

Epsilon Sigma Alpha – Indiana State Council

“Laissez les Bons Temps Rouler”

Spring Conference March 7, 2020

Danville United Methodist Church Danville, Indiana

The meeting was called or order at 9:30 a.m. by President DeOn Cahill. Everyone recited the Opening Ritual.

**Chaplain, Vivian Greeson:**

Thought for The Day:

Some Days are Better, Some Days are Worse, Look for the Blessing instead of the curse. Be Positive, Stay Strong, and get enough rest. You can't do it all, but you can do your best.

Prayer:

Again, we meet to share our knowledge and fellowship and ask that you strengthen us for the duties that are ours that we may serve with willingness and devotion. In Jesus name 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.

Jaycee Peak welcomed everybody on behalf of Zeta Eta and Beta Phi.

President DeOn Cahill welcomed everybody and introduced the PIP's, MARC Board and ISC Board. PIP Jaycee Peak is running for IC Board. PIP's Peggy Zimmer and Mary Hougland are the co-chairs for the 2020 MARC Convention.

First Vice President Brenda Campbell had all new pledges and first time Conference attendees introduce themselves.

Roll Call – 16 Chapters 73 Members present.

**Corresponding Secretary Karen Maxey:**

A thank you from new Chapter Alpha Delta for the gift basket they received.

New Orleans facts:

When most people picture a voodoo doll, they think of Hollywood movies with witch doctors, black magic and painful pins. However, Voodoo is a rich and diverse spiritual religion practiced still to this day in NOLA. Voodoo dolls are not instruments of Evil, they are instruments of intent. The dolls are a focus tool for prayers, spells and meditations. There are many types of Voodoo dolls for all purposes, such as love, healing, empowerment, guidance or fertility. The color of the doll is the indicator of its intended purpose. For example, if the doll is dressed in white the intent is positive for purification or healing. If

the doll is in green the intent will focus on growth, wealth, money and fertility. If the doll is in blue like this one, its intended purpose is for peace and tranquility. It is believed if you pin something personal to the doll such as a lock of hair or a possession of the person who the doll represents this will create a stronger connection and make the message clearer to the Spirits.

“That must be where I am going wrong. I’ll have to put a pair of scissors in my purse too. Snip a lock.” So, the person this doll represents can find much needed peace.

### **First Vice President Brenda Campbell:**

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

In the spirit “Laissez les Bon Temps Rouler.”

Though Mardi Gras began as early as 1699 it wasn’t until 1857 that the model for future parades was established. The New Orleans’s Clubs, the Mystick Krewe of Comus, or krews, put on the first parade with themed floats and the wearing of masks, among other things.

\*It was in 1920 that they began throwing beads. The colors of the beads have significance: The purple represents justice; the green symbolizes faith and the gold exemplifies power. The throwing of the beads signifies the krews granting of justice, faith and powers to all who catch the beads.

\* It is illegal to wear masks in New Orleans except on Mardi Gras. The masquerade is a service as an opportunity to shed their inhibitions and fully imbibe in the party spirit.

Membership:

Indiana has added another Chapter, Chi Omicron, in Avon which puts us at 25 Chapters and 335 members. Total members show a net growth of 13. This is TERRIFIC!

Nominations and bids:

### Nominations

I am happy to announce the list of elected office candidates that were received by the deadline. (Please stand when I announce your name.)

Past President – DeOn Cahill, Eta Pi

President – Brenda Campbell, Beta Kappa

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Alley Gary, Eta Pi

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Jennifer Skinner, Eta Pi

Recording Secretary - Megan Gray – Eta Pi

Treasurer – Cindy Norman – Beta Phi

Parliamentarian – Jennifer Morris – Gamma Pi

Educational – Aphrodite Hudson – Eta Pi

Any nominations must be given to me before State Convention, along with qualifications.

Appointed officers (Again, please stand when I read your name.)

Corresponding Secretary – Stacey Brummett – Delta Delta

Chaplain – Jaycee Peak – Zeta Eta

Sr. St. Jude – Monica Haddock – Eta Pi

Jr. St. Jude

LAMP Editor – Cindy Clossey – Alpha Delta

Collegiate Coordinator

Easter Seals – Karen Maxey – Alpha Delta

Awards – Vivian Greeson – Delta Kappa

MARC Representatives – Tammy Bryant – Delta Kappa and Mary  
Hougland – Beta Kappa

Scrapbook – Dee Hess and Barb Grant – Delta Delta

Web Master- Courtney Ginder – Eta Pi

Association of the Arts – Makayla Greeson – Delta Kappa

I want to thank everyone who has volunteered to serve on the 2020-  
2021 Indiana State Council Board.

