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# Presidents Message

Vicki Bruso 2020- 2021 State ESA President





Thank you for attending the bylaws meeting by Zoom. I am amazed at how resourceful, dedicated and kind you are.

I am sad to say we will be meeting on Zoom for Spring Board. We will not be meeting in person. I want to thank Cathy Westlake and Kathy Garrison for all their efforts in getting us a place to meet only to end back up on Zoom.

The meeting is scheduled for March 20th, Saturday 9am on your Zoom station.

We will also be having state convention this year by zoom. I want to thank Beta Zeta Chapter, Nancy Trebella and Carol Dunn for the efforts they put forth in trying to put together a convention for us only to have that end up back on Zoom May 22nd, Saturday 9am.We will register with Candie Patino so she can send out an email and also know the amount of people attending.

Love, Vickie Chavers-Bruso
Colorado State Council President 2020-2021



# A Message From The Golden Lamp Editor

Hello ESA Sister's,



# Happy Valentine's Day! Thank you all for your wonderful articals...

As a reminder:

Please send all articles to me at: dixie@dixiedaly.com

In the subject line put

#### Golden Lamp News - April

Also, list what category you'd like your article under: Chapter News & Chapter # Officer News

Council News Colorado State Council Officer Report Disaster Fund Other. . .

Please add your NAME - CHAPTER# & EMAIL ADDRESS in case I have questions on your article.

If you do not get a response from me, please send again, emails do get lost. . . I can be reached by text or call on my cell phone 970.988.2156



PDF, Word Doc and Pictures in Jpeg

Please go to <u>esacolorado.org</u> to see our latest Golden Lamp newsletter, please share too :) and for those who have asked to have it mailed, I'll be sending it out to you.

If you would like a past enewsletter or have not received one

please email me or call me at 970-988-2156 and I'll send it out to you.

Thank You With Love, Dixie Daly





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## President Elect Message Pam McGee



Another two months have gone by since our last Golden Lamp. I am still working on my slate of officers as the time to have that completed will be February 15th is around the corner. This month I will also be attending the ESA Zoom Leadership meeting. I am really looking forward to it and all the things I will learn.

I will be sharing some of that information with all of you in March during the State Spring Board meeting. Later this month I will be getting in contact with the Guidelines Committee since the recent By-Law changes have affected some of the guidelines.

That is all the news right now.

Happy Valentine's Day!
Pam McGee-President Elect





Hello, Ladies!

It was so good to see everyone at the Special Zoom Meeting in January. There were alot of new faces there and that is always a GREAT thing to see!

For those of you who did not attend, there were some changes made to the **Chapter Of The Year Form**. This new form is included with this issue of the Golden Lamp and is also posted on the Colorado Web Site.

The deadline for this form remains the same! April 1st! Please get this to your President or Awards Chair.

The only thing that is different, is we will now be using a "points" system for Judging. It was determined that this might "equal out" the judging.

### PLEASE WHEN FILLING IN THIS REPORT, DO NOT FILL IN THE JUDGING COLUMN!

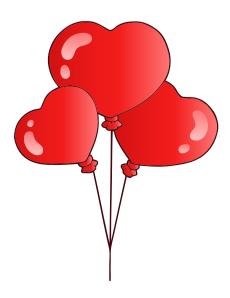
The form is pretty self explanatory, but do not hesitate to send me an email or contact State President, Vickie Chavers-Bruso, should you have questions!

We also received a determination from the IC Board on how to count the coupons we send for Hope For Heroes. The Board determined that we are to count the **FULL FACE VALUE** of every coupon and that it is to be counted as **DONATED GOODS!** This decision was made by the Board to make sure that **ALL** Chapters, are counting these in the same manner.

I look forward to seeing all the great things Colorado has done this year!

Leslie Stevens 2020 - 2021 Colorado Awards Chair











# COLORADO STATE COUNCIL OUTSTANDING CHAPTER AWARD

The information must be submitted in quadruplicate, four (4) copies; using this form as the original. Prepare a separate sheet providing the chapter name, chapter number, and city. DO NOT USE CHAPTER NAME ON THE FORM ITSELF, AND DO NOT USE ATTACHMENTS ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THE FORM. Any reference in the body of form to chapter or members' names will be cause for disqualification.

