



The Florida Lamp



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE...IDA SCHULTZ

By the time you read this the Holidays will be over and 2019 will have started. 2018 was a challenge for many of us and it's getting difficult to spring back. I'm hoping that each and every one of you has had the best holiday possible and that your memories will last forever.

I am recovering from my broken ankle and I hope by Christmas to have the boot off and working to get my range of motion equal to the left ankle/foot. I must admit that I'm not as young and flexible as I use to be and it's taking longer than I expected. I also must remember to take it slow, one step at a time.

I'm way behind in getting back into the swing of things. Talked with Mary Sosa and all the minutes are coming in and it sounds like all chapters enjoyed their holiday!! Now on to bigger and better ways in ESA, we need to use that key to open our treasure and pull out all that we can from our inner selves.

Remember that we are to review the Ideals Book, the By-Laws and our standing rules. Everyone in ESA needs to review these frequently. When was the last time that you opened your yearbook (I know that there have been many this year) and reviewed with your chapter? I would like to see your minutes and just what you reviewed the month of January. Please enter this into your minutes.

Currently my year is on the down swing.... just like a swing we go forward and back. We need to get our swing in motion and bring it up again, so the Florida State Council can get moving. I haven't heard of any new members, I want to visit the newest Florida Chapter, will decide soon on when to travel. I managed to visit one chapter this year, two days prior to my ankle fracture. Please let me know of upcoming events that your chapter is sponsoring, as I'm driving again and will make plans to attend.

Feeling better, driving, wanting to get back into the swing of it..... My treasure has been opened and I'm looking forward to more. Please let me know about you and your chapter!! I'm back!!!

In ESA Love,

Ida

Important reminder Help needed

Volunteers to serve on the 2019-2020 FSC Board
Lamp Editor needed as the current term ends at convention
Contact 1st Vice President/President Elect Sharon Roberts if you are willing to serve in any position.

**1ST VICE PRESIDENT/ PRESIDENT ELECT,
SHARON ROBERTS**

Wow! It's 2019! Time sure flies! I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. With the start of the New Year, comes time for business.... Your Florida State Council needs members to volunteer to be on its board. Along with the committee, I am in charge of recruiting these members. I am asking for your help in filling the board for the 2019-2020 ESA year. I'm hoping that each of you consider accepting this invitation. ESA is an amazing philanthropic organization that helps so many in need. Not only are you part of a family of volunteers, you are part of the good words done by St. Jude, Easter Seals, Hope for Heroes, Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind and so many other local charities. We need to continue these good works and, to do so, we need a strong board to direct us. I know each and every one of you are capable of holding a position on the board and I am thankful that several ladies have already stepped up and volunteered, but there are still many positions that need to be filled. Please make it your News Years Resolution to volunteer for one!

We also need to support the Florida State Council by helping our membership grow. When was the last time you asked someone to attend a meeting or social event? Maybe make this another New Year's Resolution. If each of us asks just asks one person to visit a chapter event, that a lot of invitations. Even if just half accept, that is still a lot of potential new members. If you don't ask, then the answer is always "no." I know we all want ESA Florida to continue for many years and we need new members to make that happen. *Sharon*

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, SANDRA EDWARDS

Present Meeting Scheduled and Bids received

Leadership 2019

Chapter Epsilon Lambda, #3440, Cocoa Beach and Alpha Nu, #3398, Merritt Island

Convention 2019

Chapter Rho Chi, #5351, Wesley Chapel

Mid-Year 2019

Chapter Alpha Gamma, #3513, Crystal River

Leadership 2020

Chapter - is this you?

2ND VICE PRESIDENT, SANDRA EDWARDS (cont.)

Convention 2020

Chapter Epsilon Lambda, #3440, Cocoa Beach and Theta Tau, #5207, Winter Park

Mid-Year 2020

Chapter - is this you?

Leadership 2021

Chapter - Is this you?

Convention 2021

Chapter - Is this you?

Sandra

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY – MARY SOSA

Happy 2019! Hope that everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season surrounded by love and joy; sharing this magical season with family and friends.

