

**VIRGINIA STATE COUNCIL - ESA  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING  
October 01, 1995**

The fall meeting of the Virginia State Council was called to order at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, October 1, 1995, by President Fran Lanning at The Brandermill Inn & Conference Center in Richmond, Virginia. Members in attendance joined hands and recited the Opening Ritual. Voting delegates were instructed to be seated in the first rows near the podium. Everyone was asked to please observe the no-smoking rule.

**CHAPLAIN'S MESSAGE**--Sharon Shaffer gave the devotional message, which was a poem entitled "If You Were."

**WELCOME**--Marie LaDuke, President of the Central Virginia District Council, welcomed the membership to Richmond. Fran Lanning, on behalf of the entire membership, expressed that we have certainly felt welcomed to the Leadership Conference held the day prior and to this meeting today.

**MINUTES APPROVAL COMMITTEE**--Beverley Wright of Beta Omicron-Staunton, and Marjorie Rushford of Alpha Xi-Norfolk, were appointed to approve the minutes of this meeting.

**RECOGNITIONS**--The head table (**The Footprints**), the Past State Presidents (**The Graceful Pelicans**) were introduced. Shelby Hodges served 30 years ago, and Helen Sanders served 20 years ago; and these ladies were given special recognition. Others who have served as long or longer shall be recognized later. Also recognized were those members attending their first State Council Meeting, the 1995-1996 Chapter Presidents, and the District and Area Council Presidents.

**CREDENTIALS REPORT**--Helen Lake

Chapters on Roll	22	Votes: Officers	7
Members on Roll	212	Delegates	26
Members Present	77	<b>TOTAL VOTES</b>	<b>33</b>
MAL's Present	1		
Guests	1		

**QUORUM**--According to the Virginia State Council Bylaws, a quorum shall consist of representatives from five (5) Virginia chapters and one (1) officer. There being a quorum present, all business voted upon shall constitute effective action.

**RULES OF THE MEETING**--The rules of the meeting are a part of our standing rules and, as such, do not need to be read at each meeting.

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE VSC SUMMER MEETING**--Marje Harmon reported that the minutes of the June Virginia State Council Meeting were approved with corrections as published, which was reported by Dot Harcum and June Mitchell of the Minute Approval Committee. This committee was dismissed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**--Marje Harmon read a note addressed to Fran from Joan Bourn. Fran received a call from Elaine Halabuk, Credentials Committee, who asked to be excused from this meeting.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**--Marie LaDuke

Checking Account	
Balance Brought Forward June 17, 1995	\$1,626.99
Receipts	1,775.44
Total Funds Available	\$3,402.43
Disbursements	742.22
Balance on Hand October 1, 1995	\$2,660.21
Savings Account - Crestar Bank	
Balance as of March 31, 1995	\$2,090.32
Interest Earned through June 30, 1995	<u>14.33</u>
Balance as of June 30, 1995	\$2,104.65

Fran stated this report will be on file for auditing.\*\*

**REPORTS OF THE ELECTED OFFICERS (THE FOOTPRINTS)**

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT**--Beverly Scott

Beverly asked the membership to think about running for an office and to submit the Candidate for Office form as soon as possible. She also solicited for volunteers for the Appointed Board. She says to love and encourage our sisters to say "Yes to their Best" and invite her to chapters' activities. She also introduced her new pledge, her daughter, Betsy Wood.

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**--Mildred Edwards

Mildred announced I.C. President Barb Campbell's theme for 1995--1996 is "ESA - Where Flowers Bloom." Mildred urged all chapters to pledge "2" and save \$38.00, come up with Gardening Angels, and start new chapters. We have lost 5 chapters since 1992.

Mildred is personally working with two chapters in Hampton Roads currently; and one of them is the Rho Xi chapter. She is

requesting that the membership send names. She has heard from two chapters concerning Rush plans to date. She presented Betsy Wood, a new pledge who is the daughter of Beverly Scott, with her "Gardening Angel" and seed pack. Mildred announced that each chapter who starts a new one will receive a sticker that says "Bloom & Grow."\*\*

**RECORDING SECRETARY--Gaynell Harless**

Gaynell apologized for the delay in sending out the June Council Minutes because of equipment problems and working out after-hours arrangements with her office.

