



## “The Captain’s Log” – Log 2 August 10, 2011

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Greetings once again from your Captain!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Hello my wonderful VA sisters.

VA has suffered a great loss. Jane Shamblin went to be with the Lord on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at 4:00PM with her family by her side. Jane was a wonderful lady and a loyal and sweet sister. No matter what the task was Jane was ready and willing I am not even sure she knew the word no. Jane never meet a stranger, she always extended a hello and her sweet smile. As one of her Beta Tau sister's put it . . . Jane's passing will really leave a gap in Beta Tau and ESA. She was always willing to volunteer and her sunny disposition will be sorely missed. That is so true. I have received many many emails from a lot of people across the United States telling me how sorry they are for VA's loss. VA will miss you Jane Shamblin may you rest in peace. I am so glad that I was able to spend time with her at IC Convention, she was so excited about the St. Jude totals that is the memory I will cherish forever.

Oh my gosh it is August 10<sup>th</sup> already where has the summer gone? I know that all of you have been busy planning your year. Don't forget to include a "Stand Up and Say YES WE are ESA event". I have only had one chapter tell me about their event and let me tell you I know that they had a GREAT time!!!!!!!!!! This chapter decided that their "Stand Up and Say YES WE are ESA event" would take place at the baseball game ☺ They did it up right, they wore their ESA shirts, took signs and held them up during the game and they even had their name put up in lights on the score board. Now that was an EVENT!!!!!!!!!! Congratulations to Beta Sigma for their fabulous event. Thank you girls for Standing Up and Saying YES to ESA!!!!!!!!!! If you missed the summer council meeting and are not sure what I am talking about let me tell you. I just want you to plan a "Stand Up and Say YES WE are ESA event" very simple - all I ask is that you let me know what it is so I can report it to everyone. So girls I challenge you to plan your event soon and let me know what it is. Have fun I can't wait to hear from you. Remember Stand UP VA . . . Stand Up and Say YES WE are ESA be proud!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

**“SUNFLOWER SERENADE” 64<sup>th</sup> Annual IC Convention – Sheraton Overland Park Hotel,  
Overland Park, Kansas – July 18-24, 2011**

Six o'clock on Tuesday morning came too soon, as mom and I arrived at the Roanoke Airport ready to depart on our journey to Kansas via Detroit. Yes, you guessed it, mom "beeped" and even before we got out of Roanoke. Didn't prove to be too serious, however, as we suspect it was the magnet on her sorority pin. We arrived at the Kansas City, MO airport right on time 1:28 p.m. and was picked up by Beth Sherron, for our ride to the hotel, via a short stop for lunch. Upon arrival at the hotel, check-in and convention registration was painless and so many ESA sisters arriving - getting to see some of the state presidents I met at Leadership in Denver was exciting! They took individual pictures of you after you checked in for convention, WOW after 8 hours travel, none of us were too "pretty." You must see the pictures. Mom said she was putting hers in a corn field to keep the crows away.

VA was well represented by 11 ladies and 2 men: myself, mom, Susan Caldwell, Marie LaDuke, Cindy Maxwell, Sue Foy, Flora Burns, Beth Sherron, Jane & Doug Shamblin, Kathy Gibbons, Nancy & Sherman Reece. After dinner at J. Alexander's a stop by the ESA Foundation Fund Fest and off to bed since I had a 8:15 a.m. State Presidents' Credentials/Workshop.

**Wednesday** After my Presidents' Workshop, the St. Jude Workshop (extremely well attended with standing room only) was next and the Convention Kick-off Speaker, Marc Elliot. What a motivational speaker! Marc has Tourette Syndrome, a medical condition that caused him to make loud sounds, have twitches and say things he does not mean. He suffered from this condition at a very early age, but in the past year, had taught himself (with help) to control it. He was an outstanding speaker and one that could make you cry and laugh at the same time. At six o'clock, we put on our pretty blue aprons (made by Beth) and were ready with homemade cookies shaped like stars (made by Marie) and our convention info at the IC Convention site tables. If everyone comes that said they were, the 2013 IC Convention in Norfolk will be a sell-out!! We quickly rushed into the Welcome Party & Dinner and enjoyed the fellowship with my VA sisters and men.

**Thursday** - Opening ceremonies began promptly at 8:15 a.m. and I cannot express how proud I felt to carry the VA flag during the Flag Ceremony and see my VA sisters stand and applaud. Business was as usual, minutes, financial report, introduction of candidates for office, appointments, etc. Our own, Beth, served as a Teller for Election of Officers.

