

Epsilon Sigma Alpha – Indiana State Council

“Laissez les Bons Temps Rouler”

Fall Conference – September 21, 2019

Sycamore Country Club Terre Haute, Indiana

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President DeOn Cahill. Everyone recited the opening ritual.

Chaplain, Vivian Greeson :

OPENING THOUGHT

Today, take a few minutes to Sit Quietly, and be thankful for all that you have.

OPENING PRAYER

Father, we thank Thee for all Thy creation, and all Thy graces bestowed on us. May the wonder of a grateful heart be acceptable in Thy sight. Amen.

Please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, One nation under God indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

President DeOn Cahill welcomed everybody and introduced the PIPs, MARC officers and the ISC Board.

Corresponding Secretary Karen Maxey read a thank you from Debbie Frazier for her room at State Convention for being our MARC Representative.

President DeOn Cahill told of the award we received at IC Convention for 1st Place for State and Community Projects for using the Foundation Turn Around Fund.

Cindy Clossey gave a report on being a first time IC Convention attendee and Emma Ray gave a report on being a third time IC Convention attendee.

President DeOn Cahill recommended everyone try to attend an IC Convention since we are hosting the 2022 IC Convention.

Terre Haute Mayor Duke Bennett welcomed us and presented President DeOn Cahill with a Proclamation Declaring September 21, 2019 ESA Day in Terre Haute.

Treasurer, Jennifer Skinner:

Roll Call – 11 Chapters and 1 Member at Large present

Did you know that there was a mint operated in New Orleans from 1838 to 1861 and 1879 to 1909. It was closed during most of the American Civil War and Reconstruction. During its operation, it produced over 427 million gold and silver coins; with a total face value of over \$307 million. The New Orleans Mint has been designated a National Historic Landmark; and it is the oldest existing structure to have served as a U.S. Mint. It's also one of two former mint facilities that later housed an art gallery. If you get a chance, check out Wikipedia. The pictures of the coins produced are interesting. There is a three-cent piece from 1851, half dimes, and a three dollar piece from 1854. They made \$10 Eagles; along with ¼ Eagles, ½ Eagles, and Double Eagles.

As a reminder, I emailed all chapter presidents and included deadlines in the LAMP.

- • Tax Facts were due on September 15, 2019.
- • International Council Dues
- • Indiana State Dues

These forms can all be found on the state website; along with the updated State Projects Donation Form.

Thank you to Omega Chi, Plainfield; Delta Kappa, Franklin; and Eta Pi, Fishers for already submitting their state dues to me.

Checking Account Balance: \$8,647.43

Savings Account Balance: \$2,991.66

The Indiana State Council approved the 2019-2020 budget at the August board meeting.

I would like to discuss one topic that would affect future budgets. We currently have a line in the budget to cover the MARC registration expense for the state president. The president is strongly recommended to attend MARC and it would seem proper if we helped cover the additional expenses such as hotel, meals, and mileage. This would require a bylaw change so I would love some input. First off, is this something we are in favor of? And if so, how specific do we want to be in the wording of the bylaw. The language for Leadership and International Convention are somewhat vague. We could present something like this:

Example: The current State President's registration and travel expenses to attend the MARC Conference. The travel expenses would include:

- • mileage according to the current non-profit mileage rate whether driving or flying;
- • half of the hotel room cost for the night prior and the night(s) during the conference;
- • and meals, excluding alcohol.

If the current State President is unable to attend, the following order of representation shall apply: First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Junior Past President, and a Past Indiana State President.

We could update to have similar language for International Convention too.

Thoughts?

For reference during discussion:

ARTICLE X. Expenditures

Section 1. The Indiana State Council shall pay:

- a) Travel expenses for the President when a new chapter is installed.
- b) The expenses of the President (or other representative) when requested to visit a

chapter in dire need.

- c) Fifty dollars (\$50.00) petty cash fund for President from which small incidental

expenses are to be paid.

- d) The present or incoming State President's travel expenses to the State President's

Annual Leadership Seminar conducted by ESA Headquarters.

- e) The Registration Fee of the President to attend the MARC Conference.

ARTICLE XI Conventions

Section 1. International – The Indiana State Council President shall represent the Indiana State

Council at the International Convention. In the event the President is unable to attend

due to an illness or family emergency, the following order of representation shall apply: First Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Junior Past President

and a Past Indiana State President. The Indiana State Council shall pay the representative's travel expense, registration fee (including the PICPA Meal), hotel, and meal expenses.

Jennifer asked for thoughts about the expenses for the President at the MARC Conference. After thoughts, Jennifer Skinner said that she will create the by-law to be voted on at State Convention.

Jennifer Morris reported that the State Board approved Indiana to be Life Active in the Foundation so after we pay \$500 this year, it will not have to be included in the yearly budget anymore.