Bids received by the deadline:

Fall Conference:

- Hosted by Omega Chi, Plainfield – September 19, 2020 at Sahara Grotto in Indianapolis

Spring Conference:

- Hosted by Delta Sigma, Evansville – March 13, 2021 at Methodist Temple, Evansville
- Hosted by Delta Delta, Seymour – March 20, 2021

State Convention 2021

- Hosted by Beta Kappa, Seymour – June 11, 12 & 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Four Winds Lakeside Inn and Marina, Lake Monroe, Bloomington

State Convention 2022

- Hosted by Eta Pi, Fishers – June 10, 11 & 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the Holiday Inn, Indianapolis Airport Ameriplex

#### IC Convention/Leadership:

International Convention will be held July 12 – 19th in Grapevine, Texas at Embassy Suites by Hilton, DFW Airport North. All details can be found at <https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ICConvention>

Please consider going to help our Jaycee Peak.

If you are planning to go, please let me know. Also, if you know who you are rooming with please let me know as well.

Brenda had puzzles on all the tables. Everyone had to visit other tables in order to complete their puzzle. Sometimes you have to ask other Chapters or people for help.

Brenda had Alley Gary tell about going to Colorado to the Elite Young Leadership Conference. This year's Elite Young Leadership Conference will be October 1-3, 2020.

St. Jude has a new Volunteer Management System. You have to sign up to volunteer for any St. Jude events. There will be an award given to the State with the most people to sign up by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Alley Gary

- Philanthropic state Project nominations forms
  - 4 Submitted forms, will vote at State Convention
    - 2 to keep it the same
    - 1 for just ACOLF
    - 1 for just Camp Riley
- Anna's Celebration of Life Foundation Updates
  - March 13<sup>th</sup> St. Patrick's Day Parade
    - Arrive at 10:30 and will walk alongside the ACOLF van

- Contact Brad if you want to walk so he can give details on location

April 18<sup>th</sup> Clay Shoot in Greenfield

All volunteer slots have been filled, thank you

- Camp Riley Updates
  - Wording on getting a date for Camp Riley Tour
    - We have been approved to tour while camp is happening
    - Pass scrapbook around
    - Thank you for the donations to the wish list

Philanthropic reporting form has been uploaded to the website, due May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Please keep in Excel format – will help with yearend calculations

Questions?

Indiana University is trying to come up with a specific project at Camp Riley for us to support.

Jenny Russ of Gamma Pi, Indianapolis said that their Chapter's donation to Camp Riley is over \$13,000 this year.

Thank you to everyone that brought Camp Riley supplies.

While most states have strict open containers laws, Louisiana isn't one of them. You can drink alcohol in public, but the beverage must be in a plastic cup.

**Treasurer Jennifer Skinner:**

## Fast Facts:

What we call the median of a street, New Orleans calls it neutral ground. The strip of ground in the middle of the road was named after the French and Spanish of the City who could only do business on specific neutral ground locations.

Canal Street was once planned to be an actual canal. However, the waterway was never constructed, and it now acts as one of New Orleans busiest streets instead.

Although New Orleans famed neighborhood may be called the French Quarter most buildings were influenced by Spanish architecture.

New Orleans Voodoo Queen Marie Laveau's tomb receive more visitors each year than Elvis Presley's grave.

Mardi Gras masks aren't just for fun. It is apparently illegal to ride on a Mardi Gras float in New Orleans without one.

Checking account balance: \$10, 650.15

Savings account balance: \$ 2, 991.82

The books were audited by the committee on 1/13/2020 and found to be in good order.

All but one Chapter paid State dues (if asked it was Gamma Omicron in Speedway)

The Disaster Fund and State Project donation forms are available on the State website. Only checks made out to the Indiana State Council need to come to me but remember to record all donations on your Philanthropic report. These are due on May 15<sup>th</sup>.



## **Parliamentarian Megan Gray:**

### **Fun Fact**

Masks are an integral part of Mardi Gras culture. During early Mardi Gras celebrations hundreds of years ago, masks were a way for their wearers to escape class constraints and social demands. Mask wearers could mingle with people of all different classes and be whomever they desired, at least for a few days. It is illegal to be mask-less on a Mardi Gras float during a parade.

