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THE GOATS OF CHRISTMAS PAST

From Chicken Soup for the Soul, story by Miriam Van Scott

Over the years, my three children have asked for and received plenty of “typical” Christmas presents. In younger years it was baby dolls and metal cars; now as teenagers they prefer an “alphabet soup” of technology; CDs, DVDs, MP3s and iPods. But I know nothing will ever mean as much or be as well remembered as the goat that defined Christmas for us several years back. A simple barnyard critter embodied the true spirit of the season for us.

Our goat- centered holiday started at the mailbox on a gray afternoon in early November. Along with the usual junk mail, the postman delivered a very unusual catalog. Unlike the glossy brochures from the big toy stores and outlet malls, this little magazine came from a charitable organization dedicated to helping the poor in Haiti, and it offered page after page of items to give to the less fortunate. Selections ran the gamut from simple things like a week’s worth of rice for \$10.00 to an all-inclusive kit for building a two bedroom house, complete with mini kitchen and bathroom, at just over \$2,500. But the entry that caught our attention was a fuzzy little farm animal for the bargain price of only \$45.00. My children, ranging in age from 8 to 11 were mesmerized by the notion of purchasing a goat for Christmas.

“Your generous donation of a goat will provide a needy family with milk and cheese for years to come,” the catalog blurb promised. “This life giving gift could mean the difference between going hungry every night or having enough food for weary parents and growing children.



We were sold. That very day we cut out the goat's picture, taped it to an empty pickle jar and set it on the dining room table so everyone could drop in contributions. Our goal was to collect \$45.00 by mid-December, making our Christmas goat dream come true.

The children immediately began referring to our sponsored goat as "Cheddar Bob." (Like most things my kids come up with, the logic of their thought process is foggy and elusive. The only thing I can figure is that "Cheddar" refers to the fact that goats' milk can be made into cheese, and "Bob – who knows? Male goats don't give milk – let alone cheese – so that remains a mystery to me even now.) Whenever any of them were asked, "So what do you want for Christmas?" they answered, "We want to send Cheddar Bob to Haiti."

The "Cheddar Bob Fund" grew at first by dimes and quarters; then paper dollars began showing up in the glass jar. My husband would forego his beloved Starbucks coffee and put the money toward the goat instead; the children took on extra chores to earn money toward meeting our goal. When Christmas cards arrived with cash inside from aunts and uncles and grandparents, the children gleefully stuffed the loot into the ever-filling jar, determined to purchase Cheddar Bob in time for the holidays.

Two weeks before Christmas, we dumped out the jar's contents and counted the money. To everyone's delight, our total was \$91.25, more than double the amount of the required \$45.00 donation! Ecstatic, my daughter immediately declared, "We can send the family 2 goats – a boy and a girl! Then they'll have goat babies!" Within seconds, the goat-bride was dubbed "Colby Jane" and plans for the furry couple's Haitian honeymoon were being made.

That was 9 years ago, and I don't remember a single gift the kids got for Christmas that year, and I doubt they do either. I'm sure we received lots of lovely things, given from truly loving and generous hearts. But the lasting memory of that holiday will always be of 2 goats we never saw, who live on in our imaginations to this day. Every Christmas, we say a prayer for the Haitian family who taught us that it really is better to give than receive, and we speculate on Cheddar Bob and Colby Jane, and their happy adventures on a distant farm. By now, they surely must have quite a large family of goat children, whose names I won't offer, but you can probably surmise they would be cheesy!

*WHAT COUNTS IN LIFE IS NOT THE MERE FACT THAT WE HAVE LIVED.
IT IS WHAT DIFFERENCE WE HAVE MADE TO THE LIVES OF
OTHERS THAT WILL DETERMINE THE SIGNIFICANCE
OF THE LIFE WE LEAD. - NELSON MANDELA*

I love this story. It not only follows my theme of Random Acts of Kindness, but really captures the true meaning of Christmas and the Holiday season. Being a cheese lover, I had to chuckle at the innocence of the children in the names they selected for the two goats.

I would like to send a big THANK YOU to the Alpha Kappa chapter for hosting the November Council meeting.

It was announced that Terri Olson, IC 2nd Vice President, will be our guest at the State Convention in June. Please join me in letting her know how delighted we are that she will be joining us for the festivities. If there is anything that Terri can help you with, please do not hesitate to reach out to her but don't wait until the last minute to ask for assistance, especially if you are asking her for assistance with a ceremony.

In January, the President's packets will be on the AZ Council website. For those of you who have items for the President's packets, please be sure to have them to April by January 3 for inclusion. It seemed to work well last year and we will continue the process.

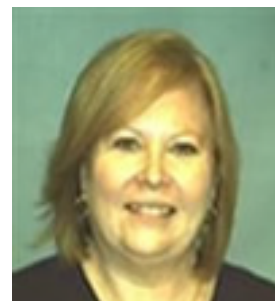
Please have an enjoyable holiday season and a safe and healthy New Year. I look forward to seeing you in 2018 in Tucson at the Viscount Hotel.