It was reported 430 members from 34 states were in attendance. Janet Jamieson, Easter Seals Representative, in her message, reported 2010-2011, ESA donated over \$80,000 to Easter Seals Projects. I attended the PICPA No-Host Luncheon, as did several other VA Sisters. Immediately following lunch, we attended the "Putting the Pieces Together"

Workshop presented by B. J. Clark, which is always a standing room only event. Just a little while to catch our breath and we are off to dinner and the state caucuses. This was pretty easy, everyone agreed on our choices for office. Back at the hotel, Flora participated in the presentation (play? - murder?) for Mystery Night Event for the Foundation - if you have been to this event, you know someone always gets murdered and we have to solve the mystery. She was so funny - the costume priceless - I didn't even recognize her - the shoes were a hoot! Time for bed!

**Friday** - The ESA Foundation and IC Election ballot boxes opened EARLY and I was thrilled to cast votes for VA. I attended the Foundation Annual Meeting at 7:30 a.m. followed by the Second General Assembly. The roll call update showed 448 members present representing 34 states.

**Disaster Fund Report** - On hand \$30,133.74, Donations \$73,309.25 this sorority year, plus interest,

Claims Paid \$142,732.42, Balance \$10,710.57 with \$2,180,798 in Trust. Philanthropic Report - with 29 states reporting 351,920.16 hours, 885,850.89 miles, \$12,723,487.65 monies.

The St. Jude report was next and we were told that the Circle of Life name was now changed to St. Jude Coordinator. We were introduced to the St. Jude family, father, mother and the patient, Ellen Taylor, a beautiful 7 year old little girl who has been in remission for three years. Terry Thomas (Danny's daughter) was also present and spoke to us before we met Ellen and her family. She said something that I loved - "No matter how big the house, all the good people will be in one room." And at St. Jude "you walk in with hope and hopefully leave with a miracle." They recognized that ESA and St. Jude had been together for 40 years this year. ESA and ALSAC created a beautiful pin, shirt, jacket and visor to celebrate this 40 years and were available for purchase at this convention. I will have mine for you to see at Leadership. They may be ordered through headquarters.

The Recognition Luncheon "Dancing in the Streets" was next and Kathy and I dressed in the poodle skirts with Jane in roll-up jeans. This was really fun. VA received 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in State Foundation Award, Foundation Scholarship Award and 2011 Fantasy Event Award. Beta Kappa, VA Beach received first place in Chapter Foundation Award. Congratulations! Following lunch, we attended the SERC meeting.

Flora, Beth, mom and myself participated in the "Munchkin March" for St. Jude at 5:00 pm Friday afternoon. Ellen and her family were present, as well as another patient, a young boy (I failed to get his name) and his mom. I do know that I was very sad as his mom spoke. He has an inoperable brain tumor, but was very active and such a beautiful child.

**Saturday** - My oh my - where has the time gone? Here it is time for the Third General Assembly. IC Officer election results were announced as follows:

President - Rose Pasillas, Texas

1<sup>st</sup> VP - Susan Winters, Kansas

2<sup>nd</sup> VP - Vicky Jones, Kentucky (our IC rep to State convention in Roanoke)

Recording Secretary - Rickie Brown, California

Corresponding Secretary - Karen Locke, Texas

Treasurer - Vickie Farris, Idaho

Parliamentarian - Sandy Alexandria, Colorado

Workshop Coordinator - B.J. Voll, Indiana

I have forwarded a list that I received from Rose it has all the executive board and appointed board's information. Please take time to look at this list.

### Future Convention Sites

2012 - July 18-23 Norman Embassy Suites & Convention Center, Norman, OK

2013 - July 14-21 Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Norfolk, VA

2014 - July 12-20 Red Lion Hotel on the River, Portland, OR

Kathleen & Annie Passanisi were our speakers for the morning and what a hoot these ladies were. They published a book "I Live to Embarrass You" and I believe Beth and Cindy bought the book, so we will have to ask them if it is as good as they were speakers!

Then business as usual, introduction of convention committees, presentation of gavel, 2010-2011 President's closing remarks, presentation of 2011-2012 Appointed Board and committees, Induction of 2010-2011 president into PICPA, retiring of flags and last but not least, the Closing Ritual.

