planned for your chapters. Please share any upcoming events with me for the State President's newsletter & the Indiana ESA web site. Let's get those friendships blooming in the hearts ESA.

Please remember our Veterans on Veteran's Day, September 7, 2009.

Upcoming Events!!

September 10, 2009 – Registrations for the **MARC Conference** must be postmarked by this date. The conference is scheduled for **October 9-11, 2009** at the Holiday Inn in Fairborn, Ohio. The fee for Friday, Saturday, & Sunday is \$118.00. If the registration is not postmarked by September 10th, then you can add \$10 to the registration fee from September 11th through September 18th. After September 18th, add \$20 to the registration fee. Make checks payable to: *MARC Conference 2009*. Soooo, it looks like it would be best to get your registration postmarked by September 10th if you're planning to attend.

We would like to have a great turnout of the Indiana delegation to support Deana Walters, PIP of Gamma Pi-Indianapolis as she will be on the ballot for the office of Treasurer of MARC. Pam Grenard, PIP of Lambda Mu-Lafayette will be serving as Chaplain. Please let Diane Binkerd & Rozanne Robertson– your MARC Representatives & me know if you are going to MARC. I'm looking forward to a fun-filled weekend in Ohio at the MARC Conference.

September 15, 2009 – this is the deadline for filing the Tax Facts with ESA Headquarters. The form will be in the chapter packets at Leadership and is also available on the Indiana (<http://www.indianaesa.org/Forms/taxfacts-2009.pdf>) and IC (<http://www.esaintl.com/member/forms/taxfacts.pdf>) web sites.

September 27, 2009 – The Riley Children’s Foundation would like to honor the ESA membership with a dedication celebration & a christening of the pontoon boat that was purchased with funds raised by the ESA membership during the 2008-2009 ESA year.

Therefore, they are planning a celebration on **Sunday, September 27, 2009 from 12:00 noon– 2:00 p.m.** at **Camp Riley**. The Chapter Presidents will receive an e-mail letter & invitation to share with their chapters. This information will also be in the President’s packets at Leadership. Please plan to attend this memorable moment in ESA history. Please RSVP to Deena Personett, 2nd VP by September 17th by calling (812) 523-1137 or e-mail her at dpersonett@comcast.net. We look forward to seeing all of you there.

October 17, 2009 – Fall Conference will be at the Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Danville, IN. The hosting chapter will be Epsilon Lambda-Indianapolis. The theme is “*Bringing Hearts Together in ESA.*” We will celebrate with Camp Riley. Registration fee is \$20. If your chapter would like to have a Ways & Means Table, they will be available for \$2.00 per table. The registration form can be found on the Indiana ESA web site at <http://www.indianaesa.org/PDFDocuments/2009-MARC-RegistrationForm.pdf>. Registration postmark deadline is **October 1, 2009**.

Messages From Your ISC Board

BJ Voll, Jr. Past President

Disaster Fund: We are looking for Indiana to set new records this year with the Disaster Fund. The challenge is for each chapter to do some type of project for the Disaster Fund. To give you all an opportunity to participate in raising monies for the Disaster Fund, you can now place your orders for an ESA Umbrella. The cost is only \$15 for a navy blue umbrella with the gold ESA logo. The amount of your charitable contribution is \$8 per umbrella. There is no better way to support each other than to remember your secret pals, friends, and use them for raffles, silent auctions, etc., etc. **Everyone** can use an umbrella and these are great for the males in our lives as well. There is a minimum order we have to place, but I’m confident we will have the required number for an order. The *Disaster Fund Umbrella Order Form* is attached to this newsletter and available online at www.indianaesa.org (<http://www.indianaesa.org/Forms/UmbrellaOrderForm-DisasterFund.pdf>). It will be in the chapter packets at Leadership. Bring the completed order forms to Leadership or email them to me at chaplainbj@aol.com. You can mail them with payment to BJ Voll, Jr. Past President, 4152 Lee Drive - Jasper, IN 47546. If questions, please call me at 812/631-8119. Remember your friends and loved ones throughout the year with gifts in honor of them to the Disaster Fund. Use the flower basket you will receive at Leadership to collect your change all year long. I would love to have a shower of coins at Spring Conference from EVERY chapter. The Disaster Fund is there for each and every one of us in those times of personal tragedy, disaster, and debilitating medical situations. Remember the challenge, for every chapter to participate in a project. There will be prizes for those that step up to the challenge – the best of which will be, knowing that **you** did make a difference.

HOPE FOR HEROES: Let's get ready to participate in the Hope for Heroes Nationwide ESA Event the week of **November 7-14th**. Partner with a local armory or reserve unit, other fraternal organizations, your city government, schools or local retail stores, and news media and have an event in support of all of our Heroes. If you have "yellow" ribbon of any size, bring it with you to Leadership. We will be making ribbons for you to use the week of **November 7-14th** at you ESA event. Support our Heroes and let your community know more about and experience ESA in action. We will be sharing some ideas at Leadership next week and in the meantime if you have something your chapter is working on please let me know and we can share that with the membership.