ALL INFORMATION FOR THIS AWARD SHOULD COVER THE ESA YEAR BEGINNING APRIL 1 THROUGH MARCH 31. BE SURE NO INFORMATION HAS BEEN REPORTED IN A PRIOR YEAR.

DEADLINE: Must be POSTMARKED no later than APRIL 1

MAIL ENTRY TO: Senior Past President/Awards Chairman

**ESA Colorado State Council** 

**GENERAL INFORMATION (Not for judging purposes)** 

**Chapter President's Theme** 

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS	40
Number of Members in Chapter at April 1	
Number of Members Demitted/Transferred This Year (Loss)	
Number of Members Pledged or Affiliated This Year (Gain)	
Number of Members in Chapter at March 31	

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B. Social Meetings			
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		50%=5 points	
Percent of members attending social meetings.		75%=10 points	
(Choose % nearest to meeting attendance: 50%, 75%, 100%)		100%=15 points	
C. Chapter Represented At:			
Colorado State Council meetings		1 point	
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Colorado State Convention		1 point	
International Convention		1 point	
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tion 3. Dues Paid (Maximum 20 Points)			
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Colorado State Council			
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International Council			
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	Donated per member.			
В.	Total Hours:			
	Donated by Chapter to all Philanthropic Projects.			
	Average hours:		5 points/100	
	Donated per member.		hours	
C.	Total value of merchandise:		75	
	Donated by chapter to all Philanthropic Projects.			
	Average value of merchandise:			
	Donated per member.		5 points/\$100	
D.	Total Miles Traveled:		N	
	By Chapter to all Philanthropic Projects.			
	Average miles:		5 points/100	
	Donated per member.		miles	
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E.	Chapter Contributions			
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	ESA Foundation (other than dues)	Yes / No	5 points	
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	St Jude Children's Research Hospital	Yes / No	5 points	
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	Easterseals	Yes / No	5 points	
	Hope For Heroes	Yes / No	5 points	
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В.	Hostess for State Convention.		5 points	
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#### Scoring

	Chapter Points	Maximum Points	Judge's Score
Section 1. Membership		10	
Section 2. Attendance/Participation		35	
Section 3. Dues Paid		20	
Section 4. Educationals		10	
Section 5. Public Relations		25	
Section 6. Philanthropic		250	
Section 7. Special Achievements		10	
Total		360	

Entry Number: \_\_\_\_\_



# Colorado State Vice President Chloe McClantoc



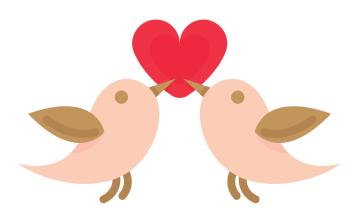
I hope this article finds you well. I am your Colorado State Council Vice President. I'm sorry this is the first article I've been able to get out, I've been working non-stop since March. I little bit about me: I work for Amazon up in Thornton, Colorado. When Covid-19 hit with all the stay-at-home orders went into effect in March I've been working 4-5 days a week 12 hours a day.

I've been working either 4 or 5 days a week, sometimes 12 hours a day or our regular 10 hours a day. I'm a member of the chapter Chi Kappa and a member of Denver Epsilon Council, and I've been a DESA/ELAN member.

With being your Vice President I oversee getting State Convention Bids.

This year we are hopefully going down to Canyon City to the Abbey, next year we have a bid in from Gamma Chi up in Loveland. After next year we don't have any bids, so please think things over with your chapters/councils and get Convention Bids in. They need to be in by May at State Convention - whatever form State Convention may be this year.

Chloe McClantoc 2020-2021 Colorado State Vice President





#### Colorado Web Team



February, the month of hearts, flowers, and thoughts of LOVE, LOVE, LOVE!

Speaking of LOVE, we love all the items we have received for posting to our Colorado ESA

website. Thank you, thank YOU! Our website continues to be a source of information as well as the latest/greatest instructions and forms.

