

The Chatter Box

Issue #1

June 24

Greetings from Marie ...

Since we last met, I have been busy making plans and getting everything in order. I need to pass on some information to you so here goes with my first newsletter. First of all, I want to thank VSC for the gift of the beautiful bird bath which is now in my backyard. I am adding a photo of it so you can really see how pretty it is. The birds and occasionally a squirrel appreciate it. I look forward to being able to sit and watch them enjoying it.

After convention, I wondered what the gift for Priscilla was from the VSC at the end of her term. I found out it was a Dutch oven, a silicone chef's utensil set and a bag of pecan roasted coffee beans. I hope she is enjoying them.



Chaplain News

Our Chaplain Sue Foy is extremely busy with selling, buying and moving into a new house. For now, please send all Chaplain news to me at marieladuke@comcast.net until Sue is able to resume her duties. Please put in the subject line Attention: Chaplain News so I don't miss it.

Please see important news on page 7.

From VSC Corresponding Secretary Susan Caldwell ...

Thanks to all VSC Chapters for revising your Chapter Rosters! This helps me in preparing the VSC Yearbook 2024-2025 as well as submitting changes to our VSC Website.

The yearbook will be published electronically to Chapter Presidents when the new IC Executive Board and Appointed Board rosters are released just after the IC Convention in July. In the meantime, Lou Ann is posting updates on the VSC website with the new VSC Boards, Chapter Presidents, and Dates to Remember. www.esa-virginia.com

I'm excited to attend VSC President Marie's Retreat for the Executive Board June 28-30 at Massanutten Resort. The Executive Board is awesome! We've hit the ground running!

Marie and I will be traveling to Kansas for IC Convention in July. We found out that changing your flight schedule is not very hard and Delta does not charge for the change. The same can't be said about the cost of assigned seat charges. Yikes!

Happy Summer to y'all!

From ESA for St Jude Coordinator Susan Caldwell ...

ST. JUDE WALK/RUN 2024

Join our Team—ESA Virginia for the Virtual Event.

Thanks to Lou Ann Wyer for setting up our team!

Link to Register

<http://walkrun.stjude.org/ESA-Virginia>

Search for

St Jude Walk/Run—Washington, DC

Team Name: ESA Virginia

Team Leader: Lou Ann Wyer

Virtual Event: \$1700

ST. JUDE MONIES RAISED TO DATE

For the new St. Jude fundraising year, we're off to a great start!

- Gamma Pi Chapter made a donation in April 2024
- Beta Sigma raised money for the IC Challenge at IC Convention
- Delta Psi-VA raised \$3,351.50 at the 2024 ESA Hearts campaign

ST. JUDE DREAM HOME CAMPAIGNS

- Central Virginia SOLD OUT IN 3 DAYS
- Richmond SOLD OUT 3 WEEKS EARLY
- Hampton Roads close to Sell Out

From Jr. Past President, Priscilla Browning ...

Summer is here, graduations have taken place and I hope you are making plans for your vacation and plans for a fun filled Summer.

What a wonderful convention we had at the Hotel Madison in Harrisonburg, VA Beth Sherron and Pam Smith and their committee did an excellent job. If you were unable to join us just know that you were missed and hope you can join us for VSC PPA leadership on September 21 and the VSC Fall meeting on September 22 at the Grove Clubhouse, Midlothian, VA.

As the Jr. Past President one of my responsibilities involves the Disaster Fund, I have prepared a letter that I will be sending to all the chapters, either as an email or snail mail regarding the Disaster Fund and the goal I have established for this year and I am hoping to have 100% participation this year.

From Finance Chair, Jenny Brunnel ...

The September Theme for Lucky Numbers is **"Cozy Up"**.

Suggestions include
Teas, hot cocoa, wine, apples, fluffy blankets, mittens, gloves, scarves, fuzzy socks, hand warmers, DVD's, movie tickets, pop corn, snacks, pumpkin/apple bread/muffin mix, good reads, Amazon/online gift cards.

Congratulations!

The Virginia State Council congratulations Delta Rho in Front Royal for a FRONT PAGE article in the local newspaper celebrating the accomplishments of VSC and Delta Rho during our convention weekend. It included a picture of Ruth Clatterbuck accepting the Outstanding Chapter President award. The article concluded with directions on how to access more information about ESA.

Way To Go!



SEPTMBER IS
HEALTHY AGING
MONTH

VSC LEADERSHIP 2024

September 21, 2024

The Grove Clubhouse

508 Biggin Pond Road

Midlothian, VA 23114

Name: _____ Chapter & No.: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____ EMAIL: _____

Registration fee: \$50.00 (**Deadline is 8-31-2024**)

Please indicate any Dietary Restrictions for lunch when sending registration.