Parliamentarian, Megan Gray:

I will just be letting the membership know that the forms are updated on the website and remind them of the deadline to submit changes. January 1, 2020 is the deadline for any by-law changes.

Here is my Nola info. New Orleans is famous for Mardi Gras, not to be confused with Carnival. The Feast of the Epiphany, also known as the Twelfth Night, is the beginning of Carnival. Mardi Gras, or “Fat Tuesday”, is the last day of the Carnival season as it always falls the day before Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent.

First Vice President, Brenda Campbell:

Good morning. My name is Brenda Campbell and I have the honor of serving you as 1st VP and membership chair this year.

Did you know that New Orleans is widely considered to be the birthplace of poker and craps? Both games of chance – take a chance and try a new event to recruit members.

As IC has again chosen October as recruitment month, I’d like to share a few ideas for a recruitment event.

Insta-Pot Party; Let’s TACO ‘Bout ESA; Paint and Pour; Mom Prom – Girls’ Night Out. I have resources with details about how to plan and execute each of these events, plus 12 Months of Party Planners – which has an idea and complete plan for each month.

If you want more details on any of these, please just ask and I’ll get the information to you.

If you have an upcoming rush event, let me know, and I’ll do my best to attend.

Nominations and Bids

Please consider how you might want to serve ESA next year. I have placed nomination forms on the tables and would love to get some of them back even today. They are due back to me by January 1, 2020. The form is also in your chapter packet and online. I will also have bid forms for conferences in the packets, and they are also on the website. They are due to by January 1 as well.

Now for the FUN!!!

Would the new members, and first-time convention goers please come forward? (Give them a gift (beads to first timers and masks to new members).

I would also like to recognize our new Indiana ESA Chapter – Alpha Delta, Pleasant Township. Please come forward (give gift basket).

Laissez Les Bon Temps Rouler!! (Let the Good Times Roll!)

Brenda welcomed our new chapter, Alpha Delta, Pleasant Township, giving them a basket of goodies and she reported we have 18 chapters and 205 members, excluding the Ball State Chapter.

Second Vice President, Alley Gary had everyone participate in a fun activity, ESA Generational Bingo. Emma Ray was the winner and we all learned a lot about each other.

Junior Past President, Carmen Oswalt:

Useless Fact: If Barbie was life sized, her measurements would be 39-23-33 AND she would stand 7'2" tall.

I will start with Member of the Year Award. I know it is way too early to choose one in your Chapter, but I hope you will make every attempt to watch and make an effort to honor someone from your chapter this year. I believe we have 18 chapters in Indiana, and last year I think we had 7 chapters participate. Does that mean there were only 7 members in the whole state that did something extra for their Chapter or for Indiana ESA? Information is in the Chapter Packets, or on the web site.

Disaster Fund is alive and well, there are no changes in the forms or requirements. Again, the forms and Requirements are in you packets. Most of you support the Disaster Fund-after all it is the only project that is just for US! Only ESA members can apply. Any questions? See me after the Conference.

And, now for everybody's favorite -Hope For Heroes. Basically there is no change from last year, the system for coupons is the same and the address is the same. I know it can be confusing, but the directions are listed on the first page. Expired (less than 2 months) and unexpired-at least 2 months left! Then divide those two piles by item.

PLEASE, remember to keep track of amounts collected (listed as goods on the philanthropic form), monies spent (postage) and any mileage accumulated.

Hope for Heroes can also be a non-coupon fundraiser or collection, etc. for the military. Check with your local VA Hospital, National Guard, or military base. Does someone know an active military? Do they have needs you can fill?

One other little reminder...according to the bylaws I am supposed to maintain and provide the Chapter Rosters. If there is any change in your chapter-new members, new email, new addresses, phone changes, etc. please let me know asap. You also should let Cindy Clossey know so she can get the Lamp to the correct email address, and if you don't mind add Courtney Ginder-Webmaster to the email and then she can change it on the web. You send one email and the whole state will have the current info. Win, win!

And lastly, per DeOn's request .I will share 1.) My favorite thing about New Orleans is the Beignets. I have made copies of a recipe for each of you. I would

have made them, but they are NO good cold! Believe me I have tried. So, make some and enjoy every bite. 2.) Canal Street was never a canal. It was supposed to connect the Mississippi River to Lake Pontchartrain, but it was never built. It did become the dividing line between the French who founded the city and newcomers who were just arriving, serving as a prominent landmark and literal line in the sand. It is also said to be one of the widest streets in the country. And on a personal note, my husband (as a Shrine Clown) marched down this street many years ago and had a heat stroke (the make up did not allow sweat) and he melted his clown shoes. Oh, and 3.) I may get to visit there again in March!

Thank you Delta Zeta for hosting a great Fall Conference and for all of attending- enjoy the rest of your day!