I wish you all a very Happy Holiday season.

Joni



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Membership

I certainly hope that all the preparations for Thanksgiving have left everyone with good memories and too many blessings to count. I was very thankful to get more new members to the Arizona Council at the November Council Meeting. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. Some things deserve to be repeated.

Now comes the most wonderful time of the year for most people. The Holiday spirit is upon us and it brings out the best in people. This time of year is filled with the wonder and magic of Christmas and all the great traditions that brings. It is a time for giving and sharing with those around us, but that sharing is not limited to those that we love and care for. It is also for the person that we have never met and will never see. Those that are not so fortunate in their lives as we are. It is a time for kindness and generosity. It is a time to spend helping those in need. It is a time to maintain and make traditions like watching the classic Christmas movies or baking a special family recipe. The Christmas magic is contagious, so if you feel it, everyone else will also. Get into the spirit yourself by helping to create the magic and spread it to others. Honor this Christmas spirit in your heart and try to keep it close all year.

Re-read that last paragraph and you will see that it also describes ESA. We also have a lot of traditions, wonder and magic. Some traditions have changed over the years; others have stood the test of time and remain intact from our IDEALS book. Share our traditions with others and spread that contagious enthusiasm with everyone. Be passionate with your projects and goals. I know that you have heard that before but go outside the box. Throw an ESA party that is as fun as your Christmas party. Promise the gift of friendship for life. I am trying to go outside the box for membership next year and have been working with IC. The goal now is for the January Council meeting. IC has some ideas on the website to get you thinking and I might have a few ideas to help. We ARE getting some younger people and guiding and nurturing them brings a new challenge. Hang in there and see how successful we will all be. Helping our new members grow and blossom is very enjoyable. The acts of kindness and goodness that ESA extends to others is returned ten fold to us in the memories and honor we hold in our hearts and every day is a gift.

May the magic, wonder and joy of Christmas be with you now and throughout the year.
Happy Holidays!

Chris Goldberg
VP Membership/President Elect 2018-2019



Philanthropic

Hope everyone is having a great holiday season!

It was wonderful seeing everyone at the November Council meeting. Thank you to everyone who turned in their first Philanthropic report. The deadline for the first Philanthropic report was 11-22-17.

Thank you to everyone for bringing gift cards for the military to the November Council meeting.

Hopefully each chapter has gone on the Arizona Council ESA website and gotten their Philanthropic packets. The website is: www.AZCouncilESA.com. If your chapter is unable to go on the website to get the packet, please call me. A reminder to everyone: Remember in order for your chapter to be eligible for perfect participation, you must have one chapter member sign the "no report" list. I will have the list of all chapters at each of the Council meetings. In order for your chapter to be eligible for perfect participation, you must have a chapter member sign the "no report" list or turn in a Philanthropic report. The Philanthropic postmark deadlines are **11-22-17, 1-21-18 and 4-23-18**.

Please share your upcoming chapter Philanthropic events. Put an article in the bulletin about your chapter Philanthropic events and or projects. This way everyone can support and possibly attend your event.

Thank you to all the ESA chapters that have held a Philanthropic event. Your hard work and dedication is greatly appreciated.

Thank you to my Philanthropic committee for taking all the collectible items. I respectfully ask my committee: if you are not able to attend the Council meetings then please ask someone to pick-up your collectible items. To my Philanthropic committee: please feel free to submit a bulletin article on the collectible items that you have turned in so far. We want to let the ESA membership know where all the items are being donated to.

Past, Present & Future Philanthropic Events & Fundraisers information:

Thank you to the Beta Kappa chapter for hosting a Bunco Party on October 20, 2017 to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Thank you to Dianna Walters and the Eta Gamma Chapter and everyone that helped with the St. Jude Dream Home giveaway in Nevada. It was a HUGE success! Great job to everyone and thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the kids.

Philanthropic Continued

Past, Present & Future Philanthropic Events & Fundraisers information continues:

Beta Delta chapter – **Date:** January 20, 2018 is hosting a Luncheon & Style show to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Fashion by Dress Barn. **(see page 11)**

Don't forget to purchase your raffle ticket to support the ESA Arizona Council Ways & Means project. The tickets are \$10.00 each. This will be a three way drawing: it will go to St. Jude, ESA Ways & Means and You (the winner). This raffle project will help us balance our ESA Arizona Council budget, donate money to the kids at St. Jude and you could win some cash! Each chapter was given five raffle tickets in the black box at the September Council meeting to sell. Please ask your family, friends, co-workers and your ESA chapter to purchase a raffle ticket for \$10.00 each. We need everyone's help to make this a success.

Karen Madrid from the Alpha Chi chapter has selected a special Philanthropic project. The project: Peanut Butter Drive for the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. The peanut butter drive started in September 2017 and runs through April 2018. Please ask your family, friends and co-workers to donate jars of peanut butter. Right after the September Council meeting we turned in 54 jars (80 pounds) of peanut butter and \$20.00 in cash donations to the Community Food Bank. Thank you to everyone that is helping with this project.

