**Epsilon Sigma Alpha**

**Colorado State Council**

**State Convention May 21 & 22, 2022, Fort Collins, CO**

Convention Co-Chairs Kathy Ellingson and Kerry Date welcomed everyone to the 76th Annual Colorado State Convention and introduced Pam McGee, President.

**FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Pam McGee called the First General Assembly to order at 9am. Bobbi Hawkinson conducted the flag opening ceremony introducing the Lamplighter Honor Guard and presenting the flags in the following order:

ESA flag presented by Charlotte Carloni

ESA Foundation flag presented by Bonnie Gilmore

ESA All Faiths flag presented by Sandy Alexander

Colorado State flag presented by Kathy Garrison

United States of America flag presented by Shirley Telinde

Members said the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the Opening Ritual.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**: Phyllis Minch, Chaplain reminded us that we are all different but have the

same goals for our organization and shared a quote from Helen Keller – “Alone we can do so little.

Together we can do so much”.

**INTRODUCTION OF OFFICERS AND GUESTS** by Pam McGee: Charlotte Carloni, ESA Executive Director, State Officers, Chloe McClantoc, Karen Addison Lisa Weeks, Bonnie Gilmore and Susie Morris, Regional Officer: Kathy Garrison, RMRC President, Lamplighter President, Bobbi Hawkinson, and the Lamplighters.

Charlotte Carloni led a fun ESA Trivia game and explained the 50 for $50 membership challenge for 50th ESA/St. Jude anniversary. Ideas and links for fundraisers and membership events on headquarters website.

She also announced that BJ Clark with be speaking at the 75th International Convention in Indianapolis. Registration is due June 1st. Also, the IC Fundraiser will be “Lip Sync ESA Style”. Information is on ESA website. IC President’s Award was presented to Jennifer Carlson-Mazza.

**LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP**: Led by Charlotte Carloni –*The Real You Personality Profile Bird Test*,

created By BJ Clark.

**FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**ATTENDANCE REPORT**: Kathy Fisher reporter there were 48 active members present from 16 chapters, 22 Lamplighters, 3 MAL’s and 3 guests, for 51 total in attendance.

**RULES OF CONVENTION**: Susie Morris Parliamentarian reminded all to mute phones and conversations. She asked that members give their chapter name, chapter city and chapter number before speaking. She also presented the following Rules of Convention:

1. Voting Delegates will be seated as a group in a designated section at the front of the meeting room.
2. To speak at the Assembly: move to the microphone, address the Chair, give your name, chapter name, chapter number and city. Speak slowly and clearly,
3. Any member in attendance may speak on a subject under discussion, but only official voting delegates may make or second a motion or vote in assembly.
4. Discussion of any one item shall be limited to ten minutes.
5. A member is limited to speaking twice in a motion, the second speech being in nature of a rebuttal or new information on the motion. Speeches shall be limited to two minutes
6. All voting in the General Assembly shall be by a show of hand. In the event of an undetermined vote, a standing vote will be taken.
7. Election of officers shall be by ballot vote. The election to be decided by plurality (one candidate receives a larger vote than any other candidate).
8. All voting delegates shall be excused first to cast their votes before the General Assembly is dismissed.
9. These convention rules shall be adopted, suspended or rescinded by majority vote of the voting delegates.
10. Robert’s Rules of Order, newly revised and the Colorado State Council Constitution and By-Laws and Standing Rules shall be the authority at this convention.

**MINUTES**: Recording Secretary Lisa Weeks moved to accept the minutes from the 2022 Spring Board Meeting as posted on the Colorado web site and approved by the Minutes Review Committee. Motion passed.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**: Treasurer Shirley Conway reported the beginning balance was $9249.40 with disbursements of $418.75 and deposits of $48 for a final ending balance of $8875.65. Motion to accept the treasurer’s report was made by Shirley Telinde #1174 Aurora and seconded by Riki Johnston Gamma Chi 3668 Loveland. Motion passed. Shirley asked for any bills to be submitted so that books can be closed and passed around the pin fine bag.

Deb Spear asked about the bank fee of $5 per month. Shirley explained that the bank could not help her get the statements from the web. This will be changed when the new treasurer takes over.

