

The Golden Lamp of Colorado

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“Embrace the Journey”

“Life is not a race – but indeed a journey. Live for today, enjoy the moment.”

One year ago I asked you to “Embrace the Journey” and you responded beautifully, whole heartedly. Along the way we have seen the paths of many of our ESA sisters diverge as they left us only to remain in our hearts. But we also had new ESA sisters join us on our journey after being inspired to join in our mission to serve others.

As I visited members across the state this year I saw so much love and energy being expended to make the lives of others so much better. I am very proud of all of you and what you have accomplished in the name of ESA.

During this year I have received great support from all my ESA sisters. We have embarked on this journey together and now we must continue on, many of us on our separate ways but always joined together by the golden cord of friendship and love. I will always remember this year as one of the best in my life, because of all of you.

I want to thank my advisors for being there whenever I needed them and who were such good listeners. I have gained so much by listening to them as we learn more by listening than by talking.

I want to thank my chapter for always asking if there was anything they could do to be of help. Even when things got messy we found a way to laugh.

And finally I want to thank all of you as you have been the force behind all that was accomplished this year. If we had a count of all the hours spent by all the chapters on the projects this year I think we would be astounded. As you all look back on this year you can truly say “job well done”.

I want to thank you all for supporting the Wildland Firefighter Foundation this year as my special project. You have made a real difference by donating over \$1,700 to a cause that is so dear to my heart. As we live in a fire prone state we depend on these heroes to protect the wildland that we hold so dear. Convention was wonderful being in our beautiful mountains. We truly live in God’s country and are blessed to share this truly diverse state.

As I close my year as President it is not the end of the journey. The new officers will continue on the journey and I wish them well. I know they will have a great year as they work together to further the ideals of ESA. Be good to yourselves and always take time to care for yourselves so you will be there for others.

Again thank you taking this wonderful journey with me and I love you all. I leave you with this –

“Life is a journey --- you hold the map”

Love in ESA,
Kathy Garrison
Colorado State President 2017-2018

New President Acceptance Speech

Thank you all for making one of **MY** dreams come true!

One of my top priorities this year is looking at new ways to reach out and get new members. We need to have an open dialog about the WHYS of membership and be open to trying something new. I can hear the grumbles out there and for those who don't want to participate, you don't have to! But know that those who do get on board for the ride and help me, will be the saviors of ESA in this State!

I will be asking some of you to join our membership team, to come up with some new ideas for membership. I'm not going to put this all on Vickie. Anyone can submit ideas to the committee for consideration. Just email them to Vickie before June 9th.

Now, in order to get new members, we have got to update. We need to look at the way we do things and change them to match the times. We have to move forward. It HAS TO HAPPEN!

We need to think of new ways to get our name out there! No one knows who we are! Nancy and I have already started on that. We will have an ESA presentation Board at the Dream Homes here soon, and we can dedicate one of our many volunteers to promoting ESA during the Home viewings.

I run alot of things about ESA by my Husband. He asked me if ESA has a mission statement. I told him we did and what it is. He said "GREAT! How can you put that on a bumper sticker? This is an instant gratification world now. Every time I try to explain to someone what ESA is about, a Service, Educational, Philanthropic ... to someone, their eyes kinda glaze over and their minds are already off to something new" We need a bumper sticker, ladies! Something that is witty, something that will instantly peak curiosity and something that hints at who we are and what we do! This, of course, will have to go through Headquarters, but we can start it and see where it goes.

So here is my first change that I am going to OWN! I want you ladies, to come up with a bumper sticker! I will award a \$50 cash prize to the top submission. We will narrow down the submissions to the top 5 by Spring Board next year, and here are your perimeters.

- It must have ESA in it.
- It must be family friendly
- Deadline for submissions is February 1, 2019

You may enter as many submissions as you like. There is no fee to enter. Email them to my email address. All it this takes is a little bit of thinking outside the box!

Your second challenge this year, is for every single person in this room, to DO something for the first time. Eat something you've never tried before.. go somewhere you've been curious about, change the color of your hair.. ANYTHING! Just make ONE change!

