

GOLDEN LAMP

OF COLORADO



EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA

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2023 - 2024 Colorado State Council Officers

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Friendship



One of the best things
to hold onto in this World
is a friend.
Each of us is a vital thread
in the fabric
of the other's tapestry.
Our lives are woven together
for a special reason.
True friends
make such a beautiful
impact on our soul,
we can no longer remember
what life was like
without them.
They understand our past.
believe in our future
and accept us
just the way we are.

S. Cummings

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Season's Greetings!

It has been a busy time for me, but I am loving it! Between work, State ESA, and local ESA, I always have something to work on. Throw in the Holiday Season, and I am immediately behind!

I have been working with Susan Winton from Alpha Phi in planning activities for Spring Board. We had such a fun time at Fall Board, and we want to keep the fun coming! I think we have found an awesome Friday night activity! Please plan on attending Spring Board in Grand Junction on March 15-16. Some of us are taking the train from Denver to Grand Junction. So, looking forward to that as well!

My chapter, Zeta Nu is always looking at ways to create a fun social evening and then turn it into a fund-raising opportunity. We've been pretty busy these past few months. In September, we hosted a Bunco Night to honor our veterans. Proceeds were donated to our local Mount Carmel Veterans Center. One of its many projects is finding homes for our veterans. In November, we did a bake sale for St Jude and then a Christmas card class benefiting St Jude in December.

The two chapters in Colorado Springs have decided to co-host the 2024 Colorado State Convention. It will be held May 17-19. We are planning a wonderful weekend getaway!

I saw a lot of ESA ladies at the Holiday Tea that was hosted by Epsilon Epsilon, this past weekend. It was so nice to see everyone! This was my first time attending and I was not disappointed!



I hope you have plans for the holidays! My family will be providing the Christmas meal at our local Ronald McDonald house. My children are looking forward to that.

Have a wonderful Holiday Celebration with your family and friends!

Karen Addison
Colorado State President

**GOLDEN LAMP
EDITOR**

Hello ESA Member's

Thank you to everyone who sends in articles. I want to remind ALL chapters; any chapter can send in an article to let us all know how they are doing and what their chapters are doing! We would love to hear from you!!!

Please reach out to me at any time with any questions or comments about the Golden Lamp. My email is goldenlampnewsletter@gmail.com or call / text me at (719) 221.9447

Please send all articles to: goldenlampnewsletter@gmail.com

In the subject line put **Golden Lamp Article**

Please make sure I respond to your email. If I don't respond, then I didn't receive it.

The Golden Lamp newsletter will be uploaded on the 15th of the on www.esacolorado.org

Love in ESA

Jenniffer Carlson-Mazza

**PRESIDENT
ELECT**

Hard to believe 2024 is heading our way full steam---but sure enough it--so we better be ready!

On that note, I am working on an officer slate for 2024-2025. There are some bylaw changes that may be adopted, so there may be some office/positions adjustments. I have candidates for President (ME 😊), President Elect (Lori Anderson-Havelick), Recording Secretary (Susan Winton), Corresponding Secretary (Dana Bell), Treasurer (Jenniffer Carlson-Mazza) and Webmaster (Candie Patino). That leaves open Vice-President, Parliamentarian, Chaplain, Easterseals Coordinator, Educational Director, ESA for St. Jude Coordinator, ESA Foundation Counselor, Golden Lamp Editor, Hope for Heroes Chairman, and Philanthropic Chairman. IF we approve the bylaws changes, there will be less positions to fill, and we will rearrange our candidate list; we can discuss that at Spring Board.

In the meantime, I would LOVE to have candidates for everything. Currently to run for Vice President you must have served as an elected board member for 2 years; if you qualify and would consider running, PLEASE reach out to me and we can chat about where you might share your talents--some candidates are willing to "swap" if helpful. If you or someone in your chapter have a special interest in any of the appointed positions, PLEASE contact me.

I will be attending Leadership in February and hope to come away with many ideas to help our beloved ESA grow and prosper. Lori Anderson-Havelick will also be attending, and we hope to share what we learn with everyone at "An Island Getaway"--CSC State Convention May 17-19 in Colorado Springs.

May 2024 bring you health and joy every day.

