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 **Looking Beyond with Pinky**

It does not seem possible that “Looking Beyond Ourselves” is about to become FSC/ESA History! 2010-2011 is truly one of the outstanding “chapters” of my life. It has been a very exciting experience to watch so many members coming out of their cocoons and spreading their wings to become Monarchs! 13 members have been recognized with “Coco Awards”. We have accomplished many of our goals…such as our first Demographics guide for utilization by the membership, achieved a successful Diversification in updating and re-energizing the members, stepped up to the challenge of building our presence in Florida and letting everyone know WE MATTER…The positive input we have received from all of you has been very rewarding and encouraging.

Lambda Xi and the FSC Board put on a very informative and fun Leadership last month. We hope it has encouraged more participation in seeking elected offices and volunteers for the appointed boards and committees. Lots of new ideas for educationals, socials and philanthropic events were shared. We even achieved philanthropic hours!

In my travels both as FSC President and my job, I have amazed myself at how easy it is to talk about and excite someone about our “Fun and Friendship with a Purpose”….and find a prospective member. I have definitely come out of my cocoon and my wings make it impossible to get back into my cocoon. I am so proud to be an ESA Sister!

Plans are well into gear for our exciting State Convention in Fort Myers/Estero May 13-15th. Host Gamma Rho has promised another memorable journey into “Vintage Southwest Florida” Now is the time to make your hotel reservations and send in your registration…it is not too early!!!(Registration Form is on [www.esaflorida.net](http://www.esaflorida.net) website as well as in this edition of the Lamp) This will help immensely in their planning efforts. AND, we are so proud and pleased to have B.J. Clark, ESA Executive Director as our IC Rep….she presents some of the most motivating workshops I have ever seen. You won’t want to miss this one. If you or someone in your chapter is receiving an award for Service or Pallas Athene, please send **info only** to Toni Bell, corresponding secretary by May 1st, so that we can honor them at Convention. PLEASE DO NOT SEND THEIR CERTIFICATES OR PINS…DO NOT WANT TO LOSE THEM…JUST INFORMATION, SUCH AS NAME AND AWARD.(REMEMBER SERVICE YEARS ARE IN INCREMENTS OF 5)

It is never too late to invite a friend, associate, relative to share in the opportunities of ESA…let them make the decision…this goes for anywhere in the World...remember ESA is International. It is so easy to open your address book and send their name and address to our Florida membership chair or to Tracy Swanson, ESA membership director. Just by doing that you have come out of your cocoon….It is not difficult to “Look Beyond Ourselves”

Message from a Monarch.“A PERSON WITHOUT IMAGINATION HAS NO WINGS. LET YOUR TRUE COLORS SHOW, COME OUT OF YOUR COCOONS, SPREAD YOUR WINGS, AND WE CAN ALL BE MONARCHS!” (author unknown)

**IMPORTANT DATES:** May 13-15th State Convention Gamma Rho, Ft Myers

\*For other important dates and deadlines, remember to check your State Yearbooks!

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|  *\*Elephino****JOKE OF THE LAMP:* What do you get when you cross and Elephant and a Rhino???**  |
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**A LETTER FROM YOUR EDITIORS:**
Hello ESA family! We are excited to introduce our new LAMP. We have changed a couple things so please look around; all of your needed information is still there, with just a few extra fun details. This is our first issue and we are eager to hear what you think, any feedback is greatly appreciated! Be sure to keep up with us, as each issue there will be something new to look forward to. We hope you enjoy, and we’re happy to be your new lamp editors! ☺

Sincerely,
 Samantha & Alisha

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***Mary Jay Bauer***

 ***1st Vice President***

Happy Spring!!!  Can you believe that convention is just a month away?  I can't!  But I have been accepting Officer Nomination Forms and I am happy to say we have received at least one for each position.  Thank you to those that sent them in and to those of you who did not, why not?  Being on the State board for Florida has been an awesome experience for me!  I know it would be for anyone who is elected to the board.  Think seriously about it for next year and be a part of Robin Allred’s board next year.  I would LOVE to see some competition out there and get the membership involved in really choosing our board for this great state!  We have wonderful candidates for my board for the 2011-2012 board year and I am looking forward to working with each and everyone one of them.

I also still have some appointed board positions available as well, so if you are interested in getting your feet wet on the state board, but don't want to hold an elected position, please come and see me or send me an email and let me know you want to help.  Without the help of all of our membership, we are in trouble!

I look forward to seeing you ALL at state convention in May!

ESA Love and Hugs!

***Robin Allred***

***Second Vice President***

Hello sisters! I know that by the time you read this Leadership will be done and there is no doubt in my mind that it was great! I know that I was very excited to show off my hat at the tea party and if you were not there I am sorry you missed it. I would like to thank everyone for their cards and well wishes as I recovered from my bout with the shingles, funny how such a little thing can be such a big pain. I am so excited about convention in Ft. Myers and I hope you are too! I am working on a fun Saturday afternoon activity (if time permits) and would love to see you there. I am still checking my mail box for future meeting bids: Mid-year 2011, Leadership 2012 and State Convention 2013. I think my postman must be saving them all for the deadline date of April 13th to keep me alert because I am sure you have sent YOUR bid to me. I have received some inquiries and verbal maybes and now I am BEGGING for written bids. **Please send to Robin Allred 315 Country Club Drive, Oldsmar, Fl 34677**. Thank you.

***Toni Bell***

***Corresponding Secretary***

Like the monarch butterfly you've almost reached your journey's end.  Your March minutes have been sent in and your Gold Quills will be awarded at State Convention in May.  You've done a great job for your chapter, and I appreciate your fine work.  You've made my work interesting and eventful.  It's been a wonderful year. Thank you!

