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ESAF Newsletter

From the Chairman of the Board...

Will Rogers once said, “Even if you are on the right track, you’ll get run over if you just sit there.” I hope our members agree that the ESA Foundation has been moving along the right track for some time. The board recently met for the mid-year meeting where we spent a significant amount of time on board development and strategic planning to ensure that the Foundation keeps moving forward with the times. We continue to dream about what the Foundation may look like in five and ten years and are imagining new ways the Foundation can improve the lives of others.



We have been planning our annual meeting in St. Louis and we are excited to have speakers who will share how our scholarships and grants have made a positive difference in their lives. One of our speakers is Sister Esther Hogan from the St. Charles Outreach Coalition. She will be speaking about how a 2015 ESA Foundation grant has assisted with her organization’s program combatting human trafficking.

Are you planning on arriving early and taking the Sunday Camp Hope tour? If so we invite you to join the board on Saturday night at St. Louis’ Bissell Mansion Dinner Theater for a comical and interactive experience. The play’s theme is “Phantom of the Grand ‘Ole Opry” and special appearances by Elvis and Dolly Parton have been rumored. Look for more information on the outing in this newsletter and in the convention information section of the ESA website.

You won’t want to miss the Foundation Fund Fest on Tuesday. It is sure to be a fun-filled night of games and auctions. We appreciate your support of this important Foundation event.

The board looks forward to meeting you in St. Louis as we “look back” upon our successes and “move forward” with positively impacting the lives of others. Together we will keep the ESA train moving forward on the right track.

Kim Mandrell, ESAF Chairman
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Grants Chairman...

Thanks to your continued support of the Life Active Membership and your generous donations to the Art Spark and Special Grants Fund, we are able to continue to give grants during the year. The latest Grants approved at our Mid Year Board meeting were:

Career Enhancement Grants to attend workshops and Seminars to help advancement in career opportunities or job advancement. Funded by a percentage of the Life Active Membership fund.

Jesse Huang \$2000 to attend more career training in Clinical Research. Jesse lives in Salem, Oregon and will use this training to pursue more impactful clinical research projects, which increases his work value.

Jennifer Trainum \$540.00 to learn Level 7 Suzuki Violin Curriculum. Jennifer lives in Northport, Alabama and is employed by the University of Alabama In Tuscaloosa. Her current job title is Suzuki Violin Teacher with the community Music School, a division of the College Arts and Sciences program. Upon completion of this course she will be one of two teachers in the State of Alabama to earn Unit 7 certification. Her goal is to earn all 10 levels.

Tyra Moore \$538.13 was granted for her to attend two seminars to increase her knowledge and help add to her abilities as a counselor.

The cost will cover two seminars and her study materials.

The Art Spark Grant was established to honor BJ Clark and is given to advance education, training or provides supplies for students and teachers of the arts. It is Funded by the specifically designated donations of ESA, ESAF members and friends.

Carrie Patterson \$940.00 to aid in her teaching of acting and direction to young actors who need help to pursue their career but are unable to afford basic acting and directing skills. Carrie is from Chicago, Illinois. She will teach her students how to do a screen play, get the Playwright, provide props, make copies, market and present their play.

The Board chose special Grants recipients and the funds are available from generous donations by members, Planned Givers, and undesignated donations.

The Foundation will be presenting these Special Grants:

\$2500 Grant to the Women Give again this year.

\$1000 Grant to honor IC President, Sherry Day

\$500 Grant to Camp Hope.

Since July we have received applications for 7 Career Enhancement, 2 Art Spark and one inquiry about another

Special Grant. Three Career Enhancement and 1 Art Spark Grant have been awarded.

Applications are taken or granted at anytime during the year and are granted according to the qualifications and available funds.

Thank you for your generous support of these programs and for your overwhelming participation in our Life Active Memberships.

Cathy Holsted
Grants Chairman
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2017 Foundation Fund Fest

State Conventions will begin in April and now is the time to make arrangements for your state contribution for the Foundation Fund Fest auction in July.

It may be more convenient for your state to be a Fund Fest Sponsor or Patron instead of transporting a basket or gift card holder. See the sign up sheet in this issue if you are interested. Sponsorships are \$100 and Patrons start at \$200.