### **Highlights:**

The answer to my riddle in the December LAMP is ESA is outstanding! Convention is the best! Indiana ESA is the place to be! Jennifer Skinner was the only one to send me an answer and got it correct.

17 by-law proposals will be voted on at State Convention in June. They can all be found in the LAMP. Be sure to discuss these with your Chapter over the next couple of months so you are prepared to vote on each matter in June.

It has been a rewarding and educational experience being Parliamentarian this year. Thank you all for tagging along with me and I kindly ask you that you hang in there with me in June as I read all 17 proposals to you and we discuss and vote on each one.

Educational Director Jennifer Morris

Did you know there are 60 colleges and universities in Louisiana? The largest university in Louisiana is Louisiana State University with almost 31,000 students. It was founded on January 2, 1860.

At Fall Conference I shared some of my educational experiences with you. Today I want to hear your educational experience. Would you

please raise your hand if someone in your Chapter presents an Educational to your Chapter members? Great!

Tell me your name and what Chapter you are from.

Do you give the Educational presentation?

Have you given an Educational presentation to your Chapter?

Why does your Chapter dedicate time to Educational presentation?

Do you enjoy the presentations?

Is there anything that you want the next Educational Director to know....things you need, things that would be helpful?

Thanks to all who participated in the Q and A portion of this report.

Maybe some of the information shared here will inspire you Chapters to start to do Educational presentation or continue with the presentations.

To date I have received 35 Educational reports from Chapters with 7 different Chapters having sent at least one report to me. In the Chapter packets there is a copy of the Gold Seal Award judging criteria. I ask that you strongly consider submitting your Chapter's Educational presentations for the year to be judged at IC Convention in July in Grapevine, Texas. You could also plan to join in Grapevine for the Convention.

Funtivity – Jennifer Skinner handed out various items to be worked on as a group.

**Easter Seals: Judy Flannery**

Hello, it is so nice to see everyone. Thank you to our hosts Zeta Eta and Beta Phi.

In the March issue of the LAMP, I gave several examples of top disability stories and offered a small prize to those who sent in brief summaries. The winners are Emma Ray, Delta Kappa and Carmen Oswalt, Beta Chi. Ladies please come and select your small prize.

Read summaries of stories. Were not these summaries inspirational?

Distribute short quiz to tables. After completion time get answers.

When I took this quiz, I was amazed at the numbers. Easter Seals is indeed a worthwhile organization to support. No longer are those with mental or physical disabilities shunted off to institutions to be forgotten or neglected. It is due to us and those before us and after us that enable organizations to serve the needs of families and individuals in need. Think not only of Easter Seals but Camp Riley, Anna's Celebration of Life, St. Jude Research Hospital for Children and others that have benefitted from our work, no, our labors of love.

Should we pat ourselves on the back? Sure. We must remember, however, there will always be people in need of our help. To quote St. Mother Teresa,

Love cannot remain by itself – it has no meaning. Love has to be put into action, and that action is service.

Please, if possible, send in your Easter Seal contributions by March 30<sup>th</sup>. Their budget year ends on March 30<sup>th</sup> and I need to send in paperwork by April 15<sup>th</sup> to headquarters. You can certainly send any donations by the favorite date of May 15<sup>th</sup> but these will not be included for State Contributions to headquarters, only for State Convention totals.

New Orleans fact:

Twenty years before the Civil War of the United States, and before it was legal for such a Congregation to exist, the Sisters of the Holy Family were founded in New Orleans, Louisiana by Henriette Delille, a free woman of color. Co-foundresses of this religious community of African-American women were Juliette Gaudin and Josephine Charles. Now 178 years young the Order provides education, nursing and has extended immission to other U.S. cities.

### **St. Jude    Kenya Shultz**

Hello everyone! I would like to thank everyone for all the hard work you have done for the St. Jude kids. We had a busy year including radiothons, St. Jude walk/runs, restaurant fundraisers, golf outings, trivia nights. I would like to thank everyone that participated and led these events.

Please keep getting the completed forms into ESA Headquarters so that our report keeps getting updated and our totals continue to grow. It is important to me that everyone gets credit for their hard work.

Just a reminder that everything is due on or before May 15<sup>th</sup>.

EVANSVILLE WALK/RUN   APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>@BURDETT PARK

Please come and support the St. Jude ways and means tables today.