Susan

VICE PRESIDENT

Hi All,

Hope everyone had a Great Thanksgiving Holiday and looking forward to the Christmas Season. I know it isn't my turn to write in, but I decided to anyway. This is your daily wake up call. :) :) Communicate, Communicate and Communicate. "No one can whistle a symphony. It takes a whole orchestra to play it." H. E. Loccock

My job as Vice President is to promote Convention Bids and Membership. If there are any Chapters that would be willing to host Convention in 2025 and 2026 that would be great. I am giving you a heads up to think about hosting. It is also better to know a year in advance because the hotels can get booked. Most hotels are already booked early. Some, a year in advance. It would be nice to be able to have several cities to vote on where to go and have more chapters to participate in hosting. There are several chapters that have a big count in their Chapters that would be able to help. The smaller chapters could join up together and host. I am writing this out in the Golden Lamp to get more communication going and to see if this will work. Put on your thinking caps regarding the Convention Bids. I would like to have some ideas for this by the March Brd Mtg and the Colo Springs Convention, so I can give a report. Email me or call me, my info is at the bottom of this note.

Please look at the IC Website for Recruitment ideas for help. The recruitment can go on all year long and utilize their website. So, don't stop recruiting, let's keep the ball Rolling!! The IC Website under Recruitment gives lots of tools to use and ideas for parties and get-togethers. It is a useful tool too. I think that doing more social get-togethers and fundraisers may be the key for the ESA Membership. As an example: Alpha Phi Chapter in Ridgway put on a get-together for the Oil and Vinegar Tasting. Sixteen people came and out of the 16 guests, two people signed up. Just invite more friends and guests to your parties and get the word out on the info of your event. You can invite as many as you want on your contact list and Facebook. Some people will show, and some people might not show because of conflicts already planned, but at least we can try!! Don't forget to host an open house and/or a Wine and cheese party. I am going to give a shout out for the Murder Mystery Dinners. You might try this idea. Everybody likes to dress up in costumes every once in a while. Put on the dinner and charge for the entry and it can go for a fundraiser. You can even host the dinner at a home with as many as the house can hold. This can be something different. It is very popular in Ridgway and Ouray. The game already has the script already written out for the actors, invitations to send out, and the dinner menu or use a different menu to coincide with the theme. Most Mystery games can be found on Amazon.

I will give points on the Recruitment Page on the next Golden Lamp letter. The IC Headquarters Website is for everyone to use, to help you in your Office and to browse on your own time.

I hope this helps your chapters and I hope everyone is enjoying the Holidays and getting together with family and friends. Any questions please email or give me a call.

Lori Anderson Havelick
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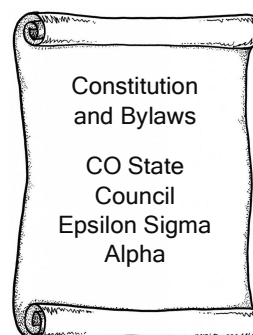
PARLIAMENTARIAN**Bylaw Committee**

This fall, the Bylaw Committee has been busy revising the bylaws. Through the years, we've discussed combining offices. Rather than a quick fix, the Committee tackled the project, keeping our focus on "what is best for Colorado State Council (CSC)."

What changes can you expect to see? There will be fewer elected offices, a new appointed office, and tasks deleted that are in the Officer Guidelines. Because the proposed changes to the bylaws are extensive, the proposed bylaws are a "revision" rather than an "amendment." There are a few changes that also affect the Standing Rules. Both documents will be posted on our CSC website February 1 and voted on at State Convention.

Thank you, Karen Addison, Susan Bloss, Lori Anderson-Havelick, and Bonnie Gillmore for your time and commitment to this project.

Mary Humphrey
2023-2024 Parliamentarian



TREASURER'S REPORT

Hello ESA Sisters,

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season. I have my tree up but am still procrastinating on my letter to Santa.

Do I ask for a maid to clean the house, including windows, or do I ask for a gardener to help get rid of all my leaves. Thankfully I still have a few more days to make that decision.

I want to thank all of you who submitted your dues on time. I have attached a listing of those chapters that are in Good Standing.

Have a wonderful holiday and hope to see many of you in March.

Bonnie Gillmore
Colorado State Treasurer

Chapters in Good Standing

Chapter Number	Chapter Name	Number of Members	\$ Amount
174	Alpha Gamma	3	61
770	Alpha Omicron	13	181
535	Alpha Nu	14	193
327	Alpha Phi	7	109
5416	Beta Alpha	2	49
357	Beta Epsilon	6	97
3149	Beta Zeta	14	193
5129	Chi Kappa	5	85
1898	Delta Theta	2	49
3668	Gamma Chi	15	205
4306	Gamma Omega	13	181
5442	Kappa Iota	2	49
4842	Omega Chi	7	109
5014	Sigma Rho	10	145
2810	Theta Eta	12	133
5608	Zeta Nu	9	133
2064	Zeta Tau	20	265

Colorado Lamplighters
Northeastern Council
Northern Colorado Council

EDUCATIONAL

Hi Everyone,

This year is flying by very fast. Soon it will be time to start assembling your Educational Reports for the year into a notebook and send it to me for award judging.