Shirley Conway made a motion to rescind the motion made at Spring Board to pay the elected officer’s registration for convention at $140. Kathy Garrison Epsilon Epsilon #1896 Denver seconded the motion. Discussion: Motion was handled incorrectly as Chloe made the motion that she would have personally benefited from. Pam explained the mistake and the need to make a fair decision based on the money in the treasury. Nancy Cameron commented a motion was voted on and approved, how can we rescind? Kathy Ellingson suggested we make another motion to correct. Kathy Garrison #1896 Denver reminded us that paying the registration for board members is not in by-laws and will diminish resources going into the future. Sandy Alexander Alpha Phi #327 said Council needs to look at expenditures to send incoming President to IC has gone up and membership is going down. Leslie Stevens Kappa Iota #5442 said we are losing officers on the board, so we need ways to incentivize and motivate members to step up on the state board. Cindy Powers Beta Epsilon – believes that officers have earned the help in having expenses covered. We determined registration would be $140 for each of the seven elected officers for a total of $980. Joyce Fuller Theta Eta #3830 Denver noted we need stay on track with the original motion. Motion carried.

Kathy Ellingson Gamma Chi #3668 made a motion to pay six elected state officer’s registration for State Convention. President is being paid for by the convention committee. Cindy Powers seconded. Motion carried.

**EDUCATIONAL FUND** Pat Bernhardt reported the ESA Colorado State Council Leadership and Education Fund CD has a balance of $6216.81 and savings account balance as of May 1, 2022, was $855.73 with Interest earned of $10.13 for ending balance of $865.56.

**PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENTS** Susie Morris read the proposed By-Law Changes (2nd reading).

**Article I. Name**

Discussion: Sandy Alexander Alpha Phi #327 stated we need to change the wording to the name of the organization to bring it in line to cover the Dream Home, Secretary of State and the bank. The name of this organization needs to be Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Colorado State Council. Sandy made a motion to amend the proposed change to read “The name of this organization needs to be Epsilon Sigma Alpha International Colorado State Council also known as ESA. The Colorado State Council shall be non-shareholding, noncommercial, nonprofit nonparticipating and non-bargaining. Chloe McClantoc Chi Kappa #5129 seconded the motion to amend. Motion carried.

**Article II. Members**

No discussion. Motion carried.

**Article VII. Duties of Officers (Elected and Appointed)**

No discussion. Motion carried.

**Article IX. Fiscal Year (New)**

No discussion. Motion carried.

**Article XVI. Dissolution – Section 1**

No discussion. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION OF 2022-2023 CANDIDATES** – Chloe McClantoc presented the slate of incoming officers as follows: President Elect - Karen Addison, Vice President – Open, Recording Secretary -Susan Bloss, Corresponding Secretary - Leslie Stevens, Treasurer - Rita Martin, Parliamentarian - Riki Johnston

Gertie Chapin made the motion to accept the slate of officers as presented by acclimation. Shirley Telinde seconded the motion. Motion carried. There was no balloting procedure, as it was not needed.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**: Karen Addison reported total chapters are 29, with 45 demits and 13 new pledges, for a total of 304 members. Kudos went out to Delta Chi and Zeta Nu with three pledges in Akron. Gamma Omega also in Akron had 1 new pledge.

**BREAK FOR LUNCH**

**INTRODUCTION OF HONORARY GUESTS**:

Kerry Date introduced Honorary Guest, 2nd Lt. Leila Morrison, Army Air Corp. She will be 100 years old on July 9th. She thanked the membership for the wonderful correspondence which has lifted her spirits many times over. Miss Leila will be leading the Greeley Stampede this year in honor of their 100th anniversary.

Pam McGee introduced Honorary Guest, Barbara Babcock, who worked at ESA Headquarters from 1964 – 1967 when it was in downtown Loveland. She edited and laid out the Jonquil and was Rushing Chairman. She also worked as the janitor of the building on the side. She went on to become a renowned artist in Loveland as a direct result of relationships made while at ESA. She commended the members for keeping ESA going. Barbara has donated several prints for Gamma Chi chapter fundraisers. She shared a favorite quote from AA: “You wouldn’t worry about what people thought of you if you knew how seldom they did”.

