

Epsilon Sigma Alpha – Indiana State Council

“Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler”

78th State Convention – September 12, 2020

American Legion Post 470 Fishers, Indiana

The 78th State Convention started at 9:45am with the Flag Ceremony.

Chaplain, Vivian Greeson:

Good Morning everyone and welcome to the 78th annual state convention of Epsilon Sigma Alpha's flag ceremony. As we open our convention let us reflect on what each of the flags symbolize our freedom, faith, state and our organization.

At this time, I remind you that photographs may not be taken during the ceremony. Please turn off or mute your cell phones. There will be time after the ceremony for pictures.

AMERICAN FLAG – The Flag of the United States of America is being presented by Karen Urrutia Past Indiana State President 1992-1993

Born June 14, 1777, The Star Spangled Banner has waved “O’er the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave,” The Proud and sacred symbol of the Freedom, Equality, Justice, and Humanity for which our country stands. The colors have remained constant and unchanged throughout the history of our country. The red for hardiness, and courage, white for purity and innocence, and blue for vigilance, perseverance, and Justice.

“Know ye not my staff is grounded deep in the brotherhood of man?” The flag speaks to those who keep the faith.

INDIANA STATE FLAG -The Indiana Flag is being presented by Beta Phi Rockville member Hannah Flaurr

Indiana entered the Union on December 11, 1816, the 19th state of achieve statehood.

On a field of Blue, the Gold Torch with the large gold star above it represents the state of Indiana. The other 18 stars represent the states already in the Union at the time of Indiana's admission. The state legislature adopted this Flag in 1917.

CHRISTIAN FLAG – The Christian Flag is being presented by Alpha Delta Pleasant Township member Karen Maxey

How Great Thou Art, this Banner- - - For this is His banner. Dedicated to those who love and trust in the Lord. We pay tribute to the flag for which our forefathers gave their lives that we might worship in freedom. It is a symbol of allegiance to God who gave His only Son that we might have Eternal Life.

Its field of white reminds us that He is the Light of the World and with His coming, came love and joy to a troubled world. The blue denotes fidelity to those principles of Truth which He has so clearly taught and the Red Cross forever reminds us that He shed His blood for our sins.

MARC FLAG – The MARC Flag is being presented by Mary Clark Beta Pi Rockville

Representing our Midwest Area Regional Council its colors of blue and gold are the colors of our beloved sorority. Serving as a symbol of our desires to enhance and deepen our ideals and commitment to Epsilon Sigma Alpha. A symbol of a very special ESA fellowship this banner waves proudly heralding a friendship of loving hearts and daring sisters. “Leaving our MARC on ESA.

ESA FOUNDATION FLAG- the ESA Foundation Flag is being presented by Delta Kappa Franklin member Emma Ray

The ESA Foundation promotes philanthropic activities of volunteers, provides assistance to established programs that serve human needs and produces new programs to improve quality of life. Their motto is: Serving the world community, because we care. The Foundation’s main purpose is to give scholarships to students who have exhibited these qualities.

ESA BANNER – The ESA Banner is being presented by Eta Pi Fishers member DeOn Cahill 2019-2020 Indiana State Council President

Oh, Flag of Blue and Gold, we pay tribute to you honoring those who before us have trod the path of ESA for those who saw the vision, felt the spirit, and laid the cornerstone of Epsilon Sigma Alpha. We pay tribute to your handclasp, to our founders, to your Golden Lamp of learning and our right to be of service, to the candles of your crest, to the Jonquil, an emblem of Noble thought. To the open book, an emblem unfolding the wealth of knowledge, and the strength of Wisdom. Keep your ESA Banner waving Oh Flag of Blue and Gold: Keep ourselves worthy of Your Magnificent principles and Heritage May we always find...In all Essentials.....Unity

In Non-Essentials....Liberty

In all things....Charity, love and loyalty.

Please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance

Flag bearers please post your flags. You may be seated.

The flag ceremony was followed by the Chapter Banner Presentation.

