

**Minutes – 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention  
Virginia State Council  
Epsilon Sigma Alpha International  
May 20-22, 2016  
Holiday Inn at Tanglewood  
Roanoke, VA**

**First General Assembly**

**Call to Order:**

The 63<sup>rd</sup> annual Convention of the Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International was called to order at 10:00 AM on Saturday, May 21, 2016 by VSC 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Susan Caldwell, at the Holiday Inn at Tanglewood in Roanoke, Virginia.

VSC President Kathy Gibbons then declared the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha in session. Kathy noted that all voting delegates should have a color index card for voting purposes.

**Flag Ceremony:**

Kim asked each chapter President to carry a red rose and place it in the vase at the head table.

ESA International Council Treasurer, Kim Kummer, then conducted the opening Flag Ceremony. Kathy thanked Kim for representing IC at our convention and a beautiful flag ceremony.

**Opening Ritual:**

All members stood and joined hands to recite the Opening Ritual.

**Chaplain's Message:**

Theresa Morris presented the chaplain's message and then led the members in prayer. Kathy thanked Theresa for her message and for accepting the responsibility. Theresa has done a wonderful job. Kathy presented Theresa with a small gift of appreciation for keeping everyone so informed about our ESA sisters all year.

**Introduction of Convention Co-Chairs:**

Kathy introduced the Convention Co-chairs, Bev Scott and Stephanie Hess, and noted their tireless work to make the weekend special.

**Welcome:**

Bev and Stephanie welcomed everyone to the Roanoke area.

Bev thanked Sue Stone for her help and asked that all Roanoke chapter members in attendance stand and be recognized for their efforts. Kathy Gibbons then thanked Bev, Stephanie and all the Roanoke members.

**Recognitions:**

Kathy recognized the following:

- Executive Board, Kathy’s White Doves
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Susan Caldwell
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Eveleen Harrison
  - Recording Secretary, Lou Ann Wyer
  - Corresponding Secretary, Judy Williams
  - Treasurer, Barbara Smith, represented by Sue Foy
  - Parliamentarian, Deborah Langfitt
  - Jr Past President, Suzanne Smith
- General and Appointed Board, Kathy’s Rose Buds
- Past Presidents, Kathy’s Diamond Doves. All past presidents stated their names and the year(s) they presided.
- 2015-2016 Chapter Presidents, Kathy’s Rose Gardens. Chapter presidents introduced themselves.
- Kathy asked for guests to stand and be introduced. Carol Campbell introduced the ALSAC representatives. Doris Hood and Pat Buck introduced their sisters.
- Kathy asked for first time convention goers to stand and be introduced.
  - Leslie Bowen from Alpha Chi
  - Nancy Clemons from Sigma Chi
- Kathy asked for those who have received their first pearl this to stand and be recognized. Leslie Bowen from Alpha Chi was recognized.
- Kathy asked that all members who have attended past conventions to stand. As the number of conventions attended increased, members sat down until only Mildred Edwards was standing at 54 years of convention attended!!
- Kathy recognized all members who have received their Pallas Athene Degrees, 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations on your achievements!
- Kathy asked for any ELANs present to stand and be introduced. None present.

**Correspondence:**

Judy Williams read a letter from Charlotte Carloni, ESA Executive Director. She offered her best wishes to the Virginia members and thanked them for all their efforts in reaching the cumulative \$200 million to St Jude this year!

**Credentials Report:**

		MALs Present	1
		Guests Present	<u>4</u>
		<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>86</b>
Sue Danielson gave report.			
Attendance:		Votes:	
Chapters on Roll	17	VSC Officer Votes	6
Chapters Present	17	Delegate Votes	23
VSC Officers Present	7	Proxy Votes	<u>0</u>
Members Present	74	<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>29</b>
Elans Present	0		

Full report on file.

Kathy thanked the Credentials committee for their work this past year.

**Quorum Declaration:**

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

**Rules of Convention:**

Deborah Langfitt, VSC Parliamentarian, moved that the Rules of Convention as printed on page 17 of the Convention Brochure, be adopted. Kathy indicated that coming from the Executive Board no second is required. After calling for discussion, Kathy brought the vote to the floor and the motion was carried.

**Financial Report:**

The report was given by Judy Williams, in Barb Smith's absence.

Checking:

Beginning balance 3/4/16:	\$1771.62
Deposits:	\$1760.51
Disbursements:	\$1840.71
Ending Balance:	\$1691.42

Savings:

Beginning Balance:	\$4726.64
Deposits, interest:	\$ .12
Disbursements:	\$ .00
Ending Balance:	\$4726.76

Full report on file.

