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Presidents Message

Vicki Bruso

2020- 2021 State ESA President



Greetings Fellow Gardeners,

Holiday season is upon us. My prayer would be that you stay safe, keep your holiday attitude of love and generosity. Stay mindful so that we can get to the other side of this time. It helps me to remember what a great group of people we have. I sure am glad we have zoom so that I can keep in touch, actually I see some people more than I would if things were normal.

So please join our zoom on January 24th at 1pm for bylaws so we can see your smiling faces and have a laugh or two.

The educational that I presented at our fall board on identity theft will be posted on the website. You can find it by clicking on Officers/Chairmen and then go down to the box with Notices: It will be listed there.

I wanted everyone to have access to this report. Since we have been in quarantine identity theft has risen. Please be safe.

Love,

Vickie Chavers-Bruso

President Colorado State Council



A Message From The Golden Lamp Editor

Hello ESA Sister's,

**Happy Holiday to ALL! Stay Healthy and connected with your Sisters. . .
I've enjoyed the Zoom meetings, it's great to see all of you. :)
There's nothing like being in person though, looking forward to when we all
get to and it will sure be one big happy party!**

As a reminder:

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and for those who have asked to have it mailed, I'll be sending it out to you.***

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Thank You With Love, Dixie Daly



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President Elect Message Pam McGee

Message from your President-Elect,

It was great to finally be part of Vickie's Fall Board meeting on Zoom.

It ran very smoothly, and it was really good to see everyone.

I am starting to work on my slate of officers as February is around the corner.

Please let me know if you would like to serve on my board.

I look forward to hearing from you.

I registered for the 2021 Leadership Conference. I am excited about attending the virtual meeting. If anyone else is interested in attending, please check out the ESA website. It will be held February 25th-27th.

I know you are all trying to work on membership, but I also know it is extremely hard to accomplish this year. Just enjoy your chapters and have fun with them when you can.

If you get a new member that is a bonus.

Merry Christmas to all of you.

Pam McGee-President Elect





Disaster Fund



Dear ESA Sisters,

What a year we are having!

I feel like I've been in prison and just let out a couple of times a week to see if I could get into more trouble. AND Believe me I have tried!

Hope you are all keeping well and safe. I am doing my best to do the same.

Just a reminder - DO NOT FORGET THE DISASTER FUND.

We need all the help we can get as there will probably be many requests for assistance this year. Tickets for the painting are \$20 each, tickets for the Angel are 6 for \$5.

I am wishing you all a great Christmas and New Year.

Love in ESA,

Loydette



Abriella, the Christmas Angel, made and donated by my granddaughter, Brandi Cameron. She made all the clothing also.

Retail sale value is \$225

Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 tickets for \$5.00.



An original painting of Mount of the Holy Cross here in Colorado.

It is a framed 16x20 canvas, titled

"Life's Focus".

Painted and donated by my daughter-in-law, Gay Vander Linden.

This painting is valued at over \$300.

Tickets are \$20.00 each.



My address is 34479 Columbine Trail West, Elizabeth, CO 80107. Phone number: 303-646-3174.

Please designate which project you want to purchase when sending in your monies. I will send you your part of the ticket. Please consider donating to the Disaster Fund as our coffers are getting low as we are getting more claims because of all the disasters that have been happening recently.

Colorado Web Team



Colorado Web Team

Joyeux Noel!, Feliz Navidad!, Frohe Weihnachten! . . . In every language, may we say “Merry Christmas” to all our Colorado sisters.

In these most difficult times, we are inspired by all the ways chapters and councils have raised the bar on fund raising, membership, and sharing ideas. Who knew that by remote means we could meet, invite new members, and even raise monies? Two IC website you may find helpful for ideas are:

www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/UpYourGame
www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ESALife

Speaking of virtual, the Colorado State Council has its own ZOOM account. This account has already been used for our fun-filled August State Convention as well as the annual October Fall Board meeting. In addition, councils and chapters are using this account – FREE. The advantage of this account is its unlimited time use as compared to the 40 minutes on the free account. To reserve a date/time just contact Candie Patino.