**New secretaries** please send your minutes to my email addresses:  esawinfl@aol.com and tonibell@mac.com .  Or send in regular mail to my home address:  1139 W. Lakeshore Dr., Clermont, FL 34711.  I will reply to all mail, and I will give the minutes to the new Corresponding Secretary after she is appointed at the State Convention.

***Barbara Fry
Recording Secretary***“Learn to be quiet enough to hear the genuine within yourself so that you can hear it in others.” -Marian Wright Edelman

Seems like a blink of the eye and we are in another new month. Has it been nearly 2 months since the board meeting in January? Sent out the minutes and heard back from many of you that you received them so if anyone did not receive the January 15, 2011 board meeting minutes please let me know. Our Leadership meeting is coming up March 12th, and I am sure it will turn out to be a great time. Sure hope to see you there.

Hope you will remember if I can help you and your chapter in any way to let me know. I will be happy to visit any time. Please don’t hesitate to call on me.

Best wishes for a very happy and peaceful Easter and hope to see you soon.

 ***Mona King
Treasurer***
Florida State President Pinky asked us to ‘Look Beyond Ourselves’ this year. As we took flight with the butterflies and marched with the Mighty Monarchs in Louisville, I have enjoyed serving you as the state treasurer. Thank you, to all the chapter treasurers for sending in your membership money, in support of the Florida State council. I look forward to serving on the board again in the future.

As you start planning, for the upcoming year with new officers; I challenge those of you taking the office of President and Treasurer at the chapter level. As a new president of your chapter, be the first to send your chapter roaster to our incoming State President, Mary Jay. The roaster should include any updates to names and addresses and identify your officers for the upcoming year. This roaster is used to start work on the 2011-2012 Yearbook. They are due on April 1. Your new treasurer has the next duty to send the chapter dues of $10 and $14 per member dues to the newly elected State Treasurer by June 1 for the current year along with 4 copies of the chapter roaster. Thanks for your support and I look forward to seeing you at State Convention.

 ***Donna Cornett
Philanthropic Director***
I know that we all have been "looking beyond ourselves" and will have great Philanthropic Reports for the year.  Don't forget all reports MUST BE RECEIVED by March 31st.   If you listed any money for FSDB and/or ESA Foundation, a CHECK MUST also be enclosed.
Any question, please do not hesitate to contact me.

***Kayla Andux***

***Educational Director***

I cannot even express how much that I have enjoyed reading every ones educationals this year!! My mom is sick of hearing about all of the different programs that I am reading about but have gained so many ideas that I hope to share with everyone at Leadership. The "pursuit of learning" is the reason that ESA was formed and I encourage anyone that would like to share a laugh, cry, or surprising fact within each educational program to run for educational director. It truly is awarding!! I am so happy for those chapters that participated and hope that you have had as much fun as I have.

***Sherry Newgent***

***Disaster Fund Chairman***

I can’t thank you enough for the donations I have received this year for the Disaster Fund. You have really made a difference. I hope each chapter will keep the Disaster Fund in your budgets for next year.

Remember this is your fund that helps a sister in need during a trying time.

Again, THANK YOU and I can’t wait to see you all at State Convention.

***Sue Ceriale/Brenda Wesp***

***Awards Committee***

LOOKING BEYOND OURSELVES TO THE AWARDS

We are sure that you have all been looking beyond yourselves through this year (working hard) with the hope of coming home from Convention with an arm load of awards. Good luck to everyone!

Please read the general instructions at the beginning of the Awards Section of your Yearbook or check out the Florida State Council website <http://www.esaflorida.net/statenewsdocuments.html> . Mark your calendars so you know that Award entry forms must be POSTMARKED BY APRIL 10, 2011. All entries must be signed by the Awards Chairman, Chapter President or other chapter officer. We recommend that the Awards Chairman ask the Chapter President or other member of the chapter review the award entries with her as it is easy to make a mistake or overlook an item. Remember, candidates for individual awards cannot sign their own entry form. When this happens the entry is disqualified.

Please be sure to send the award confirmation receipt form that is at the end of the Award section in the Yearbook and on the website with your awards. Please be sure to ask your chapter members if they are entering an item or items for the Association of the Arts and enter

the number of entries from your chapter.

We are looking forward to receiving your entries.

***Paula Kelly***

***Care Connection***

By now we have attended Leadership and know all there is to know about leading. NOT. I am still learning after 27 years or is it leading? As the years go by the two words tend to blend together.

The Care Connection means a lot of different things to different people. I hope I was able to show that at Leadership. Mostly we have been concentrating on Hope for Heroes, though.

Log into the member center at <http://www.esaintl.com> then special programs, then whatever program you want to know more about. The Hope For Heroes cite will give you everything you need to know about the Hope for Heroes program. It has lists of items you can send, [Where to get Names/Mailing Addresses](http://www.esaintl.com/member/member_index.cfm?action=hope_where); [Care Package Program](http://www.esaintl.com/member/materials/HOH-CarePkgProgrambjv2.pdf), [Items Requested](http://www.esaintl.com/member/materials/Give2theTroops.pdf), [Letter to Include with Package](http://www.esaintl.com/member/materials/Hope_for_heros/Letter%20To%20Include%20With%20Packet.pdf), [Packaging Tips](http://www.esaintl.com/member/member_index.cfm?action=hope_tips), and [Additional Resources](http://www.esaintl.com/member/member_index.cfm?action=hope_additional).

While you are there, wander around the websites. You will find so much information that you can use. As I said before, I am still learning and found out about this ton of info only recently. Go figure!