Things don't always work out as they are planned and our president Ida can testify to that, but Ida has made the best of circumstances and in true ESA fashion has made traveling halfway around the county to attend a meeting in a wheelchair easy! The true spirit of ESA sisterly love. SERC was amazing so proud to have both the presiding president, Malinda Remington, and the installed new president, Pinky Barbour, from our very own state. Florida was very well represented.

I love reading all of your meeting notes and feel like I am a part of each and every chapter. I am so blessed to be a part of this wonderful group of people. Our members are the true treasures of ESA. Together, let us continue to polish our dear ESA traditions and make them shine like new again.

Happy New Year! .

Mary

PHILANTHROPIC DIRECTOR, MALINDA REMINGTON

Hi and Happy New Year!

I hope your holiday season was fantastic.

Now, that we are in 2019, I will be looking forward to receiving reports about all your philanthropic activities.

The next deadline is: March 31, 2019.
Reports must be received by the date above.

Just a reminder that in order to qualify for State Philanthropic Awards, St. Jude Awards, Easter Seals Awards and Foundation Awards; TWO (2) reports must be submitted annually to the: State Philanthropic Director, the State Jude Coordinator, the Easter Seals Coordinator and the ESA Foundation Counselor. The reports must be received on time...so please mark March 31st on your calendars.

Please call (941-921-6475) or email malindajremington@gmail.com me with any questions:

DISASTER FUND CHAIRMAN, TRUDIE MYERS

I hope each and every one of my Florida ESA sisters had a Merry Christmas and looking forward to an exciting 2019. Helping our sisters in Florida and across the country with disasters is the purpose of this international fund.

To date, I have received \$945.00 from 7 chapters. I look forward to receiving more from our other chapters around the State. If anyone has a need, please find an application on our website.

Trudie

Easterseals, Margaret Williams

As we as ESA sisters know, Easterseals provides exceptional services, education, outreach and advocacy so that people living with autism and other disabilities can live, learn work and play in our communities. Contact: Laura lrestrepo@fl.easterseals.com or 407-306-9767 ext. 11115

I happen to have a granddaughter who has PDD-Pervasive Developmental Disability. This falls under the Autism spectrum as she has a piece of each part of Autism that includes sensory disorder, personal contact issues, and OD- Oppositionally Defiant. She is very intelligent as well. Thanks to a wonderful support system, she is a junior honor student at FSU, majoring in Middle Grades Social Studies with an emphasis on Agriculture. I mention this because Easterseals spend much money and energy with autistic children and adults. Please consider raising your giving and energy for Easterseals this year. It means so much to the students and the parents as well.

Easterseals, Margaret Williams (cont.)

Save the Dates for Easterseals events:

A Pair to Remember

Tampa, March 29, 2019 at the Straz Center
10:30-2:00

Orlando, March 1, 2019 the Mall at Millenia
10:30-2:00

Raise your paddles for designer shoes or volunteer to work at the luncheon.

Camp Challenge Weekend Winter Camp

Each weekend throughout the winter months.

S.T. R.I.V.E. Hospitality Program

January 7, 2019

Assist individuals with disabilities to become employees in hospitality and Tourism.

Get Down to Business Lunch

January 16, 2019 at Cohen Pavilion-Kravis Center
11:00-2:00.

Presented by the Breakers of Palm Beach.

LAMP EDITOR...SUE CERIALE

Volunteer Needed: It is time to look for a new Lamp editor. The current term of office ends at State Convention 2019. Please contact 1st Vice President/President elect, Sharon Roberts, to volunteer to the important communication position. If you have questions about producing *The Florida Lamp*, please contact the editor, Sue Ceriale (wceriale@cfl.rr.com).

The next deadline for *The Florida Lamp* is March 1, 2019 for the April edition. Please send all articles to FloridaLamp@hotmail.com. When you send your article, it will help the editor if you name your file the title of your office or your chapter name. It gets quite confusing if several articles are received titled "Lamp article."

.Please check with all members to make sure that they all received their copy of *The Florida Lamp* electronically or by snail mail. If a member did not receive her copy, please send correct email address or mailing address to

FloridaLamp@hotmail.com

Sue

WEBMASTER

Because we want the Florida State Council Website (esafloida.net) to be up-to-date updating and revising our web site, please

WEBMASTER (cont.)

send any changes, eliminations, additions or revisions you would like to see on the site to the Webmaster at fscwebmaster55@gmail.com.