We continue, in spite of these most difficult times, to 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? Have you joined in on the IC coffee talks? Great ideas are being shared there with a follow-up message recapping the meeting being sent by Tracy Swanson. Two IC website you may find helpful for ideas are:

#### <u>www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/UpYourGame</u> <u>www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ESALife</u>

REMINDER: 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. This account will be used for the upcoming Spring Board as well as CSC State Convention. 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.

Don't forget to check the *Officers/Chairmen* page of the ESA Colorado website which 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.

Thanks again 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**



#### Hello ESA Family,

I'm re-sharing information for our Hope for Heroes fundraiser selling "Soldier's Angels" necklaces/"dog tags"/ keychains for \$10 each and drawing tickets (\$1 per ticket, or 6 tickets for \$5 increments) for "Red, White & Blue" basket for drawing @ 2021 CSC Convention.

Please send a check to me: Susie Morris, 16815 Howlett Pl, Mead, CO 80542 and I will mail back your purchased necklaces and drawing tickets.

So far, we've raised \$406, which will pay for ONE Welcome Home Vets' kit. I have been communicating with our State President Vickie and The Loveland Elks Club Secretary, as the Elks Club asked for a \$2000 grant, which would pay for FIVE more Welcome Home Vets' kits. Around mid or end of February, I'll have more information regarding how to shop and put together these kits as we (ESA Colorado) will be helping distribute them to "THE EDGE" in Loveland, CO in early March 2021.

As for Soldier's list to send packages and cards to, I do have that list as of 12/1/2021 from our Tracy S from ESA HQ and I can email it to you, but she asked that I NOT post it to a newsletter/public forum. Any more information, ideas regarding our ESA Hope for Heroes, please check out epsilonsigmaalpha.org, enter your Member number and Password, and look up Hope for Heroes.

FANTASTIC information and updates from our ESA HQ. Please share what's going on in your Chapter regarding Hope for Heroes as I'd LOVE to pass it onto our IC Hope for Heroes Chair, as well.

Thank you,
Susie Morris,
Sigma Rho #5014
ESA CSC Hope
for Heroes Chair 2020-2021
smilesatyou@gmail.com





# **Chapter News #5014** Sigma Rho Loveland



It's always great to share what we're doing and how we're all staying postive in these precious moments that we are all going through.

We still made Gift Wrapping happen this year at The Christmas Shops at The Promade Shops at Centerra, our Member Robbie Emge helped us put it together and we raised

over \$800.00 for St. Jude's Hospital Research!

Our latest event was a fundraiser/social, we all went out to dinner and then painted. Here's the picture we all painted

















Next we are planning a Movie night at one of our local Theaters with a private room as a social, that should be fun and we get to see each other, which is always a treat! We're all so Blessed to have each other and spend quality time together.

**Much Love, Dixie Daly Happy Valentine's Day!** 



# Chapter News Denver Epsilon Council



Denver Epsilon Council is alive and well and meeting via Zoom. Our October Philanthropic project was selected by Chi Kappa and it was for funds to defray the cost of overseas postage for Troop Support Action Committee.

The member chapters decided to stay connected by having our meetings via Zoom. It has been great to be able to see each other and share what has been going on with our lives during the Pandemic. It's so important that we don't lose that connection by not being able to meet in person.

We reviewed the State Convention and were extremely pleased with the total outcome. It showed us that we can rise to the occasion and make the required changes in a very short time frame and have a very successful convention.

For our December Philanthropic project we provided 63 sweatshirts for the residents at Fort Logan. Chi Kappa's project TSAC has been disbanded because of Covid19 so they donated all the goods to a local food bank.

Delta Theta is checking with the Elks Club to see if they are still doing the Veterans program for our February meeting. Our next meeting is on February 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. We really miss all of our ESA sisters around the state and are hoping we can all be together again soon.

The Scribe Kathy Garrison





### Chapter News #3368 Gamma Chi Loveland



#### Gamma Chi News

Our chapter made it through the holidays and some of our members are in the process of getting COVID vaccinations. We keep moving along. Had our January Zoom meeting and it was enjoyable to see many of our members. We will be meeting again in another week courtesy of ZOOM. We have a new pledge Debbie Parkinson. She joined in November and immediately pitched in with some of our Philanthropic projects. We are delighted to have a new member, especially during this time.