In closing, I want to thank you all for all your support over these many years. As the song said last night " I'll take you with me, if I can. Been dreaming of this since a child."

There are a million organizations who do good works. But there are NONE like ours.

New President Acceptance Speech

Look at all we do! I mean, St. Jude does childhood diseases, Easter Seals does handicamps, Red Cross does disaster relief, Shiners do burn centers...

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It's MAGIC!!

No other service organization, that I know of, carries the weight of Philanthropy like we do!

St. Jude, Easter Seals, Red Cross, United Way, food banks, homeless shelters, safe-houses, hospitals, libraries, scholarships, veterans and military affairs, animal shelters, wildlife refuges and so many more! We have contributed or helped ALL of them.

THAT is our Magic. And the fairy dust sprinkles on top are;

- The friendships we've made along the way
- The knowledge and opportunities we've been given
- The travels and adventures and the shiny new things we never thought we'd do!

I got to go to Australia, because of ESA!!! AUSTRALIA!

I BELIEVE IN THE MAGIC OF ESA!

The BIG question is, do YOU still believe in the Magic of ESA? How dedicated are you to doing WHATEVER IT TAKES to continue the magic? Two things have really stuck in my mind this year. Something Kathy said in her Founder's Day message and something Charlotte said at Leadership.

Kathy asked us "When's the last time you did something for the first time?" and Charlotte said "Make a change and OWN it!". I've always been kinda of a lightning rod when it comes to trying new things in this organization. My Husband says he sees a Lightning storm a comin'!

Every year, the new State President stands before you and tries to impart how important new membership is for us. I've heard it for almost 35 years, now! I, again implore you all to hopefully, once and for all, help you realize just HOW important membership really is! In 1994 when Eileen and I held State Convention in Glenwood Springs, we had 325+ attendees. For the last two years, we've only had 60! There are many reasons for this; cost, time requirements, health issues.. but the biggest reason is a decline in our membership! Seriously! This is crisis time! We can not afford to sit in this stagnation anymore

Message from 2018 - 2019 State Council President

What a wonderful time of the year! Spring, although not my favorite time of the year, but close, always comes into Colorado with such blessings. That held true for our State

Convention in Vail, CO. A bit nippy at night, but beautiful during the day! Just gorgeous weather!

I want to give a very special "Thank You" to Joan Snyder who wrote and did my Installation

Ceremony. It's a true legion of trust letting someone write it, direct it and execute it, and I could not have been more thrilled by what Joan created. It was beautiful! Having Robin Bussey, our I.C. Workshop Coordinator and Charlotte Carloni assisting was an extra special honor for me! Thank you, ladies, for being such wonderful sisters!



I also want to give a great, big Fairy Hug to my Chapter, Kappa Iota, who not only had to tolerate me getting ready to be installed as the new Colorado ESA President, but also put on that wonderfully, successful Convention! Didn't they do a great job? I played but a small part in that. Nancy, Joan, Georgia, Karen and Lori played a much bigger role! Thank you! It was so great to see so many of you there! Wished we had more coming to our State Meetings and I plan on working on that! So much to do and so short a time!

Our Fall Leadership will be held in Frisco, CO on September 14th & 15th. Registration Forms will be on the website and in this issue of the Lamp. You really DO NOT want to miss Friday night! Have someone very special coming in, for Friday night only!!! Get your registrations in early!

Next thing on the agenda for me is I.C. Convention in Phoenix! EEEWWW it's gonna be HOT, again this year!!! Looking forward, though, to doing and learning a whole bunch of new things and hopefully come back with some good ideas! If you don't get to go this year, we'll have some really good stories to tell and exciting ideas from our I.C. Executive Board to share with you at Fall Board. I want to thank each and every one of my Officers for stepping up and Believing in the Magic of ESA, and I want to thank all of YOU, my Colorado Sisters, for giving me this opportunity to serve you!