This is another way for you to communicate to your Florida ESA sisters.

WEBMASTER (cont.)

Everyone wants to know what each one is doing. Your activity may help another chapter to spread the ESA word.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Webmaster

Chapter Chatter

ALPHA GAMMA, CRYSTAL RIVER

Last month Alpha Gamma celebrated Thanksgiving at Oyster's Restaurant for our monthly meeting. Margie Harper was the hostess. Our President, Margaret Williams' theme for 2018-2019 is "Serving Children Throughout the World" This year we are having our education presentations from the states where we were born. Each month our hostess selects the state and then the entire meeting, lunch and décor as well supports the theme. Since Massachusetts was the home state for Margie, she had a Thanksgiving dinner prepared for us with decorations of American Indians and Pilgrims, autumn flowers and Give Thanks treat boxes and napkins. The meeting was excellent and very tasty. Trudie Myers and Pam Masoud attended SERC, so we missed their company.

Our December meeting will be our Christmas dinner. The theme is Maryland and the Chesapeake Bay. I wonder what the entrée will be since it's our President's home state. Crab Cakes anyone? In place of gifts for each other, Alpha Gamma sisters will donate the cost of a gift to Easterseals. Gag gifts will be provided by our President.

ALPHA GAMMA, CRYSTAL RIVER (cont.)

Alpha Gamma will once again lay wreaths on the graves at our National Cemetery in Bushnell. It is one of our favorite activities.

We are busy collecting ink cartridges for Easterseals and store coupons for Hope for Heroes as well as

toiletries for a local project.

We are planning a day trip to St. Augustine School sometime in February.

Our St. Jude fundraiser was very successful at the Greek Festival in October.

Many bicycles were collected and delivered for Christmas by member Barbara Baker.

Holiday Blessings

ALPHA NU, MERRITT ISLAND

Alpha Nu members are marching on to finish off 2018.

A Christmas celebration, plus meeting was held on Tuesday, Dec. 11 at the home of Alice Schwindt. A merry time was had by all. Alice will be moving shortly into a small place. Alice is doing what she can do for chapter activities, but is busy packing and organizing her life.

On another note our sister Jean Rien has recently been hospitalized and as a result is now living near her family.

ALPHA NU, MERRITT ISLAND (cont.)

Her new address is:

Jean Rien
Brookdale Oviedo
1725. Pine Bark Point Room 230
Oviedo, FL. 32765

After all the gifts from secret sisters, eating, drinking and laughter, the joy of Christmas continued with taking big bags of toiletries to our local Salvation Army.

Barbara Kalm, Kay Patskoski and friends got together to celebrate Chili's St. Jude day. They joined some Nu Alpha sisters and had FUN.

On the 15th of December a group of 5 went to Wreathes Across America event held at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery in Mims, Florida. We laid the beautiful Christmas Wreathes and enjoyed the speakers with their messages of honor, country and love. Of course we then went to lunch for more social time.

We received word recently that FSC 1985-86 Past President Helen Carter has moved. Her new address is

Helen Carter
c/o Paul Pfeiffer
89 Hurwood
Merritt Island, 32953

As we keep marching on we are busy getting ready with Epsilon Lambda for Leadership we are hosting for you. Get your reservation in now and see you in the new year at Leadership on the March 23, 2019. (See Registration form at end of this issue.)

BETA BETA, PALM HARBOR

The end of 2018 found our chapter busy with a flurry of activities. On November 17th we participated in the Community Garage Sale at the Dr. William E. Hale Senior Center in Dunedin. We were thrilled to raise approximately \$350.00.



Pictured at Left: Sandra Edwards, Sharon Roberts and Peggy Redmond with Community Garage Sale Sign.

Prior to our business meeting on December 4th we were thrilled to welcome our newest member Maggie Thomas following her installation ceremony.

BETA BETA, PALM HARBOR (cont.)



Pictured aRight: Our treasurer, Sandra Edwards was able to present a check to the director of Dunedin Cares Food Bank prior to Thanks-giving to help stock their shelves for the holidays.