Make checks payable to: **PPA 2024 Leadership**

Mail to: Lou Ann Wyer
209 South Fir Ave
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Room Reservations: Holiday Inn Express & Suites
Richmond-Brandermill-Hull St
5030 W Village Green Drive
Midlothian, VA 23112
804-744-7303 – Group Name: **VSC**
Cut-off date is **August 20, 2024**

Room Rate is \$139.00 plus taxes, includes continental breakfast.

Dinner at Dolce Vita's Italian Restaurant Sept 21, 2024 at 6PM

(not included in registration fee)

Check here if you plan to attend: ☐

From Easter Seals Chair Deana Renn ...

Happy June everyone!! I am honored and delighted to be leading the charge for Easter Seals this year! I have put together 4 great ways you can contribute to Easter Seals this year. Why 4 you ask? That is simple - provide a means of participation for every interest level!

Theme:

"4 Ways to Give, 4 Ways to Shine: Be the Gift"

1. PLAY A GAME - for the interactive, fun time crowd

Left, Center, Right

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WcZbcPhtnsE>

This is the easiest game ever!!! Beta Kappa is hosting a mini tournament with a 50/50 payout! It's a win win!

2. PLANT FUNDRAISER - for the plant and gardening enthusiasts! hint - also makes great gifts

Flower Power

https://www.flowerpowerfundraising.com/?gad_source=1&gclid=Cj0KCQjw6uWYBhD1ARIsAIMcADqop5FsM72R-AyOxLVSQIee1KrBVGTSzAUtKyBsQ5hTFyc8Jj4mQIIaArzoEALw_wcB

3. FOOD FUNDRAISER - who doesn't need to make dinner time easier?? hint - also great gifts!

What a Crock (personal favorite LOL)

<https://www.whatacrockmeals.com/pages/fundraiser>

4. MONEY DONATION for those that do not want to sell anything or for people who don't want to buy anything

https://givebutter.com/?utm_source=adwords

https://givebutter.com/?utm_source=adwords&utm_campaign=Search_G_US_Nonbran

****this is just an example of an online money donation platform**

I am more than happy to jump on a phone call, zoom, or text with anyone who would like more information or to simply brainstorm!

Please forward this to your chapter members and let's make this the best GIFT year ever for Easter Seals!

Will watch for your reports!!!

From IC Convention 2025 Saturday Night Banquet Chairs for Virginia, Mindy Boyd & Beverley Wright ...

A Southern Serenade is on the horizon ... I know it has been a while since the 2023 VSC Convention, when we were discussing the 2025 IC Convention with our representatives Mary Smith and Denise Holdaway. So first let's dust off the 'old' brain cells and refresh everyone's memory ... the SERC states are hosting the 2025 IC Convention in Cary, North Carolina. Virginia volunteered to host the Saturday night banquet at the convention. The theme of the convention is, **"A Southern Serenade"**.

Linda Edwards will be the 2024-25 IC President and her theme centers around **"bees"**. Needing a theme for the event by the 2024 IC Convention in Kansas City, we brainstormed and came up with **"A Bumblebee Serenade"**.

We will be responsible for the table decorations and a suggestion has been made to follow along the same lines as those at the 2024 VSC Convention i.e. wine bottles decorated with fairy lights and add 'bee' related items. There will be an opportunity for everyone, who feels so inclined, to help in making these table arrangements.

With the IC Convention being so close in 2025, I hope that Virginia is represented well with a lot of members attending. The state will be kept up-to-date through Marie's newsletters and the Lamplighter but we wanted to ensure that **ALL** Virginia members are part of the process.

Until next time, sing a song of gladness ...

From Educational Director Elaine Prillaman ...

While on vacation gather interesting information and share with your Chapter. Write it up and submit to me. The form is on the Virginia website. Hope to see my mail box full.

Chaplin News ...

Former member of Theta Mu, Julia Faison "Judi" Darden, passed away June 18, 2024 at the home of her daughter, Jamie Darden, in Poquoson, Virginia. Please send your condolences to Jamie at:

29 Pasture Road
Poquoson, Virginia 23622

Please keep Jim and Brenda Orebaugh (Gamma Pi) in your thoughts and prayers. Jim received news last Saturday that his brother, Larry, had passed away. Larry lived in Florida and had been battling prostate cancer for quite a while. His children live in our area so I'm sure they would appreciate your prayerful thoughts as well. Send condolences to:

brendorebaugh@gmail.com
1434 Terrace St.
Staunton, VA 24401

The next newsletter will be sent following IC Convention with updates needed for your chapter yearbooks.