Please come and join the fun at our ESA Statewide event hosted by Alpha Chi Chapter:
Statewide Event Name: "For the Love of Kids"

Benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Date: February 17, 2018 from 4:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Place: Paul & Karen Madrid home located at 5672 E. Cooper Street Tucson, AZ 85711

Cost: \$20.00 per person (includes Mexican buffet dinner, dessert and one drink ticket)

Makes checks payable to: Alpha Chi #5372

Your check is your reservation. Send checks to: Karen Madrid at 5672 E. Cooper Street Tucson, AZ 85711

RSVP on or before: February 1, 2018 to Karen Madrid

Please email at pkmadrid@cox.net or call me and let me know what Philanthropic events that your chapters are having.

Karen Madrid
2nd Vice-President/Philanthropic



Past President/Disaster Fund Chairman

Happy Holidays to Everyone,

What a wonderful time of year to be together with family and friends. We get to share all the beautiful lights, decorations, celebrations and the gift of giving during this holiday season even though we all won't be together. We also take this time of year to give extra to our military families.

This morning I saw on the "TODAY SHOW" a story about an ongoing wonderful act of kindness for our "Veterans". There are unexpected Disasters that happen in the military that can also affect our ESA families across the United States. The story was about "Charlie" one of America's VetDogs. It showed excerpts of this precious little Black Lab puppy that was introduced to their viewers last year on the show. The story line talked about him growing up and learning to be a "VetDog" Oh my goodness.....be stow my heart. I couldn't help but go online and see what this was all about.

With Veteran's day around the corner, I thought this would be a great thing to write about. I knew nothing about this special organization that trained service dogs just for our Vets. I was only familiar with service dogs that have been trained for people with disabilities we see in our local communities.

This could be an extension of our love and support of Veterans. It would be a great speaker to have at a council meeting, if the organization has local representatives. Wouldn't it be great to see a precious little puppy, tail wagging, showing unconditional love and putting a smile on everyone's face? No matter what is going on around you.....Puppies just seems to always make us feel better.

There have been so many disasters on the news and it makes one sad seeing all the people in need of help. It warmed my heart to learn there is this special organization doing wonderful acts of kindness for our Veterans that are going through their own awful disasters while serving our Country.

"TODAY" is excited to join forces with America's VetDogs, a nonprofit organization that strives to support veterans and first responders by pairing them with dogs who can offer both physical and emotional support. Their powerful mission: "To help those who have served our country honorably live with dignity and independence."

Past President/Disaster Fund Chairman Continued

CHARLIE MEETS THE CHALLENGE

Over the past 15 months, Charlie, our “puppy with a purpose,” has been featured on NBC’s TODAY morning show. His regular appearances in front of millions of viewers have brought critical attention to the needs of disabled veterans and showcased the range and intensity that goes into training a service dog. Now, Charlie is ready to take his proud place by a veteran’s side. This adorable black Labrador Retriever has grown up in front of the cameras. He’s been an exceptional ambassador for the needs of disabled veterans. Now he’s a service dog, ready to take the most important step on his journey as he begins his partnership with his new veteran live on NBC’s TODAY. He’s comfortable in crowds and thrives in stimuli-rich environments. He has unique stamina for active days and a lot of travel. Charlie easily transitions from city to rural environments and back again.

Next, we review the list of veterans who have been accepted into our program and are eagerly awaiting their assistance dog. The wait time averages almost two years! We carefully evaluate the veteran’s needs and take the time to learn about their lifestyle. For someone like Stacy Pearsall, who travels to nearly 25 cities per year for work, having a service dog is extremely helpful in navigating heavy crowds and commotion. In her day-to-day, the photographer experiences seizures from a traumatic brain injury. So Charlie’s assistance will be huge for her during long hours on the job. Lights, camera, action! I’m sure you can see how nicely this pair was matched up right before our eyes. We customize the final portion of each dog’s training to the selected veteran’s needs. Stacy and Charlie will begin their team training in December, and we can’t wait to share how those possibilities turn into realities.

MY SERVICE DOG MAKES A DIFFERENCE

America’s VetDogs helps veterans and first responders “live without boundaries.” Learn about their stories and the difference their dog makes. We are committed to providing these dogs to our veterans and their families, absolutely free of charge. Go online to check out the story of “Charlie” and the Veteran they chose for him to help.

When severe health issues affect our bodies, devastation affects our lives you won’t know life like you did before these unexpected things happened to you, however you can still reach out to give a hug, do an act of kindness and still be a part of helping one another. How fortunate we are to be in an organization that helps their members when they have disasters happen in their lives.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DISASTER FUND:

All checks are to be made payable to the **ESA Disaster Fund** and mailed to the State Disaster Fund Chair, (For 2017-2018 Liz Montgomery). If the State Disaster Fund Chair receives a cash donation, it will be deposited and a personal check or money order will be sent to the IC Disaster Fund Chair made out to the IC Disaster Fund.