On December 8th we helped collect donations for Hospice at their

annual Lights of Lake Park fundraiser. There were a record number of cars in attendance and although we left tired and hungry after collecting donations from 5 hours of nonstop traffic, we are glad for the opportunity to participate in such an important fundraiser.

On December 9th we held our annual potluck Christmas dinner and gift exchange at the home of the hostess with the mostess, Eleanor Eichelberger. After a wonderful turkey dinner, we surprised Sandra and David Edward with a presentation from Quilts of Valor. Both Sandra and David Edwards served in the Navy and have a combined total of 46 years of service. After a short presentation, each of them was presented with and wrapped up in a handmade quilt showing appreciation for their service. I don't think there was a dry eye in the house following such a moving presentation. We bounced back quickly though as we still had dessert and the Secret Sister gift exchange coming up next.



Pictured at Left: David and Sandra Edwards with Quilts of Valor Quilts and Certificates.

BETA BETA, PALM HARBOR (cont.)



Pictured at Right: Sandra with her Quilts of Valor quilt.

We once again showed our support and appreciation to the military for their service at Wreaths Across America at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. This is always a well-attended and moving day as we place as many wreaths as we can on the graves of brave soldiers. And, of course, in normal sorority fashion, we followed it up with lunch! We now take a little break so our members can spend the holidays with their families. We hope each and every one of you had a very happy holiday season and a Happy New Year!

BETA THETA, CLERMONT

It's back to planning our BIG fundraiser, the 15th Mardi Gras Celebration. **Save the Date:** Saturday, February 23, 2019. We hope to see you there.

EPSILON LAMBDA, COCOA BEACH

This fall has been a slow time for Epsilon Lambda. Sue traveled to California for three weeks during September and October while Allan was working at Vandenberg AFB. A scheduled meeting after her return had a conflict of time for members so no meeting was held.

A garage sale was held at the Ceriale home on October 25th. We were able to add some dollars to our treasury. Leftover items were donated to the North Brevard Sharing Center and the Titusville Women's Center Upscale Resale Thrift Store.

November found the Ceriale's cruising to the Eastern and Western Caribbean with friends from California. No November meeting was held with Thanksgiving.

The regularly scheduled business meeting turned into a Holiday party and dinner at the Ceriale home. Delicious food and good company were the highlight of the evening.

We are now looking forward to hostessing Leadership on March 23, 2019 with Alpha Nu chapter. (See registration form at end of this issue.)

NU ALPHA, MERRITT ISLAND

Nu Alpha has been very active and enjoying every minute of it. We have had three meetings and three educationals were presented. Liz Hahn hosted the Gabriel Villa Memorial Fundraiser in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month in October. Jan Hall hosted a Lemongrass Spa fundraiser for Easterseals in October. Nu Alpha participated in Wreaths Across America. Four members attended Mid-Year and two members attended SERC where Jan Billias was installed as Corresponding Secretary. Our annual Christmas Party and gift exchange was held at the beautiful home of Linda Takach.

We are gearing up for Ole Bags and Baskets fundraiser to be held on February 23rd. Tickets are \$22 this year and can be purchased by contacting any member.

Pictured at Right Sharon Haydon, Jan Hall and Jan Billias at October meeting.



Pictured at Left: Jan Hall and Jan Billias at Mid-year.

Pictured Below (Back Row) Jan Billias, Alisann Sheehan, Joyce Evans, Linda Takach, Jan Hall Liz Hahn, **(Front row)** Sharon Haydon, Barbara Dyal, Patsy Morgan.



NU ALPHA, MERRITT ISLAND

Pictured at Right: Jan Billias,
2018-2019 SERC
Corresponding Secretary.



Pictured at left:
Backpacks and
school supplies were
donated to the
Mustang Mall
"sharing room. Not included in the October issue.



OMEGA OMEGA, LARGO



On the right is
Roberta Boyles,
Margie Post and
Sue Ferry with
a customer at our
garage sale.

SIGMA PHI, CLERMONT

In September, our chapter participated in the St. Jude walk run in Orlando. Even though we got up and we were out on the road by 4:30 in the morning, we finished registering everyone for the walk, we then headed back to the bank in Clermont to set up for our Bunco event the next day. On Sunday the 23rd we had another very fun and successful Bunco party.

