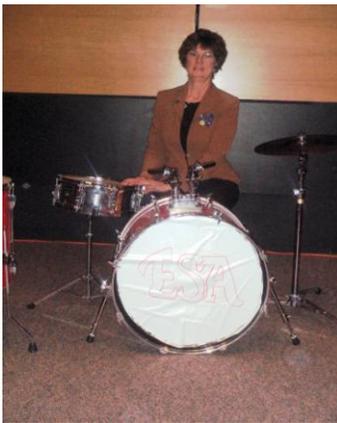


November Board meeting held at Heartspring in Wichita, Kansas November 9-11, 2008

Under the leadership of Chairman Cindy Ewy, District D hosted another wonderful Winter State Board Meeting November 9, 2008 in Wichita.

The Executive Board met for supper on Friday evening at Carrabba's before gathering in the President's Board Room at the Northrock Suites. After business was conducted an early Christmas was celebrated by exchanging gifts with our secret sisters on the Executive Board.



Saturday morning started the weekend off with numerous meetings of committees, chapter presidents, committee chairs and district chairs. Those members not attending the scheduled meetings joined in the Butterfly Connection fun. After lunch on their own everyone returned to Heartspring to hear speakers which included Gary Singleton, Heartspring CEO, Lindsay Randle, Occupational Therapist, and Kim Becker, Director of Pediatric Services. To everyone's delight The Choral Sensations, lead by director Verlene Mobley-Warner, performed a few of their favorite songs. District D members then hosted the annual Officer's Tea Reception. Members present had the opportunity to tour the campus guided by the Heartspring staff. It was a very informative time for all of those that participated in the tour. After the tour everyone was on their own and many took the opportunity to get a head start on Christmas shopping.



Returning to Heartspring Campus after supper, everyone enjoyed a Birthday Celebration to celebrate ESA's 60 years of association with Heartspring. With a \$20 donation to Heartspring members joined in a fun evening of Crazy Bridge. The Nomination committee was on hand and encouraged everyone to become a member of the Kansas State Council. Those turning in their completed Willing To Serve



forms were given a pair of fuzzy socks.



Sunday morning President Joy Thornburgh presided over the Fall State Council Meeting at Heartspring Conference Center. First time State Council attendees, pledges and guests were introduced and welcomed. Officers and Committee chairs gave reports and important information to those present. The membership committee again encouraged everyone's participation with a pair of singing bees. The



meeting ended with everyone saying the closing ritual. The complete minutes from the Kansas State Council meeting are available upon request from Marsha Barnes, Recording Secretary.



(A link has been provided to access the events of the weekend on Heartsprings website. ESA celebrated its 60th birthday with Heartspring this weekend. Click and scroll down to Epsilon Sigma Alpha International. [click here](#) There are many pictures for your enjoyment.

The first of many planning meetings was held after the fall board meeting in Wichita. The initial phase of the planning will place people in key positions to lead the effort to host the Internatinal Convention in 2011. It has been a long time since Kansas has had the honor to host members from across the United States and Australia.)

Several members present met for a light lunch and discussion on the 2011 ESA International Convention that Kansas will host in Overland Park. Coleen Cape was nominated as Chairman. Pam McElvain and Pat Josey were elected to be the sub-chairs of the group. A theme was chosen and a budget was tentatively decided on.



With this great leadership we can definitely make this THE best International Convention ever.



The Emotions of “Belonging” in ESA! Clara Ginn - KSC Membership Director

Just what does it mean to you to be a member of ESA? After the emotional weekend we spent at Heartspring, these are a few of my random thoughts as I sit at home today and ponder just what does belonging to ESA mean in my life:



- *Road Trips with girl talk, fun & laughter, sometimes making a wrong turn, but you get there in time anyway*
- *Sleepless nights caused by the coughing or snoring of an ESA roommate, hugs, understanding when at the last minute a committee member does not show, and another ESA sister steps in to help fill the gap where you needed help*
 - *Then we’ll always have someone saying, “Glad to see you!”, “How are things going?” and they really listening to your response.*
 - *Sisters will help unload or load the car, share rides to and from the hotel to Heartsprings, hearing about what your hard earned dollars are doing to help someone else.*
 - *Shedding a tear when you see the joy of a Heartspring parent filming their child singing with the Chorale Sensations*
- *Seeing the dedication of hard working people who care, eating cookies that you did not have to bake, sharing pictures of new grandchildren, weddings, etc.*
- *Playing cards where it did not matter whether you won or lost, the teasing and joking filling the room.*
- *The willingness of a committee person reading a report for the chairman, who could not read it, then falling on the last step and breaking her foot, only to have someone else pick up the report and continue on.*





- *The fun a couple girls had performing a dance in a bee costume and the overwhelming response given by those who saw them.*
- *Sisters aiding and taking care of the one who fell, sisters who cared enough to call and have a husband waiting to take you home...and then packing up your 'stuff'*

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I missed the rest of it, but I know the hugs, caring, sharing continued throughout the rest of the day. I appreciate the dedication of sisters throughout the state who had taken time from their busy schedules to come, not only for the opportunity to see one another again, but for the sole reason of what ESA has brought into their lives.

Four weekends a year, we can leave our responsibilities at home knowing they will be covered, we take time to be who we are and we get a renewed spirit of why we joined ESA in the first place.

*Please give your next door neighbor, the women you work with, a newcomer to your town, or anyone you know, the opportunity to see what ESA can do in their lives. "Bee All You Can Be With ESA"!
Thank you all for being a part of my life! Clara*