Love you all, much !
Leslie Stevens, President
2018 - 2019 Colorado ESA Council



Officer Reports

President Elect

Just a note to introduce myself to all of you. My name is Loydette Knight and I will be serving as your President Elect for the 2018 - 2019 year in ESA on the State Council. Thank you all for the opportunity, I know that I will enjoy this year. A little about myself that you may not know. I am widowed, have seven children (2 boys, 5 girls), 15 grandchildren, 37 greats and 4 great, greats. So VERY proud of all of them. I live in Elizabeth with Ripley and Zoie (my dogs), Like to crochet (when they allow me to) and I do read a lot. I am planning on a wonderful year and with all the love and support you all have given me, I KNOW I will!

Love you all,
Loydette

Vice President

Dear Members, Thank you for electing me to Vice President. I am excited to be involved with membership. I have been thinking about my years in ESA and how you have all made me a better person. I see how much time and dedication you spend and the projects you support. Please keep in mind this summer friends and family that could use us, or would love to be involved. Do not be discouraged with a no when asking; sometimes it takes more than once.

Love Vickie Chavers-Bruso

Good Day to all my ESA Sisters

Leslie Stevens our new State President has asks her board for 2018-2019 to submit an article to the Golden Lamp, to introduce ourselves.

I think most of you know who I am by now. My name is Shirley Telinde and I will be the new Lamplighter President for the next two years. My husband Marion and I have been married for 53 years, we have 4 grown children, 15 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. I am a past state president 2009-2010. The past state presidents are advisors to the state officers, but we help out any and all of our ESA sisters.

I know we have some new members that have joined this past year. I look forward to meeting them all this coming year. I hope they will be attending the board meetings, this is how you get to know one another. I know when I joined 28 years ago I thought I would never meet the ladies from around the state but how easy it is. Once I started going to the state board meetings there was no stopping me, this also applies to our council meetings. I belong to Zeta Rho #1774 in Aurora. My chapter was chartered in April 1952.

Your state officers are here to serve you, each chapter is assigned a state officer so they get to know you, so please invite them to your chapter and get acquainted with them.

Shirley Telinde
Lamplighter President

Educational Director

Hi everyone, I'm Margaret Ames and am the new Educational Director for 2018-2019.

I am so looking forward to see what amazing subjects you all come up with for your chapter educationals. It is so fun to learn new things and there's lots to learn out there. Let me know if I can help with anything.

Margaret

Council & Chapter Reports

Beta Eta

Here we are at the end of another great sorority year for the Beta Zeta sisters in Cañon City. Our Fall "Soup, Salad and Shopping" auction luncheon was a huge success again, allowing us to fund our many philanthropic projects. Beta Zeta sisters always know how to have fun! We had a game night, went out to eat at a great Japanese restaurant and enjoyed Christmas Dinner and Valentine's Brunch.

Educational directors, Gena Mouriquand and Billie Jean Farnham came up with some outstanding educational programs.

Juanita Cruz, a retired teacher came with her collection of hats, many she used in her classroom for holidays and as reading tools. Her Dr. Suess hat was a huge hit.

Canon City Rotary Club member, Linda Carlson, travels to Senegal each year to teach science teacher s and support girls and women in this emerging country. Linda and Beta Zeta's own Nancy Trebella sewed hundreds of sanitary supply kits for young women in Senegal who lack those basic necessities. With these attractive cotton tote bags filled with holders and pads, girls do not have to miss school for one week out of the month and can better fulfill their educational paths. Several of our members volunteered to sew kits for Linda's next trip in 2019.

Touch of Love floral designer, Shae Sandritter, put together a beautiful Spring arrangement before our very eyes. She demonstrated how to fill a vase with various flowers, different heights and shapes to make a pleasing bouquet. Shea taught Carol Dunn how to make a bow with wired ribbon. Many tips were shared to make your flowers last longer.

Our sister, Marsha Horn, brought just a few of her 60+ music boxes to our last meeting. She has been collecting for many years and brought us a diverse and interesting sampling. Her mother added many special boxes over the years including one with a Japanese theme. Holiday music boxes include a beautiful Father Christmas and a tree with several moving parts. Marsha scours garage sales and discovers old and unusual boxes. Her favorite is a beautiful box with interchangeable disks of classic pop and holiday music.

Looking back on the year, Beta Zeta certainly fulfilled the ESA purpose of education of chapter members.



