

State Happenings for 2008-2009

WINTER BOARD MEETING HELD IN GARDEN CITY

All that attended the winter meeting of the ESA Kansas State Council in Garden City, January 16-18, 2009, enjoyed perfect weather, great accommodations, new friends and lots of love and laughter.

The weekend started Friday evening with the Executive Board carpooling to the Airport for supper at Napoli's Italian Restaurant. After a delicious supper they returned to the Clarion Hotel and met in the President's suite for the business meeting.



On Saturday morning Committee Chairs and Chapter Presidents met with President Joy and the District Chairs met with 1st VP Pat Josey. The Butterfly Connection committee again led those that didn't have any scheduled meetings in a fun time filled with lots of laughter.



After lunch members returned to the hotel where Captain Utz, Garden City Police Department spoke of many challenges that are encountered when there are a variety of cultures and languages in a community. Verneene Forssberg, Technology Geek, showed the many areas of the Kansas Website and demonstrated how to navigate within it.



After a short break members divided into teams for a card game that was a special project for Kansas Care and Share and The Disaster Fund. \$640 was made for these two council projects. A good time was had by all and the money raised was divided between the two charities.

A short meeting to discuss the 2011 IC Convention was held following the Kansas Care and Share and Disaster Fund special project. Tentative plans were shared and questions were answered. Although 2011 seems like it's still a long way off, it will be here soon. Everyone's help is needed to make this the best IC Convention ever!!

The much-anticipated "ESA Idol" competition followed supper. Volunteers represented their district, helping to raise \$3964.79 for Foundation scholarships. What a tremendous amount of talented women we have in our organization. The Zeta Girls won the talent competition and Maureen Wells made \$940 with support for her talented singing.



The weekend concluded with the Sunday morning Winter State Council Meeting. Reports were given by officers and committee chairpersons. The complete minutes of the Kansas State Council meeting are available upon request from Marsha Barnes, Recording Secretary. Some highlights of the reports were:

- The upcoming birthday party for the Easter Seal clients will be held January 30 starting at 9:00 am. All Easter Seal reports are due by April 1.
- The Education Director, Suzi Fletcher is putting together an on-line scavenger hunt.
- The Day of Love activities will start with decorating at 2:00 pm and the dance will begin at 6:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to bring cookies (without nuts or peanut butter).
- The Circle of Life committee is planning a farmer's race at convention in Topeka. All parties are invited to join the competition and raise money for the St. Jude kids. The Connie Hoch memorial has exceeded \$3000.
- The council has a proposed dues increase which will be presented and voted on in Topeka. It is proposed to raise the dues from \$10 to \$15.



A big thank you to Alpha Zeta, Garden City, for a terrific weekend. Everything from the hotel to the weather was wonderful. (right) Several of our eastern Kansas members took the train home.



(Left) "I've searched the world over and tried to find true love, but you met another and PHUUUUUT! you were gone!" Crystal and her groups sing a Hee Haw favorite in ESA Idol.