In December we completed collecting food for the Larimer County Food Bank and Toys for Tots. Our chapter along with many other people helped the Kayla Foundation collect a 1,000 pounds of food, hundreds of toys and \$575 in donations and gift cards. During the same time, we had our Amaryllis contest going on. Again, that money we raised went to the Food Bank. We did get a first-place winner, but then also honored 2nd and 3rd place. They were posted on our Gamma Chi Facebook page. Instead of receiving some of the monies all three winners donated it back to the Food Bank. We donated \$500. Fun and colorful way to raised money. We honored approximately 30 to 40 Veteran's with Christmas cards and wishes. Anyone in the chapter could send them a card and many of us enjoyed the challenge. We even received thank you's from some of the Veterans. We also sent cards to many of the residents at Mirasol Senior Community where I live alone.

Moofie Miller our Philanthropic chairman continues to keep us busy. We have been given the challenge to guess how many candy hearts are in quart canning jar. With every guess we send her we donate a can of soup. You guessed it to the Food Bank. Whoever gets the correct answer or closest will receive a dozen roses and candy for themselves or they can select someone else to receive them as a surprise. Today she is driving around town picking up soup cans at our houses.

The final project currently is sending Valentines to teachers in the Thompson School District. She is working with the Thompson Education Foundation to be assigned schools. They are providing the cards and directions we must follow. As I write this, I have the cards I need to complete sitting on my kitchen table.

It is amazing what we can do just from our homes. Happy Valentine's Day to all our Colorado sisters.

Pam McGee











# Chapter News Denver Epsilon Epsilon #1896

Our chapter is meeting via Duo on our phones. It has been great to keep in touch with our JoAnn now that she is in Oklahoma. We really do miss her. We are still planning to have our Holiday Tea this year if at all possible. Of course we will have to take it day by day.

It is so strange that we haven't been able to share time with our sisters at their Bunco Party and other fund raisers. We are keeping up with our Educationals and looking forward to the time we can all be together again soon. With the Anniversaries of the Holocaust and the Challenger Tragedy, there is a great opportunity for educationals especially for those who are too young to remember them.

Best Wishes for a great New Year and we'll see you all soon! The Scribe Kathy Garrison



# Chapter News #4306 Gamma Omega



#### **Blossom of Lights**

On January 16th members from Gamma Omega #4306 sorority Jessica Filla, Annie Kuntz, Alisha Thorn, Margie Hottinger, Leslie Basler, and Kirsten Stahn and 4 of their guests traveled to Denver. This trip was a social outing that took us to the Blossom of Lights Event at the Botanic Gardens. We made a stop at The Mav in Fort Morgan for delicious lunch and then on to the Blossom of Lights Event. This is an open to the public, annual event showcasing a light display celebrating the holiday season that has been going on for over 30 years.

This event runs from late November to the middle of January. While some paths and building were closed, we were still able to enjoy a beautiful walk thru the gardens looking at the lights on display. We arrived early enough to enjoy some of the plants and trees that the garden has to offer in the day light and of course stayed long enough to enjoy the light display after dark. If you would like more information about what the Botanic Gardens have to offer you can find it at www.botanicgardens.org.

Gamma Omega also recently met at the home of Deb Spear in Brush Colorado for our monthly meeting. We wanted to show our love to our county schools by putting together care bags. Each bag contained a couple inspirational quotes, gum, mints, and Kleenexes. Our hope to give encouragement to students having a tough day.

If you would like more information about what Gamma Omega #4306 is up to follow us on Facebook at ESA Gamma Omega #4306 or you can speak directly to one of our members.

Gamma Omega Kristen Stahn





# Chapter News #5442 Kappa lota Golden



Kappa Iota continues to do our Troopons, crocheting, and blankets. With all the COVID restrictions, it certainly has been a restrictive year in terms of donations.

Our Butter Braid sales were very good this year, so Thank You to everyone who bought some. I gave them to my neighbors as Christmas presents this year and it was a BIG hit!

We continue our Educational Program, although by Zoom has presented some challenges. Good program this year! Thank you Lori and Eric Havelick for coming up with the program. Good idea!