**ESA FOR ST. JUDE** Chair Chris Dostal credits our in-person meetings for the success of the basket

 drawings and Individual donations have been good. Donated $200 to Chloe for IC, remainder

 money raised will be donated to St. Jude. Two drawings for convention included a camping basket

and a quilt made from St. Jude patient designed fabric. The 50/50 Challenge is being tracked by

headquarters. She said to be sure to designate on report form as it helps with compiling the

awards.

**Awards presented by Loydette Knight:**

**Monies per Member**

3rd Place Zeta Rho #1774 Aurora

2nd Place Gamma Omega #4306 Akron

1st Place Beta Alpha #5416 Aurora

**Donated Goods per Member**

3rd Place Zeta Nu #5608 Colorado Springs

2nd Place Kappa Iota #5442 Golden

1st Place Epsilon Epsilon #1896 Denver

**Hours per Member**

3rd Place Gamma Omega #4306 Akron

2nd Place Kappa Iota #5442 Golden

3rd Place Epsilon Epsilon #1896 Denver

**Miles per Member**

3rd Place Kappa Iota #5442 Golden

2nd Place Zeta Tau #2064 Colorado Springs

1st Place Epsilon Epsilon #1896 Denver

**DREAM HOME REPORT (Given Friday Night):**  Mary Humphrey reported ALSAC is updating data entry system to be rolled out next year which will help with validating credit cards and populating information from prior years which will be a big time saver for printing tickets. Alice Robinson said Colorado Springs will have 11,000 tickets to sell this year over 9 weeks. The floor signing will take place on June 3rd with In and Out Burger donating food. Open Houses start on the 3rd and will be held for four weekends. Drawing will be June 29th and the home is valued at $595,000. Furniture Row stages the house and will hold a furniture sale at the house at a discount, Games managers are needed. Training is offered online, and certificate is good for 4 years. The $20 fee for license will be reimbursed from ticket sales.

The Denver Dream Home is in its 12th year and located in Reunion (111th & Chambers). 100% of materials and labor are donated. Drawing is October 13th. Open houses start September 17th. 20,000 tickets will be sold. Help is needed in the office and staffing the open houses. Members who worked an open house were recognized and ALSAC awards were presented to Alice and Mary as ESA St. Jude Volunteers of the Year.

**DREAM HOME AWARDS**

**Hours per Member**

3rd Place Chi Kappa #5129 Denver

2nd Place Epsilon Epsilon #1896 Denver

3rd Place Beta Alpha #5416 Aurora

**Miles per Member**

3rd Place Zeta Tau #2064 Colorado Springs

2nd Place Epsilon Epsilon 1896 Denver

1st Place Beta Alpha #5416 Aurora

**Monies Raised**

$818,398 – Colorado Springs

$1,379,021 - Denver

$2,197,419 – Total Money Raised

**HOPE FOR HEROES** Chair Deb Spear reported that COVID restrictions slowed down projects. A box

of thank you cards were sent earlier this spring and another box will be sent after state convention.

Gift baskets had raised $391 before convention. Will donate to several different military charities.

She shared a story about her own memories of her uncle and hero, Jim Brown, a veteran who

brought her a Barbie as he prepared to be deployed to Korea in 1969.

**Awards presented by Loydette Knight:**

**Donated Monies per Member**

3rd Place Zeta Tau #2064 Colorado Springs

2nd Place Epsilon Epsilon #1896 Denver

1st Place Zeta Rho #1774 Aurora

**Hours per Member**

3rd Place Kappa Iota #5442

2nd Place Chi Kappa #5129 Denver (2-way tie for 2nd)

 Theta Eta #2810 Denver

1st Place Gamma Chi #3668 Loveland

**TROOPONS**

**Hours per Member**

3rd Place Gamma Chi #3668 Loveland

2nd Place Chi Kappa #5129 Denver

1st Place Theta Eta #2810 /Denver

**Miles per Member**

3rd Place Gamma Chi #3668 Loveland

2nd Place Theta Eta #2810 Denver

1st Place Chi Kapp #5129 Denver (2way tie for 1st)

 Kappa Iota #5442 Golden

**Donated Goods per Member**

3rd Place Theta Eta #2810 Denver

2nd Place Gamma Chi #3668 Loveland

1st Place Chi Kappa #5129 Denver

Kerry Date shared that 2nd through 5th grade students in Loveland wrote notes to active

military/veterans as part of Deb’s card project.