A few things to remember are:

Reports should be submitted in a one-to-two-inch binder.

There should be a cover page that outlines your Chapter Name and Number.

Your Chapter educational Theme for the year.

Think of it as a book report like you did when you were in school.

Each report in your notebook should include the completed Chapter Educational Report Form for each report in the notebook. If you cannot find copies of the form, let me know and I will email it to you.

This link should take you directly to the IC Educational Awards information sheet that you can print for your use:

<https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/member-center/chapter-management/forms/international-council-forms>

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Grand Junction.

Smiles

Eric J. Havelick
303.550.6851
Educational Chair

**ESA FOR
ST. JUDE****ESA for St. Jude**

Hello ESA Colorado Friends – Merry Christmas – here comes 2024

A huge THANK YOU to four of our Colorado Chapters so far: Alpha Nu, Alpha Omicron, Delta Chi & Omega Chi. Via donations, a fundraiser & a memorial gift - they raised a total of \$6000!!! Thank you – well done!!! ESA HQ received their “Completed Events” forms which generated online access for the St. Jude Coordinators to view online with the updates.

Reminder, when planning your St. Jude/ALSAC events, please fill out the “Completed Events” form online through the epsilonsigmaalpha.org website, St. Jude forms. All checks must be made out to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and mailed to: **ESA HQ Attention ESA for St. Jude, 2580 E Harmony Rd, Suites 301-311, Fort Collins, CO 80528**, to get credit. Please do not send cash or credit card numbers.

With Christmas almost upon us, I have a note to share from Deena Steele - Program Coordinator, ESA for St. Jude, “Regarding the St. Jude “wish lists” we discussed here, go to stjude.org and search for the ‘Donate Toys and Supplies for Children with Cancer’ webpage. There you will find Amazon wish lists, special items needed year-round and how to send them.”

Reminder: Power of Us Campaign - Education/Service/Association – also on the epsilonsigmaalpha.org website.

If you haven’t had a chance to watch the ALSAC webinars, I’ve copy and pasted the email I received from attending the most recent online ALSAC Volunteer Experience Webinar, below. You can sign up as well.

Dear Susie,

Thank you for joining us this week for our November 2023 - ALSAC Volunteer Experience Webinar! We hope you enjoyed our end of year webinar content, and we also hope you had as much fun as we did interacting on chat. We got so many great ideas and feedback for our 2024 webinars. Our ALSAC volunteers are truly the best!

If you missed the webinar, you could access the recording by joining the ALSAC/St. Jude Volunteer Facebook group. The webinar recording will be posted Friday December 1st and available online until December 29!

- **Watch quarterly webinar:** ALSAC/St. Jude Volunteer Private Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/alsacvolunteergroup>
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Watch the webinar video for more information on volunteer opportunities and visit www.stjude.org/volunteer (New opportunities posted weekly!)
- **St. Jude Chef Recipe:** During the webinar, we shared a popular recipe our St. Jude chefs prepare for St. Jude patients. (Click [here](#) to download)

Thanks again and see you at our next webinar Winter/Spring 2024!

Best,

ALSAC Volunteer Experience Webinar Team

VOE@alsac.stjude.org

Reminder: esacolorado.org for Colorado State Council (CSC) St. Jude end of the year Chapter form – deadline April 1st, 2024, please, via email: smilesatyou@gmail.com or mailed: Susie Morris, 16815 Howlett Pl, Mead, CO 80542.

Please let me know if you have any projects happening and/or questions. I'll do my best to find answers and/or guide you who to talk to. There is SO MUCH excellent information on epsilonsigmaalpha.org – please check it out. I am learning along with you all ... so many opportunities to give and serve ESA for St. Jude.

Thank you,

LOVE in ESA,

Susie Morris

ESA for St. Jude - CSC St. Jude Coordinator (2023-2024)

Pi Sigma #5621 – Johnstown

ST. JUDE DREAM HOME

St. Jude Dream Homes

It's a wrap!! The drawing for the Denver Dream Home took place October 12th on KDVR Fox 31 and Colorado's Own Channel 2. The winners of the \$10,000 Furniture Row shopping spree, the \$10,000 VISA card, \$5,000 VISA gift card, and the 2023 Lincoln Corsair were ecstatic. This is the quickest the prize winners have accepted their prizes. The car winner sold his old car before he picked up his new Lincoln; actually, it is for his wife. All 24,000 tickets were sold 5 weeks into the campaign. A representative from Oakwood Homes was surprised how heavy the hopper was as she tried to turn it.