Three of our members attended the January Zoom Special Meeting. Great to see everyone. Got alot of things done!

We will be attending the Zoom Spring Board, although we were REALLY hoping it would be in person! Guess we're all jonesing for a road trip!

Our member Eric Havelick, read a really cool poem at our last meeting for the closing thought:

I Wish You Enough From Mary Brooks

"I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright.

- I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more.
- I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive.
- I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger.
- I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.
- I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.
- I wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye."

They say it takes a minute to find a special person. An hour to appreciate them. A day to love them. And an entire life to forget them.

Wishing you all enough! Stay safe and healthy!

Your Kappa Iota Sisters



# Chapter News Beta Zeta



# Greetings in the New Year ESA'ers! And aren't we all glad to turn that page on 2020!

Beta Zeta did have a successful year despite the challenges. We had several actual meetings outdoors, masked and distanced before the weather got too cold. Zoom has kept us together for planning and fellowship. President Mary Elin has had to wield the old Virtual gavel several times so that we could hear each other during meetings.

Our newest member, Amy, is also on the Board of the Fremont Center for the Arts. She let us know that the Center was hosting a Christmas Market.

We immediately decided to participate in this community fundraiser. Our gals got busy making cookies, candy, wreaths, and other gift-worthy items. Our member Gena's husband Jake who makes the great yard art we have offered at our annual auction carved the American Flag featured in the picture. A big seller! The event which began on Dec. 3 went through Dec. 17.

Our community responded and we were able to raise \$941.00 for our philanthropic efforts! As a bonus, we got to see each other in person, all masked up.

Gena and her family picked up and delivered Secret Sister gifts in time for the Zoom Christmas Gift Exchange. The meeting was a festive free-for-all and brightened the holiday season.

Beta Zeta is looking forward to this New Year with plans going forward for the State Convention here in Cañon City. We hope the world will be back to some semblance of normal because we would love to see all your smiling faces here in our beautiful town.

Stay safe, stay well! Carol Dunn







## #2830 Chapter News Theta Eta Denver



#### **Happy New Year!**

I think we are all relieved to have 2020 behind us! We pray for a safer, healthier, more productive 2021.

Theta Eta's Christmas party was cancelled, due to Covid 19 restrictions. We continue to hold our monthly meetings on Zoom. We adopted a family for Christmas through the Action Center, so were able to provide gifts and a gift card to them. We also received a donation for the Action Center Food Bank so we furnished some fifty boxes of cereal in December. We also furnished fifty gift bags for Christmas to be given to children whose families are clients at the Action Center.

In January, we continued collecting change in our little crayon piggy banks, to be collected and transferred to the large jar to add to our philanthropic account. Our "No-Show" tea raised \$700 for philanthropic causes, and our nut sales are ongoing. Theta Eta donated four cases of soup to the Action Center Food Bank in January as well as 33 boxes of cereal.

Members continue to collect, cut and categorize coupons into groups to be sent to our Armed Forces.

We are all attempting to reserve our vaccinations, and we long to meet once again in person!! Hopefully that will be in the not too distant future!!

**Happy Valentine's Day!!** 

Respectfully
Submitted, Marge West & Carolyn Rush





## **Book Club**





#### **Book Group**

I keep waiting to hear from my sisters with titles of books you have read. I just finished <u>Still Me</u> by JoJo Moyes and <u>The Lost and Found Bookshop</u> by Susan Wiggs. I am currently reading <u>The Girl You Left Behind</u> by JoJo Moyes.

- What I Know for Sure Oprah Winfrey (she writes this column at the end of her magazine) These short pieces and most are very meaningful.
- ❖ All Stirred Up Laura Kumin (About cookbooks and how they affected the Woman's Suffrage movement)
- ❖ The Four Winds Kristin Hannah (Her new book about the Depression and Dust Bowl)
- ❖ Me & Patsy Kickin Up the Dust Loretta Lynn
- ❖ Keep Sharp, Build a Better Brain at Any Age Sanjy Gupta, MD (This was written up in the AARP magazine and I can't wait to read it. I believe it is relatively new)

Keep on reading.

Pam McGee pkmcgee@outlook.com