**PHILANTHROPIC: Awards presented by Loydette Knight**

**Monies per Member**

3rd Place Zeta Tau #2064 Colorado Springs

2nd Place Zeta Rho #1774 Aurora

1st Place Epsilon Epsilon #1896 Denver

**Hours per Member**

3rd Place Chi Kappa #5129 Denver

2nd Place Beta Zeta #3149 Canon City

1st Place Epsilon Epsilon #1896 Denver

**Donated Goods per Member**

3rd Place Kappa #5129 Denver

2nd Place Theta Eta #2810 Denver

1st Place Gamma Chi #3668 Loveland

**Miles per Member**

3rd Place Zeta Tau #2064 Colorado Springs

2nd Place Beta Alpha #5416 Aurora

1st Place Epsilon Epsilon #1896 Denver

**DISASTER FUND:** Nancy Cameron reported raising$4700 so far but will be selling tickets

during convention.

**Chapter Donation**

3rd Place Gamma Omega #4306 Akron

2nd Place Theta Eta #2810 Denver

1st Place Epsilon Epsilon #1896 Denver

**Individual Donation**

3rd Place Cleo Cinea #1774 Aurora

 Joyce Fuller #2810 Denver

 JoAnn Singley #1896 Denver

2nd Place Shirley Telinde #1774 Aurora

1st Place Loydette Knight #1774 Aurora

**Council Donation**

2nd Place Northeastern Council

1st Place Denver Epsilon Council

First General Assembly adjourned.

*Loydette presented the following awards during the evening session, following installation:*

**Service Pins**

15 years Kathy Fischer, Gamm Chi #3668 Loveland

25 years Sandy Alexander, Alpha Phi #327 Golden

30 years Kathy Garrison Epsilon Epsilon #1896 Denver

35 years JoAnn Karr, Zeta Rho #1774 Aurora

40 years Lee Jordanger, Gamma Chi #3668 Loveland

45 years Bonnie Gillmore, Gamma Chi #3668 Loveland

45 years JoAnn Singley, Epsilon Epsilon #1896 Denver

50 years Marjie Satterfield, Gamma Tau #3371 Thornton

55 years Cleo Cinea, Zeta Rho #1774 Aurora

55 years Loydette Knight, Zeta Rho #1774 Aurora

70 years Billie Jean Farnham, Beta Zeta #3149 Canon City

75 years Jeanne Cacciatore, Beta Nu #510 Pueblo

Grand Total of 540 years.

**Chapter Service Years**

70 years Zeta Rho, #1774 Aurora

**Distinguished Athenian**

Lori Anderson-Havelick & Eric Havelick, Kapp Iota #5442 Golden

**Special IC Award/National Volunteer of the Year**

Mary Humphrey, Beta Alpha #5416 Aurora

Alice Robinson, Zeta Tau #2064 Colorado Springs

**“Chaplain Emeritus”**

Phyllis Minch, Gamma Chi #3668 Loveland

**Chapter of the Year (Over 10 Members)**

3rd Place Sigma Rho #5014 Loveland

2nd Place Theta Eta #2810 Denver

1st Place Gamma Chi #3668 Loveland

**Chapter of the Year (Under 10 Members)**

Zeta Rho #1774 Aurora

**Outstanding Woman of the Year**

3rd Place Stephanie Flanders-Martin, Sigma Rho #5014 Loveland

2nd Place Chloe McClantoc, Chi Kappa #5129 Denver

1st Place Vickie Chavers-Bruso Epsilon Epsilon #1896 Denver

**Friday Night Awards Presented by Loydette Knight:**

**EASTER SEALS**

**Chapter Donations**

3rd Place Beta Zeta #3149 Canon City (Three way tie for 3rd)