Don’t forget.....every dollar helps. Thank you for all your love & support and all you do.
Hope to see you all at the January Council Meeting.

Have a Very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

Love & Hugs,

Liz Montgomery

Hope for Hero's



Hi Everyone

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and we know many are in the full swing for the Christmas season!

We want to thank you all for all the gift cards that you brought to us at the November meeting. Every dollar makes a difference for those families who are struggling while their spouse is deployed. With your giving, you have put a smile on a few more faces that maybe would have not been there had you not opened your heart and purchased gifts cards to send to the bases. I will have them in the mail before Thanksgiving and will report back to all of you.

If any of your chapters are doing things for the veterans, please let me know so that I can share with other chapters and other states. Maybe it will inspire them to do something. Remember, we don't just do during the holidays...we need to do all we can all year for those who fought to give us the freedoms that we enjoy every day. Start planning now to bring items to the January meeting that we can ship out. We would love to be able to fill at least 3 of the large, if it fits it ships boxes. We can even include cards and postage stamps for them to send back to their families. Helpful hints – visit the Dollar Tree Stores and/or the 99cents stores. You can get many of the items they need, plus at the \$Tree the cards are 2 for \$1.00. I will check to make sure we get the list of items on the web if not there. Let's do all we can to give them a touch of home! Remember – your acts of kindness!!

We want to wish all of you a very joyous holiday season. Just remember the reason for the season. Prayers to all our military who will not be able to be home for the holidays and prayers for their families.

We wish all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Hugs to all

Carol, Deana and Shirley





CELEBRATING THE SEASON”

Join us to enjoy the tastes and tunes of the holidays

**A festive event to benefit Easter Seals
sponsored by Gamma Iota Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha**

**DATE: Friday, December 8, 2017
5 PM – 10 PM**

**PLEASE NOTE
THIS EVENT
HAS BEEN CANCELLED**

**Regrettably, we decided this week that the number
of people expressing interest in attending was not
great enough to continue on with the event.**

Beta Delta Chapter Presents

“PRETTY WOMAN”

A Charity Event for the Children at St. Jude Research Hospital

Lunch and Style Show

Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 11:30am

VDO Clubhouse, 8723 E. Ridge Terrace Drive, Tucson

Fashions by the Dress Barn

Jeff Goldberg on the Mike

Lunch by Marilyn Smith and your Beta Delta Sisters

\$25.00 contribution

All Proceeds for the Kids at St. Jude

Reservations by January 12th

One check per Chapter with List of Names to Shirley Phillips, 7541 East Pima St., Tucson AZ 85715

AZ COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY MEETING



WHEN: January 21, 2018

WHERE: Viscount Hotel

4855 E. Broadway

Tucson 85711

Registration: 9 am

Meeting: 10am

Cost: \$25

CHAPTER RESERVATIONS:

Shirley Phillips. 7541 E. Pima St., Tucson, AZ 85715

no later than January 12, 2018 deadline

**ONE CHAPTER CHECK PAYABLE TO BETA DELTA WITH
NAMES OF ATTENDEES**

FUND RAISING TABLE RESERVATIONS:

Mary Jane Hickey 520-744-6070

no later than January 12, 2018

HOTEL RESERVATIONS: \$79.00 / \$89.00

All rooms are suites and include a complete breakfast buffet.

Must be made by December 15, 2017 by calling hotel at 520-745-6500 and ask for ESA block.



BUNCO PARTY
FOR ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL

BRING \$10.00 FOR ST. JUDE
AND JOIN BETA KAPPA FOR THIS FABULOUS EVENT!!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2018
6:00 P.M.
8723 E. RIDGE TERRACE DRIVE
TUCSON, AZ

FOOD SURPRISE AND DESSERT!!!!
AND
DRINK OF THE DAY!!
AND, OF COURSE, THE FABULOUS PRIZES!!!

PLEASE RSVP BY January 21, 2018
Chris Goldberg 520-883-4458
gold4us2@comcast.net





ATTENTION ALL CHAPTERS:

Can You Help?

We need to collect the following items for the 2018 IC Convention. If you can help with some or all of these, your help will be most appreciated.

Bottled Water – We need at least 21 cases. If you don't want to buy and carry it, a \$3.00 donation will buy a case. You can give your

donation to Cyndi Sklad, Jacqui Smith or Sherry Day.

Note pads – We need about 400 – If your employer or doctor or someone you know has note pads they give away, this would be helpful. We can have several different kinds – no worries.

If you have any contacts with Poore Brothers Potato Chips or Frito Lay – please let Sherry know.

Carolyn Vasko will be selling ads for the program book. Please consider an ad from your chapter to welcome everyone to Arizona.

Wendy Williams will be looking for 4 or 5 nice gifts to use as raffle prizes in the hospitality room. The raffle helps pay for the supplies in that room. Also, we will take donations of alcohol for the hospitality suite.

