



ESO



Epsilon Sigma Omicron
Upsilon Chapter

May 2024



Enjoy the spring! Read outdoors on your patio!

May Calendar

- May 2 to 8—Children's Book Week
- May 6—Free Comic Book Day
- May 9—Peter Pan Day
- May 12—Mother's Day
- May 16-18 CFWC Convention & ESO Breakfast
- May 19 – Lorraine Hansberry, *A Raisin in the Sun*
- May 20—Eliza Doolittle Day
- May 22—Sherlock Holmes Day
- May 25 – Ralph Waldo Emerson, many poems, and essays
- May 31 – Walt Whitman, poetry, and essays

GFWC MEMBERSHIP INCREASE CONTEST

GFWC Epsilon Sigma Omicron (ESO) is again holding the Membership Increase Contest. I am so proud of the 24 of you that have sent in their Membership Level reports since last June 1. De Anza District had 10 new members, San Bernardino had 6 new members and Loma Prieta and Orange each had 2 new members. Sutter, TAD, San Joaquin Valley, and Sierra Cahuenga each added one new Member! Great job! Strive to double that number next year! Thanks for all the hard work. Since it is a percent of increase it will be hard to tell how we score on the GF level.

MOTHERS DAY

What Mother wouldn't enjoy a great book? Kristin Hannah's book entitled *The Women* is a #1 bestseller! It is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way.



Epsilon Sigma Omicron

is the motto and means “enlighten your own Pathway. It was chosen by Mrs. Quincy A. Myers and translated into Greek at Indiana University. ESO are the initials for the Greek words, “Epilampten sautow hoden” which translates to “enlighten the pathway of yourself.”

A Little History of ESO Upsilon Chapter

According to GFWC's ESO Handbook, Bertha J. Lacey, a well-known Indiana artist, designed the crest for ESO in the form of a shield, the ancient symbol of protection.

The shield is divided into (billets) or sections. The center section represents the American home, with a pathway leading into the world of achievement. In the top left section, the rising sun stands for enlightenment. The palm leaf in the upper central section of the shield is the symbol of victory through effort. The crescent moon at the upper right denotes enlightenment pursued in the night-time hours of study. The lower left section shows the lyre which is the symbol for fine arts. The wheat in the lower right symbolizes the idea that we reap what we sow. The lower central section shows an open book which represents all knowledge. Below the crest is the torsade bearing the name Epsilon Sigma Omicron. The torsade was originally a wreath of twisted ribbon presented to a crusader when he set out upon a quest. The dove of peace, which crowns the crest, symbolizes aspiration.



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