The winner of the home closes the first week of December. They live in Morrison, established in their current location, and will be selling the home.

Thank you to those who volunteered at the office and the open houses. You are very much appreciated! It takes a village to process that many tickets.



*ALSAC reps, Brenda Orbe and Anne DeWire;
Shelby Clymer, auditor for Clifton Larson Allen;
Nancy Cameron and Mary Humphrey.*



Staff from Landmark Lincoln. the car winner and his wife in the center, Nancy Cameron and Vickie Chavers-Bruso.

Stay tuned as Colorado Springs prepares for a new location in Meridian Ranch and a new builder; giveaway June 26th. The Denver Dream Home campaign will be earlier with the giveaway September 13th.

Dream Home Co-Chairs:

Colorado Springs: Alice and Jenny

Denver: Mary, Nancy, and Vickie

FOUNDATION

Hope everyone is ready to have a great Christmas and a wonderful New Year! I am super excited to have snow here in Ridgway, CO!! Please remember to use the turnaround fund any time you need to give to a charity on behalf of your Chapter. I have copied the Foundation Newsletter that I received since they have done a great job of describing all the steps. If you need further assistance, please feel free to reach out to me. Susan Winton

ESA Foundation's "Turn-around" Fund

Each year the ESA Foundation has questions about how the ESAF "Turn-around Fund" works. Here are a few guidelines and helpful hints about how the Turn-around funds can be applied for and help to get you through the process.

As you know, our members support many different organizations in addition to the ESA Foundation. Many years ago, the ESA Foundation Board of Directors came up with a way members could support both the ESA Foundation and other charitable organizations at the same time! The solution was the "Turnaround Fund" (TAF) which, in its simplest form, means that someone or some entity wants to donate to XYZ Charity. That person or entity writes a check to the ESA Foundation (our own charitable organization), and we deposit the check. We then "turnaround" and write a check to the other designated charity of choice in the exact same amount, checks can be sent directly to the charitable organization or to the chapter for presentation. ESA Foundation and its members are credited with the donation and the funds end up in the organization for which they were intended in the first place! A Win-Win for everyone! Of course, as with any program, there are rules!

Many years ago, our good friends at the Internal Revenue Service asked us to tighten up a bit when it came to whom we were writing TAF checks (i.e., we can only write them to other "charitable" organizations). The IRS defines charitable as those entities that it has granted a 501(c) 3 status, plus educational organizations such as government-run schools. (A special reminder on schools, TAF checks cannot be written to any school for the benefit of a specific person.) Those requesting TAF checks must provide ESA Headquarters staff with verification of the payee(s) 501(c) 3 charitable organization status. Remember, all we need to do is verify the charitable status of your payee and there are at least two avenues that are totally acceptable. One is to look up your request on the Internet at www.guidestar.com. If your TAF payee is "charitable" it will undoubtedly be listed on this website. You'll need to know the organization's exact name. For example, "March of Dimes" is actually "March of Dimes Foundation," and "Goodwill" is really "Goodwill Industries International, Inc." If you find your payee on the Guidestar website, please put the exact name of the charity and its EIN on your contribution form. This will make the process of verification very simple for us. If your payee is not listed on Guidestar, chances are it isn't charitable and you will need to contact them to obtain a copy of their 501(c) 3 status, as issued by the IRS. Another sure method is to ask the potential payee for a copy of their IRS-generated "determination letter" verifying their 501(c) 3 status.

Turn Around Fund process

Always review and take a few extra minutes when filling out your contribution form to verify the charitable status of your TAF payee's request. It will save everyone a lot of time. We simply can't write a check to an entity that we can't verify is charitable. Of course, once you've sent Headquarters the verification of charitable status you'll never need to do it again. We'll record it in our database for future use. Here are some simple rules:

- Checks sent to the Turn Around Funds (TAF) must be made payable to the "ESA Foundation."
- TAFs must be a minimum of \$25.
- TAF checks may only be issued to other IRS designated 501(c) 3 charitable organizations. The recipient entity's 501(c) 3 IRS-generated determination letter must accompany the initial request. This letter will include the entity's EIN (employer identification number), which is also a requirement.
- TAF checks not cashed within 120 days of the date of issue will be considered a donation to the ESA Foundation General Fund.