Do you have old games, Uno, Yahtzee or decks of cards you don't use? What about puzzles or a few books you don't need anymore? We can use them in several areas and all will be donated at the end of convention.

Thank you for all you are doing to make this convention a great one. If you have any questions, just contact Sherry.



MEMBER NAME _____ MEMBER NUMBER/STATE _____
 / _____
 ADDRESS _____
 CITY, STATE, ZIP _____
 PHONE _____ CELL _____ EMAIL _____
 CHAPTER NAME _____ CHAPTER # _____ STATE COUNCIL _____
 DATE OF ARRIVAL _____ TIME OF ARRIVAL _____ FLY/ DRIVE USING SCOOTER Y/N
 ROOMMATE(S) _____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY

- ☐ First IC Convention ☐ Pledge ☐ Collegiate Member – Campus _____ ☐ HQ Staff
- ☐ ESA Foundation Board ☐ IC Elected/Appointed Board ☐ Past IC President (year) _____
- ☐ 2017-2018 State President – State _____ ☐ 2018-2019 State President – State _____
- ☐ Previous State President – State(s)/Year(s) _____ Served with: _____
- ☐ I will be recognized at convention for my years of ESA Service: 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70
- ☐ Medical Food Allergy: The hotel will do its best to accommodate **MEDICAL Food Allergy requests only**.
 Allergy alert for _____ (Additional costs may apply.)

	<u>CIRCLE AMOUNT</u>
MEMBER FULL REGISTRATION FEE: Includes general assemblies, workshops, welcome party, recognition luncheon and banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked by May 1, 2018 \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked May 2 – June 1, 2018 \$275 <input type="checkbox"/> After June 1, 2018 (see payment note on page 2) \$275
MEMBER FRI & SAT REGISTRATION FEE: Includes general assemblies, recognition luncheon and banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked by May 1, 2018 \$225 <input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked May 2 – June 1, 2018 \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> After June 1, 2018 (see payment note on page 2) \$250
MEMBERS SAT REGISTRATION FEE: Includes general assembly and banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked by May 1, 2018 \$125 <input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked May 2 – June 1, 2018 \$150 <input type="checkbox"/> After June 1, 2018 (see payment note on page 2) \$150
MEMBER WALK-IN REGISTRATION FEE: Includes everything in full registration	<input type="checkbox"/> See payment note on Page 2 \$300
PICP NO-HOST LUNCHEON (all past and present state presidents/IC presidents) \$40 If served with multiple presidents, indicate with whom you wish to sit? _____	
SUBTOTAL MEMBER REGISTRATION:	\$ _____

CONVENTION HOTEL ROOM RATES

Room rates: Single/Double - \$139, plus tax. Triple/Quad - \$149, plus tax

Rates are available for July 12, 2018 thru July 25, 2018 –

To receive the group rate, you **MUST** make reservations by **June 29, 2018**. Call for reservations and reference the **Epsilon Sigma Alpha International 2018 Convention rate** or click on the following: [hotel link](#)

Member Name and Number as listed on first page _____

MEMBER MAY NOT REGISTER AS NON-MEMBER FOR ANY EVENT

NON-MEMBER NAME _____

Please indicate if special guest of the following: ☐ ALSAC ☐ EASTER SEALS

☐ INCOMING IC PRESIDENT ☐ OTHER (Please specify) _____

	<u>CIRCLE AMOUNT</u>
NON-MEMBER FULL REGISTRATION FEE	<input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked by May 1, 2018 \$250
Includes general assemblies, workshops,	<input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked May 2 – June 1, 2018 \$275
welcome party, recognition luncheon and banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> After June 1, 2018 (see payment note below) \$275
NON-MEMBER attending WELCOME PARTY	<input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked by June 1, 2018 \$ 65
	<input type="checkbox"/> After June 1, 2018 (see payment note below) \$ 70
NON-MEMBER attending RECOGNITION LUNCHEON	<input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked by June 1, 2018 \$ 50
	<input type="checkbox"/> After June 1, 2018 (see payment note below) \$ 55
NON-MEMBER attending BANQUET	<input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked by June 1, 2018 \$ 80
	<input type="checkbox"/> After June 1, 2018 (see payment note below) \$ 85
YOUTH REGISTRATION FEE	<input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked May 1, 2018 \$250
Includes general assemblies, welcome party	<input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked May 2 – June 1, 2018 \$275
recognition luncheon and banquet	<input type="checkbox"/> After June 1, 2018 (see payment note below) \$275

SUBTOTAL NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION: _____

ENTER TOTAL FROM FIRST PAGE: _____

TOTAL REGISTRATION: _____

***List food allergies for non-members on page one, indicating who has the allergy.

MEN'S GOLF . . . Indicate days you would like to play golf.