Chaplain, Vivian Greeson:

Chapter

Banner Carrier

Past Presidents Auxiliary

Jaycee Peak

Alpha Delta, Pleasant Township

Stephanie Moore

Alpha Zeta, Fort Wayne

Gloria Wilson

Beta Chi Huntington

Wendy Yaste

Beta Phi, Rockville

Debbie Frazier

Delta Kappa, Franklin

Makayla Greeson

Epsilon Sigma, North Manchester

Diane Binkerd

Eta Pi, Fishers

Monica Haddock

Gamma Pi, Indianapolis

Jan Rahn

Zeta Eta, Danville

Laura Campbell

Opening Prayer

Chaplain, Vivian Greeson:

Our Heavenly Father thank you for bringing us safely to this meeting. Guide us through a successful convention of sharing our achievements with our sisters. In this year of changes and wonder you have blest each of us with a new day and a new way of life. May we continue to keep each other in our prayers. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY:

I know this. When this ends - - - -
And it will – every game will
Sell out, every restaurant will have
A 2 hour wait, every kid will be
Glad to be in school, everyone will
Love their job, the stock market
Will skyrocket, every other house will get TP'd, and we'll all embrace
And shake hands. That's going
To be a pretty good day.
Hang in there world.

Kelly's Treehouse

Celebration of Life

Chaplain, Vivian Greeson:

Welcome to the Epsilon Sigma Alpha Celebration of Life

I'm going to open with a Quote from Kelly's Treehouse:

My wish for you is
That this life becomes
All that you want it to.
Your Dreams stay big
And your worries stay
Small. You never need
To carry more than you
Can hold. And While
You're out there getting
Where you're getting

To. I hope you know
Somebody loves you.
And wants the same things too.
Yeah, this is My Wish

Celebration of Love:

Amy Steitz and Hudson Robert Pinnow were married on January 8, 2020. Amy is a member of Delta Delta Seymour

Katrlyn Woehner and Austin High were married on March 7, 2020. Katelyn is a member of Alpha Zeta Fort Wayne.

Celebration of New Life:

Mya Joy Lasley was born October 18, 2019 to Kary and Chris Lasley Eta Pi, Fishers.

Charlotte Grace Ginder was born February 27, 2020 to Courtney and Mitchell Ginder Eta Pi, Fishers

Deb and John Frazier welcomed twin great granddaughters on March 13, 2020, Brooklyn Rose Bogges and Emily Ann Bogges.

Kaden Davis Haddock was born April 6, 2020 to Monica and David Haddock Eta Pi, Fishers

Poem:

We little knew that morning that
God was going to call your name.
In life we loved you dearly,
In death we do the same.
It broke our hearts to lose you,
You did not go alone;
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories,
Your love is still our guide;

And though we cannot see you,
You are always at our side.
Our sister chain is broken,
And nothing seems the same;
But as God calls us one by one,
The chain will link again.

Debbie Frasier will now sing Precious Lord Take My Hand

Celebration of a Life Well Lived:

Susan Roberts was born January 5, 1955 and passed away on May 10, 2020. Susan was a member of Delta Sigma, Evansville. She was a 37 year member of ESA. Susan held many chapter offices and was Indiana State President in 1997-1998. Susan handled all contacts with St. Jude and worked at every event and fundraiser. She was a tireless worker for ESA.

Susan could always be counted on to help her sister and her chapter, her President's theme was "Believe and Shine" she believed in ESA and was a shining example of who and what an ESA member is.

We were blessed to have her as a Sister and Friend. Susan was a Special Education teacher for over 35 years and substituted the last 5 years. She and her husband Marc enjoyed watching sports together, especially University of Kentucky. Susan leaves behind her husband of 40 years Marc and their fur babies.

Second Vice President introduced our 2019-2020 State President DeOn Cahill.

The meeting was called to order with everyone reciting the Opening Ritual.

Kelley Hansan welcomed all from the host chapter Eta Pi, Fishers.

President DeOn Cahill introduced:

MARC Representative

Guests members from Illinois and Missouri

PIP's

ISC Board

Host Chapter members

Parliamentarian Megan Gray read the standing rules of the convention.

Recording Secretary Cindy Norman took a silent roll call.

Treasurer Jennifer Skinner took the Chapter roll call.

Treasurer, Jennifer Skinner:

Credentials Report

Article XI (11) Section 4 of the Indiana State Council By-Laws reads: "The quorum of the Annual State Convention shall be a majority of the voting delegates registered."

- • Delegates Registered: 23 + 14 PIPs
- • Delegates Present:
- Quorum: Yes o Madame President, we have a quorum.