Second Vice President, Alley Gary:

2nd VP Report:

- Philanthropic reporting form has been uploaded to the website, due May 15th
 - Please keep in Excel format- will help with yearend calculations
- Philanthropic state project nomination form has been uploaded to the website, due January 1st
- Anna's Celebration of Life Foundation Updates
 - Thank you to the members that volunteered at the Golf Outing and Motorcycle Ride
 - Next volunteer event, Rock the Night for Special Needs, 12/7/19
 - Will email for volunteers
- Camp Riley Updates
 - No longer allowed to volunteer at Camp Riley due to new IU restrictions
 - No wish list, Camp is fully stocked and no longer has storage for donations, only monetary
 - Working on getting a date for Camp Riley Tour
 - Next event, Torch Relay, 10/12/19
 - Not a volunteer event, but can walk/fundraise for Camp Riley
 - Members will sign-up individually
 - Chapter organized events
 - Riley Hospital Toy Room Clean-Up

- Volunteers would clean toys that patients have played with in the toy rooms
 - Must have at least 5 volunteers
- Riley Hospital Parties in the Child Life Zone
 - Volunteers would help with parties for patients
 - Must have at least 3 volunteers
- Questions?

New Orleans Fact: Each seat in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome is a different color than the one next to it. This coloring makes it seem like the stadium has a full house, even if it doesn't.

Alley read a report from Brad Haberman from Anna's Celebration of Life stating that so far we have donated \$9,353.77.

Pat Dodson reported that a daughter and granddaughter of Omega Chi member is an ACOL child. Her name is Zailey Anderade. She is 9 years old and she needs a robotic arm to feed her. It is \$6,000. Omega Chi has donated \$1,000 to this and other chapters can donate to this project. You can earmark your donation to ACOL to this child.

Educational Director, Jennifer Morris:

Several years ago, the Educational Director for my chapter gave a presentation on state parks in Indiana. I have lived in Indiana my whole life but each presentation taught me something about the state parks in Indiana. For example, did you know that in Pokagon State Park located in Angola, Indiana there is a quarter mile Toboggan Run? I did not but 90,000 people ride it in a season!

Two years ago, in my chapter our Educational Director shared with us something about her Sikh religion. I am a cradle Catholic and never took interest in other religions – I figured I had enough to keep track of in my own religion. Those educational programs broadened my horizons – who can't use broader horizons?

One more chapter educational story for you, last year the educational director chose topics of health issues. A few things we learned about were bone density, heart disease and vaping. The chapter got the biggest laugh out of the educational director telling us about the investigating she did on vaping.

I am just a few short months into this office of Educational Director and I have already learned something new. I did not know that Eta Pi Chapter, Fishers meets

year around and their Educational Director has already sent me two Educational reports.

While in Memphis this past July the topic of educational programs came up during dinner. The suggestion was made that maybe this year in their chapter there could be educational programs about self-care. It is said that women are especially bad about self-care because we are busy caring for others. Who can agree with that? Sounds like a great idea to me.

I have attended several MARC Leadership Conferences and I encourage all of you to attend MARC. I think I was in Illinois when one of the speakers talked about the importance of taking care of the care giver. I immediately thought of friends and family who care for elderly parents, ill spouses or kids with special needs. Many times, since that conference I have commented to caregivers how important it is that they take care of themselves while taking care of their loved ones – I would say “now you know you have to take of yourself so you can take care of others”. A few years later when I think MARC was held in Minnesota, one of the speakers talked about communication between generations. I work in an office of about 400 people who represent just about every walk of life including different generations. That presentation opened my eyes to how I can better communicate with my co-workers!

At the IC Convention that was held in Arizona the key note speaker had held many occupations over the years including an author. He had authored a book called “Who cares for the caregiver?” His presentation was great and I bought his book and took it home with me. While I was unpacking my suitcase from convention my daughter saw the book, read the title of the book out loud and says to me in a tone only a pre-teen girl wise beyond her years could muster.....well you do Mommy. I read the book and later shared the book with a friend whose mother had recently been diagnosed with lung cancer. When I gave her the book I said now you need to read this, it has really good insight into the journey you are about to take. Not knowing that in a just few short months I would be the one embarking on the caregiver journey. All those things I heard from those speakers and the things I read in the book all came back to me at a time I needed that information the most.

Now that I have shared some of my experiences with education in ESA I want you to share some of your education ideas. There is paper on each of your tables. One person at your table will need to be the note taker. As you go around the table I want each of you to give an idea of something you would want to learn about in your chapter educational presentations. The person who was designated as the

note taker is to write down each idea that is shared. You have 3 minutes to do this starting now.

Time is up. Will the member responsible for the educational programs in your chapter please raise their hands? You need to pay close attention to what happens next. Will the note taker from each group please stand? Please read the ideas from your group. All of you who are responsible for the educational programs, take note of what these members have an interest in. Maybe incorporate these ideas into what you already have planned or into what you will plan for the coming months in your chapter.

Thank you for taking the time to share your ideas and for listening to what our members have an interest in learning about.