I wish to golf: ☐ Monday ☐ Tuesday ☐ Wednesday ☐ Thursday ☐ Friday ☐ Saturday

SELECT ONE PAYMENT TYPE

REGISTRATION IS NON-TRANSFERABLE

**** PAYMENT NOTE:** Payment after June 1, 2018 must be paid by **MONEY ORDER, CERTIFIED CHECK, CASH OR CREDIT CARD AND MAILED TO THE IC REGISTRATION CHAIR BEFORE JUNE 18, 2018. After June 18, 2018, mail registration form only – DO NOT SEND PAYMENT. Email the registration chair that the form has been mailed and bring copy of registration form with money order, certified check, cash or credit card to the IC Convention.**

☐ Check ☐ Money Order Make payable to: **ESA 2018 IC Convention**
A \$45 fee will be assessed for any returned check.

☐ Credit card** ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

****A fee of 4.5% of the total charge will be added.**

Credit Card # Exp. date _____ security code _____

Name EXACTLY as it appears on credit card _____

Billing address of credit card holder _____

Cardholder Signature (required) _____

CANCELLATION: If you find it necessary to cancel this registration, the full amount less a \$15 processing fee will be refunded when WRITTEN cancellation is postmarked NO LATER THAN JUNE 15, 2018. NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 15.

Mail registration form and payment to:

Marilee Dunn, 2018 ESA IC Registration Chair
3575-1 Lehigh Drive; Santa Clara, CA 95051
408-838-5254 email: Eureka5255@aol.com



Tours for 2018 IC Convention



Mark the appropriate space(s) and indicate the number of tickets you want to order.

Please include tour registration with convention registration and payment.

*****All tours include round-trip transportation*****

Sunday July 15, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm - Registration deadline – June 1, 2018

Jerome and Lunch at the Asylum

Depart the Sheraton at 8am and travel to the Verde Valley. Experience a destination rich in history, beauty, and the production of exquisite Arizona wines. Stop in Cottonwood for shopping on your own in the historical downtown and a wine-tasting at Fire Mountain. Continue to Jerome. Recently voted as one of "America's Coolest Small Towns" by BudgetTravel.com. Jerome is a historic mining town built in the side of Mingus Mountain that was abandon but has come back to life. Lunch is included at the Asylum. Return to the Sheraton around 4pm.

_____ Tickets at \$110.00 per person = \$_____

Sunday July 15, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm - Registration deadline – June 1, 2018

Butterfly Museum and Talking Stick Casino

Depart the Sheraton at 9:30am and travel to the Butterfly Museum where over 3,000 friendly butterflies await your arrival. It the largest indoor butterfly pavilion in America. Around 12:30pm continue to Be Talking Stick Resort and Casino for lunch on your own. The culinary experts at Talking Stick Resort have created six unique restaurants for you to enjoy throughout the hotel and resort. Then there will be time to flirt with lady luck before returning to the Sheraton around 3:30pm.

_____ Tickets at \$89.00 per person = \$_____

Monday July 16, 8:30 am – 8:00 pm - Registration deadline – June 1, 2018

Verde Canyon Railroad

Depart the Sheraton at 8:30am and travel to Clarksdale where you will board the Verde Canyon Railroad for a four hour diesel train journey to places only accessible by rail. See crimson cliffs, eagle nests, white water rapids, and abandoned gold mines. Return to the Sheraton around 8pm.

_____ Tickets at \$129.00 per person - coach class = \$_____

_____ Tickets at \$179.00 per person - first class = \$_____

Tours for 2018 IC Convention Continued

Monday July 16, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm - Registration deadline – June 1, 2018

Classic (Historic) Homes

Go back in time for a day and discover Arizona's rich history. Tour The Rossen House, a fully-restored 1895 Queen Anne Victorian house museum which interprets the history of Phoenix. Tours of the house include all living areas and offer visitors a glimpse into the lifestyles of early Phoenix families. Spend time at Heritage Square before driving by other historical Phoenix homes. These homes are striking reminders of the Valley's vibrant past Lunch is included at the Spicery in Glendale.

_____ Tickets at \$75.00 per person = \$ _____

Tuesday July 17, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm - Registration deadline – June 1, 2018

Sedona and Montezuma Castle

Depart the Sheraton at 8am and travel to Montezuma Castle National Monument. Gaze through the windows of the past into one of the best preserved cliff dwellings in North America. This 20 room high-rise apartment, nestled into a towering limestone cliff, tells a story of ingenuity, survival and ultimately, prosperity in an unforgiving desert landscape. Continue to Sedona for lunch and sightseeing on your own. Sedona is home to over 300 artists that draw from the quiet, colorful, and spectacular physical environment. The red rocks, drifting clouds, towering pinnacles, and sheer canyon walls lend incredible beauty to this area. Return to the Sheraton at about 5pm.

_____ Tickets at \$105.00 per person = \$ _____

Tuesday July 17, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm - Registration deadline – June 1, 2018

Musical Instrument Museum (MIM)

Depart the Sheraton at 9am. A guided tour of MIM features more than 6,000 instruments collected from around 200 of the world's countries and territories. Most displays are enhanced by state-of-the-art audio and video technologies that allow guests to see the instruments, hear their sounds, and observe them being played in their original contexts. Lunch is on your own in the MIM Café. Return to the Sheraton around 2pm.