The IRS does not allow any of the following when it comes to TAFs:

- TAF checks issued directly to an individual.
- TAF checks written to a school for the direct benefit of any individual. TAF checks written to any other "ESA Entity" (ESA Foundation is the only 501(c) 3 charitable organization within the ESA Family).
- TAF checks written to the EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL Disaster Fund.
- TAF checks written to State/ Region Love or Care Funds.

If you have additional questions, Headquarters is always glad to assist. Doug and Mandy are a great source to help.

Rosalie Griffith, ESA Foundation Treasurer

PHILANTHROPIC CHAIR

Well, I don't know about you, but I find myself again amazed another year has flown by. Its December, there is beautiful snow scenery and Santa will soon be in the air. It's also a reminder to begin to look forward to next year. If you haven't met me my name is Susan Anton, I'm this year's Philanthropic chair.

I'll take this opportunity to share a little about myself, I live in Poncha Springs, I love to Jeep and just enjoy life in general. I have an amazing Chapter you may have had the opportunity to meet at this year's Fall Board. I joined ESA 5 years ago and love the opportunities it is offering me. I am also amazed at the level of effort and pride that is put into this State Organization. It is very impressive to say the least.

I am learning so much as I go. With that in mind I just want to remind you to please have your reports in my hand by April 1, 2024. Being I am new I welcome all thoughts, suggestions and input you can give from your experiences. I have met some of my team and am so impressed and excited to work with them.

So please feel free to contact me with any input or questions and what I can't answer I will look for.

My contact information is.

Susan Anton

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303-450-5246

Vlsue87@gmail.com

I look forward to meeting and working with you and would like to wish you a very joyous Holiday Season filled with many blessings.

WEB TEAM



Colorado Web Team



esacolorado.org

Happy Holidays to all our members! No matter how you and yours celebrate the season, we hope you have the most terrific holiday ever!

Our **Calendar** page is a great way to keep up on special events, due dates, conventions, and more. Send in your activities for posting for sharing with everyone.

Be sure to check the **Officers/Chairmen** page of the ESA Colorado website in the **Notices** section. Posted in this section are the CSC minutes, chapters in good standing, proposed bylaw changes, IC Awards and CSC Awards and more.

Forms, forms, forms. . . We have them on their own page. Look on the upper left corner of the homepage for a direct link.

Pictures, pictures, pictures. . . Don't be shy - we are looking for MORE for the **Projects** page. Please share your activities on behalf of our state philanthropic projects: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Easterseals, and Hope for Heroes.

The Colorado State Council **Zoom** account is still very active as chapters as well as committees find this a very useful meeting place. This account is FREE and has unlimited time use as compared to the 40 minutes on the "free" Zoom accounts. To reserve a date/time contact Candie Patino.

Our state website continues to thrive due to everyone who has contributed and visited the Colorado ESA website. The latest/greatest newsletters, information and forms are continually being posted to this site by contributions from our members. Without your input, our website would not be successful – thank **YOU!**

Mele Kaliki.maka!

The Colorado ESA Web Team
Bonnie & Candie

**ALPHA OMICRON
SALIDA, CO**

Every year our chapter raffles off a Christmas Tree with 100 one-dollar bills tied to it. For the past month our members have been busy selling tickets. Along with selling tickets individually, our members also set up at Safeway and local craft shows. We have our chapter Christmas party next week where we draw the winning ticket and call the person who wins. Our Christmas party is one of my favorite events. We meet at our member Velma's house who has a gorgeous Victorian home. It's just a great evening hanging out, eating so much delicious food, and sharing stories. This year we are doing a cookie exchange which I know we will get some yummy cookies!!

I went to Epsilon Epsilon's Holiday tea at the beginning of the month. They do such an amazing job, and it was great to see so many familiar faces.

Alpha Omicron wishes you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Love in ESA

Jenniffer Carlson-Mazza
Chapter President
Alpha Omicron #770
Salida, CO



**BETA ZETA
CANON CITY, CO**

Happy Holidays from Beta Zeta!

It has been a busy fall for all of us. Our Soup, Salad and Shopping Auction in October was the most successful event we have ever had, thanks to all the great friends in our community. The quilt dedicated to ST. Jude made by Nancy Trebella raised \$620.00

The Christmas-themed quilt went to a friend of our Gena who was thrilled.

Beta Zeta also helped with the 4th Annual Fremont County St. Jude Event hosted by Fremont Provisions. It was a very successful event which raised a total of \$25,611. Beta

Zeta presented a basket of St. Jude "swag" provided by ALSAC and Colorado ESA.