In sharing all of these stories with you I hope I have illustrated how valuable the Education part of ESA is! The presentations that are done in your chapter can be about anything you can think of – the possibilities are endless.

In all the Educational Director information I have read, it says I need a theme. So the theme this year for Educational Programs is JUST DO IT!! Plan time each month at your meetings or connected to your socials and have the educational programs!

I ask each of you this year is to find something you want to share with others in your chapter and share it and then report it to me by the end of each month! Did you see what I did there? I slipped in that one piece of business in at the very end. Thank you! And let the good times roll with education this year!

Tammy Bryant presented Carmen Oswalt with her Scrapbook from her year as State President.

Corresponding Secretary, Karen Maxey, read Collegiate Coordinator, Katelyn Woehner's report.

Collegiate Chapters

ISU is still an active chapter that has disbanded due to lack of University Involvement

Ball State is going to be on fire

I have been in good communication with their President, Ally.

Recruitment for fall 2019 is September 17-23.

They are in communication with Tracey at Headquarters and have a huge passion for their service this year. Along with Homecoming tailgate, we are looking in to an ESA collegiate retreat with the group and they want to stay more connected with our group.

Other chapters, I am going to push Phi Alpha this year to spread word of mouth to friends they may have at other colleges who may be interested in getting ESA started there as well.

Building a Bridge of Connectivity: Traditional Sis Program (Alumni or not)

A traditional sis will be connected to a student that can act as a mentor and connect when they graduate for better transition in to the traditional program. Be sure we are all staying connected with the collegiate chapter. Reach out to them and introduce yourself at our events. I was proud that the group went to Memphis for International Convention.

St. Jude Junior Coordinator, Monica Haddock:

Hello everyone! I would like to start off by thanking Monica for giving our report and remind everyone to come check out our raffle items for St. Jude. I had a trip planned with multiple couples to a music festival and could come today. I truly hate missing my chance to see everyone. I would also like to thank Eta Phi for hosting their Annual Golf Outing last weekend. I'm sure it was a big success.

The Indy Walk/Run is next weekend September 28th and I'm sure they appreciate all that have signed up to volunteer and you cannot have to many volunteers so please sign up to volunteer if you are available next weekend. The link to sign up is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0545adad2ca3fa7-2019>

Future dates:

Radiothons:

WJJK/Indy December 12-13 Stephanie will have a sign-up form after the walk/run is over

Fort Wayne January 30-31

Evansville February 6-7

Bloomington February 20-21

WFMS/Indy February 27-28

Trivia Night- Evansville IN November 2nd at the VFW on Wabash

Evansville Walk/Run April 25th @ Burdette Park

I will put these dates in the next lamp and attempt another group email to all the chapter presidents. I had some technical issues with my last group email. I know some of you got it and some of you did not. Sorry about that.

Thank you to all the chapters for all you do to raise money for the kids. I have already sent in monies from chapters and look forward to all the great things Indiana will do this year.

St. Jude night at Chili's is September 30, 2019. 100% of the profits benefit St. Jude.

See everyone at Spring Conference😊

Most think of jazz and think of saxophones, basses and pianos but it actually started with a drum. New Orleans was one of the first places where slaves were allowed to own drums. This instrument, combined with some community spirit, was all it took to create one of the most pervasive musical traditions in the U.S. It was this open celebration and melding of musical inspiration that brought about the musical genre now known as jazz.

Chaplain, Vivian Greeson:

LUNCHEON PRAYER

Our Father thank you for this meal which we are about to receive. Bless those who have prepared and bless those who are about to partake. May we use it to the nourishment of our bodies. In your name we pray. Amen.

Lunch break started at 12:10 p.m. and the meeting reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

Easter Seals Coordinator, Judy Flannery:

Judy started out by presenting a PowerPoint presentation on Easter Seals that was created by Deanna Walters that can be found on the IC website.

Easterseals was founded in 1919 by Edgar Allen who said, "Your life and mine shall be valued not by what we take...but by what we give."

There will now be a short power point presentation developed by Deanna Walters when she was IC Easterseals Chair.

How appropriate as ESA sisters and brothers also give as we follow our mission to serve. Many chapters contribute funds to support the work done by Easterseals. This year I challenge each chapter to volunteer at Easterseals for one event and/or have one event to raise funds to continue the mission of Easterseals to Live, Work, Learn and Play. I also remind you now that Easterseals' financial year ends on March 31, 2020 so if possible, any monetary contributions will be gratefully accepted by this date.

I will be sending out to chapter presidents Easterseals events as I receive them. In your chapter packets, I have a sheet with the state Easterseals reporting form to use and fundraising suggestions and the websites for the three Easterseals regions for Indiana. If you have any questions/concerns, please contact me at redbrow1112@att.net, text at 317-410-1795. Thank you.

Now per the wishes of our president, DeOn, a bit of New Orleans history. I chose a medical theme as Easterseals with its services falls under this broad category.