Council & Chapter Reports

Gamma Chi

Gamma Chi completed another successful year. We may be getting older but that has not reduced our philanthropic endeavors. April found us busy with taking our turn at the local Community Kitchen and playing bingo at Silver Leaf Senior Center. Of course, we spent time at the Noodle Palace. Hard work is made fun when you are laughing and joking with your sisters. If you need any noodles, just let us know. Several of us attended Northern Colorado Council's Founder Day where President Kathy Garrison gave the Founder's Day message. Eleven of us attended State Convention in Vail. The drive was absolutely breath taking and the time spent with sisters from around the State was fun and rewarding. Congratulations to all the award winners and to the newly elected 2018-19 officers. Summer will find us as busy as ever. Installation of our new officers will be in June and we already have several activities on the calendar for the summer. Community Kitchen, Lake to Lake Triathlon, Benson Park Sculpture Garden, and Wild West Relay are just a few activities planned so far. Hope all of you have a wonderful summer and we will see you in the Fall.

It was wonderful seeing everyone in Vail. What a beautiful place to have a convention.

As most of you know our Chapter celebrated our 50th anniversary in April. We had a great time planning it and we appreciate so many of you joining us for our special day.

In April we did our last bingo until September and of course we continue during the summer with Community Kitchen. Most of the chapter went out to see Phyllis go on Honor Flight and our special lady Leila. Our member Yoshi Kapperman's husband also went on the same flight. Exciting day for Gamma Chi and very patriotic.

Other activities for the summer will be Lake to Lake and the Wild West Relay. Like usual we try and keep out of trouble.

Zeta Chi

We wrapped up our year by celebrating at Longhorn Steakhouse in Ft. Collins. Zeta Chi did not have an installation of officers as our officers serve a two year term. Brigitte Bondurant was honored as a 25 year member of Zeta Chi. Cindy Starck was crowned not only as Zeta Chi woman of the year, but also as the Northern Colorado Council's Woman of the Year. Cindy is a wonderful example of an ESA sister who gives from her heart, steps in when needed and is always smiling. We are very lucky to have her in our chapter!

Saturday, July 28th Zeta Chi will be holding a garage sale at Hellen Hagel's home. What a wonderful opportunity to not only clean out all of our extra stuff, but to raise money for our chapter. Sometime later in the summer, our president, Karolyn Kufeld will have a planning meeting for next year's agenda. Hope all of our ESA sisters have a wonderful summer.

Council & Chapter Reports

Theta Eta

As we wrap up the 2017-2018 year, we remain quite active in our community service, educational, and various events.

At the April meeting, the nominating committee presented the slate of officers for 2018-2019. Bea Kauffman will remain as President for next year.

Easter baskets were delivered to the Action Center for the Easter Holiday. Hope for Heroes will be the project for State Convention along with towels for the Easter Seal Handicamp. We will bring toiletries & snacks to State Convention for Hope for Heroes.

Paula Lieberman submitted seven reports for the Educational Programs we participated in this year. Our nut sales will be ongoing as a fundraiser. We will also continue collecting "troupons" through the summer.

We made a \$25.00 donation to Green Presbyterian Church as a "thank you" for allowing us to sell Johnson Corner Cinnamon Rolls there during March.

Founder's Day for Epsilon Council was held April 21st at Mickey's Steak House Restaurant. Theta Eta provided a basket at the event to raise funds for St. Jude's.

Our Mother/Daughter brunch and Installation of Officer's was held May 6th at Mount Vernon Country Club. Our new officers were installed at this lovely event.

A group of chapter members furnished twenty four hours of food to the Homeless Shelter on May 4th. At our May meeting we approved the purchase of fifteen small backpacks for Pre-schoolers and Kindergartners. We will fill the backpacks with school supplies for the 2018-2019 school year. We will also furnish school supplies for the Action Center school supply drive in July & August. Four of our members attended State Convention in Vail, CO.

We hope all ESA members will enjoy a restful, relaxing and happy summer.

