***Epsilon Sigma Alpha***

***Colorado State Council***

***State Convention Zoom Meeting’***

***May 22, 2021***

*Attendees:* Vickie Chavers Bruso, Candie Patino, Sandy Alexander, Susie Morris, Chloe MCLantoc, Rita Martin, Bonnie Gillmore, Joan Snyder, Joyce Fuller, Mary Humphrey, , Kathy Garrison, Carol Dunn, Nancy Cameron, Yvonne Farrell, Karen Addison, Patty Erhlich, , Pam McGee,.Shirley Conway, Loydette Knight, Mary Elin Stratton, Mary Heldt, Margaret Ames, Joan Schlaefer, Alice Robinson, Susan Whitney, Dana Bell, Leslie Stevens, Pat Bernhardt, Conniee Balsley, Mary Guida, Dixie Daly, Nancy Carray, Jan Hagan, Billie Farnham, Chris Dostal, Bobbi Hawkinson, Lori Havelick, Phyllis Minch, B.J. Marshall, Donna Lea Van Stone,Beth Gibson, Deb Spear,Jennifer Carlson-Mazza, Marji Satterfield, Vickie Martinez, Billie Jean Farnham, Carol Dunn, Nancy Trebella, Kathy Ellingson, Jill Johnson, Janice Monroe, Jenny Liebowitz Kathy Robinson, Jessica Filo, Bernice Elich, Carol Graham, Alice Robinson .

**President Vickie Chavers Bruso** opened the 75th Colorado State Convention and called the Assembly together at 9:00 a.m.

Opening ritual was recited by all followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Phyllis Minch, Chaplain** shared a thought for the day.

**Leslie Stevens, Award Chairman** honored Alpha Omicron in chapter in Salida. This is a special award for their 75th Anniversary. She shared the many activities and Philanthropic accomplishments over the many years of giving. CONGRATULATIONS and Happy Anniversary Alpha Omicron. Barbara Kurtz from Alpha Omnicron was awarded her 75 year pin. She is an original member of Alpha Omicron.

**Nancy Trebella** from Beta Zeta in Canon City welcomed all of us. As this is a Zoom meeting she welcomed us by sharing some of the things that their city has for all to see.

The meeting was then turned over to IC Representative LeAnn Wray, current President of IC. LeAnn introduced herself and shared her “Journey” with ESA. She encouraged that we all remember to embrace our journey and embrace how we get there. LeAnn talked about the changes to the new ESA website and encourages everyone to go online and find all the new activities we can now do online. LeAnn advised what the agenda is for the IC convention in Louisville, Kentucky 7/28 – 8/1/21

When the IC representatives visit the different meetings they are observant to members that are a bright light to everyone and do extra activities “out of the box”. IC voted and chose our chaplain Phyllis Minch for this award. Congratulations Phyllis. LeAnn ended with a fun thing for us all to do. “Draw a Pig” analysis. A great activity and fun for all.

Colorado Lamplighter President Bobbi Hawkinson and the Lamplighters presented the Flag Ceremony.

Colorado Lamplighter President Bobbi Hawkinson narrated power point presentation of Flag Ceremony.

 ESA Flag – Nancy Cameron

 Foundation Flag – Bonnie Gillmore

 All Faiths Flag - Joyce Fuller

 Michigan State Flag – IC President, LeAnn Wray

 Colorado State Flag – Billie Jean Farnham

 United States of America Flag – Joan Snyder

**Karen Addison, Parliamentarian** read the Rules of Order for Zoom Meetings.

**Shirley Conway, Recording Secretary** advised that the Roll Call is 78 Registered. 19 Chapters and 7 Guests. The minutes for the Spring Board meeting have been approved and are now published on the Colorado ESA website.

**Nancy Cameron, Educational Fund** advised that this fund is for Guest speakers & special events. The CD balance is $6216.81 with the interest transfer to savings acct for the fund. Balance May 19, 2020 was $840.39 plus $12.41 interest Balance $855.73

**Phyllis Minch, Chaplain** reported it has been a good year and a sad year. Sending out cards for get well, birthdays and such.