Fun fact: Where the saying “I wouldn’t touch it with a 10-foot pole” originated from and I will tell you how I know this.

**Chaplain Vivian Greeson:**

Thanks to Zeta Eta, Danville and Beta Phi, Rockville for hosting us today.

I have been sending cards and keeping the International Chaplin and the MARC Chaplain as to what is going on in our State with our sisters.

Cards sent to date are:

Birthday 11

Anniversary 5

Sympathy 12

Get Well 3

Thinking of You 5

Engagement 1

New Baby 1

In the Chapter packets you will find a form for the Chapter Banners to be carried on Saturday morning at the State Convention for the Flag Ceremony, please have your Chapter President or someone from your Chapter fill these out and return them to me no later than May 15th, if your Chapter would like to participate in the Flag Ceremony.

Hope to see everyone at State Convention.

### **ESA Foundation Emma Ray**

Hello ESA Sisters! I am so excited that spring is right around the corner and our ESA season is in full swing!

In the most recent addition of the LAMP I asked Chapters to donate gift cards to be taken to IC Convention for the auction that will be held as

part of the Fund Fest Event. If you have any gift cards for the event today, you may bring them to me at any time. I will also have a basket at State Convention to collect gift cards then as well. We will have a purse that the gift cards go in and Jennifer Morris has volunteered to take the purse with the gift cards to Grapevine and deliver it to the Fund Fest Event. Thank you, Jennifer!

I also want to thank everyone that has recently joined the ESA Foundation for the first time, those who paid their dues by the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline and those who recently became Life Active in the ESA Foundation. I am happy to report that we have had 6 new Life Active members this year already (we are tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place with one other state.)! With that being said, the ESA Foundation has challenged States with a life active member drive. For every 2 life active members, the ESA Foundation will give the State \$100 towards new memberships. Since we have had 6 new members, that is \$300 or 12 new memberships to the ESA Foundation!!!

So, on your tables you will find small orange sheets of paper. If you would like to become a member of the ESA Foundation and have your first year of membership paid for, please write your name on the orange sheet of paper and put it in the baskets that Tammy Bryant and Makayla Greeson will be walking around with. I will draw 12 names and those people will just need to fill out the Foundation membership form and you will become official members of the ESA Foundation.

New Orleans Fun Fact:

This is where some notable personalities were born:

New Orleans is the birthplace of famous singers like Louise Armstrong, writers like Truman Capote as well as TV personalities like Reese Witherspoon and the greatest quarterback of all time, Peyton Manning.

## **Scrapbook Chairman: Stephanie Moore**

I have envelopes with me that are addressed to me 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.

If you have anything with you today, please see me for a sweet treat!

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

### **Fun Fact:**

In 1977 the New Orleans" Jazz drafter Louisa Harris, the first woman in the NBA. The 6 '3 " center from Delta State University was taken in the 7<sup>th</sup> round. Unfortunately, it never came to be, as she was pregnant when she was due at training camp.

## **Chaplain Vivian Greeson**

Lunch and prayer:

Dear Father, accept our thanks for Thy goodness to us, and bless this food to our bodies and this fellowship to our hearts. In Jesus name Amen.

Lunch 11:30 to 12:45

## **Jr. Past President Carmen Oswalt**

Useless fact: An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain. (I know some people like that and starfish have no brains, and yep I know some people like that too!)

I will start with Member of the Year Award. I know you will soon be choosing your Chapter's candidate! Please send me your paperwork as soon as possible. As you know, I don't get to pick the winner. I have already asked 2 Junior Presidents to make that decision – so no bribes will be accepted! Forms were in your fall Chapter packets, but it is available online, if you don't like to print. I am still hopeful all Chapters will submit and entry.

Disaster Fund is alive and well, there are no changes in the form or requirements. The forms were in your Fall Conference packets. Most of you support the Disaster Fund – after all it is the only project for US!

Only ESA members can apply. As of today I have had one request, it has been processed and approved. Reminder, it helps if you send me the philanthropic info – hours, miles, money????

And, now for everybody's favorite – Hope for Heroes. Basically, there is not 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 2 piles by item.

PLEASE, remember to keep track of amount collected (listed as goods on the Philanthropic form), money 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? It is NOT too late to have a local fundraiser. Just remember I need all philanthropic information.