In New Orleans, Charity Hospital was founded on May 10, 1736, by a grant from Jean Louis, a French sailor and shipbuilder, who died in New Orleans the year before. His last will and testament was to finance a hospital for the indigent in the colony of New Orleans from his estate. Charity Hospital was originally named the **Hospital of Saint John** or **L'Hôpital des Pauvres de la Charité** (The Charity Hospital for the Poor). The first Charity Hospital was located on the intersection of Chartres Street and Bienville Street in what is now the French Quarter. The hospital was founded 18 years after the city was founded by France in 1718. It was the second oldest continuously operated public hospital in the United States.

Only Bellevue Hospital in New York City is older, having been founded a month earlier, on March 31, 1736.

It moved several times until its fifth facility was built in 1832 on Common Street in the American St. Mary district. The hospital remained at the spot for more than 100 years. The Daughters of Charity took over management of the hospital in 1834 and ran it until 1996. During their tenure, the hospital, working with Louisiana State University and Tulane University, became known for its research and teaching. By 1933, Charity was crumbling. Through political wrangling with the federal Public Works Administration, Gov. Huey P. Long managed to get an art deco masterpiece to the people constructed on Tulane Avenue. The 20-story, 2,680 bed Charity Hospital opened in 1940, and at the time, it was the second-largest hospital in the United States. Charity, along with University Hospital and associated clinics, cared for 86 percent of the city's poor citizens before Hurricane Katrina. The hospital, the second oldest in the country, was closed after Katrina and never reopened.

Lamp Editor, Cindy Clossey:

Hello everybody. The first issue of this year's lamp was distributed to all of the current Indiana members listed on the chapter rosters that were submitted last spring. I hope you enjoyed reading it. 22 copies were mailed on Saturday, August 31, with none being returned. 269 were emailed on Sunday, September 1, with 6 bouncing back. If you didn't receive a copy, please see me today, so your contact information can be updated. Please make sure you keep us updated of any new members or contact information that changes. We want to make sure everyone is well informed of what is going on in our great state.

As stated in my lamp article, in an effort to keep costs down, the lamp is being emailed to all those with email addresses. This first issue was mailed to those that do not have email as a courtesy. Future issues will only be mailed to those that have submitted the Lamp Hard Copy Request Form. This form will need to be completed and submitted annually. If you have someone in your chapter that does

not have email, it would be nice if someone would step up and print a copy for them. I have enclosed the 2019-20 Lamp Publication Hard Copy Request Form in the chapter packets.

I want to thank everyone who sent in articles and pictures. It was a real pleasure putting it together. This year we don't only want to report on what we have done, but also what is coming up. This will help keep everyone informed so we can support the other chapters. If you have any projects or events coming up, please include any flyers or information about them with your articles.

The next Lamp deadline is November 1st. I look forward to receiving many articles, and lots of pictures.

I would like to submit the LAMP to IC for awards this year.

Corresponding Secretary, Karen Maxey, read Webmaster, Cortney Ginder's report:

Numbers/Analytics

- Website Stats for the last 90 Days
 - 591 Sessions (people visiting the website)
 - 1,993 Page Views
 - 319 Users
 - Most Popular Pages (Not including the Home page, since that's the landing page every user will see)
 - About Indiana ESA – Indiana State Council: 29 views
 - Event Page for Eta Pi & American Legion Golf Outing Benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital: 27 views
 - About Indiana ESA – Chapters: 23 Views
 - Event Page for MARC 2019 – Lighting Up the Queen City: 23 Views
 - Forms: 12

- This shows that people are looking at who we are and what we do!
- Security
 - I have a plugin that provides security for the site and locks out users and IP addresses that try to log in without valid login information, access pages and files that do not exist, etc.
 - From August 21 to September 20, the security plugin has protected our website and information from 327 such attacks.
 - It also runs daily scans to protect the site from malware and viruses; the site is clean of all bugs/malware/viruses.
- Facebook Stats
 - 101 Likes
 - Largest post reach: 686 people
 - Largest post engagement: 138 (Engagement is combined likes, comments, and shares)

Events

- As mentioned in my September Lamp article – ***PLEASE* send me chapter events and fundraisers.**
- I cannot publicize and get the word out about our events if I find out about them after the fact
- Events are listed on the calendar on the website and I try to get them posted on Facebook as well
 - Facebook has been a little dormant for the summer since so many chapters do not have events during the summer
- We cannot leverage our social media/web presence unless I have information to share/post

Foundation Counselor, Emma Ray:

I want to start by just telling any new members or first timers what the ESA Foundation is all about. The foundation's main purpose is to provide scholarships to those who are or who are wanting to attend college. They also offer career enhancement grants for those who have a career but are wanting to attend workshops or seminars to help them increase their job ability or knowledge. They are able to do this because of dedicated members of the foundation.