No questions from the membership were brought forward, so the report will be filed for review.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Carol Campbell gave the report for the minutes of the 2016 Spring Council meeting. All minutes were reviewed by Millie Simmons and Carol Campbell and approved as revised. The Recording Secretary distributed the minutes via email. Kathy thanked the committee and then dismissed them.

**Appointment of Special Committee:**

According to Article VI, Section 6 of the VSC Bylaws the appointment of tellers is not required.

Kathy named the 2016 Convention Minutes Approval Committee: Diane McLane, Margaret Schools, and Kathy Gibbons.

**Timekeeper:**

Kathy named the timekeeper: Deborah Langfitt

**2017 VSC Convention Bid:**

Suzanne Smith of Delta Sigma reported 2017 VSC Convention:

Date: May 19 – May 21, 2017  
Location: Hampton Inn Conference Center in Winchester, VA  
Room Rate is \$94  
Hosts: Alpha Omega and Delta Rho  
Theme: Up, Up and Away with ESA

In accordance with Article VIII, Section 2 of the VSC Bylaws, if only one bid is submitted, voting may be by general consent. With no objections, the 2017 VSC Convention will be held in Winchester, VA.

**2018 Convention Courtesy Bid:**

Suzanne reported that the Alpha Chi chapter from Waynesboro submitted a courtesy bid for the 2018 VSC Convention in Waynesboro, VA.

**Introduction of 2016-2017 Candidates:**

Susan Caldwell, First Vice President, presented the following candidates for the 2016-2017 VSC year and gifted each with a corsage:

First Vice President: Eveleen Harrison  
Second Vice President: Barbara Smith  
Recording Secretary: Deborah Langfitt  
Corresponding Secretary: Marie LaDuke  
Treasurer: Lou Ann Wyer  
Parliamentarian: Diane McLane  
Jr Past President: Kathy Gibbons  
President: Susan Caldwell

**Elections of 2016-2017 Officers:**

President Kathy Gibbons asked for nominations from the floor with the exception of First Vice President and Corresponding Secretary. Two minutes were allowed for any candidate to be nominated in order that qualifications could be presented. No nominations were offered. Since there was only one name for each position on the ballot, Susan moved that we accept the slate of officers by acclamation. No discussion was brought forward. Susan brought the vote to the floor, the motion was carried, and the officers for 2016-2017 were elected by acclamation.

**St.Jude Presentation:**

Carol Campbell introduced Jacey Bender and Libby Hurley from ALSAC in Norfolk. They gave a presentation and thanked ESA for their contributions of \$200 million since 1972.

**Message from SERC Representative:**

Lynda Edwards, SERC President, gave an update on her activities and travels. There will be an SERC meeting at IC. There are SERC positions available and Lynda urged anyone interested to step up.

**Announcements:**

None

Recess was called at 11:34 for PPA President’s Luncheon, Appalachian Folklore, hosted by Beta Delta.

**Awards and Recognitions**

**PPA Outstanding Chapter**

1. Beta Tau
2. Beta Sigma
3. Theta Mu

**Educational Gold Link**

Jamie Hafer	Alpha Chi
Jayne Craig	Alpha Omega
Pat Hoover	Beta Tau
Alice Hudson	Delta Rho
Eveleen Harrison	Theta Mu
Bev Scott	Zeta Nu

**Rushing**

No entries submitted

**Yearbook**

No judging done this year

**Distinguished Athenian**

Alice Hudson	Delta Rho
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**1<sup>st</sup> Pearl**

Leslie Bowen	Alpha Chi
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**Pallas Athene**

1 <sup>st</sup> Degree	Deborah Langfitt	Delta Rho
2 <sup>nd</sup> Degree	Lauren Hewitt	Alpha Chi

**Service Awards**

Members were honored for their milestone anniversaries with ESA. Together these members represent 335 years of service. Awardees received certificates and pictures were taken.