**Deb Spear State Treasurer**

Beginning Balance 5/22/21 $10,495.97

Total Income- $0

Total Expenses $343.75

Ending Balance $10,152.22

**Leslie Stevens** 5442 made a motion to accept treasurer report as completed. Kathy Garrison, #1896 seconded the motion. Approved 100%.

**Margaret Ames**, Colorado Springs Dream Home report. Selling tickets have been successful this year. They have 10,000 tickets to sell and have sold 7,500 to date. Dream Home may be open to the public 2 weeks prior to drawing. Drawing will be June 24, 2021.

**Nancy Cameron** Denver Dream Home – reported that the Denver home will be built in the Reunion Community in Commerce City at 104th & Tower Road. Value of home is $820,000 – 7 Bedrooms & 4 Bathrooms. Tickets go on sale Aug. 26th. Open Houses begin on September 18. October 21 is the drawing. There will be 15,500 tickets to sell.

**Kathy Garrison,** Rocky Mountain Regional Roundup President. Reported that she does not have all of the details as yet. Kathy will advise the decision after their meeting later this month. This will be a Zoom event.

Kathy got a call from Denise Holdaway, IC Second Vice President wanting to know if Colorado would like to host a roundup IC convention in 2024 hard bids would need to be in now. Courtesy bids can be done for 2025.

There was a lot of discussion concerning which year. Leslie Stevens Kappa Iota #5442 suggested that we do a courtesy bid for 2025. There is not enough time to put together for 2024. Vote was taken Results: For – 85% - Against 10% - Abstain 5%. Kathy will do a courtesy bid for 2025.

**Loydette Knight**, Membership. Leadership She shared a video from Josh Johnson “How we can be a Hacker” Josh gave us a lot of tips concerning what we need to watch for online.

**Pam McGee,** President Elect – Talked about the state Book Club and thanked everyone that read books this past year. She talked about ‘The Girl Friends Book Club”. This is a program through AARP and we can go onto their website for more information.

**Phyllis Minch,** Chaplain presented a “Celebration of Life” for our members that passed away this last year. Carole Ann Steininger, Gwen Rogers, Pat Peters, Jan Lindsey, Cheryl Hage, Bridgette Bondurant, Beryl Worland, Grace Harrison. Beautiful ceremony. Thanks Phyllis.

Kathy Ellingson presented the Installation of New Officers.

Installed into office for 2021 – 2022 State Council were.

 President Pam McGee

 President Elect Chloe McClantoc

 Vice President…………………………………….Karen Addison

 Corresponding Secretary…………………….Bonnie Gillmore

 Recording Secretary……………………………Lisa Weeks

 Treasurer Shirley Conway

 Corresponding Secretary Bonnie Gillmore -listed twice

 Parliamentarian Susie Morris

 Jr. Past President……………………………….. Vickie Chavers Bruso

Each elected board member had a hand crochet flower and a small tapestry each depicting a different color in Pam's tapestry to accept their individual elected office. 2021-2022 Colorado State President Pam McGee's theme is: “We are the Threads That Bind in ESA”. Congratulations

**Pam McGee,** 2021-2022 Presidentintroduced her family and friends and gave her acceptance speech

**Leslie Stevens,** Sr. Past President/Award Chairman presented her awards ceremony. Leslie asked that each officer give their reports first then present their awards.

**Carol Dunn** – Foundation Counselor, There was a new member and one new Life Active Member into Foundation this past year. A total of $13,768.00 was donated to Foundation. There was only one award and it went to Carol Dunn.

**Chloe McClantoc** - Membership /Vice President - Began this past year with 394 members, 38 chapters. There were 17 new pledges and 3 reinstated members. The year ended with a total of 374 members.