I joined the foundation because 1: I am a teacher and I understand the importance of higher education. Last week, I talked with my first graders about what they want to be when they grow up, and I got so many great answers: Nurse, Policeman, Teacher, YouTube Star, Vet, Scientist, Dinosaur Bone Digger, Astronaut, Singer... and what we talked about was most of those jobs will require them to go to college. Any one of these amazing kiddos who graduate in 2032 could apply for any of these scholarships, and that is huge! Just knowing that I can support kids to help them reach their dreams was big enough for me to pay that initial \$25.

The second reason I joined, was because I got to thinking about what I truly spend my money on each month: I spend about \$15 every week on coffee and that money could pay my dues for the entire year after my first year investment of \$25!

SO, if you weren't exactly sure what the foundation was or have never really considered being a member, I hope that I have helped to "nudge" you in that direction!

I have membership forms with me today! If you are interested in joining today or even if you want to mull it over, please come and see me for a form!

Also, there is another option for anyone who wants to make a lifetime commitment to the Foundation. For a one-time payment of \$500 or a two year commitment of \$250 a year, you can become a Life Active Foundation Member. That means that you will become a lifelong member and will be able to help support a special project for the ESA Foundation. Last year's life active drive funds were used as a \$50,000.00 grant to St. Jude in 5 \$10,000.00 increments for their new graduate research program at the hospital.

The Foundation's motto is "Serving the World Community, because we care!" That is what ESA is all about and why I am so glad to be a part of this amazing organization!

New Orleans Fun Fact: I love to find out if any movies are filmed in places that I visit, so I thought it would be fun to share some different movies that have been filmed in New Orleans:

-Double Jeopardy

-Jurassic World

-The Pelican Brief

-The Best of Me

-JFK

-21 Jump Street

-Daddy's Home

Emma reported some of the levels that members have reached in the Foundation:

Bronze- \$250-\$499

Linda Carol Wilson

Terrie Farrington

Alpha Zeta Ft. Wayne

Silver- \$500-\$1,000

Jennifer Morris

Karen Urutia

Melissa Peak

Crystal-\$1,000-\$4,999

PIP's

Paradox-\$5,000

Eta Pi

BJ Voll reported on behalf of the Life Active Grant Committee and told about a Nurse who got a grant to further her career.

Awards Chair, Aphrodite Hudson:

Happy fall! I don't have a lot to share today, but I will let you know that during the summer board meeting, the group determined that a by-law change would need to be submitted to address a house keeping issue carrying over from last year to remove the awards that are no longer given out for tracking mileage and travel for the board. Carmen jumped on that quicker than I could blink and volunteered to submit that request. Phew!

Aside from that, I would like to make you aware that now is the time to start digging deep in your hearts and memory banks for details on what ESA means to you. This is an essay competition hosted every year, and submissions from members will be categorized by those who have been members for 1 year and those who have been members for 1 year or more. So, it's never too early or too late to share all of the wonderful things about ESA that keep you volunteering, showing up, and living what it means to be an ESA member each and every day.

To wrap up my report, I have a word scramble for those who would like to participate. I used my smarticles and consulted with Microsoft Word's thesaurus to see how many words represented the word "AWARD". You know, since I'm the AWARDS chair, it seemed natural to educate you on all of the synonyms I could possibly come up with. So, put your thinking caps on, and let's unscramble.

Aphrodite gave out "Just Because" awards to Carmen Oswalt, Monica Haddock and Cindy Clossey.

Jaycee Peak told about awards from International Council for school-aged children. All of the information is on the International website.

MARC Rep, Terrie Monaghan:

FUN FACT: New Orleans is the birthplace of Jazz music, a mixture of African and Creole rhythms with European styles and instruments. New Orleans barber Buddy Bolden is credited with inventing jazz music in 1891. The first opera in the United States, however, was performed in New Orleans in 1796.

Our very own Denise Hagerty is running for the office of MARC 2019-2020 Recording Secretary at the MARC Conference.

The 2019 MARC Conference will be held at the Embassy Suites Cincinnati on October 11 and 12, 2019. Registration deadline has passed. Walk-in Registrations will be accepted in the form of cash, check, or money order only, and the cost will be \$175.00.

The ESA Foundation is having two raffles:

MARC Purple Heart Endowment is raffling an Americana Quilt; and

MARC Endowment is raffling a hand-crafted tote with gift cards enclosed.

Raffle tickets are \$2.00 for one ticket or you can purchase 12 tickets for \$10.00. When you purchase tickets, please put your name and phone number on the back of your ticket. I have the raffle tickets available for purchase at this time.