Treasurers Report:

- • Checking Account Beginning Balance: \$8,990.80
- • Income: \$3,657.63
- • Disbursements: \$2,812.88
- • Checking Account Ending Balance: \$9,835.55
- • Savings Account Balance: \$2,991.92
- • Books were audited on July 7, 2020, and to be found in good order.
- • Tax Facts have been submitted.
- • The account was transferred to Cindy Norman on July 25, 2020.
- • I would like to thank my credential and auditing committee: o Denise Hagerty
 - o Tammy Bryant
 - o Susan Waltz
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Recording Secretary Cindy Norman made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the 77th State Convention. Vice President Brenda Campbell seconded. Motion passed.

MARC Representative, Jill Richards: MARC

The conference October 10, 2020 will be virtual this year. Everyone will receive an e mail about it. The MARC website is now password protected, ESAMARC1985. The 2021 MARC conference will be in Wichita, Kansas.

Parliamentarian, Megan Gray:

By Laws:

Article III – passed

Article IV (sub F) – passed

Article I, section 2 –passed

Article IX, section 2 – passed
Article I, section 4 – passed
Article XI, section 8 – passed
Article V, section 5 – passed
Article VII, section 1 – passed
Article VIII, section 10 – passed
Article X, section 1(sub d) - passed
Article X, section 1(sub e) –passed
Article XI, section 1 – passed
Article XI, section 2 – passed
Standing Rule #9 – passed
Article XI, section 99sub b) Delete – passed
Standing Rule ISC #5 – opposed
Standing Rule #17 – passed

A copy of all these by laws and the changes are in the recording secretary's successor file and new copies of the changed by laws will be typed up for all officer successor files and will be on the website.

Vice President, Brenda Campbell:

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

I would like to thank my Nominating Committee: Cindy Norman, Leigh Gary and Terri Monaghan and my Counseling Committee: Linda Carol Wilson, Wendy Yaste and Julia Aker. Thank you for your willingness to serve, ladies.

I'd like to acknowledge those who received awards at the IC Convention:

* Outstanding Achievement in the area of:

Marie L. Wells Outstanding State Educational Director:

3rd Place, Jennifer Morris.

* Outstanding Achievement in the area of:

Easter Seals - State Monies:

3rd Place, July Flannery

* Outstanding Achievement in the area of:

Easter Seals – State Hours:

Third Place, Judy Flannery

* From ESA Foundation:

Outstanding Achievement in the area of:

Recognition for State and Community Projects:

2nd Place, Emma Ray

The IC report thru May 31, 2020 shows that Indiana has 24 Chapters and 316 members.

I'd like to recognize the two new Chapters that joined in the last year: Alpha Delta, Pleasant Township 1year anniversary - Chartered September 12, 2019

And Chi Omicron, Avon. Chartered March 4, 2020.

We are so thrilled to continue to grow Indiana ESA.

I'd also like to acknowledge the First Time Convention goes. We have 10 this year. Please come forward for a small gift.

Laura Campbell: Beta Kappa

Kim Hockaday: Chi Omicron

Nancy Clark: Chi Omicron

Christa Barker: Chi Omicron

Serena Williams: Chi Omicron

Morgan Nichols: Eta Pi

Amanda Zahorsky: Eta Pi

Kathleen Grissom: Illinois

Claudia Hatton: Missouri

Keep up the great work. Continue to spread the word about ESA.

Now on to a few awards:

Reminder – 2nd and third place certificates are in your chapter folder.

Greatest Increase on a Percentage Basis for a community Chapter:

3rd Place: Delta Zeta, Terre Haute – 8.3%

2nd Place: Alpha Delta, Pleasant Township 20%

1st Place: Delta Sigma, Evansville 21%

Membership Director with the Most New Pledges:

3 Tied for 2nd Place:

Stephanie Moore, Alpha Delta, Pleasant Township

Hannah Flaurr, Beta Phi, Rockville

Peggy Zimmer, Delta Zeta, Terre Haute

1st Place: Josu Crabtree, Delta Sigma, Evansville

Introduction of 2012 – 2021 Officers and Appointments:

1st Vice President/President Elect	Alley Gary, Eta Pi
2 nd Vice President	Jennifer Skinner, Eta Pi
Treasurer	Cindy Norman, Beta Phi
Recording Secretary	Megan Gray, Chi Omicron
Parliamentarian	Jennifer Morris, Gamma Pi
Educational Director	Aphrodite Reifsnyder, Eta Pi
Jr. Past President	DeOn Cahill, Eta Pi
Corresponding Secretary	Stacey Brummett, Delta Delta
LAMP Editor	Cindy Clossey, Alpha Delta
Collegiate Coordinator	Kary Lasley, Eta Pi
Chaplain	Jaycee Peak, Zeta Eta
Sr. St. Jude Coordinator	Monica Haddock, Eta Pi
Easter Seals Coordinator	Karen Maxey, Alpha Delta
Awards Chair	Vivian Greeson, Delta Kappa

MARC Reps.	Tammy Bryant, Delta Kappa
And	Mary Abplanalp, Beta Kappa
ESA Foundation Counselor	Emma Ray, Delta Kappa
Scrapbook Co-Chairs	Dee Hess, Delta Delta
And	Barb Grant, Delta Delta
Association of the Arts Chair	Makayla Greeson, Delta Kappa
Jr, St. Jude Coordinator	Stephanie Moore, Alpha Delta

I look forward to working with this exceptional group of ladies to continue to find creative and innovative ways to grow ESA.

Results of State Project Vote:

For over 50 years the sole State Project was Camp Riley. Then, in 2017 we added Anna's Celebration of Life as a second State Project.

Only a few Chapters submitted their recommendation for the 2021 – 2022 Indiana State Philanthropic Project(s).

Voting was done this morning. The votes have been counted. The result is:

The Indiana State Philanthropic Project(s) for 2021 – 2022 will be: **Camp Riley and Anna's Celebration of Life**

Upcoming Conferences/Conventions:

2020 Fall Conference: Saturday, November 7, 2020
Sahara Grotto, Indianapolis
Hosted by Omega Chi, Plainfield

2021 Spring Conference: Saturday, March 20, 2021
Immanuel Lutheran Fellowship Hall

And yet, we as ESA has survived, maybe even thrived through all this adversity.

Hope for Heroes:

Hope for Heroes and their awesome “Troopons” has allowed us as a State to donate \$27,336.19 worth of coupons! Plus, one chapter gave \$212.73 to the MARC Hope for Heroes Project.

The Chapter that donated \$5,000.00 and places third in total donations is: Delta Sigma, Evansville

2nd place Chapter is Beta Phi, Rockville with \$6,258.64.

And, the first place total donated coupons is: Omega Chi, Plainfield with \$14,160.42 worth of coupons!

3rd place winner of percentage donated: Delta Sigma, Evansville

2nd place percentage donated: Beta Phi, Rockville

And 1st place to Omega Chi, Plainfield for total donated by percentage.

I know one chapter had a specific project planned, but was cancelled due to the pandemic. Thank you Omega Chi.

Thank you to everyone who clipped coupons. Indiana sent a total of \$27,336.19, with 182 hours (turned in) and 391 miles.

Disaster Fund:

This year, you the members of Indiana ESA donated \$3,277.00 to the International Disaster Fund – the only fund used only by our members. That is great, but, we asked for and received \$12,443.30. Clearly, we cannot continue this forever.

Third place by percentage goes to: Omega Chi, Plainfield

Second Place by percentage: Beta Kappa, Seymour

And the 1st Place Award goes to: Zeta Eta, Danville

Third place for total monies given: Delta Delta, Seymour

Second place total monies: Omega Chi, Plainfield

And the 1st Place Award goes to: Gamma Pi, Indianapolis with a total of \$700.00.

Thank you!

ESA Foundation, Emma Ray:

Total money donated to the ESA Foundation: \$36,626.05

Most Money Donated by Chapter:

3rd place: Alpha Delta-\$2,050

2nd place: Gamma Pi-\$15,153.65

1st Place: Eta Pi-\$17,197.38

Most Money Donated on a percentage basis:

3rd place: Alpha Delta-\$341.67

2nd place: Gamma Pi-\$505.12

1st place: Eta Pi-\$955.41

Lamp Editor, Cindy Clossey:

I want to thank everyone that submitted articles and photos for the Lamp last year. It made my job as editor very enjoyable. I have available today the Lamp Hard Copy Request forms for those of you that may need it.

I have two awards to present today.