Council & Chapter Reports

Epsilon Epsilon #1896

April was a busy month with all the Founders Day Celebrations. Kathy and JoAnn attended many of them this year. Joan Schlaefer received her 40 year pin and our new member Jan Hagan received her First Pearl award. The chapter will install the 2018-2019 officers this fall. Vickie Chavers-Bruso; president, Kathy Garrison; Vice President, Jan Hagan; Recording Secretary, JoAnn Singley; Treasurer, and Joan Schlaefer; Parliamentarian. Soon after the chapter was busy with final preparations for convention and the completion of Kathy's year as Colorado State President.



Before convention we had our annual Mother's Day Luncheon at Ivy on the Glenn in the Streets of Southglenn. We had a cozy group of 12 who enjoyed a lovely lunch and special time together.

What a wonderful surprise at convention! Vickie Chavers-Bruso was elected Colorado State Vice President. We couldn't be happier for her and the State Council. The chapter will be supporting her during her journey to State President. Kathy had a wonderful convention hosted by Kappa Iota. It was great to see all our ESA sisters from around the state in the beautiful and inspiring mountains. Another surprise, our Kathy Garrison was named "Outstanding Woman of the Year." What a sweet ending to her year as Colorado State President. Our IC Workshop Coordinator, Robin Bussey, gave a fun workshop on Saturday morning and we as a chapter so enjoyed our time with her in our condo. She taught all of us how to insult someone with "Southern Charm." We look forward to seeing more of her at IC Convention in Phoenix AZ in July. Kathy and JoAnn will be traveling there for a week of fun! It will be so special with our Sandy Alexander as IC President.

We will be breaking for the summer but will having our first educational in August when we visit the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at the Museum of Nature and Science. After the summer break we will be planning our 9th Annual Holiday Tea on Saturday, December 15th, 2018 at the Manor House. Looking forward to a new year with lots of new adventures!

Hope you all have a great summer making lots of memories. See you all at Fall Leadership in Frisco.



Lamplighters

Did we have a beautiful weekend in Vail or what!

Twenty Lamplighters were in attendance for the Colorado State Convention. We were so happy to have our dear Lamplighter, Eileen Stanley, and her husband Darrell join us for the weekend. For those of you new to our Colorado State Council, the Lamplighters is an Advisory Auxiliary group of Past Colorado State Presidents. Our mission – to server where ever needed.

During our Friday meeting, Billie Jean Farnham reported on the three ESA Foundation Lamplighter Scholarships. The Colorado Lamplighter Endowment Scholarship has been award to Amanda Craig in the amount of \$500. The Colorado Lamplighter Endowment-Beta Omicron Scholarship in the amount of \$600 has been awarded to Morgan Kenner. The Kay McLaughlin Scholarship was not awarded this year and is accepting donations.

Lamplighters also approved payment from our IC Candidates fund be paid to Mary Humphrey to cover IC President Sandy Alexander’s scrapbook as well as expenses as IC Corresponding Secretary.

Discussion was held on how to best move forward in difficult times for our state council. We need to remove barriers and strengthen our assets. We must remember our basics and what our main goals are. Robin Bussy, IC Representative and Workshop Chair, participated in our Flag Ceremonies, presenting/retiring the ESA Flag during convention.

On Saturday evening we participated in Leslie’s installation. Joan Snyder did a fantastic and beautiful job of creating and orchestrating the ceremony.

A half page ad has been purchased for the 2018 IC Convention program. – check it out!
50/50 Drawing tickets were sold during the weekend. 50% goes to our Candidates Fund while the other 50% goes to the winner of the drawing. This year Lamplighter President Candie Patino won and donated her winnings to the Kay McLaughlin Scholarship Fund.

Lamplighter Officers for 2018-2020 were installed:

President	Shirley Telinde
Vice Pres.	Bobbi Hawkinson
Secretary	Mary Humphrey
Treasurer	Bonnie Gillmore

Sunday morning saw us welcome another new member to our group, Kathy Garrison. She was properly inducted with full firefighter honors while she stood in a ring of fire! Welcome, Kathy.

Candie stated “It has truly been an honor to serve as Lamplighter President. Thank you all for a marvelous two years.”



Colorado Book Group

Thanks for all your suggestions as I chatted with different sisters. I believe all the paperbacks Vickie Martinez brought found a home. Remember you can go on the International ESA website and under the Education Center you'll see Book Recommendations.