Gaynell also reported that a correction needs to be made in the minutes concerning the first-place winner of the Dot Harcum State Project Award at State Convention. "Beta Kappa-Roanoke" was listed, but it should have been "Delta Kappa-Roanoke." Also, Woody Cason was named the winner of the men's division for the Association of the Arts, but this should have been Fred Woody.\*\*

**CORRESPONDING SECRETARY--Marjorie Harmon**

Marjorie has completed and distributed the yearbooks. To purchase a notebook and contents, it costs \$5.00; contents only is \$2.50. Let her know if there are any errors or corrections, so they may be noted in the next "Footprints." She requested that chapter yearbooks should be left with her today.\*\*

**TREASURER--Marie LaDuke**

She has received first-half dues from 14 chapters. For those chapters who have not paid as of Friday, September 29, reminders were placed in the chapter folders; or a receipt was placed in the chapter folders if dues have been paid. Funds have been disbursed as directed by the President. An article was submitted to the Fall Lamplighter.\*\*

**PARLIAMENTARIAN--Michele Hanna**

Michele asked those who have questions or problems pertaining to parliamentary procedure, bylaws, etc., to let her know.

President Fran also stated if anyone has any suggestions for revisions, and she knows there will be at least one person submitting a change, to let it be known for consideration.

**JUNIOR PAST PRESIDENT--Gayle Meeks**

Gayle reported that she has submitted one \$2,000.00 claim to the I.C. Disaster Fund Chairman. She asked the chapters to send in a check for the Disaster Fund. To date, she has received a total of \$123.75 from two chapters.\*\*

## REPORTS OF THE APPOINTED OFFICERS (THE SANDPIPERS)

### **EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR--Carol Campbell**

First of all, Carol corrected her name--she is not Carol Thompson! She reported about some of the educational reports that she has already received this year. She reminded all Educational Directors to be aware of the deadline, as two did arrive late.\*\*

### **AWARDS DIRECTOR--Elaine Prillaman**

Elaine reminded everyone to send in their reports on time. Anyone needing assistance with deadlines or where to look for what reports, please call her; and she will be glad to help. Each chapter counts.\*\*

### **CHAPLAIN--Sharon Shaffer**

Sharon asked everyone to imagine someone who has different situations of need, excitement, joy, pain, etc. She reminded the membership that our VSC sisters can fit into any of the situations she named and to please send cards or notes. She received many lovely notes during the summer and expressed her appreciation. Let her know of any events or occasions that she needs to acknowledge.\*\*

### **CIRCLE OF LIFE COORDINATOR--Jean Bowman**

Jean mentioned about the newest program introduced the day prior at the Leadership Conference called the "Yes I Can-A-Thon" for St. Jude. This program was presented by B.J. Clark from I.C. Headquarters, and Jean explained that it is designed to assist us in making positive changes in our personal lives while we raise money for the St. Jude kids. Forms were placed in the chapter folders to explain about the program.

Beta Delta of Roanoke has booked the first St. Jude event of the year. Event forms have been placed in the chapter folders. Jean requested that chapter Circle of Life Coordinators let her know if any special materials are needed for their events. She reminded the Coordinators that she needs a copy of the event form, as this is the only method she has of knowing about the events. She would like to be able to attend some of the events during the year.

Theresa Seay assisted Jean in presenting certificates and plaques to chapters and individuals who did not receive theirs at I.C. Convention. See attached list.

Jean has St. Jude folders for those who need them. She also asked the membership to look at her poster board with pictures from her trip to St. Jude.

Also, in keeping with last year's I.C. President's theme, "Kathy's Clowns," Theresa Seay reported that the numbers were shown on beach balls giving the St. Jude totals. Virginia was in the top ten with a total of \$110,881.00; the I.C. total was \$2,083,440.00. Jean and Theresa urged the membership to do this again next year.

The t-shirts with the animals will be sold again this year with Theresa chairing this project.\*\*

**1996 CONVENTION REPORT--Sue Foy**

Sue invited the membership to attend the "Mardi Gras" celebration at State Convention May 10, 11, and 12, 1996, at the Norfolk Airport Hilton, Military Highway & Northhampton Boulevard, Norfolk. Spring Council Meeting is set for March 23 at the same location. Sue encouraged all attendees to stay for lunch. More details will follow at the first of the year.\*\*

**ESA FOUNDATION COUNSELOR--P-Nut Schools**

P-nut reported that now is the time to start working on 1996 scholarship applications. Two copies of the complete, revised 1995-96 forms were placed in the chapter folders. Only the short form will be accepted, so discard all of the long forms.

