

Installation of officers Banquet *"Wine and Roses"*

Saturday night at convention is always filled with excitement as we install our newly elected officers for the coming year and this year was no exception. Marsha Barnes from Caldwell was installed as our new president with the theme "Seasons of ESA".



Kim and Marsha have worked through the offices hand in hand. Each has been there for the other as they have worked the issues and projects of the Kansas State Council. Kansas is truly blessed to have such outstanding leadership to follow each other. It has been a great year and we prepare for another one as well.



Delta Chi chapter presents Marsha with a special quilt. Clara's presentation to Marsha said: "Marsha, you have truly made Delta Chi proud of you tonight. When you started your venture in Epsilon Sigma Alpha in 1975 as a young mother, I have a feeling that this accomplishment was not even a vision. I'm not sure when the seed was planted, but your season for harvesting has arrived. It is with love and encouragement that we present you with a token of our gratitude. With the help of Delta Chi sisters and sisters all over Kansas providing the pictures needed, this quilt was lovingly put together to help you follow the seasons of your life in ESA to the present. We are here beside you now and always."

Men of ESA Installation



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

YoYo Collins - *"Good As Grape Juice - Growing Better, Not Bitter Through Adversity"*



Background: 34 years ago, a young college graduate named YoYo Collins had big plans but those dreams turned into a nightmare on Mar 14, 1977, when a diving accident left him with a fracture of the fifth cervical vertebra and a dislocation at the fifth and sixth vertebrae and a completely severed spinal cord. His world was turned upside down. However, following the accident, he met Sandi and they fell in love. The two were married on Oct. 14, 1980. Several months before their wedding, Sandi approached YoYo about singing and sharing his experience in church. Before long, YoYo began to embrace, without question and hesitation, things God was bringing into his life. He began to desire and seeks the will of God for his life. Now, YoYo sings and shares his story in 200 concerts, schools, and conventions each year. YoYo said his advice to anyone with a recent injury, including a broken neck, is to realize it will not always be as bad as it seems now.

Sunday, May 1, 2011 (ESA SUNDAY)

Celebration of Life

Early Sunday morning, Chaplain Jill Mattingly and her committee: Clara Ginn and Mary Ann Johnson led us in the "Celebration of Life". "Let your Faith Speak, Believe" was the theme for the morning as we celebrated our lost sisters: Lillie Wheeler, Newt Bressie, Barb Slizewski, Shirley Fulgroat, Beryle Elliott, Patt Erwin, Delores Harding, Doris Sherbenou, and Dorothy Kennedy. Raz Ginder was lost after the Convention. Patsy Jinks was the vocalist for the ceremony.



Sunday Brunch - "Seasons of Change"



There are always drawing and Marla Olson was a lucky winner on Sunday. This group of ladies worked together for Coleen Cape during her year as IC President in 2005. Marsha Barnes, Sharon Deseramu and Clara Ginn were AA's and Verneene Forssberg was Coleen's Corresponding Secretary. Each year they try to hook up to have some fun.



What ESA Means to Me” - Laura Williamson - All my life I was told I would never amount to anything, I never did anything right and I would never be able to take care of myself. I suffered from low self-esteem growing up, never believing in myself and feeling no matter how hard I tried I would never be good at anything. But through ESA, I have developed good people skills, leared to have faith in myself and to never give up on myself. I enjoy being a part of an organization that allows me to help others in need and to grow at my own pace, yet nudge me when doubts try to creep in. I never thought I would be able to face large crowds without fears of mistakes, to just be myself, and to be accepted just as I am. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to grow in ESA through the beliefs of ESA, to live by the rituals, and to help others learn and grow.

Years of Service Awards



Kansas Outstanding chapter for 2010-2011 CHI EPSILON - WICHITA



This year's outstanding chapter pledged one new member. They had 18 major philanthropic projects, and 15 educational programs. They had participation in all of their district meetings and had members attend four state council meetings. They attended leadership seminars, state convention, IC Convention, the Heartspring Tea & Tour, Day of Love and took part in the Prom last spring at Heartspring. They publicized ESA in almost every way possible. They have six First Pearl Recipients, one First Degree Pallas Athene recipient, six Second Degree Pallas Athene recipients, three Third Degree Pallas Athene recipients, and eight Fourth Degree Pallas Athene recipients. Their members worked an average of 111 hours each and gave an average of \$2,044.86 per member. They have 22 members in their chapter.

TOP TEN CHAPTERS: Eta Rho, Derby; Delta Chi, Caldwell; Eta Phi, Wichita; Epsilon Pi, Pratt; Chi Epsilon, Wichita; Epsilon Eta, Topeka; Delta Delta, Ulysses; Gamma Omicron, Manhattan; Beta Epsilon, Frankfort; and Zeta Phi, Junction City

Anniversary Chapter - On our 50 Anniversary our chapters are honored and we get to renew our ESA Vows on Sunday Morning. Eta Phi, Wichita is honored this year. HI HO! HI HO! IT'S OFF TO HUTCH WE GO! A convention bid is always fun to watch.



Lamplighter Installation: You always know that Convention is at an end when the Lamplighters take over and have some fun with the out-going President. She is inducted into the group with ceremony and asked to pay her dues! Kim will make a wonderful addition to this group of ladies.



We'll plan to see you in Hutchinson
next spring as we celebrate
the "Seasons of ESA"