The *Officers/Chairmen* page of the ESA Colorado website contains a *Notices* section. Posted in this section are the CSC Virtual Convention Recap, minutes, chapters in good standing, proposed bylaw changes, candidates for office, IC Awards and CSC Awards. Recently posted is the *Identity Theft* presentation give by President Vickie Chavers-Bruso.

Thanks to everyone who has contributed and visited the Colorado ESA website. The latest/greatest newsletter, information and forms are continually being posted to this site by contributions from our members.

Please stay safe, well, and hopeful.

The Colorado ESA Web Team,
Bonnie, Kathy, Lori & Candie



Hope for Heroes



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HOPE FOR HEROES

“Red, White & Blue” basket

Drawing Tickets:\$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5

Drawing @ CSC 2020 Convention

- Soldiers' Angels bag, decal and boxed pin/coin set
- pillow, lap quilt, fleece lap blanket, hand towels, flag decals, decorations and more in a large wicker basket.

Soldiers' Angels

“necklaces” dog tags/key chain for \$10 each.

**Please help support Colorado Veterans through ESA Hope for Heroes,
by sending checks written out to Susie Morris and mail to:**

Susie Morris
16815 Howlett Pl,
Mead, CO 80542

**Thank you, God Bless the USA and LOVE in ESA,
Susie Morris, 2020-2021 ESA CSC Hope for Heroes – Chairperson**



St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Fundraising for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

I would like to thank all of you who bought drawing tickets for the "Kitchen Basket". Our State President Vicki Chavers-Brusso WON.

We raised \$520.00 total, of which, \$200 will go to Pam McGee, our President-elect, for the St. Jude walk next fall. \$320.00 was sent to St. Jude Children's Hospital thru headquarters.

I will be putting together a "Garden" themed basket for another drawing which will be held at Convention.

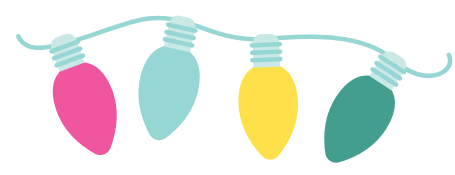
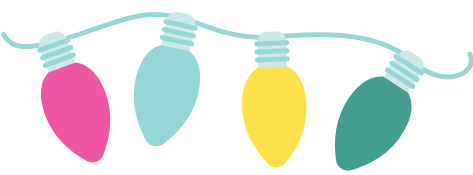
This is a trying year for fundraising, but every little bit helps.

My sorority, Sigma Rho, has always did great at fundraising at Barnes and Noble, wrapping Christmas gifts. Due to the pandemic we have had to move to the Christmas Shops at the Promenade Shops at Centerra in Loveland. Because of safety issues and new location, people wanting their gifts wrapped is at a minimum.

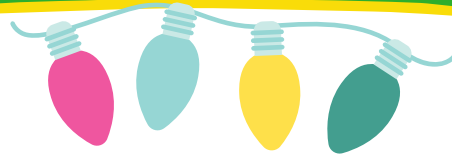
Please utilize the ESA website www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org for the listing of Fundraising ideas under the "Make A Difference" tab.

**Chris Dostal
Colorado State Council St. Jude Coordinator**





St. Jude Dream Homes



Early November we received the 2021 Raffle License from the Secretary of State for the two Colorado Dream Homes.

The Dream Home Team just reviewed the Terms and Conditions for the Colorado Springs Dream Home.

Colorado Springs: Ground breaking for the eighth Colorado Springs Dream Home was November 20 by Covington Homes.

The home is in Banning Lewis Ranch at 7148 Winterstone Court. Tickets (10,000) will go on sale April 8 with the grand opening May 8. Stay tuned regarding open houses; they are scheduled for May 8 thru June 6 (cross your fingers they'll be in person this year). The giveaway will be June 10.