We will have names and addresses for military personnel for you all to share goodies and care packages as well as cards of encouragement, support, and appreciation. I will bring the care package boxes for you to use. If you know of whole platoons or units that have been deployed, along with individual service men and women, please send me those names and addresses so I can add them to our list and share them with the membership.

Tammy Bryant, USO volunteer at Camp Atterbury sent a request for small packages of laundry detergent, fabric softener sheets and aloe vera cream for sunburns. Please don't forget to have your chapter members gather those things this week and bring them with you to Leadership.

Hugs, BJVoll, Delta Zeta-Terre Haute

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

Deena Personett, 2nd Vice President/Philanthropic Chair

I hope everyone is excited and looking forward to a new year in ESA! I hope to see many of you at Leadership on August 29th in Rockville. I will have the pleasure to announce our goal and Camp Riley project for 2009-2010. I also have a special item to raffle this year and will be unveiling it at the same time. I look forward to sharing in your chapter events for Camp Riley this year, as well as helping in any way that I can, so please do not hesitate to call on me to lend a helping hand. (812) 523-1137

May ESA friendships bloom in your heart always!

*ESA Love & Mine,
Deena Personett, Delta Delta-Seymour*

Jennyfer Schaefer - Lame Editor

By now everyone should have their LAMP for September - Enjoy! If you have decided that you want to change your format from snail mail to e-mail it is not too late - please fill out the form on the www.indianaesa.org website (<http://www.indianaesa.org/Forms/LAMP-FormatChoiceForm.pdf>) and send to esa.lamp@yahoo.com. Please provide me with any feedback (good or bad) about the LAMP so that I can change things if needed. ☺

Thanks - Jenn Schaefer, Alpha Zeta-Ft. Wayne

DeOn Cahill, St. Jude Coordinator

Hello Chapter Presidents and ISC Board,

I have some information regarding the St Jude Dream Home located in South Bend IN. Some of you may not be familiar with the Dream Home as it is the first one for the state of Indiana. Basically it is a house that was built for St Jude mostly with donated materials and time. Raffle tickets are sold for \$100 each to everyone and anyone. A drawing will take place in late September and the lucky winner receives the home.

The home is now complete and Open Houses will begin this coming weekend, both Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Open Houses will be every weekend until the drawing. Here is where we come in. The open houses need to be staffed with 2 to 3 people each Saturday and Sunday for the next 6 weeks. We will be selling the raffle tickets at the home. Once people see the house and how beautiful it is, it's not hard to get them to purchase a ticket. We would also promote St Jude and its good works. Some people may not be able to pay \$100 for a ticket, but may make a smaller donation. Novie Benassi is handling the scheduling of volunteers. She has a full staff this weekend, but will need help after that. I will include her contact information at the end of this message. Please contact her if you are available to help out. This is a fun and easy way to help St Jude. Your chapter will receive credit for your efforts.

I have also been in contact with Cinda White in the Carmel ALSAC office. They could also use our help with some marketing of the Dream Home. This would consist of "tagging" cars in parking lots in and around South Bend. Tagging is putting sticky notes with the Dream Home information pre-printed on them on car windows. This is a great way to get some exercise! This can be done at anytime, during the day, evening, weekdays, or weekends. If you are interested in helping with the tagging, please contact me and I will make arrangements to get you the sticky notes.

It is my understanding that so far ticket sales have been very slow, so any help we can provide would be much appreciated.

Chapter Presidents, please share this information with your chapter members. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns. Thank you in advance for your help. I have been the ticket chairman for 2 Dream Homes in Missouri, and I can tell you it is a lot of fun! Also very rewarding to see thousands of dollars go to St Jude with one event! I look forward to hearing from you.

Also, St. Jude is in need of baskets (all sizes; clean; good condition) for World of Hope Auction packages. These can be brought to Leadership.

ESA Love,

DeOn Cahill, Gamma Pi-Indianapolis

Tammy Bryant, Easter Seals Coordinator

Hi Ladies: I volunteer at the USO in Camp Atterbury. The soldiers need the small sized powder or liquid laundry detergent, fabric softener sheets, and aloe vera for sunburns. If you are able to bring any of these items to leadership it would be greatly appreciated as some of the troops will be leaving next month for Iraq and Afghanistan. Thanks so much.

Tammy Bryant, Delta Kappa Franklin

Chapter Happenings

Beta Phi–Rockville will be having their annual **Longaberger Basket Bingo** at the Rockville Elks on **Sunday, September 19, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.** The chapter will be selling raffle tickets for the special Longaberger Baskets at Leadership. The chances are \$1 each or 6/\$5.