On October 6th, we met at the Main Street Bank in Clermont to put together the 20 plus gift baskets for our upcoming Blast from the Past.

On October 13th our chapter headed to the Midyear Meeting at the Hyatt in Orlando. Boy, was that a lot of fun. The decorations were awesome. Theta Tau did an outstanding job of hosting Midyear.

The big day arrived, October 20th - our Blast from the Past. This year our event was held at the Green Valley Country Club. We danced and

SIGMA PHI, CLERMONT (cont.)

partied until late into the evening. It was fun having sisters from the other chapters there to join in the fun with us. We have pictures to share.

No slowing down in November.

November was very busy for our chapter. 9 of us headed to SERC in Lafayette, LA, for the installation of our sister, Pinky Barbour. It was such a pleasure for us to participate in the installation of the new SERC president, our own, Pinky! It was nice celebrating with Pinky, her son, her husband, and her friends that also came for the big day. Pinky's theme for the new year as president will be "Stars in the Crown of ESA". Congratulations Pinky!

We ended up the month with an early Christmas progressive dinner with our husbands too, on the 30th. Our lovely hostesses were Pinky, Joy, and Chris. We also celebrated our secret sister reveal and drew names for next year. We sure enjoyed the evening. A great way to start the holiday season. Blessings to all.

SIGMA TAU, CLEARWATER

Is winter over yet? Christmas has come and gone now. But not before we enjoyed our Christmas party at Diana's house with a scrumptious dinner of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Which was Diana kept telling us that was what she was going to serve. OH! But, it was a scrumptious meal, and not sandwiches. Several of our group ventured to snow country to be with family and friends for the holidays. The rest of us just shivered in the cold Jack Frost brought us. Ruthann had her annual New Year's Day open house. Our whole chapter (minus Mary, who is still in Connecticut) enjoyed doing the Jolly Trolley in Dunedin and Tarpon Springs and lunching at the Dunedin Marina.

Diana hustled to complete wrapping the children's gifts for our philanthropic Angel Tree. We delivered shelf foodstuff and a nice check to Fisher House at Bay Pines and Dutch treated ourselves to a post-lunch.

Diana and Ruthann went to Bushnell to participate in Wreaths Across America and to place grave-specific wreaths for loved ones.

SIGMA TAU, CLEARWATER (cont.)

Mary finally sold her house in Connecticut and will be moving permanently to Indian Rocks Beach this winter – good, because we don't get to enjoy her as much as we would like.

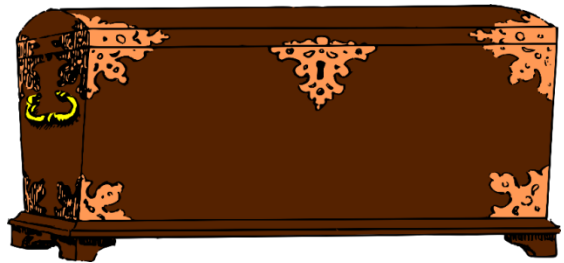
We all counted our blessings at Thanksgiving, even considering our minor ailments and trials, and are praying for our sisters and their families statewide who are suffering.

We're looking forward to Bay Area Council dinner meeting in January and Leadership on "that other coast" come spring.



A jolly group after a Jolley Trolley ride is pictured below.

*Making Old
Treasures
New... Again*



Sisters
Caring
About
Real
Friends



Hosted by
Alpha Nu and
Epsilon Lambda

Leadership 2019

March 23, 2019

Faith Presbyterian Church
1900 S. Tropical Trail, Merritt Island, Fl. 32952

Registration Fee: \$20 (Late Fee after 3/15/2019 - \$3)
Registration Opens 8:00 a.m. – Board Meeting 8:30a.m. - Meeting Begins 9:30 a.m.

NAME _____ MEMBER __ GUEST __
CHAPTER _____ CHAPTER # _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ZIP _____
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Mail Registration Form and Check (Payable to Epsilon Lambda Chapter) to:
Laurel Lichtenberger – 3609 S. Banana River Blvd., C308; Cocoa Beach, FL 32931