

**Virginia State Council  
Epsilon Sigma Alpha International  
53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention  
Saturday, May 20, 2006**

**1<sup>st</sup> General Assembly**

The 53<sup>rd</sup> annual Convention of the Virginia State Council was called to order at 9:45 at the Stonewall Jackson Hotel in Staunton, Virginia. Voting delegates were issued index cards to use as their vote indicators. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Cindy Maxwell, introduced Lynne Rightmyer, VSC President. Lynne then declared the convention of the Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International in session.

**Flag Presentation-** Flora Burns, former IC President, conducted the opening flag ceremony.

**Opening Ritual:** All members stood to recite the Opening Ritual.

**Chaplain's Message:** Bev Scott gave a wonderful presentation about the colors of the rainbow followed by a lovely prayer.

**Introduction of Convention Chairs:** Debbie Frazier and Beverley Wright were introduced by Lynne Rightmyer as our convention chairmen. Beverley welcomed everyone to Staunton and introduced our speaker, Rita Wilson, Council Woman from Staunton. Rita spoke about Staunton's growth over the years and pointed out many highlights of local tourism.

**Response to Welcome:** Cindy Maxwell thanked Rita for speaking and presented her with a gift of appreciation.

**Recognitions:** Lynne introduced the head table and had each lady stand as their name was called. Lois Soileau was our representative from SERC. She is our SERC Parliamentarian. Lynne continued by introducing the General Board and having them stand. She thanked them for accepting the challenge and doing a great job this year. As the Past Virginia State Presidents were introduced, Lynne had them stand and tell the assembly how long they have been members of ESA. After the number of years were tallied, we had a total of 704 years of ESA experience, Next, the 2005-2006 Chapter Presidents were recognized. Grier Wiseman of Alpha Omicron, was recognized as the new Blue Ridge District Council president. Lisa Files, the former Blue Ridge District Council president was absent due to surgery.

Recognitions continued with guests and first time convention attendees. Lynne had the membership stand and be recognized for the number of VSC Conventions they had attended. June Mitchell attended the most with 52 conventions. Wow!

Special recognition was given to Alpha Xi, Norfolk. They have been serving ESA for 55 years. The membership sang "Happy Birthday" to the ladies of Alpha Xi.

1<sup>st</sup> Pearl recipients and ladies who have earned their 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> degrees of Pallas Athene this year were also recognized.

A surprise recognition was made with the announcement of our newest chapter, Kappa Pi. Kappa Pi is a sister chapter of Beta Tau and chartered with four members.

**Correspondence:** Marie LaDuke received letters of absence and best wishes from:

Vilma Graves  
Lisa Files  
Sharron Shaffer  
B.J.Clark  
Judy King

**Credentials Report:** Millie Simmons reported the following:

Chapters on Roll	21
Chapters Represented	19
Members Present	89
Officers Present	7
DESA's	1
Guests	9 + 2 guest speakers
MALs	2
Votes—Officers	7
Votes—Delegates	21
Total Votes	28

**A quorum was declared.**

**Rules of Convention:** Nicole Lewis, VSC Parliamentarian, moved that the Rules of Convention as printed in the Convention Brochure be adopted. Since this came from the Executive Board, no second was required and the motion was carried.

**Financial Report:** The following financial report was given by Ginger Yopp:

**Balance on Hand March 25, 2006**                      **\$2,960.02**

**Deposits**

03/28/06 – Chapter Dues -	\$126.00
Chinese Auction	\$261.00
04/19/06- Chapter Dues-2 <sup>nd</sup> Half	\$266.00
04/25/06- Chapter Dues-2 <sup>nd</sup> Half	\$ 91.00
04/28/06- Chapter Dues-2 <sup>nd</sup> Half	\$ 56.00
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$800.00</b>

**Disbursements**

Ck # 1011- 03/25/06 – Lynne Rightmyer	
Printing	\$ 11.81
CK # 1012 –03/25/06/VSC 2006 Convention	
Registration-Full President	
and ½ 7 Officers	\$495.00



**Election of 2006-2007 Officers:** Lynne asked for nominations from the floor for each office with the exception of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and Corresponding Secretary but none were offered. Since there were no nominations from the floor and only one name for each position on the ballot, Lynne moved that we accept the slate of officers by acclamation. The motion was carried and the officers for 2006-2007 were elected by acclamation.