**5 years:**

Sue Graham	Alpha Chi
Gail Kercheval	Alpha Omega
Barbara Bell	Delta Rho
Jenny Brunelle	Delta Rho

**10 years:**

Sharon Davis	Beta Sigma
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**35 years:**

Nan Keckley	Alpha Omega
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**40 years:**

Faye Campbell	Delta Rho
Peggy Thompson	Delta Rho

**45 years:**

Betsy Whitehead	Alpha Omega
Margaret Schools	Beta Sigma

**50 years:**

Emily Wagner	Alpha Chi
Joan Dodson	Alpha Omega

**Member of the Year:**

Leslie Bowen	Alpha Chi
Marie LaDuke	Beta Sigma
Doris Hood	Beta Tau
Alice Hudson	Delta Rho
Eveleen Harrison	Theta Mu

Alpha Chi requested that a "Sweetheart" be awarded to Jamie Hafer, as selected by their chapter members.

## Association of the Arts Winners

**Poetry:**

1. Thomas Stone
2. Marian Rogers
3. Eveleen Harrison

**Short Stories:**

1. Eveleen Harrison
2. Flora Burns

**Quilting:**

1. Joanie Eubanks

**Fine Arts Painting:**

1. Jo Reedy

**Folk Art:**

1. Corinne Matthies

**Wearable Art:**

1. Theresa Morris

**Unfinished Masterpieces:**

1. Judi Briggs

**Holiday Art:**

1. Diane McLane

**Photography:**

1. Flora Burns

**Best in Show:**

1. Joanie Eubanks

## Second General Assembly

### Call to Order:

Kathy Gibbons called the second general assembly back to order at 2:16PM.

### Philanthropic Project Updates:

#### VSC State Project:

Judi Darden introduced Britt Nelson from ASK and Chris Thomas from Special Love/Camp Fantastic. Both representatives gave very powerful presentations. VSC had 12 of 17 chapters participating and will donate \$1795.50 to each organization this year. Theta Mu nominated ASK and Special Love as the VSC projects with monies being split equally between the two organizations.

A motion was placed and seconded. The motion was carried to continue these projects for the next year.

#### Easter Seals, presented by Lynn Keffer:

<b>Total Monies:</b>	<b>\$440.00</b>
<b>Chapters Participating:</b>	<b>7/17</b>
<b>Total Hours:</b>	<b>Will be announced in the next Lamplighter</b>

#### Disaster Fund, presented by Suzanne Smith

<b>Total Monies:</b>	<b>\$1613.30</b>
<b>Chapters Participating:</b>	<b>15/17</b>

#### St. Jude for ESA, presented by Carol Campbell

<b>Chapters Participating:</b>	<b>17/17</b>
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Carol reminded everyone to purchase books from author Kathy Brown. Share them with hospitals, clinics, pediatrician offices and your families.

#### Philanthropic Report, presented by Sandy Reed

<b>Total Monies:</b>	<b>\$1,264,200.14</b>
<b>Value of goods:</b>	<b>\$ 772,268.31</b>
<b>Value of miles:</b>	<b>\$ 19,695.72</b>
<b>Cash:</b>	<b>\$ 442,236.11</b>
<b>Total Hours:</b>	<b>11,689</b>
<b>Total Mileage:</b>	<b>34,362</b>
<b>Chapters Participating:</b>	<b>14/17</b>

#### Presentation of Year Book:

Diane McLane presented Kathy with a book containing all of the 2015-2016 Lamplighter Issues.

**Message from IC Representative:**

Kathy introduced Kim Kummer, IC Treasurer, who gave a message from the International Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha. Kim shared her ESA story. She also came with a message from IC: ESA Love It or Dump It. A table discussion took place with members noting the things they like about IC Convention and those things that should be dumped. Items were turned in to Kim to report back to IC.

**Unfinished Business:**

Marie LaDuke and Brenda Orebaugh noted that the SERC Conference information was printed in the booklet. They are pleased with the participation thus far and encourage everyone to attend this conference. All forms can be found on the website.

**Amendment of Bylaws:**

The revised proposed bylaws were distributed after the spring meeting. They have been posted on the website and also printed in the Lamplighter.

Kathy and Deborah presented each proposed bylaw change.

1. Proposed Change to Section 2 increasing VSC dues to \$11.00 per member twice a year (October and April) to be in good standing.
  - a. Motion carried
2. Proposed Change to Article VI, Section 1, VSC Contests and Awards such that the owner of the trophy will make the decision to continue sponsoring the award and replace the trophy, or relinquish sponsorship.
  - a. Motion carried
3. Proposed Change to VSC Contests and Awards Special Rules such that the Yearbook Award will be eliminated due to low participation, possibly due to the lengthy and outdated requirements. Discussion supporting both viewpoints.
  - a. Motion carried
4. Proposed Change to Article XIII, Finance, Section 4. Change wording to remove specific amount for President's travel expenses. The amount allotted will be determined in the yearly budgets.
  - a. Motion carried
5. Proposed Change to Article XIII-Finance to remove the dollar amount for the President Elect. This will be reflected in the budget.
  - a. Motion carried
6. Proposed Change to Article XII-Appointed officers and standing committees, Section 2b to remove the words MESAs and DESAs and add "all" prior to members.
  - a. Motion carried
7. Proposed Change to Standing Rule Rushing Award to reword DESA to ELAN and add "all" prior to members.
  - a. Motion carried