I went to the St. Jude presentation practice while the other ladies went to lunch (they ordered for me) and I was blown away with the totals. Oh my gosh, it was all I could do, but scream out what VA had accomplished when I ran into the dining room for lunch, but they really didn't want to know - they too wanted to wait until presentation at the banquet that evening. After a beautiful Installation of Officers, finally the St. Jude presentation!! Richard C. Shadyac, Jr. CEO of ALSAC spoke and could not thank ESA enough for their association with the hospital. Again our little Ellen was present with her family as well as Terry Thomas to help with the presentation - the State presenters were ready - and finally it was time -- to date ESA has raised \$153,123,859 for the hospital since 1972 when we adopted the hospital as our project - 2010-2011 we raised \$9,142,732 and VIRGINIA WAS 5<sup>TH</sup> IN THE U.S.A. WOW - I WAS SOOOOOOOO EXCITED. WE RAISED \$552,835 - I got to hold up that 2 (the first one) in the \$9,142,732 total. I came down that aisle just strutting and smiling from ear to ear - received a hand shake and hug from Mr. Shadyac, Terry and a yellow rose from Helen. WOW! how wonderful it felt and how proud I felt of all ESA members everywhere for what we can do for others and the children of the hospital. I thought the roof would come off the hotel with the screaming and clapping and tears running down our faces. What a wonderful world ESA!

I was too excited to sleep, but had to since we left the hotel at 3:15 a.m. with Marie and Susan to the airport. Back home to VA and Roanoke after a wonderful week representing you - my VA sisters - at IC Convention. Thank you for the financial support and your prayers and well wishes.

### **VSC Leadership and Fall Council Meeting:**

"ESA Surfing The Oceans of Opportunities and Fun" Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup> - Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Fredericksburg Hospitality House and Conference Center - deadline to make reservations for the hotel is September 15<sup>th</sup> (hotel phone number 540-786-8321) Room rate \$79.00 double or single. Leadership registration \$30.00 due by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

You will not want to miss the wonderful ESA experience!!!!!! Here are some of the events that are being planned: Task Force Membership hands on workshop, St. Jude presentation, Hope for Hero's presentation, Thinking outside of your ESA box hands on workshop, New IC ESA Website follow-up workshop, skits by our wonderful PPA's ☺ and many many more things that you do not want to miss. Please mark your calendars NOW to attend this wonderful fun filled ESA weekend. Sandy Reed and Doris Hood have graciously taken the position of Leadership. Please mail your registrations to Sandy Reed at: 22 Dayton Circle, Fredericksburg, VA 22406.

### **2011 SERC Conference:**

"Palmetto by the Sea" October 28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Embassy Suites North Charleston

5055 International Boulevard, North Charleston, South Carolina 29418 Phone 843-747-1882 Room rate \$129.00 single/double \$139.00 triple \$149.00 quad Room reservation deadline is 3:00PM on October 12, 2011 - When making reservation be sure to mention that you are with SERC/ESA. If you think you are going to SERC (which I hope a lot of you will be) you probably should go ahead and reserve your room I have heard that the rooms are going fast ☺ SERC registration is due to Robin Bussey by September 30<sup>th</sup> Full registration is \$110.00 Many tours are planned such as tour of USS Yorktown, CSA Hunley tour, Downtown Charleston tour. The SC State President also told me that the Tanger Outlet Mall is just across the street from the hotel ☺ Can anybody say Christmas Shopping☺ SERC will be a great convention, Rose P. and her Corresponding Secretary, Karen will be in attendance. I hope a lot of my VA sisters are planning to attend☺ I know that you will want to know this wonderful information Guess what??????? In 2013 the SERC convention will be held in Memphis at the same hotel the 2000 IC Convention was held in 2014 it will be held in Ashville, NC so plan NOW to attend those wonderful ESA events.

Well ladies I think that is all I have to report at this point. Sorry it is so long, I just wanted to make sure that you all of you were informed. I just have a few reminders:

Please remember to send all your reports to the Directors by September 10<sup>th</sup> - for the Social Reports please send those to Shelby Hodges - 12 Meadow Circle, Daleville, VA 24083

Deadline for Lamplighter Articles - September 15<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendars for VSV Leadership and Fall Council meeting and SERC

I have been told that Mildred Edward's computer is "sick" again. It will not be able to be fixed until Verizon gets off strike. If you have any concerns, prayer request or "happy news" please let me know. I will report the information until Mildred gets her computer fixed.

*Remember, if you ever need a helping hand, you'll find one at the end of your arm ... As you grow older you will discover that you have two hands. One for helping yourself, the other for helping others*

*We must become the change we want to see*

*And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.*

*May the sun always shine on your windowpane; May a rainbow be certain to follow each rain; May the hand of a friend always be near you; May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.*

*VA always remember to Stand UP . . . . and SAY YES WE are ESA!!!!!! You never know who wants to hear about our wonderful world of ESA!!!*

*Love to all*

*Ginger*