One other little reminder....according to the By-Laws I am supposed to maintain and provide the Chapter Rosters. If there is any change in your Chapter, new members, new e-mail, 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 e-mail address, and if you don't mind add Courtney Ginder/ Web Master to the e-mail and she can change it on the web. You send one e-mail and the whole State will have the current info. I have to give both Courtney and Cindy a public thank you. They have done a perfect job, leaving me useless in this process! BUT I need to have everything updated by May 15<sup>th</sup>, so please don't forget to give us the information.

And lastly, per DeOn's request: I will share 1) Did any of you try the Beignets? I have now convinced my youngest grandson how yummy they are as he says "yeast, fried and sugar? How can they be bad?

2)We did get into New Orleans a couple times in March, the last time we decided to drive to the bottom of the Mississippi. What a trip! We came from the east, the highway going to the end is on the west side of the river....we find 2 closed ferries – but still as we see on the map there is one more, so we keep going. It is open and we get on free because we are old (river is pretty dang wide at this point) and we keep driving and driving and driving. We finally found a gas station – needed facilities and a drink – and then we get to the end of the road. No sign, no recognition it is the end, just a marina, a couple pictures and we turn around and head north. All ferries are closed for the day, it is dark, not the greatest area of town and our GPS loses its signal. Not to worry (us) we find a Waffle House, eat and find one I10. It was a 300 mile say and I can say I have been to the beginning of the GREAT MISSISSIPPI. I love

to travel. Thank you, Zeta Eta and Beta Phi, for hosting a great spring conference and for all attending enjoy the rest of your day!

## **Web Master Courtney Ginder**

### Number/Analytics

Website Stats for the last 30 days (as of 2/1/20)

219 Sessions (people on the website)

Up to 21% from previous 30 days

743 Page Views

Up to 59% from previous 30 days

New versus returning Users

58% New, 42% Returning

We now have more new people checking out the website than returning users!

Most popular Pages (Not including the Home page, since that's the landing page every user will see)

Spring Conference 2020 Event Page

Forms

Events for February 2020

About Indiana ESA: Chapters

About Indiana ESA: Indiana State Council

Members are likely checking out the Spring Conference page for registration information, but some of those new users are looking at our upcoming events, where our chapters are, and who our state leadership is.

## Facebook Stats

115 Likes

Largest post reach 1.7k People!

Post about Phi Alpha's recent philanthropic engagement with second Harvest Food Bank and 2020 Spring rush.

Largest post engagement 156 (Engagement is combines likes, comments, and shares)

Same post about Phi Alpha

Are there things you would like to see posted on our Facebook page? Le me know! I'm always open to suggestions.

## Events & Other Misc. Web Information

Please send me events! As mentioned before in the website analytics we have more new users than returning users on the website, and one of our most popular pages is our Events Calendar.

I cannot promote events I don't know about until after they're

already happened. It's great to post pictures of events as they are happening or afterwards, but if we actually want people to attend, I need to know about them beforehand.

I post all chapter events sent to me on both the website and the Indiana ESA Facebook page. If you see the post I make on the Indiana ESA Facebook page about your Chapter's event, please share it from the page! That not only gets the word out about your event, but also about us as an organization.

One of our top sources for website traffic outside of typing in the URL directly or searing for Indiana ESA is Facebook. If I know about events and can share them on the Facebook, people are making the leap from Facebook to the website.

I know many of you are used to me having a quick response to emails for events, login information, and other website help. Please be patient with me these next couple months – hopefully by the time this is being read at Spring Conference I'll have a newborn, but that also means I may not be as quick to get back to you as you're used to. Be patient with me, I'll get to you as soon as I can! :)

## **MARC Report    Terri Monaghan**

### **Fun Fact:**

New Orleans is often the preferred destination for tourists that are passionate about paranormal activity and ghost hunting. It is believed to be the place with the highest spiritual activity in the United States, especially around the French Quarter.

As a reminder, when you are using the MARC website, it is now password protected. The password is ESAMARC 1985.

Those of you who are planning on attending International Convention in Grapevine, Texas in July should plan on attending the MARC meeting held at Convention.

The 2020 MARC Conference will be held at the Tropicana Evansville on October 9-11, 2020. The room rate is \$139 plus tax. There are smoking and nonsmoking rooms. The co-chairs for this conference are Peggy Zimmer and Mary Hougland. There will be workshops pertaining to Easter Seals, Military with PTSD. Karama Collection and It Takes a Village – No Kill Rescue. Those workshops will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup>. The Hotel has live entertainment and free valet parking. For those of you who want to experience the fun and excitement of a MARC Conference, this is a good time to do so as it is in our very own State of Indiana. We hope to see everyone there.