A list of chapter and individual dues paid to date was placed in the chapter folders. If 5/31/95 is on the membership cards, dues must be paid by March 1 to be in good standing for I.C. Convention next July. Because of differing tax laws in each state, the allowable deduction has been deleted from the membership cards. The members were urged to consult with their tax advisor concerning what can be counted.

With reference to P-nut's clock, the day side has been filled up, but her battery needs recharging so she can start working on the night side. Theta Mu joined, and also individuals from Theta Mu, Eveleen Harrison and Donna Smith, joined, making three new members with only nine more to reach our goal and have someone win the watch that she purchased at I.C. in Denver.\*\*

**FINANCE DIRECTOR--Gail Elks**

Gail thanked her committee and thanked all of the chapters who brought items for the Chinese Auction. A total of 16 chapters participated with a total of \$228.00 received.

**HISTORIAN--Susan McCormack**

No report was given.

**LAMPLIGHTER EDITOR--**Flora Burns

Flora reported there are 131 subscriptions to this year's Lamplighter. She thanked those who sent information to be included in the Fall issue that was distributed yesterday at Leadership.

The next issue will be published in early January, and she requested information for that issue by December 20. She asked that everyone complete the 3x5 cards left on the chairs and leave with her as this meeting is adjourned.\*\*

**PHILANTHROPIC DIRECTOR--**Theresa Seay

Theresa reported that she sent out reminders for the summer philanthropic reports and wrote an article for The Lamplighter. She called Chapter Philanthropic chairmen to come forward to receive their special ruler as an official "**Thanks - What You Give Is Immeasurable**" (which was inscribed on the ruler).\*\*

**STATE PROJECT DIRECTOR--**Brenda Bowersox

Brenda reported that she was unable to attend the BRASS camp for Camp Fantastic on July 3rd, as she had to work. She will be sending out the forms to each chapter for setting their goal in the next couple of weeks, and the goal shall be published in the Winter Lamplighter. She thanked Wanda English of Delta Kappa for sending a note with their pledge to the goal without having received a form. Brenda mentioned that she would like to have the forms returned to her by Thanksgiving.

She has received several requests about doing Radio-Thons for Camp Fantastic and referred them to Laura Cain at Special Love to answer any questions. Laura is an ESA sister and is the Director of Special Love. She and Laura are going to try to formulate an outline of what to do to start a Radio-Thon. They require special paperwork in order to maintain their tax-exempt status. They do not have to attend, but it is very important that the paperwork be completed.

She has placed in the chapter folders copies of the Special Love newsletters. Laura Cain will send out the newsletters in the future.

Brenda also reported that it costs approximately \$8,600.00 for the Spring Weekend, which is the third weekend in April each year. The money has been coming out of the General Fund in order to cover the cost. We have not completely sponsored this weekend over the past couple of years, so Brenda is requesting that all chapters be mindful of this when setting their goal. Brenda plans to attend this next year and invited members to attend with her.\*\*

**PUBLICITY DIRECTOR--Jane Parrish**

Jane reported that she did submit an article to the Fall Lampighter, but somehow it was missed and did not get published. She did send to the Jonquil an article with a photo from State Convention of then-President Gayle Meeks and SERC Representative, Brenda West. This was for recognizing Virginia's reaching \$100,000 for St. Jude. The picture did make it to the Jonquil! She submitted a picture of Flora Burns with Mike Burns at I.C. Convention with the hopes that this will be published in the Jonquil to continue to promote Virginia.

Jane mentioned about her chapter, Alpha Omega, receiving publicity from the Northeastern Workshop because of their volunteering with them for 25 years. They received a philanthropic award and a plaque and were written up in the organization's newsletter, as well as the Workshop sending a letter to the editor of the local newspaper and an article to cover the event. This was mentioned to demonstrate publicity engendered by philanthropic endeavors.