***Julie Freitag
COL Coordinator***

Florida ESA sisters are awesome! Congratulations to Eta Rho, Gamma Rho & Rho Chi for a job well done on the Give Thanks. Walk. Also, a huge thank you to all the chapters who have been diligently raising funds for St. Jude’s over the past few months. Please keep up the good work! As we wind done our year, please remember to report all of your St. Jude donations so that your chapter receives full credit.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the honor to serve as your Circle Of Life Coordinator for the past two years. My Florida sisters will always hold a special place in my heart.

***Mary Sosa***

***Easter Seals Coordinator***

Spring is in the air! A time to spring clean and refresh our spirits. Clean out your desk drawers and bring your old cell phones, I-Pods or ink cartridges to the next meeting to help Easter Seals.

Camp Hope is busy planning a big 50’s anniversary celebration on May 14th at the camp. Michael Slaymaker is the acting director of the camp and is happy to be working with ESA and appreciates any help that we can continue to offer the camp.

Please let me know if I can be of any help! You can reach me at 352-546-5347 or by email @ countryangel@wildblue.net. I kindly ask that you continue to support Easter Seals and all of the good works that this organization provides to our local communities.

***Betty Sanders
Foundation Counselor***Members whose dues were not paid were emailed to remind them of the March 1st deadline to be able to vote this year.

Chapters who are not members were sent one last request to take advantage of the 40th Anniversary special of 2 years for $25.00 before March 1st deadline.

As of February 21 2011 (from beginning of year) the following have paid ESAF dues:

18 chapters/councils $270.00

1 PPA group $ 15.00

37 individual members $555.00

(Including men and MALs)

3 Life Active Members -0-

2 new members $ 50.00

$890.00

Other funds donated since Jan report:

Alpha Nu Turn around Fund $ 500.00

(Vets Helping Heroes, Inc.)

Eleanor Cannons Scholarship $ 500.00

$1,000.00

I processed 228 scholarship applications....more than we have had since 2005.

I am pleased to know that Sue Ceriale will be taking over immediately after convention.

***Barbara Floyd***

***Parliamentarian***

Despite all my pleas NOT to have any proposed bylaw changes, we do have some.  They are listed below.  Please read them thoroughly and be prepared to vote at our State Convention.  If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or any member of the Bylaws Committee.  Members are Barbara Kalm, Sherry Newgent, and Linda Takach.  It is better to ask your questions now rather than wait until Convention.  Maybe, if we answer all concerns, questions, etc., beforehand, discussion can be held to a minimum and these proposals will move along quickly.  This means that, of course, you will have more free time!!?  How is that for an incentive?  Seriously, we stand ready to assist you in any way that we can.  So, get out your bylaws and compare these proposals with our current bylaws and be prepared to consider them when we meet for Convention.  They really aren’t as bad as they might seem upon first perusal.  I await your questions.  See you at Convention in May.
**BY-LAW CHANGES LOCATED ON PAGE 8 & 9**

***Terry Moherek***

***Scrapbook Coordinator***

Spring is here and Leadership is only a memory.  Now I’m really “Looking Beyond Myself” to be able to assemble a spectacular scrapbook of all my sister chapter’s happenings.

To date, I have received pictures from two chapters.  I know that all our Florida chapters have had memorable moments that they would like to include in Pinky’s scrapbook.  I want to have a 12X12 inch page for each Florida chapter.  Please help me to achieve this goal.

State convention in Ft Myers will conclude Pinky’s presidential year.  I will be there taking pictures and will accept any pictures and information you want me to include in the state scrapbook.

Please send pictures to me:  11105 Oleander Drive  Clermont, FL  34711 or e-mail to me of Toni Bell at terrymoh@cfl.rr.com  or databbycats@ aol.com

Thanks for your cooperation.

**PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS:
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**1st Vice President/President Elect:**

Robin Allred

Years of Service: 15

Offices Held: Chapter: President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Educational Director, Philanthropic Director and Parlimentarian

Area Council: Bay Area Council Chair

State Council: Treasurer, 2nd VP, Circle of Life Coordinator, Awards Co-Chair

Awards and Other qualifications: 4th degree; Distinguished Athenian

Attendance: State Conventions: 15 Mid Year: 12 Leadership: 13 SERC: 2 IC: 3

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**2nd Vice President**

Kayla Andux

Years of Service: 9

Offices Held: Chapter: President (2 times) Philanthropic

State Council: Recording Secretary, Educational Director

Awards and Other qualifications: Miss Enthusiam State Level, Outstanding Youth as a teen.

Attendance: State Conventions: 6 Mid Year: 5 Leadership: 5 SERC: 0 IC: 1

**2nd Vice President**

Mona King

Years of Service: 38

Offices Held: Chapter: South Carolina: President, Treasurer, Philanthropic Director

 Florida: President, Philanthropic Co-Chair

State Council: Educational Director, Treasurer

SERC: Budget Committee, Association of the Arts Chair

Awards and Other qualifications: 4th degree; South Carolina Woman of the Year

Attendance: Florida State Conventions: 2 Mid Year: 3 Leadership: 2 SERC: 4 IC: 2

 South Carolina State Convention: 3

 Alabama State Convention: 1

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**Educational Director**

Linda (Lin) King

Years of Service: 4

Offices Held: Chapter: President, VP, Secretary, (Corresponding and Recording)

State Council: Web Master, Audit Chair

Awards and Other qualifications: 3rd degree; First Pearl 1 + 1, Chapter Woman of the Year