**State Project 2006-2008 Vote:** It was proposed to continue to have ASK and Special Love as our state projects for the years 2006-2008. Lynne moved that these projects be accepted by general consent. Nicole Lewis seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

**State Project Update:** Jean Bowman-Mullikin introduced Tom Baker, the Founder of Special Love. Tom told his story of how Special Love began and how it has grown over the years. Special Love provides emotional, spiritual and financial support for children with cancer and their families.

**ASK:** Ann Cuomo, executive director of ASK was not able to attend our convention because of a big fundraiser. Beth Sherron read a letter from her instead. The following is a brief description of Ann's letter.

Since last year ASK has made progress in the following areas:

- They have hired a part time development director, Amy Godkin, who has written and received grants totaling over \$60,000.
- They have also hired a part time support group coordinator to oversee the Family to Family program that connects newly diagnosed children and their families with more experienced families.
- After 2 years in the planning and development stage, they are nearing the completion of a data base that will help with communications and fundraising.
- They have held several well attended social events for their families.
- They held their first Leadership Reception at the home of former First Lady, Roxane Gilmore. This kicked off the new Advisory Board which will compliment the regular board with community leaders interested in assisting ASK in long range projects.
- The clinic plans to add a much needed psychologist to compliment the medical team.
- A new neuro-oncologist has been added to work primarily with children with brain tumors.
- The first annual ASK Walk...Step Out for Kids with Cancer was held on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Some Richmond area members were able to help with a kiosk at Short Pump to help get the information out to the community about the walk.
- A note to those who remember the video shown last year...Tiffany was honored by the Richmond area chapters with the ESA Outstanding Youth award and will be graduating from high school in June and attending VCU in the fall.
- Chaplain Jim Bonamo was honored with the Zeus award.

You can check out the happenings at ASK by going to [www.askweb.org](http://www.askweb.org).

**State Project Totals:** Jean reported a total of 444 hours and \$6060.00 as of today. She also said that we had 100% of the chapters participating (2 ESA members made donations in the name of chapters and 1 District Council). This means \$3030.00 will be forwarded to each project after being issued through the ESA Foundation. She said this was \$670.00 less than we raised last year and she said she could still take donations

throughout the weekend. Jean thanked Beta Kappa for their generous contribution of another \$500.00 after the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. They decided that it was more important to help the children than worry about winning an award.

**Easter Seals Update:** Gaynelle reported that we raised \$1,692 and totaled 241.50 hours for Easter Seals. She introduced Maryann Horch and Tristan Roberson from Easter Seals. They presented a video on Easter Seals/Camp Easter Seals. It was a very educational video on their work with children with disabilities and the support provided by Easter Seals. We learned about “Project Success” for students in schools. We also learned that money raised for Virginia Easter Seals stays in the state of Virginia.

**Disaster Fund Update:** Beth Sherron reported that 17 chapters donated a total of \$5,911.51 to the Disaster Fund this year.

**Philanthropic Update:** Lisa Hale reported that we raised \$676,708.41 with a total of 13,683 hours. Twenty chapters participated in philanthropic events this year.

**SERC Message:** Lois Soileau from Louisiana brought the membership news from SERC. The 2006 SERC Conference will be held in Springdale, Arkansas from November 3<sup>rd</sup> through the 4<sup>th</sup>. The deadline to register is October 5, 2006. Be sure to mention ESA when you make your reservations at the Holiday Inn in Springdale.