The first is the Publicity/Public Relations Award. This is a chapter award given for the use of local media to promote events for your chapter throughout the year. I only had one submission that met the requirements for this award. So, we only have a 1st place award.

This year the award goes to Eta Pi, Fishers.

The other award that I have to present today is the Lamp Award. This is an individual award and it goes to the chapter member that submitted articles and photos for the Lamp. There are a number of criteria that need to be met for this award. This year's winners are:

Third Place – Emma Ray from Delta Kappa, Franklin

Second Place – Kelly Hansan from Eta Pi, Fishers

And

First Place goes to Karen Maxey from Alpha Delta, Pleasant Township.

I look forward to serving as Editor again this year. I'm excited about the submissions that you will be making this year so the Lamp will remain a great communication tool for the state. Thank you.

Easter Seals, Judy Flannery:

Good day everyone. What a year it has been. Just think how we are living through historical times. Though, I imagine a future history text book will give COVID-19 a paragraph or two.

Easterseals contributions have been steady with the dollar amount comparable to last year's totals. With 14 participating chapters, monetary amounts for the 2019-2020 year are \$2,393.87. Donated goods are \$17.00 with donated hours at 199.5 and 976 miles. Ten chapters sent in their forms by the March 31 deadline which makes for easier computation for IC and State totals. I thank them.

Thank you, DeOn, for your trust in me to serve as the 2019-2020 state Easter seals coordinator. I have learned much and I hope the membership has gained greater knowledge of what Easter seals does for their respective communities.

"Laissez les bon temps rouler". The following chapters have garnered awards with their contributions. Second and third place certificates are in your presidents' packets.

Most money Donated:

Third place – Delta Delta, Seymour with \$300.00

Second place – Delta Sigma, Evansville with \$ 400.00

First place – Omega Chi, Plainfield with \$475.00

Most money donated on a % basis:

Third place – Delta Sigma, Evansville with \$26.67

Second place – Omega Chi, Plainfield with \$30.00

First place – Zeta Eta, Danville with \$37.50

Most actual hours:

Third place – Epsilon Sigma, N. Manchester with 23 hours

Second place - Beta Chi, Huntington with 70 hours

First place – Delta Sigma, Evansville with 92 hours

Most hours on a % basis:

Third place – Delta Sigma, Evansville with 6.13 hours

Second place- Beta Chi, Huntington with 7 hours

First place – Epsilon Sigma, N. Manchester with 7.66 hours

Congratulations to the winners. More importantly congratulations to all our sisters and brothers for their hard work and dedication to “service”.

Thank you.

2nd Vice President, Alley Gary:

- Most money donated to state projects
 - 3rd place: \$5,025 Delta Zeta, Terre Haute
 - 2nd place: \$5,840 Omega Chi, Plainfield
 - 1st place: \$15, 301.21 Gamma Pi, Indianapolis
- Most money donated to state projects on a percentage basis
 - 3rd place: \$365 Omega Chi, Plainfield
 - 2nd place: \$456.82 Delta Zeta, Terre Haute
 - 1st place: \$510.04 Gamma Pi, Indianapolis
- Most money donated to the state Project from a First-Time Event
 - No events were submitted
- Most hours donated to the State Projects
 - 3rd place: 58.25 hours Omega Chi, Plainfield
 - 2nd place: 141 hours Eta Pi, Fishers
 - 1st place: 390.5 hours Gamma Pi, Indianapolis
- Most hours donated to the State Projects on a Percentage Basis
 - 3rd place: 7.66 hours Epsilon Sigma, North Manchester
 - 2nd place: 9.18 hours Alpha Delta, Pleasant Township
 - 1st place: 13.01 hours Gamma Pi, Indianapolis
- Most hours donated excluding state and national projects
 - 3rd place: 238.5 hours Alpha Zeta, Ft. Wayne

- 2nd place: 1,615 hours Gamma Pi, Indianapolis
- 1st place: 2,036 hours Eta Pi, Fishers
- Most hours donated on a percentage basis excluding state and national projects
 - 3rd place: 26.21 hours Delta Kappa, Franklin
 - 2nd place: 53.83 hours Gamma Pi, Indianapolis
 - 1st place: 92.54 hours Eta Pi, Indianapolis
- Most money donated excluding state and national projects
 - 3rd place: \$1,550 Beta Kappa, Seymour
 - 2nd place: \$2,368.50 Gamma Pi, Indianapolis
 - 1st place: \$15,626 Delta Delta, Seymour
- Most money donated on a percentage basis excluding state and national projects
 - 3rd place: \$78.95 Gamma Pi, Indianapolis
 - 2nd place: \$155 Beta Kappa, Seymour
 - 1st place: \$1,041.73 Delta Delta, Seymour
- Collegiate Chapter donating the most philanthropic monies:
 - None submitted
- Most overall philanthropic hours
 - 1st place: 3,038 hours Eta Pi, Fishers