8. Proposed Change to Article XIII-Finance, Section 12 to remove ESA Foundation since VSC became a Life Active member of the ESA Foundation in 2014 and no longer pay annual dues.
  - a. Motion carried

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Announcements:**

- Installation set up and rehearsal for the installation of officers held in the ballroom
- Doors to ballroom will open at 6PM and close promptly at 6:30PM. No pictures allowed until the end of the installation.
- Silent auction items will be on display in the ballroom at 6PM.
- The celebration of life will take place in the ballroom at 7:55AM.
- The receiving line for the 2016-2017 VSC Officers will be in the Ballroom from 8:00-8:30AM.

**Adjournment:**

The assembly adjourned at 4:15PM until Sunday morning.

## Third General Assembly

### Welcome:

Mindy Boyd welcomed the members and guests to the brunch, Sunrise on the Blue Ridge, hosted by Alpha Nu.

### Invocation:

Chaplain Theresa Morris gave the invocation.

### Call to Order:

The 3<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly was called to order on Sunday, May 22, 2016 by President Kathy Gibbons.

### Introductions:

Kathy Gibbons introduced the 2016-2017 VSC Executive Board and the 2015-2016 outgoing VSC Executive Board. Warm welcomes and introductions were also given for Kim Kummer, IC Treasurer and Lynda Edwards, SERC President.

### Registration Report:

Sue Stone presented the convention registration report.

Members	81	Mixer	82
Men	16	Luncheon	75
Guests	4	Banquet	108
MAL's	1	Brunch	73
Total Registration for VSC Convention:			108

### Awards:

Awards Chair Pat Holtsclaw presented the awards portion of the meeting. A list of the winners is on file.

## 2016 Virginia State Council Award Recipients

### **State Project – Theresa Morris**

1. Delta Kappa
2. Beta Sigma
3. Alpha Delta

### **Easter Seals – Fran Lanning**

1. Delta Kappa
2. Sigma Chi
3. Beta Sigma

### **Social – Lisa Files**

1. Theta Mu
2. Beta Tau
3. Zeta Nu

### **History – Betty Allen**

1. Alpha Chi
2. Alpha Omega
3. Beta Tau

### **Philanthropic Hours – Beverly Wright**

1. Alpha Nu
2. Beta Kappa
3. Delta Kappa

### **Philanthropic Money – Dot Brown**

1. Alpha Xi
2. Beta Kappa
3. Alpha Nu

### **Mileage – Nancy Reese**

1. Alpha Xi
2. Beta Sigma
3. Beta Tau

### **Educational – Barbara Midkiff**

1. Theta Mu
2. Delta Rho & Zeta Nu
3. Beta Tau

### **Publicity – Sandy Reed**

1. Alpha Omega

### **Outstanding Chapter President – Lucy Davis**

1. Susan Caldwell
2. Sue Stone
3. Eveleen Harrison

### **ESA for St Jude – Flora Burns**

(\$747,896.24)

1. Alpha Xi
2. Beta Kappa
3. Beta Sigma & Alpha Delta

**Special Presentations:**

IC rep, Kim Kummer recognized Lauren Hewitt for her support of the ESA ideals and purpose. Congratulations!

President Kathy Gibbons presented gifts to Lynda Edwards and Kim Kummer.

Kathy Gibbons presented gifts to the convention co-chairs, Bev Scott and Stephanie Hess and thanked all who worked on organizing the convention.

Kathy recognized Sue Stone for the entertainment Saturday night.

Kathy reported that \$729.00 was raised for the silent auction.

**Dismissal of Appointments:**

Kathy dismissed all appointments for the 2015-2016 VSC year, with the exception of the Audit Committee and the Committee to Approve the Minutes of the VSC convention. These committees will be dismissed following completion of their duties.