Attendance: State Conventions: 3 Mid Year: 3 Leadership: 1 SERC: 0 IC: 1

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**Philanthropic Director**

Sharon Roberts

Years of Service: 5

Offices Held: Chapter: Secretary, Parliamentarian, Publicity

State Council: Lamp Editor

Awards and Other qualifications: Woman of the Year Chapter, Golden Quill

Attendance: State Conventions: 4 Mid Year: 5 Leadership: 4 SERC: 0 IC: 0

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**Recording Secretary**

Barbara Fry

Years of Service: 38

Offices Held: Chapter: All Chapter positions – Currently President

Area Council: Bay Area Council Chair/Treasurer

State Council: Recording Secretary, Audit Chairman, Chaplain

SERC: Scrapbook Editor

Awards and Other qualifications: Chapter Woman of the Year, Liason for Country Acres Children’s Home and Nu Alpha Women Reaching Women/ Welcome Home Vets in Brevard County

Attendance: State Conventions: 19 Mid Year: 19 Leadership: 19 SERC: 4 IC: 4

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**Treasurer**

Janice Harmon

Years of Service: 5

Offices Held: Chapter: Educational Director (twice) Chaplain, Publicity

State Council: Lamp Co-Editor

Awards and Other qualifications: Distinguished Athenian, Chapter Woman of the Year and Miss Enthusiasm

Attendance: State Conventions: 5 Mid Year: 4 Leadership: 4 SERC: 0 IC: 0

**PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES:**

**ARTICLE V:  DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 2.  Duties of the appointed officers shall be:

F.  Delete in total and replace with:

F.  CIRCLE OF LIFE CHAIRMEN

1.  SENIOR CIRCLE OF LIFE CHAIRMAN shall act as liaison and work closely with the International Circle of Life Chairman and ESA Headquarters representative to provide information, support and assistance in the promotion of

     St. Jude Children’s Hospital to the Florida State Council membership.  She shall receive reports from the membership and ESA Circle of Life office, compare and follow-up on any discrepancies.  She shall prepare and submit

      A report of donations, mileage equivalents and hours to the State Awards Chairman for the current year.  She shall prepare and submit a report of donations, mileage equivalents and hours to the State President for the

      International Council reporting year, June l – May 31, and the Southeastern Regional Council reporting year, October 1 – September 30.  She shall work closely with the Junior Circle of Life Chairman in preparation for the

      Upcoming position of Senior Circle of Life Chairmanship.  She shall prepare an updated notebook to be given to her successor.

2.   JUNIOR CIRCLE OF LIFE CHAIRMAN shall work closely with the Senior Circle of Life Chairman to become familiar with all the duties of the upcoming position.  She shall assist the Senior Circle of Life Chairman in the

      promotion of St. Jude Children’s Hospital to the membership as requested.  She shall attend the St. Jude Leadership Training Seminar when provided by ESA Headquarters bringing back any and all information to be

      presented to the membership.  She shall assume the office of Senior Circle of Life Chairman following the term of Junior Circle of Life Chairman.  She shall prepare an updated notebook to be given to her successor.

REASON:  Many states have a Senior and Junior Chairman of Circle of Life.  With only one Circle of Life Chairman, much of the time is spent learning the process of recordkeeping, reporting and promotions.  By the time one learns what is expected and how to handle her duties, the year is over.  By having a Junior Circle of Life Chairman, she would be more aware of her responsibilities and be  better prepared to assume the duties of the Senior Chairman.   The Junior Chairman would provide assistance to the Senior Chairman, perhaps filling in for the Senior Chairman at events throughout the State.

**ARTICLE V:  DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 2.  Duties of the appointed officers shall be:

G.  Delete in total and replace with:

G.  EASTER SEALS CHAIRMEN

1.   SENIOR EASTER SEALS CHAIRMAN shall act as liaison and work closely with the ESA Headquarters representative to provide information, support and assistance in the promotion of Easter Seals to the Florida State Council

       Membership.  She shall receive reports from the membership, prepare and submit a report of donations, mileage equivalents and hours to the State Awards Chairman for the current year.  She shall prepare and submit a

       Report of donations, mileage equivalents and hours to the State President for the International Council reporting year, June 1 – May 31, and the Southeastern Regional Council reporting year, October 1 – September 30.

       She shall work closely with the Junior Easter Seals Chairman in preparation for the upcoming position of Senior Easter Seals Chairmanship.  She shall prepare an updated notebook to be given to her successor.

2.  JUNIOR EASTER SEALS CHAIRMAN shall work closely with the Senior Easter Seals Chairman to become familiar with all the duties of the upcoming position.  She shall assist the Senior Easter Seals Chairman in the promotion

      Of Easter Seals to the membership as requested.  She shall assume the office of Senior Easter Seals Chairman following the term of Junior Easter Seals Chairman.  She shall prepare an updated notebook to be given to her

      successor.

REASON:  Many states have a Senior and Junior Chairman of Easter Seals.  With only one Easter Seals Chairman, much of the time is spent learning the process of recordkeeping, reporting and promotions.  By the time one learns what is expected and how to handle her duties, the year is over.  By having a Junior Easter Seals Chairman, she would be more aware of her responsibilities and be better prepared to assume the office of the Senior Easter Seals Chairman.  The Junior Chairman would provide assistance to the Senior Chairman,  perhaps filling in for the Senior Chairman at events throughout the State.

**ARTICLE V:  DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 2.  Duties of the appointed officers shall be:

H.  Delete in total and replace with:

G.  ESA FOUNDATION STATE CHAIRMEN

1.  SENIOR ESA FOUNDATION STATE CHAIRMAN must be a member of the ESA Foundation and shall promote the activities of the ESA Foundation (philanthropic and educational).  She shall encourage chapters and members to become members of the ESA Foundation.  She shall receive donations and remit same monthly to the ESA Foundation.  She shall report individual and chapter donations for ESA Foundation dues and monies received for the ESA Scholarship Fund to the State Philanthropic Director monthly.  She shall report all totals yearly to the State Awards Coordinator.  She shall prepare an updated notebook to be given to her successor.