Educational Director, Jennifer Morris:

For the 2019-2020 year, 7 chapters submitted a total of 52 reports – just about 40% reporting. Five chapters will receive a Certificate of Excellence Award. These 5 chapter’s educational directors participated in this year’s theme of Just Do It! Three chapters will receive the Gold Link Award for submitting at least 8 educational reports this year. One chapter educational director will receive the Distinguished Athenian Service Award. I will share more information about the chapter presentations at the awards luncheon.

I have received one entry for the Gold Seal Merit Award. The entry will be sent to the IC Educational Director. The entry for the Marie L Wells Award will also be sent to the IC Educational Director.

The 7 chapters that did report on their educational presentations hit it out of the park. The topics were timely, well planned, fun, entertaining and thought provoking – simply everything you could want in an education presentation. Education is a corner stone of ESA and I so pleased with the effort put forth by those chapters who reported.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your educational chair. You all have taught me so much this year. From the educational presentations, I have learned about Indiana authors, social awareness issues, music and ice cream, self-care, self-defense and I learned about ESA. ESA is rooted in education and I love that ESA provides me with an opportunity to learn new things and broaden my horizons. With my theme this year of just do it, I want to recognize all the chapter

educational directors who this year just did reports on the educational presentations in their chapters. Let's get started with the awards.

I would like to begin with the Indiana Award of Excellence. This award is for those chapters who submitted less than 8 reports. Ashley Allegretti, Phi Alpha Ball State, Muncie please come forward for your award. Ashley sent 3 reports this year – self-defense, chair yoga and ESA jeopardy. Barb Hess of Lambda Mu, Lafayette please come forward for your award. Barb submitted 4 reports this year – exercise, walking, 4 wise moves, and information on high blood pressure. Sammi Jones, Delta Delta, Seymour please come forward for your award. Sammi reported on 5 educational presentations – history of jack-o-lanterns, DIY projects, information on projects that are supported by Delta Delta, small business located in Seymour and how to wash your hands. Vivian Greeson, Delta Kappa, Franklin please come forward for your award. Vivian reported on 6 educational presentations – all 6 were Indiana authors – James Whitcomb Riley, David Carlson, Philip Gulley, Jessamyn West, Lew Wallace and Kurt Vonnejut.

Now for the Gold Link Certificate.

Brooklynn King, Alpha Delta, Pleasant Township please come forward for your certificate. Brooklynn reported on 8 educational presentations – COVID-19, Project Linus, Remember the Alamo, Alcatraz history, planning for the holidays, the evil eye and communications, ESA Awards and use of leftover Easter eggs. Alpha Delta is one of two new chapters in Indiana. Kudos to you and all Alpha Delta members for participating in ESA's educational programming right from the start of your chapter. Elaine Weller, Gamma Pi, Indianapolis please come forward for your certificate. Elaine reported on 8 educational presentations – all the presentations focused on Achieving change through social issue awareness. Courtney Ginder, Eta Pi, Fishers please come forward for your certificate. Courtney reported on 9 educational presentations – all the presentations focused on self-care. At the end of the sorority year this topic became so very relevant as we adjusted to staying at home, working from home, learning from home, eating at home, everything was at home. This series of topics was right on target. Debbie Frazier, Beta Phi Rockville please come forward for your certificate. Debbi reported on 10 educational presentations – Music and Ice Cream Bringing Harmony to the World was the theme. The presentations were very light hearted and informative. I think in the mist of all that has occurred in 2020 some light-hearted education was very much needed. I hope all of Beta Phi appreciated the educational topics as much as I did.