Wishing all our ESA friends the blessings of the Christmas season and hope for a wonderful New Year.

Carol Dunn
Beta Zeta
Canon City, CO



GAMMA CHI LOVELAND, CO

Gamma Chi News

As I write this up it is 50 degrees and a little windy. We are in the heart of the holiday season. I hope this finds all our Colorado sisters doing well.

October started right off with our annual Mahjongg Tournament with 60 participants in a new location. It was a very successful tournament and we raised \$3,350 for St. Jude Children's Hospital, with the help from High Country Beverage. The tournament was held there, and they matched what we raised from the tournament. All the participants had a great time and are looking forward to next year. Lisa Weeks put the tournament together as she is an avid player herself.

Also, during October we volunteered at five Vision and Hearing Clinics at local schools. We always enjoy helping with those. At our October meeting we had two speakers from Matthews House which has been around since 2005. They provide coaching and case management services for youth and families. Two schools closed in Loveland last spring and one of them had a fairly new building for an Early Childhood Program. Matthews House worked with our school district, and they will be using that building for Unhoused Students to spend the night that have aged out of the Foster Care Program.



We started off November with a birthday party for Riki Johnson's mother Norma. She was celebrating her 96th birthday. It was on Saturday November 4th and our chapter provided the food and Riki, with the help of a good friend, did all the decorating. It was held at Mirasol Senior Community where her mom used to live, so many of those friends and others came to help her celebrate. It was a great time and Norma read a poem she wrote. It was full of many memories.



The next day we held a blood drive at the same location. It was very successful as we had 18 donors. Moofie Miller was in charge of the planning. We also attended a thank you breakfast sponsored by the Community Kitchen. One of the speakers shared that in 2023 they served 135,000 meals. It's been active for 27 years.

Lindsay Walker spoke at our meeting in November. She is the Event Planner and a Navigator for services the residents of Mirasol Senior Community might need. We meet there every month. Before the meeting started, we stuffed 70 coffee mugs with various items to hand out on December 4th at the Veterans Clinic in Loveland. Lap blankets will also be distributed. The mugs were put in clear bags. Deena Gregory and Lisa Weeks were cutting ribbon and ties bows on each mug, while other members stuffed the mugs.



During the last few weeks of November, we collected 900 pounds of food for the Larimer County Food Bank, along with toys. This is also sponsored by the Kayle Foundation. The items were dropped off at Phyllis Minch's house. If that isn't crazy enough, making our almond toffee candy was also happening. Phyllis made 55 batches of candy and everyone else helped break up candy, put boxes together, cut and tie ribbon.



Today we handed out the mugs and lap blankets to the veterans.



Gamma Chi wishes all of you a relaxing and enjoyable holiday season with friends and family.






Pam McGee
Gamma Chi
Loveland, CO

**KAPPA IOTA
GOLDEN, CO**

We FINALLY GOT SNOW!! MIGHT just be a white Christmas here!

Kappa Iota has been busy with our Butter Breads, and we sure do appreciate all your support!

We're working diligently on coupons!

We attended Epsilon Epsilon 's Christmas Tea! What a great looking bunch we are! Was so wonderful seeing everyone and we all had a great time!     

Want to wish everyone a very Merry and SAFE, Christmas and New Year!

We love you all!

Leslie Stevens
Kappa Iota

**PI SIGMA
JOHNSTOWN, CO****Chapter Pi Sigma #5621 – Johnstown, CO****Please SAVE THE DATE****You are invited to our 1st Annual Spring-Time Brunch**

Benefitting: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
and other local charities along with Pi Sigma