2.  JUNIOR ESA FOUNDATION STATE CHAIRMAN shall work closely with the Senior ESA Foundation State Chairman to become familiar with all the duties of the upcoming position.  She shall assist the Senior ESA Foundation State Chairman in the promotion of the ESA Foundation to the membership as requested.  She shall assume the office of Senior ESA Foundation State Chairman following her term as Junior ESA Foundation State Chairman.  She shall prepare an updated notebook to be given to her successor.

REASON:  Many state have a Senior and Junior Chairman for the ESA Foundation.  With only one ESA Foundation State Chairman, much of the time is spent learning the process of recordkeeping, reporting and promotions.  By the time one learns what is expected and how to handle her duties, the year is over.  By having a Junior ESA Foundation State Chairman, she would be more aware of her responsibilities and be better prepared to assume the office of the Senior ESA Foundation State Chairman.  The Junior ESA Foundation State Chairman would provide assistance to the Senior Chairman, perhaps filling in for the Senior Chairman at events throughout the State.

**ARTICLE IV:  OFFICERS**

Section 2.  Now reads:  The appointed officers shall be:  Parliamentarian, Chaplain, Scrapbook Coordinator, Awards Coordinator, LAMP Editor (designated by the bidding chapter/council), Circle of Life Coordinator, Easter Seals Coordinator, ESA Foundation State Counselor, SERC State Counselor, and Audit Chairman.  These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by the bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Florida State Council.

DELETE:  “Circle of Life Coordinator, Easter Seals Coordinator and ESA Foundation Counselor”.  REPLACE WITH:  “Senior Circle of Life Chairman, Junior Circle of Life Chairman, Senior Easter Seals Chairman, Junior Easter Seals Chairman and Senior ESA Foundation State Chairman and Junior ESA Foundation State Chairman”.

TO READ:  The appointed officers shall be:  Parliamentarian, Chaplain, Scrapbook Coordinator, Awards Coordinator, LAMP Editor (designated by the bidding chapter/council), Senior Circle of Life Chairman, Junior Circle of Life Chairman, Senior Easter Seals Chairman, Junior Easter Seals Chairman, Senior ESA Foundation State Chairman, Junior ESA Foundation State Chairman, SERC State Counselor, and Audit Chairman.

REASON:  Clarification

**ARTICLE V:  DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section 1.  Duties of the elected officers shall be:

B.  INSERT:  “Within 30 days following  the installation, the First Vice President shall appoint a Junior Circle of Life Chairman, a Junior Easter Seals Chairman, and a Junior ESA Foundation State Chairman.”

TO READ:  The FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, by virtue of her office shall be known as the President- Elect.  She shall serve as Membership Director, promoting the interest and growth of ESA throughout Florida.  She shall serve as chairman of the Nominating Committee.  She shall prepare the ballots, keep the ballot box between meetings , and shall retain the marked ballots for a period of not less than ninety (90) days.  She shall mail an absentee ballot(s) upon a chapter’s written request.  She shall retain the returned absentee ballot(s) and deliver it (them) to the Credentials desk at Convention.  The First Vice President shall attend the ESA State Presidents’ Leadership Seminar.  Within 30 days following the installation, the First Vice President shall appoint a Junior Circle of Life Chairman, a Junior Easter Seals Chairman, and a Junior ESA Foundation State Chairman .  She shall prepare an updated notebook to be given to her successor.

REASON:  The First Vice President should select the Junior Chairmen who would assume their Senior Chairmanships the same year that the First Vice President became the President.  In this manner, each President would appoint Junior Chairmen and each President would serve with those that she appointed as Junior Chairmen when they became Senior Chairmen.

**ARTICLE V:  DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

Section l.  Duties of the elected officers shall be:

 A.   DELETE:  “ . . . on odd years, a Circle of Life Coordinator and an Easter Seals Coordinator, and shall appoint, on even years, an ESA Foundation State Counselor..”

TO READ:  The PRESIDENT shall call and preside over all meetings and shall perform other duties ordinarily pertaining to such office.  Within thirty (30) days following her installation, she shall appoint a Parliamentarian, a Chaplain, and a Scrapbook Coordinator.  She shall appoint members of the following committees:  Bylaws (one member to be the Junior Past President), Nominating, Awards and Audit.  The President may appoint any special committees deemed necessary.  The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating committee.  She shall prepare an updated notebook to be given to her successor.

REASON:  Clarification

**ARTICLE VI:  MEETINGS**

Section 3.  Now reads:  The Mid-Year Council meeting shall be held within six (6) months after convention.  Business, other than bylaws, and, if by the direction of the Executive Board, shall be conducted by a plurality vote.  Members present shall constitute a quorum, provided proper notice of the meeting has been given.  The state supported candidate(s) for International Council office(s) shall be selected.

INSERT:  “ . . . and/or SERC candidate(s) . . . “

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REASON:  To include the SERC candidate(s) in the bylaws along with the International Council candidate(s).  Passage of this proposal would delete Standing Rule #12 passed at the Mid Year Meeting.

STANDING RULE

 Add # 13.  To qualify for State Philanthropic Awards, Circle of Life Awards and Easter Seals Awards, chapters must submit TWO reports annually to the State Philanthropic Director, the Senior Circle of Life Chairman, and the Senior Easter Seals Chairman.  These reports are to be RECEIVED on time by the SENIOR Director/Chairman no later than September 30 and March 31 of the current State Year.

REASON:  As requested by the membership, to decrease the number of reports that are to be sent in and to provide consistency in reporting.  All reports will have the same deadlines and passage of this standing rule will eliminate changing the dates every year.

