



ESA Flying High on Eagles Wings President's Message

Hello and Merry Christmas to you all:

I hope everyone is having a great year so far. It seems like this year is moving at an alarming pace for me. We just wrapped up another successful Dream Home in Denver, \$1,3000,000.00, for the kids of St Jude. You should all be very proud of this project. We will be starting the CO Springs Dream Home, tickets go on sale on March 23, 2016. So start thinking about helping out with this Dream Home. We can't do it alone and need everyone's help, if there is anyone who wants to become a Games Manager we do need more in both campaigns. It is fun and rewarding. So please think about helping out in that capacity. We will have a St Jude Radioathon in February, I don't have a date yet but was told it will be in February. So mark your calendars to help with the phones, it will be a Thursday and Friday. All help will be appreciated. Before we know it, it will be time for our Spring Board meeting in March. We will be going down to Pueblo and be in the Holiday Inn Express down there on the north side of town. Our meetings will be there as well. Please consider coming we will have a good meeting and some fun things to do. Breakfast is included in your hotel price. Registration is \$50.00 for both days, Friday night and Saturday lunch. Hope to see you all there. Well I think that is all the news I have for now I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year. Enjoy your family and friends and remember your ESA Sisters, some of them have been having a hard time lately.

Love in ESA
Vickie Martinez
Colorado State President

ONE THOUGHTFUL MOMENT

- ✚ Christmas is not a time nor a season, but a state of mind. To cherish peace and goodwill, to be plenteous in mercy, is to have the real spirit of Christmas --Calvin Coolidge
- ✚ Our hearts grow tender with childhood memories and love of kindred, and we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas-time -- Laura Ingalls Wilder

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OFFICER'S REPORTS

Chaplain Report – Rebekah Martinez

Hello ladies. Please send pictures of your loved ones who have passed away this year. I will be needing at least 3 pictures for our Sunday

Memorial. Please send to CO Chaplain Rebekah Martinez at 278 Quitman St., Denver CO 80219. Thank you!

Treasurer – JoAnn Singley

The following chapters have paid their state dues by the deadline of December 1, 2015: #178 Alpha Delta; #1896 Epsilon Epsilon; #174 Alpha Gamma; #2320 Epsilon Zeta; #231 Alpha Lambda; #3668 Gamma Chi; #535 Alpha Nu; #44306 Gamma Omega; #770 Alpha Omercon; #1200 Gamma Pi; #327 Alpha Phi; #3371 Gamma Tau; #5416 Beta Alpha; #5442 Kappa Iota; #357 Beta Epsilon; #5571 Kappa Zeta; #510 Beta Nu; #5014 Sigma Rho; #3149 Beta

Zeta; #2830 Theta Eta; #5129 Chi Kappa; #3878 Zeta Chi; #5052 Delta Chi; #4016 Zeta Omicron; #1898 Delta Theta; #1774 Zeta Rho; #1836 Epsilon Chi and #2064 Zeta Tau. Colorado State Councils: Denver Alpha Council; Denver Epsilon Council; Northeastern Colorado Council; Northern Colorado Council and Pueblo Alpha Council. Wishing you all a very merry Christmas and Happy New year

Golden Lamp – Laura Wilson / Marlene Hewitt

Wishing all of our sisters, families and friends much joy and wonder during this holiday season! Please keep forwarding your chapters' happenings to us as we always enjoy the wonderful efforts all are making. Comments

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A COZY CORNER – BOOK CLUB

I know many of you read all the time. Here are some books I am suggesting to you. Maybe you have already read them. I suggest you login on to Goodreads or Bookpage. They are free sites that have daily and monthly updates on new books. Great way to get ideas. Anyway these are just suggestions. If you have any titles for me to post in the next Golden Lamp, please let me know. I enjoyed all of them and happy reading! Pam McGee, pkmcgee@outlook.com

Invention of Wings, Susan Monk Kidd

Silent Sister, Diane Chamberlain

Without You There is no Us (a memoir), Suki Kim

Me Before You, JoJo Moyes, she has a sequel to this book currently out.