Hosted by: Pi Sigma Chapter of ESA

10am – 1pm, Saturday, April 27, 2024

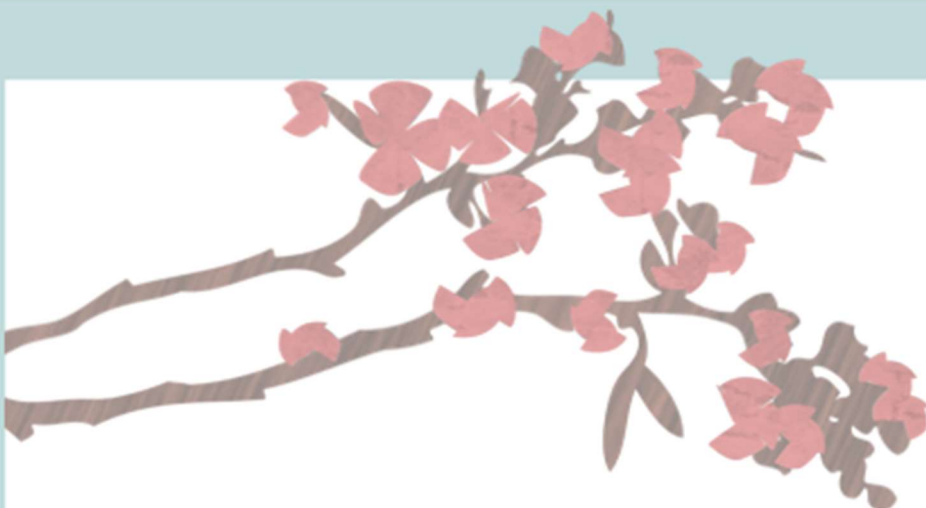
Address: High Country Beverage, 4200 Ronald Reagan Blvd,
Johnstown, CO 80534

**Due to limited seating, please reserve your ticket(s) by contacting:
Patty Ehrlick (970) 673-2175**

tickets are \$30 per person and non-refundable

There will be Door Prizes, Drawing baskets & Favors

SPRING BOARD



2024 ESA SPRING BOARD **MARCH 15-16**

GRAND VISTA HOTEL
2790 CROSSROADS BLVD
GRAND JUNCTION
(970) 241-8411

SPECIAL ROOM RATES \$89 PER NIGHT (PLUS TAX) + FREE PARKING

CALL TO RESERVE UNDER EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA

AMTRAK FROM DENVER 8:05 AM – 3:57 FREE SHUTTLE TO HOTEL

Please inform the Hotel upon registration if you will need transportation from the train station.

Purchase (optional) breakfast coupons at the front desk when you check in (\$14)

Dinner on Friday night – please arrive by 6pm

Meeting time on Saturday: begins at 9am and ends around 4pm

Optional lunch for male attendees. They may attend lunch at the Goat and Clover Tavern for social time.

Dinner Saturday TBD

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: SUSAN WINTON @ 505.670.4371
WINTONCOLORADO@GMAIL.COM



2024 ESA SPRING BOARD **MARCH 15-16**

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CALL TO RESERVE UNDER EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA

AMTRAK FROM DENVER 8:05 AM – 3:57 FREE SHUTTLE TO HOTEL

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER AND LUNCH ON SATURDAY INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION

Registration Form \$65 No refunds after Feb 29

Name _____

Chapter Name/Number _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Special Dietary Needs _____

Please check:

State Officer _____ Lamplighter _____ First Time _____ MAL _____

Male attendee: _____ Wants to attend Lunch at Goat and Clover

Make Checks payable to Alpha Phi

Send to: Susan Winton
353 County Road 23
Ridgway, CO 81432

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: SUSAN WINTON @ 505.670.4371
WINTONCOLORADO@GMAIL.COM

STATE CONVENTION

78TH Colorado State Convention



'AN ISLAND GETAWAY'

May 17, 18, 19, 2024

Hosted by ZETA TAU and ZETA NU

CO Chairs: Kevin Richards & Emily Woods

THE ACADEMY HOTEL COLORADO SPRINGS
8110 NORTH ACADEMY BLVD
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. 80920
719-598-5770

Room Rate \$101 - \$111 per night plus tax until April 17, 2024 (Block under Epsilon Sigma Alpha State Convention)

*REGISTRATION: \$165 until May 1st then \$175 after May 1st
Saturday Night Banquet and Dinner \$50*

REGISTRATION FORM - Please complete a form for each chapter member.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Chapter & Number: _____ Voting Delegate: _____

First Time Attendee: _____ State Officer: _____ Lamplighter: _____ Pledge: _____ Elan: _____

Please note special dietary needs (allergies, etc.) _____

Make checks payable to: ZETA TAU 2064

Send Registration form and check to:

Margaret Ames
1115 Knollwood Circle
Monument, CO 80132

Any questions please contact either Kevin Richards (719-237-0355) or Emily Woods (719-271-2245)

DECEMBER NATIONAL RANDOM DAYS

1. National eat a red apple day.
2. National candle day.
3. National hug day.
4. National sock day.
5. National world trick shot day.
6. National microwave oven day.
7. National letter writing day.
8. National brownie day.
9. National llama day.
10. National lager day.
11. National have a bagel day.
12. National poinsettia day.
13. National cocoa day.
14. National free shipping day.
15. National wear your pearls day.
16. National chocolate covered anything day.
17. National maple syrup day.
18. National bake cookies day.
19. National hard candy day.
20. National sangria day.
21. National don't make your bed day.
22. National short person day.
23. National Pfeffernusse Day
24. National eggnog day.
25. National pumpkin pie day
26. National thank you card day.
27. National visit a zoo day.
28. National card playing day.
29. National no interruptions day.
30. National bacon day.
31. National champagne day.