**SERC Project Drawing:** Kay Swisher drew the winning ticket for the earring and necklace set. The winner was Lisa Files. Kay then presented \$251.40 to Lois Soileau for the SERC.

**IC Video Message/IC Convention:** We viewed a video message from our IC president and got a “tour” of the Spa/Resort where IC will be held this coming July.

The 1<sup>st</sup> General Assembly ended at 12:00 P.M.

## **Second General Assembly**

The Second General Assembly was called to order at approximately 2:15.

### **Unfinished Business:**

**Presentation of Scrapbook:** Sara Carr presented Beth Sherron with a beautiful scrapbook from her year as VSC President.

**New Business:** Marie LaDuke presented Lynne Rightmyer with a gift from the Executive Board, Appointed Board, and the Past Presidents Association.

**Announcements:** Lynne Rightmyer made the following announcements:

Rehearsal for the installation of officers will be held in Salon C beginning at 3:30 P.M

Doors to the ballroom will open for seating at 5:30 P.M. and close promptly at 6:30 P.M. No picture taking will be allowed until the end of the installation ceremony.

Silent auction items will be on display in the ballroom beginning at 5:30 P.M.

The Memorial Service will take place in Salon A Sunday morning from 8:00-8:30.

The Meet and Greet the 2006-2007 VSC Officers will be in Salon C on Sunday morning prior to the "Queen Victoria's Brunch" from 8:45-9:00 A.M.

The Second General Assembly was recessed until Sunday morning at 9:00 A.M.

### **Third General Assembly**

**Welcome:** Debbie Frazier welcomed everyone to Convention.

**Invocation:** Bev Scott gave a beautiful prayer.

**Call to Order:** The Third General Assembly was called to order at 9:45 A.M.

**Introductions:** The Old/New Executive Boards were introduced. Cindy Maxwell also acknowledged the upcoming 2006-2007 Appointed Board.

**Registration Report:** Betty Allen gave the following Convention registration report:

Women	89
Men	26 + 2 partials
Guests	7
DESAs	1
MALs	2
Total	127

Mixer	114
Luncheon	90
Banquet	120
Brunch	91
Total	415

Betty also reported that the Silent Auction raised \$2,319.00.

**Awards:** Awards Chairman Susan Caldwell took over the awards portion of the meeting. The following awards were presented during Convention:

#### **VSC CONVENTION AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**MAY 19-21, 2006**

**STAUNTON, VIRGINIA**

**Association of the Arts – Best in Show**

**Distinguished Athenian**

**No contest held**

**Circle of Life – Flora Burns**

1. Alpha Xi – Norfolk
2. Beta Sigma-Richmond
3. Alpha Chi--Waynesboro

**Educational – Barbara Midkiff**

1. Sigma Lambda--Roanoke
2. Beta Delta--Roanoke
3. Beta Tau-Woodbridge

**Mileage – Nancy Reece**

1. Beta Kappa—Virginia Beach
2. Beta Sigma--Richmond
3. Beta Tau--Woodbridge

**Outstanding Chapter – PPA**

1. Alpha Chi--Waynesboro
2. Delta Kappa--Roanoke
3. Beta Delta--Roanoke

**Philanthropic Monies – Dot Brown**

1. Alpha Xi – Norfolk
2. Beta Kappa—Virginia Beach
3. Beta Sigma--Richmond

**VSC Rushing**

1. Delta Sigma--Manassas
2. Beta Tau--Woodbridge
3. Alpha Chi--Waynesboro

**State Project – Dot Harcum**

1. Delta Kappa – Roanoke
2. Beta Delta--Roanoke
3. Alpha Chi--Waynesboro

**Educational Gold Link Winners**

Alpha Chi, Alpha Tau, Alpha Xi, Beta Delta, Beta Omicron, Beta Sigma, Beta Tau, Delta Kappa, Delta Sigma, Sigma Lambda, Theta Lambda

**Special Presentation's**

\*Lynne Rightmyer introduced Wanda English as the 2006-2007 Parliamentarian. She was missed during the prior introductions.