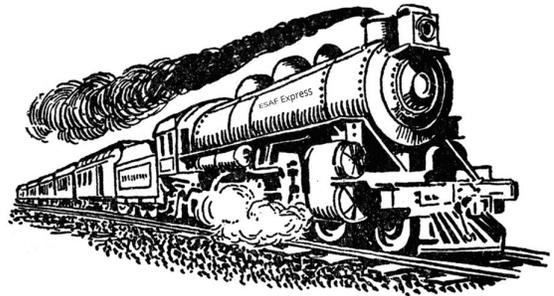
We will have a Mexican Train game in addition to Farkel, Horse Race and Black Jack game tables. We will have 2 tables open if anyone would like to bring other games, such as Dominoes games. The first two request that I receive will get the extra game tables for their games.

FFF games will start at **6:30 pm** instead of 7:00 pm. This will allow 90 minutes for games before auctions begin at 8:00 pm.

Please encourage your state membership to bring or send lots of nice auction items that everyone will want to bid on.

Thank you for all your Foundation support.

Barbara Price
2017 Fund Fest Chairman
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THE ESAF EXPRESS

**It's not too late to contribute to the
ESAF Fantasy Event**

To make a contribution visit:

epsilonsigmaalpha.org/esaf

**To see where you won't be going on
your fantasy trip go to:**

<http://bit.ly/ESAFFantasyBall>

or

**[http://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/
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Endowment Spotlight



Kelsey Weber winner of Hazel Knapp Endowment for \$1500 & Laverne 'Bun' Young Endowment for \$1000

Growing up in rural Oregon opportunities are often hard to come by, going to further my education instead of inheriting the family farm is uncharacteristic for my area. As a senior in high school ten years feels like a lifetime away, but my future is springing up fast. Heading off to college it is my intention to study biology at Southern Oregon University and play volleyball.

After I graduate with my bachelor's degree, I aim to attend Oregon State University to earn a master's degree in environmental science. Developing the work ethic that it takes to shine in this rural environment is one in a million, which has led me to have the potential to thrive in an environmental science career field. With this advanced degree, I can go several ways, but I plan to go challenge myself by going into research and testing for seed/fertilizer/grain/ etc. company in Oregon. Ambitious to find the most efficient ways and methods that farmers can succeed allows me to be motivated to make a difference in those that have impacted my life to make me the person I am today.

My goal personally is to help the people that I grew up with to thrive in their agricultural pursuits with efficiency and production. Because of the impact that my agricultural background has brought me, I truly appreciate the value of hard work that this farming population expresses every single day.



The ESA Foundation Board of Directors invites you to join us for an evening of food, mystery and fun on Saturday, July 15, 2017 at The Bissell Mansion Restaurant and Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre in St. Louis' oldest brick house.

The admission price is \$55.00 and includes a 4-course dinner of appetizers, salad, 2 glasses of wine, with main dish options of 8 oz. New York steak, chicken parmesan, or baked white fish with an Almandine sauce, potato and vegetables and dessert. Vegetarian options available. Cash bar available.

The mystery will be "*Phantom of the Grand 'Ole Opry*" including finding Elvis is alive in the gutters in Branson. Amazingly, this Branson will only be about 4 miles from our hotel. We will meet in the lobby at Union Station at 5:45 pm.

If you are driving and willing to transport attendees, please respond with how many you can carry and note if you have attendees arranged to travel with you:

Please list each Attendee Name(s) being paid for on this response:

Contact person's email address: _____

Total Amount Paid: _____

Make checks payable and mail to:

Ann Southall
ESAF Vice Chairman
915 Hazelhurst St.
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Deadline: June 1, 2017 Check if vegetarian option requested _____

MEET OUR ESA FOUNDATION DIRECTOR CANDIDATES

We are fortunate to have the following qualified ESAF members who have been submitted for the two Director positions. The following is a brief synopsis of their nomination forms. Nominations from the floor will be received until May 15, 2017. Any interested candidates should contact the ESAF Vice Chairman before the May 15, 2017 deadline.