Membership Growth

 3rd Place – Zeta Nu #5608 - Colorado Springs

 2nd Place – Gamma Omega #4306 - Akron

 1st Place – Sigma Rho #5014 – Loveland

**Jennifer Carlson-Mazza –** Easterseals - She had been in contact with Sharon Brown and Ross Howell at Easterseals. When we are back to in-person meetings they would love to come and talk about volunteering at camp, etc. She will meet with Sharon at a later date to tour the camp.

Chapter Monies Donated

 3rd Place – Theta Eta #2810 - Denver

 2nd Place – Alpha Omicron #770 - Salida

 1st Place – Zeta Rho #1774 -Aurora

Chapter Donated Goods

 2nd Place – Zeta Tau #2064 - Colorado Springs

 1st Place – Alpha Phi #327 – Golden

Individual Donated Monies

 3rd Place – Vickie Chavers-Bruso -Epsilon Epsilon #1896 -Denver

 2nd Place – JoAnn Singley – Epsilon Epsilon #1896 – Denver

 1st Place – Loydette Knight- Zeta Rho #1774 – Aurora

**Dixie Daly –** Golden Lamp Editor - Appreciated all the articles and information everyone sent in over the past year. The last issue will be coming out in June.

Articles Summited

 3rd Place – Gamma Omega #4306 – Akron & Zeta Rho #1774 – Aurora

 2nd Place – Gamma Chi #3668 – Loveland, Epsilon Epsilon #1896 – Denver &

 Beta Zeta #3149 – Canon City

 1st Place - Sigma Rho #5014 – Loveland & Theta Eta #2810 – Denver Kappa Iota #5442

**Lisa Weeks –** Educational/Workshops - Had a great variety of educationals, only 4 chapters sent in their educationals to be judged. Would like to thank President, Vickie Chavers-Bruso on her educational at Fall Board on "Identity Theft." The top educational was sent in to IC for judging.

 4th Place – Zeta Nu #5608 – Colorado Springs

 3rd Place – Beta Zeta #3149 – Canon City

 2nd Place – Zeta Tau #2064 – Colorado Springs

 1st Place – Kappa Iota #5442 – Golden

**Chris Dostal** – ESA for St. Jude - Different type of year, the Kitchen theme basket (won by Vickie Chavers-Bruso at Fall Board) drawings were by mail, the dream homes did well. I raised a total of $520.00. Of that $200.00 was sent in to IC for Pam's participation in the St. Jude event this coming July in Kentucky. The remaining $320.00 as sent in to St. Jude from Colorado State Council. The Garden theme basket that will be raffled off later today raised $380.00. $200.00 of it was sent in for Mary Humphrey to participate in the IC challenge with the$180.00 was sent in to St. Jude from Colorado State Council.

Monies per Member

 3rd Place – Zeta Tau #2064 – Colorado Springs

 2nd Place – Sigma Rho #5014 – Loveland

 1st Place – Zeta Rho #1774 – Aurora

Hours per Member

 3rd Place – Zeta Tau #2064 – Colorado Springs

 2nd Place – Beta Alpha #5416 – Aurora

 1st Place – Sigma Rho #5014 – Loveland

Dream Home Hours per Member

 3rd Place – Zeta Tau #2064 – Colorado Springs

 2nd Place – Chi Kappa #5129 – Denver

 1st Place – Beta Alpha #5416 – Aurora

Dream Home Miles per Member

 3rd Place – Kappa Iota #5442 – Golden

 2nd Place – Zeta Tau #2064 – Colorado Springs

 1st Place – Beta Alpha #5416 – Aurora

**Susie Morris –** Hope For Heroes - Raised $621.00 since Spring Board by selling the Soldier Angle necklaces and tickets for the "Red/White/Blue basket that will be raffled off later today. It was a real honor to be able to

give a check for $600.00 to representatives of "Run for the Wall" at Northern Colorado Councils Founders Day on May7th. She had two "Good Troopers" awards to Alpha Phi and Zeta Nu.