**Collegiate coordinator   Morgan Nichols**

Collegiate Chapters

Ball State Phi Alpha:

I attended chapter on 02/16/20

Intentions for their pledges was this day

Wonderful Chapter to attend!

Spring recruitment was February 4-14

Additional info:

They would love to hear about any activities and updates within the State. They've asked what are some ways they can connect with us?

Is there anything we'd like to communicate with them? Any additional updates?

End of the year:

Hoping to plan a fun get together between traditional chapters and Phi Alpha.

Details to come! Keep an eye out for emails

Other News:

Let's all try to stay connected with Phi Alpha. Reach out to introduce yourself at various events.

Invite Phi Alpha members and alumni to your Chapter events to help promote friendship and connections. :)

Please let me know if you have any ideas or advice!

### **Association of the Arts Sue Bigler**

State Convention is fast approaching (June 12-14) and I hope that you are all ready to submit entries to Association of the Arts. As usual forms are on the Indiana website and need to be submitted to me by May 15<sup>th</sup>. Our friend, Kelly Hansan, wanted me to get up here and promote Association of the Arts and drum up excitement by dressing up as Martha Stewart or Rachel Ray and maybe even make something or carry in a bag of Nutrish Dog Food. Then well, that's Kelly not me! But you do get the idea! Convention is going to be fun and we would love for everyone to participate.

I really hope to see an overflowing room of fabulous entries!

My fun fact is the New Orleans Voodoo Museum. As started, it is “unlike anything you’ve seen before.” Serving the New Orleans’s community since 1972, it brings you a causal and curious experience to preserve the legacy of New Orleans Voodoo history and culture while educating and entertaining visitors. You can take a self-guided tour or cemetery tours, and they will even assist interested persons in special services as physic readings and rituals. Sounds interesting!

Funtivity – Aphrodite Hudson handed out a word find about Mardi Gras and awards and gave everybody 10 minutes to work on it.

**LAMP Editor    Cindy Clossey**

Many people think that Mardi Gras is just an adult party, but it is primarily a family event. The parades during Mardi Gras are planned by organizations called. “Krewes.” The Krewes each have their own parade, and these parades are held all over the City, not just in the French Quarter. There is even an entire parade for the dogs of New Orleans. It is organized by the Krewe of Barkus.

Thank you to everyone that have submitted articles to the LAMP. I hope everyone received their copy and enjoyed reading up on what is going on around the State. The next issue will come out in May so I need articles and photos by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Make sure you include any projects you have coming up over the summer months.

You may have noticed that you are receiving more e-mails from me than just the LAMP. In an effort to keep everyone informed of what is going on, DeOn asked if I could send out periodic e-mail blasts. We don’t want to blow up your inbox, but we do need to make you aware

of things from time to time. Please make sure we have your current contact information.

## **AWARDS Aphrodite Hudson**

May 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for award forms

What ESA means to me, less than one year and more than one year. Winning essays will be in the LAMP.

Outstanding pledge award

Outstanding Chapter award

## **2020 MARC Conference:**

Peggy Zimmer and Mary Hougland are co-chairs

October 9-11 Tropicana in Evansville

Full Registration is \$150

Room rate \$99 on Thursday night and \$139 on Friday and Saturday

Reservation # 812-433-4000 Group code is MARC 20

Tammy Bryant is treasurer; Jennifer is in charge of workshops.

The Nutclub Festival will be going on in town at the same time.

There will be a sign up at State Convention to work.

For any questions you can contact Peggy Zimmer @

[peggy@machinetoolservice.com](mailto:peggy@machinetoolservice.com)



## **I C Convention 2020 Denise Haggarty**

Good afternoon, I am Denise Haggarty and I am the IC 2020 Convention chair. I would like you to meet the IC 2022 Executive Committee:

Karen Maxey – Co chair

Alley Gary – Registration

Lynn Howley – Events chair

Brenda Campbell and Jaycee Peak – Secretaries

Jennifer Skinner – Treasurer

Roseann Robertson – Administrative Advisor

We have a theme that was derived from a couple ideas that were submitted.

### **“ RACING TO THE MILESTONES OF ESA”**

I want to thank all of you who submitted ideas that helped us reach this decision.