***Florida State Convention Helpful Hints & First Time Convention Goers Information***

***May 13th thru May 15th, 2011 ~ ‘Vintage Southwest Florida’ - Fort Myers***

*by Barbara Kellard, Chairman of the Past President’s Auxiliary*

*My First Convention . . . I remember it well!*

I joined ESA in April 1968 and my new sisters were SO excited about going to State Convention just a few weeks away. I didn’t understand ‘why.’ I recall them making a sign for the car that said, ‘ESA Convention or Bust!’ I was new, didn’t really know these gals so I passed on the opportunity to attend. They came home more excited than before and I knew I was definitely going the following year.

 The next convention was the beginning of an annual event for me. Why? The weekend starts off with a relaxed and entertaining mixer party with candidate skits and entertainment. Even the business meeting has its fun moments. The awards luncheon is filled with excitement and you see your hard work pays off. The banquet is an elegant, meaningful evening with even more surprises. By Sunday morning, you are tired, but happy as the weekend winds down with brunch, a little more business, more awards and ends with the Closing Ritual. Hugs are shared around the room and you are sure to go home with more sisters, a smile and more love in your heart.

 Have you ever sat through the business meeting and wondered why some of the reports seem to be so important? Do you understand all the facets of ESA? Attending State Convention will help you see and understand the overall picture and come away with a better understanding of ESA. Spending the weekend with your sisters, sharing the accomplishments of the sorority year, relaxing by the pool, snacks, laughter and stories is sure to make the weekend memorable and ensure a closer relationship with each other.

 *Here’s a recap of Convention. The weekend is a meeting and celebration of what Florida ESA members have accomplished during the 2010-2011 year. You will definitely want to attend!*

***Friday, May 13th, 2011***

1. ***First Time Convention Goers’ Get-together*** ~ 5:00pm to 6:00pm. The *‘where’* information will be at the Registration Desk. This event is hosted by the Past Presidents Auxiliary.
2. ***The Mixer ~ ‘Cowboy Cookout’*** ~ you will want to *wear something appropriate for a cookout,* and . . . be prepared for anything!

***Saturday, May 14th***

1. ***First General Assembly*** ~ it is important to be *‘on time’* as the assembly doors are closed during the Opening Ceremony. Your ESA pin and name tag are a must. Dress comfortably in meeting attire. Psych yourself up to sit for a while! Be prepared for a meeting much like your chapter’s . . . with perhaps a few *extras* and maybe just a little longer.
2. ***The Awards Luncheon ~ ‘Florida's Fabulous Flamingos’*** ~ another fun time! Cheer and applaud *all* the winners! Even if your chapter doesn’t win, think how exciting it is for those who do! Besides, in ESA there are no losers . . . only winners!
* After the Awards luncheon, unless there is unfinished business from the morning session, the rest of the afternoon will be your *free time*. If you haven’t visited the Awards and Association of the Arts Room . . . now is the time! Be sure to cast your ballots for your favorite scrapbook and items in the Association of the Arts.
1. ***Installation & Banquet ~ ‘Remembering the Edisons’*** ~ this is the time to get *gussied up.* Your dress can be either long or short – your choice. Again, *be on time*. The doors are closed during the Installation of Officers. There will be no talking, smoking or pictures taken during the installation ceremony, but plenty of time afterwards. After dinner, be ready to cheer for the State Woman of the Year and the Outstanding Chapter! The rest of the night is yours.

***Sunday, May 15th***

1. ***Memorial and Worship Service***. Start the last of our convention by being in attendance.
2. ***Brunch & Second General Assembly ~ ‘Gladioli on the Gulf’*** ~ business or travel attire. *Mary Jay Bauer,* the new State President, will give her acceptance speech. Pallas Athene and Service Pin awards will be given. The Scrapbook and Association of the Art winners will be announced.

*Plan your travel time home so you can attend the entire Sunday program. Everything should be over by noon at the latest.*

*Things to bring:*

*Your ESA Pin* **~** a must. Wear it proudly! You don’t have to wear it Saturday evening.

*Money* ~ Cash or credit cards are best. Personal checks are difficult to cash. There will be raffles.

*Camera & Film* ~ capture special moments to add to your ESA memory book. (Some pictures can also be used later for *blackmail!*)

*Makeup* ~ Plenty of cover-up cuz’ . . . the days will be long and the nights will be short!

*Deodorant, Aspirin, Visene, Extra Underwear* ~ and anything else that will help you get through the weekend.

*Snacks* ~ Soft drink and other *machine items* are more expensive in hotels as you probably know. CAUTION ~ large quantities of food and drink should *not* be seen coming into the hotel*.*

*When you arrive:*

1. Check into your hotel room and get settled in.

2. Go to the Convention Registration area as soon as possible. Be certain all meal function tickets and name tag are in your envelope.

3. Register for any guests you may have.

4. Ask for your ballots (or where to get them) for the Scrapbook and Association of the Arts entries.

5. If you have an entry for the Association of the Arts, get it checked in right away.

*Extra Tips:*

Travel light. Leave room in your luggage to take home all the good things you will accumulate at convention . . . and shopping!

Don’t bring any jewelry (or anything else for that matter) you don’t mind leaving in your room. Unfortunately, things have a way of getting lost!

Be on time for all functions. Chances are you will be rooming with *experienced* convention goers. Don’t be late because she/they want to *sleep in*. It’s okay to go off by yourself. Tell her/them you’ll save a place. Besides, when people are late arriving, it causes disruption for everyone.

Don’t be impatient! It takes time for 175 people to get an elevator (no matter how many there are) and longer for 175 women to use the restroom.