CHAPTER/COUNCIL REPORTS

Thank you everyone! We did it again—we sold out (yes, all 13,000 tickets) the night before the Denver 2015 Dream Home drawing on November 12th. Give yourselves a big hand, you are awesome; ESA raised \$1,300,000 for Danny's kids at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The winner of the house lives in Ft. Collins. Instead of making her annual donation to St. Jude, her son suggested she purchase tickets for the

Denver Dream Home
Submitted by Mary Humphrey and Vickie Martinez, 2015 Co-Chairs

house. She forgot about the drawing and was taken by surprise when she received the call. We are working with the other prize winners to distribute their prizes. The prize winners are listed on www.dreamhome.org under the Denver Dream Home. Thank you to all who were able help with the Open House weekends, served as a Games Manager, helped with the Sell-a-thons at Fox 31, or sent positive vibes our way

Denver Alpha Council
Submitted by Marlene Hewitt

After a slow and icy drive to Aurora, DAC members warmed up with a delicious breakfast. Shirley Conway then called us to order. Jeannie McLain inspired us with a reading about how our actions have consequences. In keeping with the Action theme, members brought canned goods and non-perishable food items to be donated to the Lakewood Action Center. Another opportunity for action was to step in and rescue the Easter Seals Christmas Toy Drive after one of their donors backed out. ESA members are asked to bring a toy to the DAC Christmas Luncheon December 5th, or get one to Joan Snyder prior to December 9th. Jeannie McLain presented an easy opportunity for action. As you

receive your Christmas cards, please save them for her. She and her team at the VA repurpose them for use by the vets the following year. Following the business meeting there was a short brainstorming session regarding a DAC fundraiser. It was decided that a Fantasy Tea with real food at the February 26th DAC meeting might be nice. Shirley Telinde will be sending out details with the invitations. We hope you can join us for our next rousing DAC meeting February 26th and we will try to work on our weathermen to see if we can inspire them to action (some better weather) at that time.

Zeta Chi, #3878 Ft. Collins
Submitted by Helen Hagel

We have welcomed two new members to our chapter, Kay Marshall in May and Marsha Newberry, September. Both ladies are proving to be valuable members of our chapter. In September we had our annual salad luncheon at Cheryl Beavers' home. For October we helped with the Northern Colorado Council's bunco party fundraiser. NCC raised \$615 for Easter Seals Wings, in Loveland plus members brought items needed by Wings clients. For our October educational members read the book "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrick Backman. The discussion of the book was led by Cindy Starck. October 22nd we headed over to Eaton to the Victoria's Tea Room, for tea, sandwiches and dessert. After November's business meeting at Kay Marshall's home, we visited the Global Village in downtown old Ft. Collins. It was a fascinating display of over 200 manager scenes from around the world. For each of our business meetings, members are bringing food items for the

Larimer County Food Bank. Three of us Cindy Starck, Cheryl Beavers and Hellen Hagel had a wonderful time and spent lots of money at Zeta Rho's luncheon and auction. Our annual Christmas potluck lunch will be December 10th at Maxine Smith's home. For our Christmas giving we continue to sponsor our veteran's family from last year plus we are adding another veteran's family for this year. The family has 5 children from 4 to 9 years old. After talking to Mom, who started crying when she was told what we would like to do for the family, lists of Christmas wishes, not only for Mom, but especially for the children was made. We hope to make their Christmas a bit brighter. We would like to invite you to our annual Bunco Party Fundraiser, January 30th, in Ft. Collins. Detailed information is on the state ESA calendar, plus a flyer included in this month's Golden Lamp. Merry Christmas to all of our ESA sisters across the state.

Gamma Chi, #3668 LOVELAND
Submitted by Pam McGee

Merry Christmas! Hard to believe we are nearing the end of 2015. On the first Friday of the month we continue to help at the Loveland Community Kitchen by serving lunch. Monthly we continue to visit are friends at Silver Leaf for an evening of snacks and bingo. In December Santa may come and visit them, with some Christmas goodies. Members volunteered at local elementary schools to assist with Vision and Hearing screening. For our social in October, 10 members took the Bustang to Denver and toured Union Station. Some of the group ate at a restaurant in Union Station and some ate on the 16th street mall. It was a fun day of eating and shopping. We again made more noodles at Neoma's Noodle Palace, for

two craft shows at the Marisol Senior Living Community and Homespun in Platteville. At our last two business meetings we had speakers from Project Self-Sufficiency and how to write your Life Story. That was a very interesting presentation as the point was how to hand down your life story to your family. Those many stories that make us a family. During the last two months we helped at the Dream Home, Radio-Thon, and Fall into Jewels, which is a fund raising activity for House of Neighborly Service. It is always an enjoyable evening. Of course we always have to spend some money. Enjoy the Christmas season! Happy New Year!