Finally, the Distinguished Athenian Service Award. This award is presented to the Chapter Educational Director who has rendered some important educational service to her Chapter; to the community, thus extending the chapter's interest in and value to the community or to the State ESA Council contributing notable value to her state's educational expansion. The late spring and early summer of 2020 brought social awareness issues were brought back to the center of passionate discussions for all directions. As has been done in the past ESA members were ahead of our time for ESA members had been discussing social awareness issues for months prior to the public discussion that took place in the spring and summer of 2020. Social change, racial

equality, homelessness, food insecurity, ageism, human trafficking and religious equality were all educational topics. Not only were topics presented and discussed opportunities to volunteer with homelessness outreach, food banks, with the elderly, with human trafficking prevention programs were shared. Members learned about these social issues and were made of aware of how to get involved with any of these social awareness issues. That is the Chapter Educational Director who has rendered some important educational service to her Chapter; to the community, thus extending the chapter's interest in and value to the community. With this the Distinguished Athenian Service Award is presented to Elaine Weller, Gamma Pi Chapter, and Indianapolis. Elaine please come forward to accept your award.

Indiana Award of Excellence

Ashley Allegretti, Phi Alpha Ball State, Muncie

Barb Hess of Lamda Mu, Lafayette

Sammi Jones, Delta Delta, Seymour

Vivian Greeson, Delta Kappa, Franklin

Gold Link Certificate

Brooklynn King, Alpha Delta, Pleasant Township

Elaine Weller, Gamma Pi, Indianapolis

Courtney Ginder, Eta Pi, Fishers

Debbie Frazier, Beta Phi Rockville

Distinguished Athenian Service Award

Elaine Weller, Gamma Pi Chapter, Indianapolis

Sr St. Jude Coordinator, Kenya Shoultz:

Jr. St. Jude Coordinator, Monica Haddock:

Hello everyone! I am so sorry I could not attend this years State Convention. I have travel restrictions related to my job in health care and could not come. 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 lead these events.

Please keep getting the completed forms in to ESA Headquarters so that Monica can keep updated totals for our State. It is important that everyone gets credit for their hard work.

As of now run/walks will be virtual and Monica will keep you up to date on all volunteer opportunities.

I cannot be prouder of our state. It has been a challenging year and we had great numbers. I miss everyone and hope to see you soon and cheered for each chapter has I did the awards.

Awards Chairman Aphrodite Hudson:

Aphrodite was not present as it was her wedding day. Association of the Arts Chairman Sue Bigler read the awards.

What ESA Means to Me, More than 1 year – Jan Rahn Gamma Pi, Indianapolis

Pledge of the Year – Brooklyn King Alpha Delta, Pleasant Township

Chapter of the Year – Delta Delta, Seymour

Association of the Arts, Sue Bigler:

Wow! What a year! We started 2019-2020 with the promise of seventy wonderful entries to Association of the Arts at Convention. Then COVID19 hit! We went from a three day convention in June, postponed to a three day convention in September, finally to a one day convention on September 12. With the necessary time restrictions I was only able to accept entries to DeOn's President's Theme category. Originally there were twelve entries and now we have eight. I am excited to view and experience every one of them!! I'm sure they will be fabulous!!

Please note that all other entries this year will be eligible and welcome next year!

Presidents Theme Winner – Darlene Burks

President DeOn Cahil presented Makayla Greeson with her 5yr service pin, and Wendy Yaste and Cindy Norman received their 5th Degree.

Chapters Presidents to win the President's Award:

Wendy Yaste, Beta Chi
Monica Haddock, Eta Pi
Karen Maxey, Alpha Delta

Chapters having a Birthday are:

Delta Kappa, Franklin 1985 – 35 years

Gamma Pi, Indianapolis 1955 – 65 years

Vice President Brenda Campbell presented President DeOn Cahill with gifts from the board and membership.

President DeOn Cahill presented Vice president Brenda Campbell the crown for her installation.

Denise Hagerty lowered the Presidents gavel and also raised the Vice Presidents gavel.

President DeON Cahill presented Vice President Brenda Campbell the gavel.

President DeON Cahill gave her retirement speech.

The PIP's inducted DeON Cahill into the PIP's.

Jaycee Peak read a report from Pat Dodson, Omega Chi, and Plainfield about Fall Conference. It is November 8, 2020. It is a Halloween Theme, so wear your costumes. Deadline to register is October 31, 2020.

Chaplain, Vivian Greeson:

As our Flags are retired for this year, may we go forward to a great year in ESA and with love in our hearts for each other.