Take your convention program with you. Your program, your meal tickets and your door key become sacred items for two days. *There is ‘no smoking’* *in the assembly or meal functions*

*And Remember . . .*

When you fill in your Registration Form, be sure to mark your food preference for the banquet and any dietary concerns you have and if this is YOUR first convention, please mark that box as well. Send your Registration Form early to avoid a *late fee*.

And . . . Don’t forget to RSVP when you receive your invitation to the ‘First Time Convention’ Goers Reception.

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|  **BETA BETA-** Well, since December the Beta Beta sisters have been staying pretty busy.  In January several members attended the board meeting with Pinky and the other butterflies in Clermont.  Our educationals by Shirley and Lynn were very entertaining and we learned that your body does fall apart after 50 but, there is hope for those of us struggling with blood sugar issues and early diabetes symptoms. Then we joined Alpha Rho at Bay Area at Mimi’s Café, what a wonderful time enjoying our sisters’ company and good food too.Then several of our members were off to the St. Jude Radiothon.  We heard it was a little slower than last year but a good time just the same. In February we hosted our Unbirthday Party at the Sheriff’s Youth Ranch in Clearwater with a Super Bowl theme.  The kids had a ball as we played games, took pictures and of course gave out goodies and ate ice cream cake! Then we attended the Valentine’s Party at Eleanor and Leah’s church as we have done over the past several years.  Good food yet again! As March hits we are preparing to attend Leadership in Jacksonville and then the next weekend it is off to Innisbrook for the annual golf tournament!  This is our biggest fund raiser and all of the sisters enjoy working with the fans and golfers who are present. In April our installation of officers will take place at Alfano’s. The new presidents elect are Janice Harmon and Sharon Roberts who will serve as co-presidents.  Then at the end of April, Beta Beta will host the Bay Area meeting.  As you can see, we are always busy and have a blast doing all the things we do.

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**BETA THETA-**

In January, we hosted the FSC Board meeting  President Sandie Stacy co-chaired the event with Recording Secretary Eleanor Lofgren.  At the event we celebrated FSC President Pinky Barbour's Birthday.

In February, Rosetta and Bob Shobe hosted our annual Superbowl party. We also entered the Chamber Ambassador's Breakfast Table Decorating contest and won 1st place out of 17 tables with our “Salute to Ireland” table. Ann Dupee was dressed as our Leprechaun. Terry Moherek was selected by the Chamber as a true Gem of the Hills winner for all the great things she has done for the community over the years.  We are really proud of her!

Lucy and Steve Hage hosted our social for the month at their home in the country complete with bon fire.

In March we had our 7th annual Mardi Gras Event, chaired by Jackie Ulch and Co-chaired by Barbara Henry, Rosetta Shobe and Janet Hawkins.  The party starred entertainment by the sister and brothers featuring:  Barb and Roger Henry as Hee Haw characters, Jackie Ulch as Cousin Minneiola Pearl, Sandie Stacy as Patsy Whine, Dave Krawchuk as Elvis Princely with his Jailhouse Honeys Robin Krawchuk, Rosetta Shobe, Donna Kidder and JoAnn Harman.  The Vintage people (brothers and sisters) sang AARP and YMCA to round out the presentation. We sold 250 tickets, beaucoup sponsorships, held a successful silent auction and made lots of money for scholarships and our charities.

**CHI OMEGA-**

Everyone (husbands and kids) had a great time at our Christmas Party hosted by Sharron & Bill Thompson on December 12th. Lots of excellent food and gifts were exchanged.

Again in December we helped the Calusa Nature Center with their yearly fund raiser.

Two of our volunteers sold items in the gift shop and they sold a lot. The other to were at a craft table outside (was a cool night) helping children make paper tree ornaments with glue and lots of colored glitter. Also origami birds was tried by one or two - but was too hard for their age group. We also donated $40.00 worth of delicious cookies for patrons to eat.

We have been planning a Rush. We are calling it "Crazy Bag Party" to be held March 14th. We are looking forward to enticing new members to join our fun and projects.

Sharron Thompson and Louella Hendricks will be traveling to Jacksonville for Leadership 2011 Adventure in Discovery Tea Party March 12th.  See you there

**EPSILON LAMDA-**

Epsilon Lambda celebrated the holidays with a Holiday Party at Sara and Dave Meadows’ home.  While we were missing several members at the party those who attended had a good time, and those not in attendance were missed.

January found Sue Ceriale hosting a Princess House Fund Raiser.  We had a good time at a very successfully party.  Proceeds are going to our Philanthropic Projects.  March will find us trying a new fund raiser.  We will be selling Fudgie Wudgie Fudge for Easter and Mother’s Day gifts.  We will be ending our sale in early April.  If you are interested in ordering some delicious fudge, contact Laurel Lichtenberger or Sue Ceriale for details.

By the time you read this we will have attended Lambda Xi’s Tea Party Leadership.  We are sure that it will be great day with good friends learning a lot. Thank you Lambda Xi.

We are looking forward to our Installation of Officers, the start of a New Year and State Convention.

**ETA RHO-**The end of the year is coming up quick and we are so excited to see all of our sisters at Leadership and State Convention!!
We have been working hard and hardly working!!
In February we answered phones alongside Kicks Brooks, Steve Holy, and Heidi Newfield at the St. Jude Radio-Thon.
We got to spend some time with our Bay Area sisters at a meeting hosted by Alpha Rho, and participated in the Transitions Golf Tournament by collecting tickets in March.
We have had a few AWESOME social events. We gathered for some dancing on the Wii at Kayla's house and also celebrated the Super bowl Game with a BBQ and flag football game at Robin's followed by dancing on the Wii again that night. We are ready to have some fun and fellowship with our Florida State sisters!
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**GAMMA RHO-**Dodie Booher hosted our January meeting. Charlotte Williams presented the educational program “Dancing Through the Years...With Tap Dancing” for Jo Schweinfurth who had some surgery on her leg and could not be there.
Donna Dittmer and Jo arranged our social....a trip to the Naples Olive Oil Company and then lunch at the Cheesecake Factory. Very interesting and sampling of great products....and lunch was delicious.