**Beta Epsilon, #357 Epsilon Sigma Alpha
Submitted by Stephanie Bearden & Gertie Chapin**

Beta Epsilon #357 of Epsilon Sigma Alpha has had a full schedule since the installation of officers. President Stephanie Bearden, is leading the group with her theme "ESA- Something to Crow About. Officers serving with her are vice president Shirley Chapin, treasurer Alberta Simmons, parliamentarian Cindy Powers and Educational Directors Paula Kopetzky and Vivianne Lorenzini. The chapter members participated serving both the Relay for Life and the WALK to End Alzheimer's. Besides helping on the committees the group donated over \$4000 to the two projects. Funds were donated to the ESA Disaster Fund and the ESA Foundation. An ongoing project is making and donating holiday favors to the residents of the Bee Hive. A traditional project continues to donate hats and gloves to the students in the third grade at Columbine School in honor of former teacher Mary Alice Covelli. The chapter is currently working on a display for the Vision of Trees. Funds to support philanthropic projects are raised with the sale of the "Knotted with Love" hand-made items which include ladder yarn necklaces, "Knot Your Fathers Necktie" purses and Prairie Flower pins. These have sold on-line and as the Craft Source sale in Wiggins.

We had our October meeting at Green Mountain Christian Church on October 10th. The final arrangements were made for our annual Auction/Luncheon the will be held on November 7th at the Jefferson Avenue Methodist Church. We will give our annual Thanksgiving donation to Denver Rescue Mission to help feed 30 people. Members have been volunteering at the Denver Dream Home. We are happy to announce that Laura and Thien are foster parents to a darling baby girl, named Isabella. She is already being spoilt by all her new aunts and grandmothers. We met again on November 14th. We are happy to announce that we had another success with our Auction/Luncheon. We want to thank all of our sisters who support us year after year. Plans are starting to come together with the 2016 state convention. We are really looking forward to being your hostesses. Zeta Rho

Lorenzini and Kopetzky have led the group in interesting programs. The details of the 2016 IC Convention to be held in Loveland hosted by the Rocky Mountain Regional Council were reviewed for the week-long event. "What is Stress and How to Overcome Stress" was well received as the membership learned the top 10 way to enjoy a stress-filled life. In remembrance of Veteran's Day "Ultimate Survivors", the longest surviving Veterans from the Revolution War to World War I was presented. Information was described on the 11 survivors of these wars. An interesting fact about each of these Veterans was that they were all over 98 years old. The oldest being Frank W. Buckles of the U.S. Army, serving in World War 1. He enlisted at the age of 16 was 110 at time of death in 2011. Many of the Veterans enlisted in their early teens. They served their country well. Cindy Powers and Gertie Chapin attended the Colorado State Council fall meeting. Cindy Powers volunteered at the open house at the ESA /SJCRH Dream House. Beta Epsilon was chartered in May of 1944. The chapter has been an activity organization in community for over 70 years.

**Zeta Rho, #1774 Aurora
Submitted by Shirley Telinde**

attended the Denver Alpha Council Christmas Luncheon on December 5. It was held at St. Andrew's Retirement Center, and Judie Tate a member is a resident there. Lorie Moore and her husband John were invited to attend the premiere of the movie "My All American". It's a true story about a young man who grew up in Wheatridge, CO and graduated from high school there and went to the University of Texas. That young man's name was Freddie Steinmark. This happened back in the 1960's and sadly Freddie passed away his sophomore year from bone cancer. Lorie and John got to meet his family and the cast of the movie. She said it is a great movie to see. She said John works with the brother of Freddie. Well I have ran out of news I hope you all had a wonderful thanksgiving and you have a very Merry Christmas.

FORMS AND REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Zeta Chi Bunko Party Invitation - January 30, 2016

Spring Board Registration - March 18 & 19, 2016