Life is no brief candle. It is a splendid torch which we hold for a moment. Let's make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.

Madame President the Flags are now retired.

Benediction:

May God go before you this week and make the rough roads smooth. May His joy be your strength and His peace fill your heart. Amen.

The meeting was adjourned with everyone reciting the closing ritual.

The installation of the 2020-2021 officers was held at 6:00pm the same evening conducted by Jaycee Peak and MARC Rep Jill Richards followed by the Member of the Year ceremony.

Past President, Carmen Oswalt:

Member of the Year Ceremony

Anyone who has ever received this award, knows how special it is. I am still in shock that I won back in 1997. Every year we as an organization get to honor the one person who we feel has gone above and beyond what we are expected to do as members of ESA. In my mind this year may have been one of the hardest years (at least the last 6 months) that we have ever endured and YET these 8 women have been nominated by their chapters as the best example of service in ESA.

I wish to thank 2 of my fellow “Kim’s Gift Givers” for giving their time and talent to choose Indiana’s 2020 Member of the Year: Kathleen Hilsabeck Grissom, Illinois and Kelli Thornsberry, Kentucky!

A little of what each chapter rep had to say about their nominee:

Alpha Delta, Pleasant Twp.: Cindy was selected for her relentless pursuit of service and commitment to ESA. She helped charter Alpha Delta, helped with writing the chapter bylaws, served as chapter Treasurer. She had perfect attendance-never missed a function and also served as State Lamp Editor. She is also very active in church and community service responsibilities. Cindy never hesitates to give her all in everything she does. Cindy Clossey!

Beta Chi, Huntington: Wendy has been an important part of Beta Chi and ESA for 22 years. She works and supports every project and attends every meeting and function she can. She is a Past Indiana President and loves to attend State and IC Conventions as well as the annual MARC Conference. Wendy Yaste!

Beta Phi, Rockville: Cindy is and always has been very active with her chapter and is now moving up into the State Level and stepping out of her box more and more each year. She is kind, loving, and one of the most selfless people you will ever come across! Cindy’s family is the most important thing to her and has incorporated them into ESA in every way she can, including increasing membership! Beta Phi now has 4 generations in their chapter, with her granddaughter now a DESA. Cindy Norman!

These ladies although unable to attend tonight’s Celebration definitely

Delta Delta, Seymour: Linda is always helping others. She served as philanthropic co-chair this year. She always steps up to help and encourages others to help. She has had a full plate this year, but still managed to host the flower sale events. She is courageous, unselfish, uplifting, busy with family and still helpful to others and ESA. Linda Hofer!

Delta Kappa, Franklin: Makayla is kind hearted and will do anything for anyone. She has a great personality, a wonderful smile and laugh. She will try even when she thinks she can’t do a job. She loves her job and her kindergarten kids. She loves shopping and coloring pictures for her friends. Makayla Greeson!

Although these next ladies were unable to attend tonight I want to recognize them and all their efforts for ESA.

Eta Pi, Fishers: Roseann besides, being very thoughtful and compassionate is a very talented seamstress/crafter-with her specialties being baby quilts and cozy bowls. In fact, she has made 4 baby quilts for our members and innumerable cozy bowls. She is also great at running a garage sale! Roseann Gary!

Gamma Pi, Indianapolis (over achievers as they are-they had a tie!

Peggy is a 20 year member of ESA, she is thoughtful, caring, and sincere-she exemplifies the true qualities of an ESA Sister. This year she was co-chair of the Philanthropic Committee, she has chaired the chapter needy family project for several years. She is also very active in her church and neighborhood philanthropic endeavors. Peggy Clegg!

Jenni is a 28 year member of ESA. She is very knowledgeable about ESA and has excellent leadership skills. She also has a great ability to fundraise. She has raised a minimum of \$3,000 for the past several years for the Memphis Marathon. She is very involved in the Pike Twp. School Corp, where she volunteers at an elementary school tutoring in reading and math. She also mentors High School seniors. Jenni Russ!

As the judges mentioned to me, this was not an easy choice, we have a lot to be proud of in Indiana ESA. The Indiana "Member of the Year 2020" is Cindy Clossey!

And, just because I can...one last useless fact: "Go." Is the shortest complete sentence in the English Language?

Thank you all for the support you have given me in the past, I have truly enjoyed serving ESA.

President _____

Recording Secretary _____