Stephanie Hess, Sigma Lambda--Roanoke

**Easter Seals – Fran Lanning**

1. Sigma Lambda--Roanoke
2. Beta Sigma--Richmond
3. Beta Omicron--Staunton

**History – Betty Allen**

1. Beta Delta – Roanoke
2. Beta Omicron--Staunton
3. Alpha Omega – Winchester

**Outstanding Chapter President Leadership – Lucy Davis**

1. Betty Allen—Alpha Chi
2. Bev Scott—Sigma Lambda
3. Flora Burns—Beta Kappa

**Philanthropic Hours – Beverley Wright**

1. Alpha Delta – Richmond
2. Beta Sigma--Richmond
3. Alpha Tau--Richmond

**Publicity – Sandy Reed**

1. Alpha Chi--Waynesboro
2. Beta Tau--Woodbridge

**Social – Lisa Files**

1. Sigma Lambda--Roanoke
2. Beta Sigma--Richmond
3. Delta Kappa--Roanoke

**VSC Yearbook**

1. Beta Delta--Roanoke
2. Alpha Chi—Waynesboro (Tie)
2. Beta Tau--Woodbridge
3. Beta Sigma--Richmond

**Gift to SERC Representative:** Lois Soileau was presented with a gift from the VSC to say “Thank You” for attending our Convention.

**Gifts to Convention Co-Chairs:** Beverley Wright and Debbie Frazier were presented gifts for their hard work in organizing our Convention. Beverley thanked the Blue Ridge District Council Chapters for their hard work and support. Those chapters consist of Alpha Chi, Beta Omicron, and Alpha Omicron.

**Report of the Courtesy Committee:** Nancy Kreye and Sue Danielson did a great job capturing the “highlights” of Convention.

**Dismissal of Appointments:** Lynne Rightmyer dismissed all appointments for the 2005-2006 sorority year with the exception of the Audit Committee and the Committee to Approve the Minutes of the Convention. These committees will be dismissed at a later date.

**Closing Remarks:** Lynne gave a beautiful speech about her memories of her grandmother and the importance of the “little things” in life She also told a cute bear story.

**Presentation of the Gavel:** Lynne presented the gavel to Cindy Maxwell, VSC President for 2006-2007. This was followed by the lowering of Lynne’s gavel by Marie LaDuke and the raising of Cindy’s gavel by Barbara Smith. Cindy was then presented with the Full Crown Pin and the Ceremonial Bowls. Afterward, Cindy gave a lovely acceptance speech.

**Induction into the PPAs:** Brenda Orebaugh inducted Lynne Rightmyer into the Past Presidents Association and she was welcomed by those PPAs in attendance.

**Retirement of the Flags:** Flora Burns conducted the Retirement of the Flags ceremony.

**Announcements:** Cindy Maxwell made the following announcements:

Thank you to the hard-working hotel staff for a memorable event.

If you have expense vouchers, please submit them to Ginger Yopp today if you wish to be reimbursed.

The VSC Summer meeting will be held on June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Garden Inn in Virginia Beach. Registration and refreshments will be from 9:00 A.M. until 10:00 with the meeting beginning at 10:00.

If you are attending IC Convention in Palm Desert, California and are due to receive a service pin of 25 years or more, please let Cindy or Lynne know today. They will be giving certificates only to those in attendance. The service must be 25 years or more and in five year increments.



Marie would like you to pick up your yearbooks today.

There will be a Budget meeting after the close of Convention.

Since there was no further business to come before the assembly the 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International was adjourned at 11:10 A.M., with all joining hands for the Closing Ritual.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheen Campbell Childress  
VSC Recording Secretary

Approved:	Shelby Hodges	Date: June 27,2006
Approved:	Lynne Rightmyer	Date: June 30, 2006
Approved:	Nancy Reece	Date: July 7, 2006