MARC Rep, Denise Hagerty:

THEY WILL BE DOING A HOPE FOR HEROES COLLECTION AT MARC FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE. PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE CINCINNATI VA FISHER HOUSE. THE WISH LIST INCLUDES JUST ABOUT ANYTHING YOU COULD THINK OF INCLUDING GIFT CARDS. ALL ITEMS MUST BE NEW AND NOT USED. SO IF YOU ARE ATTENDING MARC AND WOULD LIKE TO SUPPORT THE VA IN CINCINNATI PLEASE FEEL FREE TO BRING ITEMS FOR THIS. YOU MAY REACH OUT TO ME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON THE ITEMS NEEDED.

THERE IS A POSITION AVAILABLE ON THE MARC BOARD IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR AN OFFICE. RHONDA RAWLINGS

HAS WITHDRAWN HER NAME FROM THE OFFICE OF TREASURER. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED YOU HAVE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30 TO SUBMIT YOUR NAME AND QUALIFICATIONS TO LINDA SCHMIDT 1ST VICE PRESIDENT. THE FORM IS ON THE MARC WEBSITE.

HOW MANY OF YOU WILL BE ATTENDING MARC? IT WILL BE A GREAT CONFERENCE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE.

Terrie and Denise will be taking donations for Hope for Heroes, Fishers House, to MARC. Examples, shampoo, gas cards, food cards and cleaning supplies.

Association of the Arts Chair, Sue Bigler:

When I think of New Orleans, I think of the French Quarter with its unique artwork, many with Fleur De Lis patterns; iron balconies, elaborate doors and gardens, and the fun on Bourbon Street. (Think Pat O'Brien's Hurricanes!)

During WWII the Hurricane cocktail was created with rum when whiskey was hard to come by. The name came from the shape of the glass it's served in, it resembles a hurricane lamp. For those who are interested the Traditional Hurricane recipe is:

- 2 oz. light rum

- 2 oz. dark rum

- 2 oz. passion fruit juice

- 1 oz. orange juice

- 1/2 oz. fresh lime juice

- 1 Tablespoon simple syrup

- 1 Tablespoon Grenadine

Shake all with cracked ice and garnish with orange slice and cherry

Besides Hurricanes, I picture the Mardi Gras parades, floats and costumes, and the jazz bands marching in the streets and in the bars. But oh, the FOOD! That's what I remember most! Crabs, crawfish, shrimp, oysters, gumbo, Po-Boys, red beans and rice, pralines and of course beignets. I could go on and on.

I love those beignets served at Café Du Monde. The Original Café Du Monde Coffee Sand was established in 1862 in the New Orleans French Market. It is open seven days a week, 24 hours a day. It closes only on Christmas Day and during an

occasional hurricane. It is a traditional coffee shop serving dark roasted Coffee and Chicory, Beignets, White and Chocolate Milk, and fresh squeezed Orange Juice. Beignets are delicious square French-style doughnuts, lavishly covered with powdered sugar. YUM!

Although entries to the Association of the Arts in 2020 are certainly not limited to the Art of New Orleans, the sights, the sounds, and the tastes of New Orleans are sure to spark your creative juices. I encourage all of you to submit your many entries. Forms and a list of categories are on the website. This year I will have a few outside judges, a former art teacher, an Etsy shop owner, and a "real" artist who sells her artwork in the Carmel Arts District.

I am looking forward to a really big show!!

Corresponding Secretary, Karen Maxey, read Scrapbook Chair, Stephanie Moore's report:

Sorry I can't be there in person to laissez les bon temps rouler, but I know you will make me proud!

I have envelopes in your packets addressed to myself for you to start compiling your pictures and memorabilia for DeOn's scrapbook. Please remember to label all photos with Chapter name, dates, names and events. When full, these can be exchanged for new, empty envelopes! ☺ Or you can turn them in to me at Spring Conference.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at the information below!

Thank you in advance and enjoy your fall conference!

IC Convention Report, Denise Hagerty:

FIRST OFF I WOULD LIKE TO THANK JUDY FLANNERY AND ROZANNE ROBERTSON FOR THE EXCELLENT JOB THEY DID PUTTING TOGETHER THE INDIANA PRESENTATION FOR THE IC CONVENTION THIS YEAR. THEY ONLY HAD A COUPLE WEEKS TIME BUT THEY PULLED IT OFF.

NOW IT IS TIME FOR THE REST OF US TO GO TO WORK AND PULL OF THE 2022 IC CONVENTION IN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

THERE ARE MANY TASKS TO BE TAKEN CARE OF AND WE WILL NEED ALL OF OUR MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE AND ASSIST WITH CONVENTION. I KNOW THIS SEEMS FAR OFF BUT IT WILL BE HERE SOONER THAN WE THINK. I DON'T WANT TO OVERWHELM EVERYONE WITH ALL THE DETAILS AT ONE TIME, SO WE WILL REPORT ON DIFFERENT THINGS EACH TIME WE MEET IN HOPES OF EVERYONE COMPREHENDING WHAT IS NEEDED TO PUT ON THIS EVENT.

WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR A THEME FOR CONVENTION. I HAVE RECEIVED 2 IDEAS TO DATE AND WOULD LOVE TO RECEIVE MORE. IT WILL BE THE 75TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION THAT YEAR AND ALSO WE WILL CELEBRATE 50 YEARS WITH ST JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL.

IN YOUR CHAPTER PACKETS YOU WILL FIND A 2 SIDED PIECE OF PAPER LISTING THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES ALONG WITH THE LISTING OF IC CONVENTION SUB CHAIRS. I DID NOT COPY AND LIST THE DUTIES OF EACH, AS THAT IS 27 PAGES LONG. SHOULD YOU BE INTERESTED IN ONE OR MORE OF THESE SUB CHAIR DUTIES PLEASE REACH OUT TO ME, KAREN MAXEY OR ROZANNE ROBERTSON. WE ALL HAVE COPIES OF THESE DUTIES.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AS OF NOW IS:

LOCAL CHAIRMAN – DENISE HAGERTY

LOCAL CO-CHAIRMAN – KAREN MAXEY

ADMINISTRATIVE ADVISOR – ROZANNE ROBERTSON

REGISTRATION CHAIR – ALLEY GARY

SECRETARY –

TREASURER – JENNIFER SKINNER

EVENTS CHAIR – LYNN HOWLEY

ON THE SUB COMMITTEE CHAIRS ONLY ONE POSITION HAS BEEN FILLED –

ESA FOUNDATION ACTIVITIES – JENNIFER MORRIS

WE WILL START HAVING SOME MEETINGS/GATHERINGS PERTAINING TO 2022 IC BEGINNING NEXT YEAR.

MANY OF THESE EXECUTIVE AND SUB CHAIR DUTIES WILL INVOLVE WORKING WITH THE IC BOARD. THE IC BOARD WILL MAKE MANY OF THE FINAL DECISIONS AND WE WILL CARRY THEM OUT. MANY OF YOU MAY HAVE NEVER ATTENDED AN IC CONVENTION. THIS DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO ASSIST. PLUS THERE ARE 2 IC CONVENTIONS BEFORE WE HOST. NEXT YEAR IS IN TEXAS AND THE FOLLOWING IS IN KENTUCKY.

THE 2022 IC CONVENTION WILL BE JULY 23, 2022 THROUGH JULY 31, 2022. LOCATION IS THE INDIANAPOLIS MARRIOTT EAST. 7202 EAST 21ST ST, INDIANAPOLIS IN.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM MANY OF YOU AND WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU IN THE NEXT COUPLE YEARS AS WE PREPARE TO MAKE THIS ONE OF THE MOST AWESOME, INFORMATIVE AND ENTERTAINING CONVENTIONS EVER. SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS FOR ANYTHING PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

WATCH YOUR LAMP, STATE PRESIDENTS NEWS LETTER AND ANY OTHER COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION.

THANK YOU ALL IN ADVANCE FOR LENDING YOUR EXPERTISE TO THIS EVENT.

President DeOn Cahill had a tote that we will be using a Time Capsule. We will open it in five years. Anybody having anything they want to add today, can put place their items in there and if you didn't bring anything today, you can bring it to the next meeting. She will be keeping the tote at her house.

President DeOn Cahill gave her closing thoughts.

Chaplain, Vivian Greeson:

CLOSING THOUGHT

We were created to make somebody else's life better. Somebody out there needs what you have...your smile, your love, your words and your encouragement. Share your gifts today.

CLOSING PRAYER

Father, we thank Thee for all Thy creation, and all Thy graces bestowed on us. May the wonder of a grateful heart be acceptable in Thy sight? Watch over each of us as we return to our homes and families. Amen.

Thanks to Delta Zeta for having us today.

I have been busy since Convention. Thanks for keeping me posted on news of our Chapters. Since Convention I have sent the following cards:

Anniversary	4
Birthday	5
Sympathy	5
Get Well	2
Thinking of You	2

Please remember to send me the forms for births, deaths, and get well. These forms are on the web site.

I have also attended the chartering of our new Chapter Alpha Delta # 5610 Pleasant Township on September 12, 2019.

We are to tell you a little something about New Orleans. I chose Saint Louis Cathedral.

Three Roman Catholic churches have stood on the site since 1718, when the city was founded. The first was a crude wooden structure in the early days of the French Colony. The church was located on the town square. Construction of a larger brick and timber church was begun in 1725 and completed 1727. The church was destroyed in the Great New Orleans Fire on Good Friday March 21, 1718. New church was completed in 1794. In 1793 the church was elevated to Cathedral rank as The See of the Diocese of New Orleans making it the oldest cathedral in the United States.

The cathedral is said to be haunted by a priest was body was buried within the church. He is said to be seen walking the alley early in the mornings and also seen at Christmas Midnight mass near the left side of the altar holding a candle, and a monk can be heard chanting on rainy days. Today, it has 6000 members.

LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL

The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m. with everyone standing and joining hands and reciting the closing ritual.