Denver: The lot has been selected in Reunion in Commerce City, where we had a Dream Home in 2017. Weather permitting, Oakwood Homes is hoping to start the construction process in January 2021.

Tickets will go on sale August 26 with the giveaway October 21; more information to follow next year.

The Denver and Colorado Springs Dream Home Co-Chairs





Chapter News #5014 Sigma Rho Loveland

Sigma Rho has been staying as active as we can.

We did a Cooking Class Fundraiser for the Loveland Fire Department at The Bottled Olive Kitchen, with one of our Newest Members Michelle, who owns the Bottled Olive Kitchen. The Loveland Fire Department was so grateful to receive a check for \$1000.00, that we raised at our fundraiser. WoW, they were excited that we helped their Fire Station out! They needed equipment they could not have and we helped make that happen for them and that's what gift giving is all about. :)



We're now doing our yearly Gift wrapping fundraiser for St. Judes Hospital Research at another one of our Members shops, Robbie Emge, The Christmas Shops in Loveland. We will be wrapping gifts and shopping, for sure until December 24th.





Chapter News #3368 Gamma Chi Loveland

Since October it continues to be an interesting time. We can meet and then we cannot, and Gamma Chi sisters keep plugging away. We have been busy with a few projects. At our November meeting we had the pleasure of Ruthmary Lyons, presenting our educational. She presented an interesting program on Kairos.



She has been involved with this program for many years.

It is a prison ministry for women. She could have kept listening for the whole meeting, but we did have to get down to business.

The one monthly program we can continue with is of course the Community Kitchen. There is always a need to help the homeless, especially during the winter. Since the middle of November through early December we are helping collect food for the Larimer County Food Bank and toys for Toys for Tots. We have had a great turn out and have gotten many friends involved, too. We are also having fun with an Amaryllis contest. Each person that enters has to pay \$10 and when you get the first bloom take a picture and send it in.

Whoever has the plant that blooms first will collect half the total collected and the other half goes to the Larimer County Food Bank.

It is amazing how we can start thinking out of the box and coming up with new ideas to help others. That is what we do best in ESA. Gamma Chi sisters with all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

ESA Love,
Pam McGee



Chapter News #5442

Kappa Iota Golden

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays
From Your Kappa Iota Sisters !!

Kappa Iota member's along with our State President and her Husband Ken, celebrated our Chapter Christmas Party via ZOOM!! Unfortunately, our In Service Officer, Karen Addison, couldn't attend. (Darn work!)

Secret Santas were exchanged and we played a wonderfully fun "horse racing" game. It was thrilling!

Thanks to Lori and Eric for creating the game for us to enjoy!

Hot chocolate, coffee and a "Virgin" Bloody Mary were consumed, although none of us really believed it was "Virgin" at all!!

Two of our members attended the ZOOM meeting to hear and present the Denver, KYGO St. Jude Radiothon total. This was done completely virtual this year with the wonderful DJs leading the charge! They made a whopping \$301 Thousand dollars in pledges!

Way to go team! It was great seeing all the ALSAC ladies, as most of us have not seen them since the Radiothon last year.

We look forward to starting the New Year, hopefully JN PERSON at some point. We miss seeing each other!

We wish everyone a safe and joyous Christmas and a very Blessed New Year!

Your Kappa Iota Sisters!



Chapter News #4306 Gamma Omega Akron Colorado

Gamma Omega Welcomes New Sisters

Gamma Omega sorority met on November 18, 2020 at the home of Jessica Filla. Our evening was kicked off with a wonderful meal and conversation. We are excited to welcome in our new sisters. Unfortunately, because of COVID-19 not all of us could gather in person.



Carol Graham attended in person.

Joy Quick and Kate Kinney joined us over Zoom.