**Closing Message:**

Kathy gave her closing message highlighting her years as VSC President:

*My theme this year is "Live Life's Dream." I had chosen a dove and red rose as my symbols. I believe everyone has dreams that haven't been fulfilled. Dreams can inspire you and create enthusiasm. A dove symbolizes hope, promise, loyalty, friendships, love, purity and affection. A red rose symbolizes deep love and affection. I believe this is an excellent representation of who ESA sorority members represent.*

*This has been an unusual year for me as president, an unprecedented one as far as any predecessor that I have had has experienced.*

*My term began with a beautiful installation ceremony conducted by Doris Hood and my Beta Tau sisters serving as my honor guard. It was very special and made more so because my family, my ESA sister Joann Rott from Oklahoma and several of our MAL Beta Tau sisters were able to attend and share it with me.*

*My year really seemed to begin when I attended the "Leadership Seminar" in Colorado last February. What a wonderful experience. New friendships and new ideas were made along with seeing old friends. The enthusiasm made us feel like we could accomplish anything.*

*I proudly represented Virginia at the IC Convention last July in Orlando, Florida and SERC at Little Rock, Arkansas in October. I was honored to represent Virginia in the flag ceremonies.*

*Flora Burns and Sue Foy worked very hard for a wonderful Leadership, but Mother Nature had different plans and it had to be cancelled.*

*I want to thank everyone who served on the executive and appointed boards, each chapter president and each member. I believe for the most part it has been a good year. The members have worked hard, and played hard.*

*This past year has been filled with so many wonderful experiences because I have been surrounded by all of you. Our organization is remarkable; that is, full of remarkable people doing remarkable things! You give of yourselves each and every day in the name of ESA.*

*I am honored that you chose me to lead the VSC this past year. Without you I could not have accomplished anything. Thank you for your trust and confidence. The lovely notes, and email expressing support and encouragement were very much appreciated.*

*I leave my office as President with one request, that in the future when members recollect past presidents and the years of their reign that sorority members will be able to reminisce with fondness and kindness and remember not the short comings of my presidency, but all the good that the Council has accomplished.*

*As the year of my Presidency winds down and is coming to a close, I can recall many fond memories of my ESA Sisters and Brother and am truly thankful for the support everyone has given me.*

*I would like to leave you with two wishes:*

***There is inside you all of the potential to be whatever you want to be:***

***All of the energy to do whatever you want to do.***

***Imagine yourself as you would like to be,***

***Doing what you want to do,***

***And each day, take one step towards your dream.***

***And though at times it may seem too difficult to continue,***

***Hold onto your dream.***

***One morning you will awake to find that you are the person you dreamed of,***

***Doing what you wanted to do,***

***Simply because you had the courage to believe in your potential***

***And hold on to your dream.***

***My personal wish for each of you is:***

***May you find life brighter,***

***As each year comes and goes.***

***With new happiness unfolding-***

***Like the petals of a rose.***

*Thank you for giving me the opportunity to “Live my Life’s Dream” serving as your Virginia State Council President. I wish Susan and her new board a very successful year.*

***Another year of our council has ended  
A year of yesterdays and tomorrows blended  
A new year is beginning...another new reign.  
So, as we look towards the future  
Let friendship and laughter be our ESA light.***

Judy Williams extended her thanks to Kathy and the Executive Board. The Executive Board presented Kathy with a gift card in appreciation of her leadership.

**Presentation of the Gavel:**

Kathy presented the gavel to Susan Caldwell, VSC President for 2016-2017.

**Raising and Lowering of Gavel pins:**

Judy Williams lowered Kathy’s gavel pin and Marie LaDuke raised Susan’s gavel pin.

**2016-2017 President’s Acceptance Speech:**

Susan delivered her acceptance speech as follows:

*Good Afternoon,*

*After Installation last evening, we lit sparklers, our symbolic sparks, as a beginning to my year as VSC President, and in remembrance of our beloved Kristine Williamson. With her sparking personality, she exemplified everything amazing about the Virginia State Council and ESA!*

*Won’t you join me in a moment of silence as we honor Kristine’s legacy?*

***You may wonder how I ended up being VSC President? So do I !!***

*Over the years, I received encouragement from Nancy Reese.*

*Nancy would whisper to me each time that I saw her, “It’s time for you to join the VSC Executive Board.” She was persistent and I finally made the move. Thanks, Nancy!*

*Marie La Duke, my chapter sister, friend, and mentor, has always encouraged me. Cheers to Marie!*

*My chapter, Beta Sigma, has always had my back, buying in to my ideas, adding their own ideas, and helping me achieve my goals. What friends and sisters!*