_____ Tickets at \$65.00 per person = \$ _____

Friday July 20, 6:00 – 10:30 - Registration deadline – June 1, 2018

Wildhorse Pass Casino

Take the bus to Wildhorse Pass Hotel and Casino for a night of fun. There a slots and table games and great places to eat. See just how lucky you are! The bus will leave the hotel at 6:00 PM and return to the hotel about 10:30 PM.

_____ Tickets at \$24.00 per person = \$ _____

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Tours for 2018 IC Convention Continued

Friday July 20, 6:00 – 10:00 - Registration deadline – June 1, 2018

Diamondbacks Baseball

The Arizona Diamondbacks are at home and playing the Colorado Rockies. Ticket price includes all you can eat ball park food (hot dogs, popcorn, sodas and more). In sections with easy access and close to the bar and a little more leg room. Don't forget – Chase Field is air conditioned and just 3 blocks from the Sheraton Grand Hotel.

_____ Tickets at \$38.00 per person = \$ _____

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Sunday July 22, 9:00 – 5:00 - Registration deadline – June 1, 2018

Tucson – San Xavier del Bac Mission and the Presidio

Depart the Sheraton at 9am and travel to Tucson. Upon arriving, tour the San Xavier del Bac Mission. A National Historic Landmark, San Xavier Mission was founded as a Catholic mission by Father Eusebio Kino in 1692. It is the oldest intact European structure in Arizona and is filled with marvelous original statuary and mural paintings. After lunch on your own, visit the Presidio San Agustín del Tucson Museum, a re-creation of the Tucson Presidio built in 1775. Travel back in time to learn about life as early Tucsonans would have lived it. Docent tours discuss life in the Santa Cruz Valley for early Native Americans, Presidio residents and Territorial Period settlers. See the archaeological remains of a pit house, walk along the original Presidio wall and experience a 150 year old classic Sonoran Row house. Return to the Sheraton around 5pm.

_____ Tickets at \$99.00 per person = \$ _____

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NOTE: Tours may be cancelled if minimum registration is not met.

Registration deadline – June 1, 2018

Name _____

State _____

Tour Total _____

If using debit/credit card, add 4.5% _____

Payment Instructions: Include Tour Registration form with Convention Registration. For your convenience, you may remit one check, money order, or credit / debit payment for both.

Beta Gamma Chapter

Beta Gamma Pulls Out the Stops!!!!

Organ Stop Pizza to be truthful. On October 24, 2017 members of the Beta Gamma chapter had a social evening with friends, pizza and great organ music.

The Mighty Wurlitzer has a long- standing reputation of providing organ music to anyone that will listen. We need to step back in time, to understand this magnificent musical instrument. During the silent film era, motion pictures throughout the country engaged pit orchestras and pianists to provide the background music for their stage shows and silent movies. With escalating costs of musician labor, not every performance could support the expense of an orchestra. This monetary constraint was the inspiration for the concept of a “unit orchestra” where one musician could do the work of many.



The unit orchestra, later known as the pipe organ was designed with imitative orchestral tones in mind, rather than the customary liturgical sounds found in church instruments. The theatre organ has been described as part military band, part symphony orchestra and part theatrical sound effects. During the late teens and early twenties, nearly every theatre, large or small, installed pipe organs. Though they were manufactured by many companies, the Wurlitzer was

considered by far the best. The “Mighty Wurlitzer” enjoyed familiarity with such names as Frigidaire, Victrola and Kodak.

Organ Stop’s Wurlitzer theatre organ was built for the Denver Theatre and was installed in 1927. The organ was used regularly until the early 1930’s. With the advent of the talking picture and the 1930’s depression, the organ was rarely heard. It was silenced when a fire in the auditorium caused damage to the organ’s relay. Organ Stop purchased the instrument in the early 1970’s and undertook the mammoth task of rebuilding the instrument. Several additions were made to the instrument by acquiring parts from other ill fated Wurlitzers. The resulting 23 rank organ was established in Organ Stop’s original facility in 1975.

The building's design is expressly for the enjoyment of patrons with the organ installed in four chambers at one end of the restaurant. 43-foot ceilings provide unparalleled acoustics. The console is "presented" on an 8,000 lb. rotating hydraulic elevator. Many of the percussions are installed in the dining room for greater audience appeal. The enlargement and improvement of this instrument has been an ongoing project. This is the largest console type every designed by Wurlitzer. It is not only the largest Wurlitzer in the world, it is the largest Theatre Pipe Organ of any type to ever be assembled.



Beta Gamma pulls out the Stops!!! Not only was the pizza great, the Wurlitzer was Mighty!!!