We have begun our convention work nights on the 3rd Tuesdays of the month until after convention in May. The January work night was at Yvonne McBride's, the February one at Donna's and the March and April ones will be at Charlotte's.
Donna hosted our February meeting. The program was given by Dodie...”Dancing Through the Years......With The Slow Dance of T'ai Chi Chih”.
Dee Ammons, Jo, Marti Johnson, and Betty Sanders worked the Edison Festival of Light Junior King and Queen Preview on February 13th. The children are priceless and funny.

Charlotte chaired the Edison Festival of Light Crafts on the River. Charlotte, Jo, Donna, Myra, Marti, Dee, Betty, Marilyn, Dick Williams, Mark Williams and 6 snowbird friends of Charlotte's (one of these was Gail Dulock from Charlotte's Michigan chapter and a former Michigan State Council Secretary) worked the drink booths.

We are still packing backpacks on Wednesday mornings at Edgewood School.

Gamma Rho lost a long time supporter of our work in February, Gene Maddox, husband of Diane. He is missed and will be missed for years to come.

Charlotte and Dick, Betty, Marti and Marilyn attended the Edison Festival Thank You Dinner for Volunteers. President Bill Mankin gave Charlotte the Baby Ben award for waking him up at 7:30 AM to report a drunk trying to scam the crafters at the Crafts on the River. He also gave the Bright Idea Award to Diane Maddox for the idea to have a Mutt Strutt…that was very successful.

Marti and Marilyn hosted our March meeting. Program was given by Dee ...”Dancing Through the Years....How to Dance Without Embarrassing Yourself”. We elected our Woman of the Year and Miss Enthusiasm. Talked conventions…imagine that!

Come see us at the 61st Annual Florida State Council of ESA Convention May 13-15, 2011 at the Embassy Suites/Fort Myers-Estero.

**KAPPA NU-**Kappa Nu is still here although we have had some difficult times. Jo Ann Cox, our President, has been ill for some time, off and on, but on the mend now.

Wilma Stone is enduring Chemo treatments for Cancer, and recently fell and broke her foot and skinned her arm. She sold her home in Riverview, plans to retire from the motel, and move to Georgia as soon as she gets the go-ahead from her doctor. It will be a sad time for the rest of us.

Anna Tarabocchia is doing well after knee surgery. She has a new member in her family – a darling puppy she names after a fashion designer. He is called Louis, short for Louis Vuitton.

Jo Bono will be celebrating her 90th birthday on March 25th.

Jo Ross had left eye surgery (vitrectomy) on Valentine’s Day and she is slowly getting clear vision without double images.

Here’s hoping for better days ahead for us – and we wish all a happy summer, and a blessed Easter.

**LAMDA XI-**We have been busy planning for Leadership and having work sessions to prepare everything. We are excited about the baskets we are putting together.
We hosted a St Jude’s Virtual Party and to date have raised $260. A group of us attended the Olde Bags Luncheon in Cocoa Beach and had a wonderful time.
Philanthropic activities we participated in recently have included the Right Whale Festival, Salvation Army Holiday Assistance, making stockings for Salvation Army children, preparing a meal for Ronald McDonald House, making personal care bags for Quigley House (home for battered women & children in Orange Park), making Peace Bracelets at Hands on Jax, and volunteering for OneJax.
Lin King of our chapter has spent 200 hours volunteering for OneJax in January and February. Way to go Lin!!

**NU ALPHA-**Another year has come and gone, and as usual, there never seems to be enough time to do all we wanted to. However, we are proud of our accomplishments. Since August, 2010, we have added 3 new members. A Jewel Pin ceremony was held in December for Patsy Morgan and a Pledge Ceremony for Liz Hahn and Alisann Del Favero. Our new members are certainly pulling their weight as we work together for good things.

Our 6th annual Olde Bags ‘N Baskets luncheon for FSDB was a huge success. Thank you to all who attended. Our local sister chapters are always so supportive of all we do, and many out of county sisters and friends came as well, such as Lambda Xi members, Theta Tau and Beta Theta sisters. For photos, please view our Florida web page at [www.esaflorida.net](http://www.esaflorida.net).

We are formulating tentative plans for next year as well as brainstorming some ideas for rush parties and getting acquainted parties. At our March meeting new officers will be elected, Miss Enthusiasm will be announced and Chapter Woman of the Year will be determined.

Our Christmas Party and Secret Sister reveal was held at Heather Bennett’s home. Some of the members toured FSDB, visited our student, and stayed overnight in St. Augustine for shopping, Christmas parade, etc. Debi Benoit hosted our January business meeting, and Jill Keene hosted our February business meeting. Proceeds of the dinner at our meetings go to the ESA Disaster Fund.

Monthly deliveries are being made to the Sharing Center a local food bank and thrift shop. Hygiene Baskets are made up for Crosswinds Youth Ministries from the many donations of motel size soap, shampoo, etc. Candies, blank note cards and other small items are also added. Many people who seek shelter have no personal items, so we often include new facecloths and other useful items. Our Women Reaching Women program in the area was introduced to us by President, Barbara Fry. One of the things they do is furnish boxes, postage and names of military personnel for us to send care packages to. Members of Nu Alpha bring items to add to these boxes from the list of supplies we are given. These include full size hygiene items, brushes, crossword puzzles, magazines, phone cards, etc.

By the time you read this, we hope to have seen many of you at Leadership and look forward to State Convention.

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