Monies per Member

 3rd Place – Zeta Rho #1774 – Aurora

 2nd Place – Chi Kappa #5129 – Denver

 1st Place – Kappa Iota #5442 – Golden

Hours per Member

 2nd Place – Beta Alpha #5416 – Aurora

 1st Place – Alpha Phi #327 – Golden

Miles per Member

 2nd Place – Alpha Phi #327 – Golden

 1st Place – Beta Alpha #5416 – Aurora

Troopons Goods per Member

 3rd Place – Kappa Iota #5442 – Golden

 2nd Place – Theta Eta #2810 – Denver

 1st Place – Chi Kappa #5129 – Denver

Troopons Hours per Member

 3rd Place – Gamma Chi #3668 – Loveland

 2nd Place- Chi Kappa #5129 – Denver

 1st Place – Kappa Iota #5442 – Golden

Troopons Miles per Member

 3rd Place – Theta Eta #2810 – Denver

 2nd Place – Chi Kappa #5129 – Denver

 1st Place -Kappa Iota #5442 – Golden

Good Trooper Award: Alpha Phi #327, Zeta Nu #5608

**Mary Elin Stratton** – Philanthropic Chair - Many thanks to Web Master, Candie Patino for helping me navigate Xcel spread sheets. Thirteen chapters sent in reports. Thanks to all the chapters for their hard work this past year.

Monies per Member

 3rd Place – Sigma Rho #5014 – Loveland

 2nd Place – Theta Eta #2810 – Denver

 1st Place – Epsilon Epsilon #1896 - Denver

Philanthropic Hours per Member

 3rd Place- Chi Kappa #5129 – Denver

 2nd Place – Alpha Omicron #770 – Salida

 1st Place – Kappa Iota #5442 – Golden

**Loydette Knight** – Jr Past President/Disaster Fund Chair - Want to thank everyone for making it a great year for her as Disaster Fund Chair. A total of 17 individuals, 11 chapters and 2 councils helped raise $5,356.20 plus another $40.00 more. Colorado did not have any claims this year, however IC had 7 claims presented for $33,254.15.

Chapter Monies

 3rd Place – Alpha Omicron #770 – Salida

 2nd Place – Kappa Iota #5442- Golden

 1st Place – Theta Eta #2810 – Denver

Council Monies

 2nd Place – Denver Epsilon Council

 1st Place – Northern Colorado Council

Individual Monies

 2nd Place – JoAnn Singley and Nancy Cameron

 1st Place – Vickie Chavers-Bruso

**Leslie Stevens,** Sr. Past President/Awards Chair congratulated all the award winners.

**SERVICE AWARDS FOR YEARS OF SERVICE IN ESA**

15 Years of Service – Jeannie McLain, Chris Dostal

20 Years of Service – Cheryl Haga

25 Years of Service – Debbie Davis, Diane Nelson, Dana Bell

30 Years of Service – Rita Martin, Shirley Telinde, Vickie Chavers-Bruso, Gena Mouriquand

35 Years of Service – Jody Karr, Lori Anderson-Havelick, Leslie Stevens

40 Years of Service – Mary Guida, Betty Kring, Donna Gillfoil

45 Years of Service – Gladys Jean Dinwiddie, Alice Robinson

50 Years of Service – Sally Lobel, Marjie Satterfield

55 Years of Service - Donna Lea Van Stone, Cleo Cinea

60 Years of Service - Carolyn Rush

65 Years of Service – Martha Shaw

70 Years of Service - Betty Jean Marshall, Bernice Elich, Alpha Omega (Bernice had her family with her to help celebrate her years of service)

75 Years of Service – Barbara Kurtz

Chapter Years of Service – 18 Years of Service – Kappa Iota #5442, Golden

 20 Years of Service – Beta Alpha #5416, Aurora

 55 Years of Service – Gamma Tau #3371, Thornton

 77 Years of Service – Alpha Phi # 327, Golden

We have two chapters celebrating 80 Years of Service in ESA, Alpha Gamma, Denver and Alpha Delta #178, Pueblo. In 1941 Alpha Gamma was a charter member of Denver Alpha Council. Denver Alpha Council hosted the very first state convention in 1947. Denver Alpha Council is celebrating 80 years of service.