Valerie Dickens



Valerie Dickens, San Angelo, TX, is the Office Manager at Dickson Underground Utility Construction, where she has worked for 4 years. In her job, she is responsible for all accounting, accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll and tax returns. She also assists with bidding projects. Previously, she worked as office manager for 17 years for another utility company as well as various experiences in veterinary and medical offices. Valerie has been a member of ESA for 36 years and is a life active member of the ESA Foundation. Valerie has held all elected offices of the Texas State Council and was the Texas State President in 2012-2013. Additionally, Valerie has held all elected and appointed offices of the District Council for Texas including President. Valerie has been involved in numerous civic organizations, accomplishing fundraising efforts and organization. Valerie says "without everyone's support of the ESA Foundation, ESA would struggle to survive. As the name states, ESA Foundation is the foundation of our organization. Through all the wonderful scholarships and grants, the Foundation provides to the future leaders of our country and also could be a resource for membership in our wonderful organization."

Su McDonell



Su McDonell, Eugene, OR, is the co-owner and employee for a car care center for the past 30 years and is self-employed as an interior/exterior motor coach redecorator for the past 17 years. She has also worked in retail clothing and banking in prior positions. She has been a member of ESA since 1970 and is a life active member of ESAF. She has held all Oregon State and District positions at least twice and was the Oregon State President in 2012-2013. She has been involved in numerous volunteer organizations and positions, most recently as financial administrator for "Bags of Love", a 501c3 organization serving children in crises within Lane County, Oregon. Sue has attended 29 Oregon State Conventions and 8 IC Conventions plus 4 Washington State Conventions. Su says, "I have always been gratified by the volunteer work in ESA but now I wish to take on a larger role within the ESA Foundation in order to help enhance and further that arm of ESA. It would please me to join this group of men and women to provide a work product suited to me and valuable to the ESA Foundation."

Ann Southall, ESA Foundation Vice Chairman, Credentials Chair

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VOTING AND CREDENTIALS INFORMATION

An individual active member of the ESA Foundation is entitled to voting privileges at the ESA Foundation Annual Meeting. If you are not attending IC Convention in St. Louis, MO, you have the option to name a proxy to carry your vote. Please review the Proxy Notice included in this newsletter. If you have any questions or are not sure if you are eligible for voting, please contact your Foundation State Counselor or the ESA Vice Chairman.



**ESA FOUNDATION PROXY NOTICE
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS
TO BE HELD FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2017 AT 7:30 AM IN ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI
TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ESA FOUNDATION:**

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of the members of the ESA Foundation will be held at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri on Friday, July 21, 2017 at 7:30 am for the purpose of considering and acting on the following matters:

- To ratify all actions of the Board of Directors and Officers since the last Annual Meeting, which was held on July 15, 2016*
- To transact such other business as may be properly come before the members*
- To elect two board positions due to expiring terms of service*
- To vote on any proposed changes to the ESA Foundation Bylaws*

All members are entitled to vote in person or by proxy. The ballot box will be open from 5:15 to 5:45 pm on Thursday, July 20, 2017 in the registration area at the St. Louis Union Station Hotel in St. Louis, Missouri.

If you wish to vote by proxy, please contact your ESA Foundation State Counselor or the ESA Foundation Vice Chairman prior to the Annual Meeting. Contact information can be found on the ESA website www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/esaf. Proxy votes may be cast by ESA Foundation members who have paid their annual dues no later than February 28, 2017. If a member does not name a proxy before the Annual Meeting, the ESA Foundation State Counselor will automatically be named proxy.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ann Southall, Director
Vice Chairman of the Board
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March 1, 2017

ESA Foundation Fund Fest

Tuesday, July 18, 2017 – St. Louis, MO

The ESA Foundation needs your help at IC Convention with the Foundation Fund Fest & Merchandise table. Please let me know if you would be willing to help as a dealer, set up and clean up, donate or work at the silent auction tables.

Sponsors: _____ \$100 Game table Sponsor

FFF Patrons: _____ \$200 Silver _____ \$300 Gold

_____ \$500 Pearl _____ \$1,000 Platinum

Member Number: _____ Chapter Name/Number: _____

Willing to Donate: _____ Silent Auction Items _____

_____ Oral Auction Items _____

_____ State Basket –Description _____

(Please mark value of all auction items to assist in bid amounts)

ESAF Merchandise Table will be open during “Foundation Fund Fest” on Tuesday, and during the week – specific times TBA.

_____ I will help sell merchandise, collect dues and donations

Date(s) _____ Time(s) _____

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Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please return this form to:

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