 Gamma Omega #4306 Akron

 Zeta Rho #1774 Aurora

2nd Place Theta Eta #2810 Denver

1st Place Alpha Omicron #770 Salida

**Personal Donation**

$200 Loydette Knight #1774 Zeta Rho Aurora

$100 Cleo Cinea #1774 Aurora

$100 Marlene Hewitt #1774 Aurora

$100 Jody Karr #1774 Aurora

$100 JoAnn Singley #1806 Epsilon Epsilon Denver

$100 Shirley Telinde #1774 Aurora

**Hours Donated**

3rd Place Alpha Phi #327 Golden

2nd Place Alpha Omicron #770 Salida

1st Place Zeta Tau #2064 Colorado Springs

**Miles Donated**

3rd Place Alpha Phi #327 Golden

2nd Place Alpha Omicron #770 Salida

1st Place Zeta Tau #2064 Colorado Springs

**Donated Monies**

3rd Place Kappa Iota #5442

2nd Place Epsilon Epsilon #1896 Denver

1st Place Zeta Tau #2064 Colorado Springs

**Donated Goods**

3rd Place Alpha Phi #327 Golden

2nd Place Zeta Tau #2064 Colorado Springs

1st Place Sigma Rho #5014 Loveland

**GOLDEN LAMP**

3rd Place Zeta Tau #2064 Colorado Springs

2nd Place Beta Zeta #3149 Canon City

1st Place Gamma Chi #3668 (Three-way tie for 1st)

 Kappa Iota #5442 Golden

 Sigma Rho #5014 Loveland

**EDUCATIONALS**

3rd Place Zeta Tau #2064 Colorado Springs

2nd Place Kappa Iota #5442 Golden

1st Place Gamma Chi #3668 Loveland

**Golden Link/Educational Director**

3rd Place Julie Zehner, Zeta Nu #5602 Colorado Springs

Theme: “National Parks”

2nd Place Kappa Iota Lori Anderson -Havelick, Kappa Iota #5442 Golden

Theme: “Spin the Wheel for ESA”

1st Place Lisa Weeks, Gamma Chi #3668 Loveland

Theme: “Kindness Matters”

**SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Pam McGee, President called the meeting to order at 10:30am.

**LAMPLIGHTER REPORT**: Bobbi Hawkinson, President, reported on their recent meeting where 21 Lamplighters present with 22 in attendance at convention. They discussed changing the scholarships so that trade schools would be added to the list of places where they can be awarded. They will be hosting the 2023 Convention in Canon City with Billie Jean Farnham and Joan Snyder Co-chairing. The Hampton Inn will be available at $102+ tax per night and meetings will be at The Abbey. They have a fun installation planned for Pam. Kathy Garrison gave a report on RMRRU which will be in Moab in August and RMRRU in 2024 will be at Easter Seal Camp. By-law changes discussions happened, and progress was made. They installed new officers for 2-year terms as follows: President - Patty Ehrlick, Vice President - Rita Martin, Recording Secretary - Kathy Garrison, Treasurer - Mary Humphrey.

**SPECIAL THANK YOU**: Pam Thanked Charlotte for coming to convention, representing Robin and presented her with a Barbara Babcock print in thanks.

**FINAL TREASURER’S REPORT:** Shirley Conwayreportedoutgoing expenses were lower due to COVID, which helped the budget. She congratulated Rita and reminded everyone that requests for reimbursements need to be made asap so that books can be closed for 2021-2022.

**CHAPLAIN REPORT:** Phyllis remarked that her 3 years as Chaplain has been an honor.She thanked Loydette and her angels for taking a chance on her as chaplain, then Vickie for her gardening theme and then one more year for her sorority sister, Pam. She asked that we keep the lights flickering for our sisters.

**TRAVEL TROPHY AWARD**: Loydette, Senior Past President presented the Travel Trophy to Epsilon Epsilon, Denver for traveling 746.6 miles to convention.

**CONVENTION ATTENDANCE REPORT**: Kathy Fischer Convention Registration Chair reported 48 members were in attendance, representing 16 chapters, including 22 Lamplighters and 3 MAL’s with 6 guests also attending, for a total attendance of 54.