Also, worthy of mention, Beta Kappa had a picture published in the Jonquil of their two new pledges.\*\*

**SCRAPBOOK KEEPER--Eveleen Harrison**

Eveleen reported that we were clearly reminded yesterday that a picture is worth a thousand words, as we witnessed the various hairstyles on BJ Clark! She pleaded with the chapters to send pictures as they are developed.\*\*

**SOCIAL DIRECTOR--Neda Duncan**

Neda has submitted an article to The Lampighter. She has heard from 13 chapters with 27 reports received. Not all summer reports were postmarked by the September 10 deadline. Reminded all chapter Social Directors of the importance of making the deadline by the 10th of the month.\*\*

**WORKSHOP COORDINATOR--Michelle Vance**

No report was given.

**LEADERSHIP REPORT--Margaret Schools**

Margaret reported that 100 were registered for the Leadership Conference and 91 attended. She thanked everyone for all of their positive comments. It was a pleasure putting the Conference together, and everything fell into place.\*\*

## REPORTS OF SPECIAL APPOINTEES

### **ASSOCIATION OF THE ARTS--Brenda Click**

Brenda issued a challenge to all members to make at least one item or submit some literature, poetry, short story, whatever. She also put forms for items to be registered in the chapter folders.

### **EASTER SEALS REPORT--Dorothy DeJong**

An article was prepared and submitted to The Lamplighter. There is also an order form included for the 1995 Precious Moments ornaments. She did point out that Gail did bring some back from I.C. Convention.\*\*

### **SERC PROJECT DIRECTOR--Lynne Rightmyer**

One of B.J.'s Robins informed Lynne that some chapters have not yet given their "ESA Test" to the membership. She urged chapters to give this test at their October meetings. The deadline for receiving funds is October 31.\*\*

### **PPA SPECIAL PROJECT--Vilma Graves**

Vilma reported on the PPA Special Project which is that of better explaining about the Outstanding Chapter Award, which is sponsored by the Past Presidents' Auxiliary, and it is the only award with a permanent trophy. She explained the entry form in detail and pointed out that various sections of the form may be delegated to different chairmen for completion. She reminded everyone that the award is judged on a percentage basis and not to wait until the last minute to send it in.\*\*

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Are you saying a Yeesss to your best for ESA? Have you been inviting prospective members to your meetings since last we met? I sincerely hope so. We have so much to offer and sharing would be the thing to do. You have heard the reports of your elected and appointed board. Are there questions? Do you have a better perspective of your overall goals? Are you enthusiastic toward your ESA work, or any work for that matter? Is there something we can help you with or a question you need answered. We may not be able to answer your question immediately, but we have a huge storehouse of people to ask, so don't hesitate to ask. Now, let's play a game of who's who. Please stand and look around you. Is there a sister whose name is not on the tip of your tongue? Okay, now's the time to meet her. Let's spend 5 minutes on this exercise, and I know you'll feel better. Just think--you now have a new name or several new sisters. It may take a few meetings to keep everyone straight, but think of the anticipation in meeting



someone new or maybe just put a name with a familiar face. Becoming more active in our state functions will make you more familiar with your sisters new and old.

Please make an effort to leave a footprint on the sands of time for ESA this year, and soon it will be a part of your routine. Each year is a challenge, and I challenge each of you to become more involved and to do your best to say Yeess to your best in ESA this and every year you remain a member. I assure you that being a member will mean more and your enthusiasm level will rise like the locks in a canal to float a boat. You took a vow when you became a member to serve to the best of your ability, so let's cut the burnout and start something new. You and only you can be the judge of your capacity for innovative and enthusiastic new ideas and the wherewithall to bring them into focus. In order to know the answer to this is to honestly try. Perhaps your involvement will bring added newness to the way you view your part in ESA. All ideas are welcome and your enthusiasm is what makes ESA tick, so start anew and become more involved, and keep making those footprints on the sands of time. Time is not running out on you, you may be running out on time. Think about it for just a little while, and then let's all do something positive every month or day in our lives. Thank you.

Fran then asked the members to share their upcoming projects for St. Jude or for any other charity/organization.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

President Fran Lanning and Jean Bowman handed out Agape' Awards from I.C. Convention to Alpha Tau, Alpha Chi, Flora Burns, Susan Elam, and Francine Barber.