*The Richmond Area Members have always provided encouragement, information, cooperation, and advice. Thanks to all of you!*

***Why did I choose the theme, “Light That Spark?”***

*In thinking about the VSC, I saw dedicated, hard-working, caring members who needed to re-light their sparks to restore the enthusiasm from the past. Please remember, “Your spark can become a flame and change everything.”*

***What are my goals for myself and for the VSC?***

*I have set four goals for 2016-2017.*

***Number 1***

- *Restore Enthusiasm*  
*As BJ Clark told the in-coming State Presidents at IC Leadership, “You can’t sit on your aaaa...pathy in ESA!”*  
*We need to:*
  - *“Find That Switch” and turn it on!*
  - *Dig Down and give even more*
  - *Ignite our Passion for finding new members and new and improved projects*
  - *Take pictures of your events and post them to the website—Let us see the fun you’re having!*

***Number 2***

- *Improve Communication*
  - *Check your emails! As my chapter will tell you, I love email and use it frequently!*
  - *Chapter Presidents will be asked to pass on information to chapter members*
  - *What you can expect from me to improve communication*
    - *I’ll email and post “Dates to Remember” with every event date and deadline*
    - *I’ll prepare numerous President’s Newsletters asking members for their input*
    - *I’ll write Lamplighter Articles for each edition*
    - *I’ll share VSC news with ESA and SERC through their websites and newsletters*
    - *I’ll let the members know when the IC/ESA Newsletters are available on the ESA website and when the SERC Newsletter is posted on the SERC website*

***Number 3***

- *Improve use of Technology*

- *Share use of Technology—As an example, Beta Sigma has a Technology Director and we're holding Technology Educationals to help us learn basic and new technology*
- *Highlight Technology ideas at VSC Meetings*
- *Improve Website by updating frequently—Any member can submit information to the website*

#### *Number 4*

- *Increase Membership*
  - *Increased membership is essential to sustain the VSC and ESA*
  - *All members need to seek new members and share the fun and friendship of ESA*
  - *Alpha Omega and Sigma Chi are stellar examples! We'll hear their secrets at our state meetings.*
  - *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Barbara Smith, as well as others will share tips and information on how to attract multi-generational members at our VSC meetings*

*In conclusion, please remember—*

*"Nobody is finished."*

*"From a Tiny Spark May Burst a Mighty Flame" and*

*Most importantly, "Share Your Spark" and "Let's Have a Blast!"*

*Susan Caldwell*

*VSC President 2016-2017*

#### **Presentation of Executive Board:**

Susan presented her 2016-2017 Executive Board.

#### **Induction into the PPAs:**

PPA President Sue Foy inducted Kathy Gibbons into the Past Presidents Auxiliary.

#### **Retirement of the Flags:**

Kim Kummer conducted the Retirement of the Flags ceremony.

#### **Announcements:**

Susan shared the following announcements as follows:

- Are You Ready to Light Your Spark?
- Note the due date change for the Fall Newsletter



- The newly formatted rosters for the Executive and General Board have been placed in the chapter president envelopes.
- Susan does not wish for a formal scrapbook. Send all photos via email with captions included. She will compose an e-book.
- Bring gift cards to the June meeting for the Fun Fest at IC. Diane will make a bag for the cards.
- IC also requested gift cards for Easter Seals. Bring to the June Meeting. Specific card requests have been made to include Home Depot, Walmart, and Shell Gas.
- SERC raffle (VSC fundraiser to support SERC) netted a total of \$415 from the spring meeting and the convention. Beth Sherron won the \$50 gift card!
- Carol reminded everyone to purchase Kathy Brown's book.
- First president newsletter articles are due June 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Let Mike or Susan know in advance if any AV equipment is needed for any meeting.
- Make reservations for the June meeting by June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Wear Red, White, and Blue to the June meeting for pictures.
- Beth Sherron showed the quilt that will be raffled on June 10<sup>th</sup> for Relay for Life. \$5/ticket.
- There will be a budget meeting after the close of the convention.

**Adjournment/Closing Ritual:**

Susan Caldwell declared the 63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention of the Virginia State Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International adjourned at 11:23AM, with all joining hands for the Closing Ritual.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Lou Ann Wyer  
 VSC Recording Secretary 2015-2016

Submitted for approval on June 5, 2016 to the Minutes Approval Committee:

Diane McLane – Approved on June 14, 2016  
 Margaret P'nut Schools – Approved on June 6, 2016  
 Kathy Gibbons – Approved on June 14, 2016