Here are some of the books we discussed.

- Big Little Lies - Liane Moriarty
- The Museum of Extraordinary Things – Alice Hoffman
- Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood: Trevor Noah
- Devil in the White City – Erik Larson
- Love and Learn – Paula McClain. This is a new book. She wrote Paris Wife. Both books are about the wives of Ernest Hemingway.
- Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience, and Finding Joy - Sheryl Sandberg, Chief operating officer of Facebook.

Note From Your Golden Lamp Editor

Over the past year, it has been interesting and challenging doing the last six issues of the Golden Lamp, but I have really enjoyed being the editor and having a chance to work with my son Derek Evans. He has done a wonderful job and the newsletter would not have been possible without him.



Colorado Web Team

The Colorado State Council Web – esacolorado.org was introduced the Colorado members September 2001 at President Bobbi Hawkinson’s Fall Board. 2018 marks the 17th year of operation. During these years, our site has continued to evolve and expand according to the wishes of our members. Colorado has even won a few IC awards, too, for our Web.

This year we have added MORE pictures to the Album page including Fall Board in Montrose with CJ Brafford in her full native Lakota dress playing her flute; 2017 State Convention highlights; Dream Home & Radiothon results and more – take a peek!

Recently added is the “Rules of Convention” on the Yearbook page. The “About Us” page is currently being updated. The “Convention Guidelines” are being revised and will be posted soon.

Our Calendar page had 19 entries (Not including State, RMRR or IC dates or any of the “what’s DUE” reminders) submitted this year. Four Founders’ Days were posted this year! The following sent us their events information for posting:

- Colorado Dream Home
- Denver Dream Home
- iHeart Radiothon
- Denver Alpha Council
- Denver Epsilon Council
- Northern Colorado Council
- Alpha Lambda
- Alpha Nu, Delta Chi & Gamma Omega Beta Zeta
- Chi Kappa
- Epsilon Epsilon
- Gamma Chi
- Sigma Rho
- Zeta Chi
- Zeta Rho
- Zeta Tau

Thank you to all our Colorado sisters who submitted items for the Calendar as well as photos for the Album pages for the Colorado ESA Web site. A special thank you to those offering a new idea, contacting us when something may not be working or an item cannot be found. The CO ESA Web is what YOU make it.

Colorado Web Team: Bonnie Gillmore, Kathy Ellingson & Candie Patino

Fall Board



**Colorado State Council
Fall Board Meeting
September 14, 15, 2018**

What on Earth does this,  have to do with **your** ESA Fall Board meeting? Join us in beautiful Frisco, CO to find out !!



Holiday Inn

**1129 North Summit Boulevard
Frisco - CO - 80443**



(Take the Breckenridge/Frisco exit (203) off of I-70, go through the roundabout to the first light and turn left on Dillon Dam Road. Holiday Inn is on the left.)



**Call the hotel front desk at 970-668-5000 to book your room.
Ask for the Colorado ESA Fall Board Meeting Room Rate.**

****Must be booked by 8-16-2018****

Room Rate is \$119.00 for triple occupancy (\$10.00 per person for more)

Full Breakfast provided by hotel.

Registration includes Friday dinner and Saturday lunch



Friday:
3 - 4 p.m. Registration
4 - 5 p.m. Executive Board
5 - 6 p.m. Dinner
6 - 6:45 p.m. **Special Presenter (DONT MISS)**
7 - 8 p.m. Lamplighter Meeting
7:30 - ? p.m. Pool Party/Happy Hour



Saturday:
8 - 9 a.m. Registration
9 a.m. - 12 p.m. General Session
12 p.m. Lunch
1 - 4 p.m. General Session

Dinner out TBA

Registration is \$55.00 by 8/13 - \$60 after

(One check per Chapter would be appreciated. Make checks payable to Kappa Iota)

Please send Registration form below with payment, to:

**Nancy Cameron
16690 W. 11th Ave.
Golden, CO 80401**



NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____ I will be attending the Sat. Dinner out

CHAPTER NAME & NUMBER: _____

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS: _____

1st Board Meeting Chapter President State Officer MAL ELAN Lamplighter Guest