Deb Spear, who holds the state office of treasurer, was honored to perform the ceremony. Due to other obligations, we were unable to get Leslie Basler and Kirsten Stahn inducted so we plan to do so at a later date.

Gamma Omega is a sisterhood of women who like to participate in community activities and do service work to raise money for Saint Jude Hospital and local organizations.

A few of our activities have been getting matching shirts, hosting our social distance 5K, serving the community volunteers after the microburst, decorating Odell boxes, and putting together the Thanksgiving baskets for local families.



#2830 Chapter News Theta Eta Denver

Publicity Report December 2020 Theta Eta Chapter #2830 Denver, CO

Theta Eta Chapter met in person in October at a home where we could socially distant and wear masks. We collected food for the Action Center which included ingredients to make chili, we also collected change from our crayon piggy banks.

In November, we met on Zoom which was a challenge for some members. "Practice makes perfect", it will become easier as we continue to meet on Zoom. We collected money from our piggy banks and gathered "Operation Christmas Child" boxes for Samaritan's Purse. The chapter members agreed to each mail ten invitations to our "No Show tea" this month as our fundraiser for the year. We adopted a family for Christmas from the Action Center's list of families. Happy Holidays during this most unusual year!!

**Respected Submitted
Marge West & Carolyn Rush**



Book Club



Book Club Report

It's time again to suggest some books for winter reading and obviously staying inside. Though I hope you get outside to enjoy our beautiful weather. Here are some other ideas:

- **Number of Love (Code Breaker, during WWII – Roseanne M. White**
- **The Exiles– Christina Baker Kline, author of The Orphan Train**
- **Hillbilly E –J.D Vance, a memoir of a family and culture in crisis.**
- **It is also a movie that was supposed to come out in November.**
- **Bad Blood, Secrets & Lies of Silcon Valley – John Carreyou (I got this off the ESA website recommended by Charlotte)**
- **Delicious - Ruth Ruchi (also from ESA website by Tracy)**

Please let me know if you have a book to recommend.

Happy reading.

A couple of these were recommended by Colorado state members.

Enjoy the holiday.

Pam McGee



ESA Foundation



Hello Colorado ESA Members

Hope your chapter year is starting out with renewed enthusiasm knowing that no ole' Pandemic is going to get you down!

I am Foundation Counselor during Vickie's term as Colorado State President and look forward to helping her "garden" grow. Every day we hear of the struggles people are going through during these hard times. ESA members are stepping up in many ways to help their communities and each other. My goal this year as Counselor is to inform our Colorado chapters about the Foundation Scholarship and Grants Program.

The ESA Foundation has awarded more than \$3 million in scholarships and continues to award numerous scholarships annually. You do not have to be an ESA member to apply for a scholarship, and our application process is 100% online.

This is the link to create an account-the first step in the application process:
<https://scholarship.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/>

The ESA Grants are designed for non-traditional students.

The Career Enhancement Grants are designed to help applicants attend workshops and seminars that help them increase their job ability or knowledge in their current field of employment or assist them in starting a new job.

Vocational Training Grants provide opportunities to applicants seeking to develop skills for a new career or to enhance their skills and knowledge for further advancement in their chosen career field.

This is the link for the applications and information about this unique program:
<https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships-and-grants/grants>

Chapter President and Members, YOU can help by reaching out to your local high schools, traditional and on-line formats, your local community colleges, your local vocational schools. These days you can't just appear at the door with your information, but I am sure there are local on-line contacts which can be used.

I hope you will each into your communities to spread the word about the many scholarships available through the ESA Foundation. If you need more information, please contact me:
carolld380@gmail.com or 719-334-4410.

Love in ESA,
Carol Dunn



Message from Jo Ann



**Thank you for all of the Prayers and cards
I recieved for my Daughter Rhonda.
I was overwhelmed by Love I felt with each card.**

I miss and love you all. Jo Ann Singley