5th Degree of Pallas Athene Joan Schlaefer, Epsilon Epsilon

Pledge of the Year

 2nd Place – Debbie Parkinson, Gamma Chi #3668, Loveland

 1st Place – Ginger Dodge, Sigma Rho #5014. Loveland

Distinguished Athenian – Theme was "A Few of My Favorite things"

 Lori and Eric Havelick, Kappa Iota #5442, Golden

Outstanding Chapter

 4th Place- Sigma Rho #5014, Loveland

 3rd Place – Epsilon Epsilon #1896, Denver

 2nd Place – Theta Eta #2810, Denver

 1st Place – Kappa Iota #5442, Golden

Woman of the Year

 2nd Place – Susie Morris, Sigma Rho #5014, Loveland

 1st Place – Jenny Liebowitz, Zeta Tau, Colorado Springs

Leslie reported that we need more chapters participating in the awards at convention. This is her last year to be on the board, her first position was editor for the Golden Lamp. Need to encourage members to be on the board. We have 374 members throughout the state, and they are willing to give you a helping hand. Leslie thanked her mom, Nancy Cameron for all her support over the years.

This was a beautiful ceremony showing all the work and hours ALL have participated in throughout a Pandemic year. Congratulation to everyone. We are proud of you. She let everyone know that she will be mailing all award certificates to the chapter presidents.

**Vickie Chavers Bruso** gave her retiring President message.

**Nancy Cameron**, Lamplighter gave Vickie a gift from her board. She received large decorated bird house watering can with beautiful flowers for her back yard.

**Vickie Chavers Bruso** presented the gavel to the New President Pamela McGee

**Kathy Ellingson** raised the gavel for incoming president, Pamela McGee.

**Kenny Bruso,** Vickie’s husband lowered Vickie's gavel.

**Vickie Chavers Bruso** announced that 2022 IC Convention is in Indianapolis, Indiana 7/27 -31/2022 and 2023 in Grapevine, Texas Hilton 7/26-30/2023.

**Bobbi Hawkinson**, Lamplighter President Lamplighters all got together and installed Vickie into the Lamplighters to "Splish Slash" with the lamplighter as rubber duckies. Bobbi had a rubber duck with each LL names that were put into the planter bathtub.

Unfinished Business: All of the drawings were ready and winners will receive their prizes by delivery.

 Easterseals – no raffle this year

 St. Jude Garden Basket – won by Kathy Ellingson

 Disaster Fund Angle won by Carol Dunn & Painting – won by Nancy Cameron

 Hope for Heroes – Red/White/Blue Basket was won by Nancy Cameron

Congratulations to all winners.

Vickie asked if anyone had any announcements.

**Kathy Garrison**, Epsilon Epsilon announced that there will be a Holiday Tea this year on Dec. 11, 2021 at Manor House. Kathy will let us know more details when arrangements are complete.

**Debbie Spear**, Treasurer asked that if anyone has any monies that need to be reimbursed let her know as soon as possible.

**Nancy Trebella,** Beta Zeta, Canon City said that their "Soup, Salad and Shopping" event will be on October 2, for $10.00. She will send out information.

**Kathy Ellingson,** Gamma Chi wanted everyone to know that they will be hosting the State Convention next year, in person.

**Pam McGee** is having her Planning Meeting on June 19 In the Park in Loveland. There will be a box lunch offered for $10.00. Meeting is 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Moved from original spot)

**Pam McGee** advised that she is working on Fall and Spring Board functions and will let us know at a later dates plans are completed. (Moved from original spot)

**Pam McGee** needs a head count of everyone who will be going to IC Convention in Kentucky.

**Bobbi Hawkinson,** Lamplighter President asked that the flags be retired.

**Phyllis Minch** did the benediction.

All members recited the closing ritual.

Respectfully Submitted

Shirley Conway

Shirley Conway

Recording Secretary for 2020-2021