PHOTO CONTEST

I want to do a photo contest each month, and I am hoping for you all will be a part of it. Each month will have a different theme, and two months will be posted in each newsletter.

FEBRUARY THEME: HEARTS

MARCH THEME: GREEN (the picture must include the color green)

If you would like to submit a photo. Please either email me the photo to goldenlampnewsletter@gmail.com or you can text me the photo to (719) 221.9447

The deadline for the next newsletter to submit photos will be **FEBRUARY 10th**.

Two photos (one for each theme) will be chosen and included in each newsletter with the name of who took the photo, a description of the photo, and the chapter they are in.

PHOTO RULES

1. You must be the one who took the photo
2. The photo must include the theme
3. By submitting a photo you are giving me permission to include it in the Golden Lamp Newsletter
4. Please put photo contest in subject line
5. In your photo submission please include:
(your name, the month you are submitting for, a description of your photo, and your chapter info)

GOOD LUCK!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

DECEMBER WINNER THEME: CHRISTMAS



Picture taken by:

Pam McGee

Gamma Chi
Loveland, CO

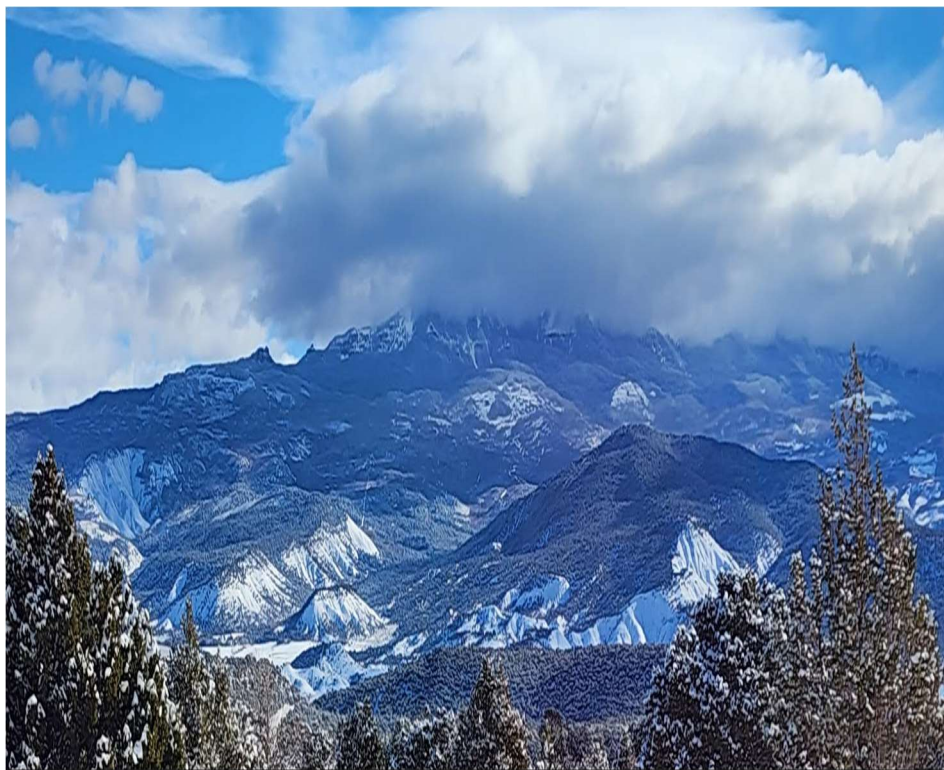
"Tree Lighting downtown Loveland in
front of the Rialto Theater"

JANUARY WINNER THEME: WINTER

Picture taken by: Lori
Anderson-Havelick

Alpha Phi
Golden, CO

"This is what I see from our
front yard"



**FINAL
THOUGHTS**

“May you have the gladness of Christmas, which is hope. The spirit of Christmas which is peace, and the heart of Christmas which is love.”



“Christmas waves a magic wand over the world and behold everything is softer and more beautiful.”



“Be present. Let the day flow with grace. Expect Joy, be positive. Serve with compassion. Speak Kindness. Impart only love. Never forget you’re not alone. Give thanks for everything. See goodness in others”



Friendship