I know all of this was just in the LAMP – Thank you Cindy Clossey. But not all of you read the LAMP beginning to end.

I don't want you to get tired of hearing from me, so you will be getting your updates at meetings and in the LAMP from different members of the executive committee. We have plenty of opening for Sub Chairs still available. Not sure what you want to do but would like you to help. Just reach out to anyone on the committee and they can get you going in the right direction. If you think you signed up for something and are not sure, please reach out to me and I will confirm for you.

We know that July 2022 sounds far off into the future, but we need to have all our cars in a row and on the tract by August 2021. We have submitted our preliminary budget and are awaiting approval. Our firm budget is due February 1, 2021 and that is only 10 months away.

IC is in Grapevine, Texas on July 15-19 on July 2020 and IC Convention 2021 will be the last week of July in Kentucky. I urge all of you to attend at least one of these conventions. We will have a table in Texas, much like we did in Memphis, so all who are attending will be asked to assist with this. We will also do a presentation at both conventions in hopes to lure them to Indiana in 2022.

I am always open to any suggestions or ideas you may have for Indiana in 2022.

Idea of open positions for sub committees but not limited to are:

St. Jude workshops, tables, receptions and events. Flag protocol, IC special project event, IC Presidents Invitational Event, Opening Ceremonies, Recognition Luncheon, workshops, pages and much more.

So don't wait too long to claim your spot as we "race to the milestones of ESA."

## **2020 State Convention Sue Bigler**

Eta Pi invites you to our 2020 State Convention, June 12-14 Cambria Suites, Noblesville. Same place as Tammy's convention 2016.

Kelly Hansan and I are co-chairs so let us know if you have questions.

Flyer and registration form are in the President's packets. May 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to register and make reservations at the Hotel. Please

indicate that you are with the ESA Convention when making reservations at the Cambria so you can receive the special rate of \$124 for king suite plus pullout, \$144 for 2 queen beds plus pullout.

Theme "Let the Good Times Roll," Mardi Gras/New Orleans.

Pleased to have our IC representative Terri Olson, who is our ESA International President, and Jill Richardson, (Kansas), MARC Rep join us this year.

Committees are busy working. Jennifer Skinner (registration) says that she is ready to roll.

Friday night mixer.

FUN UNIQUE AND ENTERTAINING Association of the Arts judging.

Saturday business meeting, luncheon and awards.

I am sure that we will set new records! Invited to dress with the Mardi Gras theme in mind, if you wish!

Saturday afternoon is Monica's INFAMOUS/VERY SPECIAL SCAVANGER HUNT across the street at Hamilton Town Center. You don't want to miss this! This year we are hoping for better weather though!

President's reception. Join us for a little bubbly and appetizers in DeOn's room before the banquet.

Speaking of the banquet, we haven't finalized the menu, but I do know that Jan Lantz has some super decorations planned.

Installation We hope to have Brenda's installation outside, but of course that will depend on the weather. Last time we had to move inside.

Stop by the photo booth and we might even have an After Party with games and revelry.

Sunday mornings memorial service will be our remembrance of births and those who have passed. I do know of 2 births that we will celebrate.... Courtney Ginder's Charlotte Grace born February 27 and Monica's Kaden due in April.

Let's continue our tradition of having fun, but getting things done, celebrating DeOn's year, and looking forward and welcoming Brenda as our State President!

Oh, and one more thing! How many were at last year's State Convention? Well, I promise that I won't embarrass you or myself by walking into Cirilla's with my purse in front of me trying to cover by ESA Eta Pi shirt!!

Hope to see you in June.

Beth White from Delta Kappa Seymour had something for DeOn to put in the Time Capsule to be opened in five years. Anybody still wanting to put something in the time capsule please get it to DeOn or bring it to State Convention.

Announcements and Raffles

**Closing thought Vivian Greeson**

The razor blade is sharp but can't cut a tree; the axe is strong but can't cut the hair, Everyone is important according to his/her own unique purpose....Never look down on anyone unless you are admiring their shoes.

## **Benediction    Vivian Greeson**

Dear Heavenly Father accept our gratitude for the opportunity of meeting together once again. Help us to be generous with our thoughts, our time, our love and our strength. Keep us in your loving care and lead us safely home. Amen

Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 with everyone standing, joining hands and repeating the Closing Ritual.

President\_\_\_\_\_

Recording Secretary\_\_\_\_\_