**FUTURE CONVENTION SITE:** Karen Addison remind everyone that CSC will be inCanon City next year and that bids are needed for 2024 and 2025.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL COUNCIL:** Kathy Garrison reported that Rocky Mountain Regional Round Up will be in Moab, Utah at Lazy Lizard International Hostel, August 12 – 14. July 30 is the cancel deadline. The building has a six-step entrance, twins & doubles, no bunks. Bring your own towels and toiletries. Checks are payable to Utah State Council, registration form is on the Colorado website and must be received by July 29th.  The $120 registration fee includes 5 meals and 2 nights lodging. The Colorado Lamplighters will be hosting the 2024 Round Up, hopefully at the Easter Seals Camp at Empire.

**GOLDEN LAMP REPORT**: Jenniffer Carlson-Mazza distributed subscription forms to complete if a mailed copy is preferred. Postage went up a bit due to higher postage rates. Otherwise send her an email to Goldenlampnewsletter@gmail.com and include your email address, name, and chapter with Golden Lamp subscription in subject line. Jenniffer thanked everyone for their help and understanding with Easter Seals over the last two years.

Leslie Stevens reminded everyone that Officer Change Forms need to be returned to her with any changes for next year for the yearbooks.

Riki Johnston presented thank you gifts to Convention Co-chairs Kerry Date and Kathy Ellingson.

**RETIRING PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE:**  Pam McGee recapped her year as President which included, four meetings in person, IC Convention in Kentucky, IC Presidents’ meetings, Zoom chats, ESA coffee chats, Canon City fundraiser, Denver Alpha Council and Denver Epsilon Council Christmas Gathering, Akron Bags for Bucks, three Founders Day Celebrations, and a New Officer Installation. Thanked her Lamplighter advisors and gave special thanks to Bonnie and the rest of her Gamma Chi sisters. “

Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web we do to ourselves. All things are bound together, all things connect. – Chief Seattle

Pam handed the gavel to Chloe.

**INTRODUCTIONS OF NEW OFFICERS:** Chloe McClantoc introduced the 2022-2023 officers: President Elect- Karen Addison, Recording Secretary - Susan Bloss, Corresponding Secretary -Leslie Stevens, Treasurer -Rita Martin, Parliamentarian -Riki Johnston, Chaplain- Lori Anderson -Havelick, Senior Past President Awards Chair - Vickie Chavers-Bruso, Junior Past President Disaster Fund Chair - Pam McGee, Easter Seals, Kim Anderson Grigg, Educational Director Carol Dunn, ESA for St. Jude Coordinator - Shirley Conway, Golden Lamp Editor - Jenniffer Carlson - Mazza, Philanthropic Chair -Kelli Martin, ESA Foundation Counselor - Nancy Trebella, Scrapbook Chairman - Debbie Spear, Webmaster - Candie Patino, Hope for Heroes Chair - Kristeen Danburg, Lamplighter President - Patty Ehrlick , Billie Jean Farnham – Convention Co-Chair, Joan Snyder – Convention Co-Chair.

**PRESENTATION OF PRESIDENT’S SCRAPBOOK**: Kerry Date and Kathy Ellingson reported the electronic scrapbook will be completed soon. It’s not too late to send photos to Kathy.

**INSTALLATION OF PAM MCGEE INTO LAMPLIGHTERS**: The Lamplighters performed a fun installation bringing Pam into the past Colorado state presidents auxiliary.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Drawings**

Lamplighters 50/50 Drawing: Alice Robinson

Easter Seals Quilt: Linda Noell.

ESA for St. Jude: Camping Basket: Yvonne Farrell; St. Jude Quilt – Loydette Knight

Disaster Fund Basket – Patty Ehrlick

Hope for Heroes Basket – Chris Dostal

Thompson Education Foundation Basket- Bonnie Gillmore

Gamma Chi Baskets & Cutie Pie Décor winners: Chloe McClantoc, Jenniffer Carlson -Mazza, Riki Johnston, Loydette Knight, Lori Anderson, Shirley Telinde, Kim Anderson, Ruth Mary Lyons, Pam McGee.

Phyllis gave the Benediction, flags were retired by the Colorado Lamplighters, Closing Ritual was recited and the 76th Annual Colorado State Convention was adjourned**.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Lisa Weeks

2021-2022 Recording Secretary