Gamma Pi–Indianapolis is currently selling mums as a **Disaster Fund fundraiser**. They are available in the following colors: white, red, yellow, pink/purple, bronze/orange. They come in 8-inch pots and are \$6.50 a piece. Contact Rozanne Robertson at 317-899-0846. Orders and money are due by **September 1, 2009**. They will also be taking orders for *Current* items during the month of September for the Disaster Fund, contact Rozanne also to order items.

Epsilon Sigma–North Manchester is gearing up for another year of wonderful ESA events in North Manchester starting with their annual **Grocery/Gas Raffle** for Camp Riley in **September**. No specific dates are set yet.

Messages from:

Tammy Bryant - I'm participating in *Easter Seals Walk With Me Indianapolis 2009*, on October 22, 2009 at Butler University in Indianapolis, and as part of it, she has accepted a fund-raising challenge. Easter Seals provides exceptional services to ensure that people living with autism and other disabilities have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play. **Please help support her** in this important effort by contributing generously to Easter Seals. Your tax-deductible contribution will provide opportunities for people with disabilities to live with equality, dignity and increased independence. It's fast and easy to **make your donation online**. Just go to her personal *Easter Seals Walk With Me* Web page at http://www.easterseals.com/site/TR?pg=personal&fr_id=2636&px=3352437.

If you prefer to donate by postal mail:

Make check payable to: Easter Seals

Mail to: Tammy Bryant

4013 Tamara Way

Franklin, IN 46131-8826

Please remember to send your Easter Seals hours to Tammy Bryant.

Jennyfer Schaefer – I'm asking for your support in the fight against childhood cancer. I will be running the St. Jude Mini Marathon on **December 5th, 2009** again this year to help support the children of the best hospital in the world. I 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. Through ESA, I have made many connections to St. Jude and it has become my favorite philanthropic endeavor. There is such a positive and life changing atmosphere at St. Jude; they give people hope even when hope seems impossible. Please consider sponsoring me and helping me to reach my fundraising goal of \$1,000. You can donate online at my personal Web page, www.stjudeheroes.org/users/jenn, or you can mail your contribution to 1632 Timberlake Trail, Fort Wayne IN 46804.

Please keep the following members and their families in pray.

Chaplain Update – Carmen Oswalt

Our 95 year old **Past ISC President Kathryn Nickell** was recently diagnosed with cancer. She has begun treatments and is tolerating them very well. She loves her Doctor and he I am sure is infatuated with her. She is very active in her Epsilon Lambda Chapter and attends all State meetings. Her address is P.O. Box 233 - Coatesville, In 46121.

Her Chapter sister and also **Past ISC President Jaycee Peak** is recovering from foot surgery and would also love to hear from her friends. Her address is 265 Raintree Drive - Danville, IN 46122

Jan Engel, Past ISC President and a member of Delta Delta-Seymour, is also fighting Cancer. She is having a difficult time with this last treatment procedure. Her address is 1001 Wildwood Court- Seymour, IN 47274

Marilyn Eback's husband, Ed, is now in the Heritage House extended care facility in Shelbyville due to Alzheimer's. He doesn't really read anything anymore. I'm sure Marilyn would enjoy receiving cards of encouragement. It's never easy when your spouse is admitted to a healthcare facility. Marilyn's address is: 888 W. 52nd Street – Indianapolis, IN 46208.

Julia Aker, Past ISC President is scheduled for surgery on August 31, 2009 at Community South in Greenwood, IN. She does **not** have Cancer, but is undergoing a precautionary procedure – a double mastectomy with tram flap breast reconstruction (that means they'll use her belly tissue & fat to replace instead of implants). She would love to hear from her ESA sisters. Her address is: 1217 Hickory Hill Road – Seymour, IN 47274.

J.D. Warmoth recently passed away. His wife Dotty was a member of the disbanded Beta Upsilon–Lebanon chapter. If anyone would like to send her a card, etc. her address is: Dotty Warmoth, 1125 Frant Street - Lebanon, IN 46052.

Diane Binkerd, Past ISC President - I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their cards, prayers, and notes that I have received since fracturing both of my elbows on July 31st! They are all a great comfort and very much appreciated. Plus, it gave Alan something else to do because I couldn't even get the envelopes open at first!!! I am back to work full time now and so very thankful that they weren't fractured any worse than they were and that I did not need any surgery! I cannot imagine how my life (and Alan's) would have been had I had to have those splints/casts on for more than the four days that I

did have them on!! Thanks again - you all are truly my "angel bears"!!! Her address is 1606 Frantz Drive - North Manchester, IN 46962

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!!

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

I received this in an e-mail from Wendy Yaste & just have to share it with all of you. Enjoy!

IF MY BODY WERE A CAR...

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish, and my paint job is getting a little dull. But that's not the worst of it. My headlights are out of focus, and it's especially hard to see things up close.

My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins. It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst of it --

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