Fran then presented the 1994-1995 Easter Seals Award from I.C. to Debbie Frazier, who was the Director last year. She also gave a folder to Dorothy DeJong for Easter Seals.

Theresa Seay was given a special round of applause for the wonderful job that she did last year as the Circle of Life Coordinator for St. Jude.

Flora Burns reported that The Lamplighters were distributed yesterday.

## NEW BUSINESS

### **NOMINATION FOR I.C. OFFICE**

Beverley Wright, Beta Omicron, on behalf of the Past Presidents' Auxiliary, nominated Flora Burns for the office of I.C. office of her choosing. Flora announced that her first choice is for Recording Secretary, and her second choice is for Parliamentarian. The motion was made and it carried.

### **NOMINATION FOR SERC OFFICE**

Marje Harmon read the candidates running for SERC office. Beverley Wright moved that the voting be left to the discretion of the delegates in attendance with the exception of Lisa Files, who is Virginia's candidate for First Vice President. The motion carried.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. SERC Conference "First in Flight and Then Some" at North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh, North Carolina, November 3-4. Registration forms are still available.
2. Pick up and sign for your chapter's folder. If there is a chapter not here that is near you, please pick up and sign for it to help save on our postage.
3. The next issue of "Footnotes" will be printed following SERC Convention. Please send me any items you wish included by November 15.
4. Chinese Auction will be held immediately following the close of this meeting.
5. Our I.C. Representative to our Convention on May 10, 11, 12, 1996, at the Airport Hilton, Norfolk, will be Virginia Clagett, I.C. Second Vice President, whose address is 3044 Cannon Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85028-3837. Please drop Virginia a note and let her know we welcome her visit in the Spring. Our SERC Rep will be announced after SERC.
6. Regrettably, another ESA sister has passed away. Lisa Kolstad died on September 18, 1995. She was a Past I.C. President (1985-1986). I had the pleasure of serving with Lisa and Joan Bourn on the St. Jude Walkathon checkpoint at I.C. Convention. We cheered the walkers on. Lisa will be one of

those smiling faces who will be sorely missed at our yearly gathering. Please drop a card to her husband, John, and let him know we are thinking of their family. The address is 2213 Ming Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93304.

7. The Spring Council Meeting will be held at the Airport Hilton on March 23, 1996.

It is of note that our other sisters to be remembered with cards or notes are Dot Harcum, Myrna Bowen, Liz Smith, Lisa & Brian Masincup, Lois Bawsel, etc. Sharon Shaffer pointed out that a list of those who need remembrance shall be printed in The Lamplighters.

Also, Lucy Davis is doing better and is on a cruise; Dot Brown is back at work.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. All members rose and joined hands and recited the Closing Ritual.

\*\*Reports in their entirety are not included. The complete reports are on file with the Recording Secretary.

Gaynell A. Harless 10/24/95  
Gaynell Harless Date

Beverly M. Wright 10/24/95  
Beverly Wright Date

Marjorie Rushford 10/23/95  
Marjorie Rushford Date

**ALSAC "THANK YOU, ESA" AWARDS**

(To be presented by the State Coordinator to the qualifying Chapters/Event Chairmen at the first possible State or Council Meeting held after receipt of awards. For raising more than \$2,500, Chairmen receive plaques and Chapters receive certificates.)

<b><u>Award</u></b>	<b><u>Chapter/Chairmen</u></b>	<b><u>Chapter/Chairmen</u></b>	<b><u>Chapter/Chairmen</u></b>
Honor Award Certificate \$500-\$1,000	Alpha Xi #1610 Radiothon Norfolk, VA		
Distinguished Service Award Certificate \$1,001-\$2,500	Alpha Epsilon <del>#XXXX</del> #3548 Radiothon Norfolk, VA		
Outstanding Service Award \$2,501-\$5,000	Beta Kappa #3721 Theta Lambda #5092 Radiothon Norfolk, VA	Alpha Tau #2046 Sandra West Chair Baby Photo Contest Richmond, VA	
Exemplary Service Award \$5,001-\$7,500 (plaque)	Flora Burns <del>XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX</del> Norfolk Radiothon Virginia		
In Grateful Appreciation Award \$7,501-\$10,000	Betty Allen Alpha Chi #2055 Math-a-thon Stuarts Draft, VA Augusta County		