Left picture:

Linda Collie, Donna McAvoy, Louanne Stephens

Right picture:

Collene Luger, Kenda Sabol and Lisa Reinertson



Ocotillo Express

Jacqui and I would like to remind people to send us good news as well as sad news. Let us know about new children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, anniversaries that are or have happened. We would like to put out on the Ocotillo Express good news not just sad news or something that will be taking place. This past year we have had too much bad and sad news and let us pray next will be a much better year for all.

Jacqui and I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends and that you're Christmas will be a wonderful one with again more family and friends and that the New Year will bring all of you peace, happiness, and love. Let us not forget those less fortunate as we go into this

Christmas our homeless, our service people, who are away from home keeping us safe and those who are having hard times.

Christmas is about family...

Christmas is about sharing...

Christmas is about being happy...

Christmas is about giving...

It's Christmas time,
it's Christmas day...
it is now when we celebrate
with presents, prayers,
mistletoe and wine...
it is now when people
the world- over are the most thankful
for what and whom is in their life
every hour of every day.

Christmas is about love...
Christmas is about thinking about others...
Christmas is about spreading a message of hope...
Christmas is about bringing everybody
together...
Christmas is my favorite time of the year...
Christmas is a season, and it's meaning
All culminates on one day, the 25th of December.

Christmas is about sharing how beautiful
life could be for everybody
If we opened our hearts more...

From Jacqui and myself have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you and your families.

Remember to send in any information or news please contact either Jacqui Smith at jacquismith@comcast.net or Carol Caldwell at crccarol8@gmail.com.

AZ State Co-Chaplains 2017-2018



Barbara Nelson, 2017-2018 State Awards Chairman

Dear Chapter President,

This year the State Council would like to honor the Outstanding Senior High Youth and the Outstanding Junior High Youth. You can get the criteria and forms for each award on the International Council Website. The deadline for entries is January 19, 2018 (Council Meeting) or mail them to:

Barbara Nelson
8910 E. Sun Lakes Blvd. North
Sun Lakes AZ 85248-6434

The winner of each award will receive a certificate or trophy plus fifty dollars (\$50.00) from the Arizona Council meeting. They will be invited to the April Council meeting. The state winner of each award will be submitted to the I.C. contest. The Senior I.C. winners will receive a \$1,000 grant to be used for academic expenses. The Junior I.C. winner will receive a \$500 cash award.

Please encourage our youth by entering them in these opportunities.

Barbara Nelson
Awards Chairman
November 19, 2017

You will find the Applications on the AZ Council Website –
<http://azcouncilesa.com>

You will need to login – so if you need the login please contact April Aguiñaga by email april_aguinaga@hotmail.com or by phone 602-904-1530.

Member Center – AZ Council & ESA IC Forms – IC Forms

St. Jude Las Vegas/Phoenix

Dear Sisters & Brothers of ESA:

Deana and I are wishing you all a very Happy & Blessed Holidays!

We have been very busy these past few months! Congrats to the Against All Odds Poker Tournament in Vegas, they raised over \$240,000!!!

The Rock and Roll marathon was Nov. 11-12 in Las Vegas. Their goal is \$900,000! They have already raised over half of it! Kudos to Vegas!!!

We need volunteers for the Las Vegas Radiothon December 7th & 8th!

The Phoenix Radiothon will be December 14th & 15th. We also need volunteers at KMLE radio station.

We will be needing lots of people to work the phones and take donations in both Phoenix & Nevada. Please contact Deana at dwaltesa@att.net for Nevada and Wendy at stjudesjr@hotmail.com.

In Phoenix we had the *Raise a Glass for St. Jude* on October 21st and we raised \$85,000!!

On March 3rd in Phoenix & Vegas we will have the Ride For A Reason Event In Summerlin, Nevada & several Lifetime Fitness events in Arizona & on April 21st in Henderson, Nevada.

Please think of our ESA family who has lost loved ones over the Holidays or who are ill. Life is so short we don't want to miss being able to give an Act Of Kindness to our loved ones.

Let Everyday Be Christmas Christmas is forever, not just for one day, for loving, sharing, giving are not to put away. Like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf. The good you do for others, is good you do yourself.

Written by Norman W Brooks

Love in ESA,
Deana & Wendy
St Jude Coordinators



Parliamentarian

Hello to all,

I want to take a quick chance to remind you that Chapters wishing to submit proposed changes to By-laws and Standing rules will need to do so by January 16, 2018. Please remember that these changes must be submitted in writing with a signature. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Patricia Gale

nacomagale@gmail.com



Easter Seals – Phoenix

Remember our Phoenix Easter Seals partners at Southwest Human Development are *a/ways* in need of folks to help out in their warehouse sorting, shelving or delivering children's books. I encourage everyone to visit www.swhd.org/ldc for dates and times.

Daphne Henry-Hernandez

Easter Seals – Phoenix



Easter Seals – Tucson/Sierra Vista

Cooking with the Stars, Easter Seals Blake Foundation Charity Event held on October 26th was a SUCCESS! The event raised a lot of money. A big thank you to Trudi and John Sofias for helping with the registration table and to Chris and Jeff Goldberg for volunteering with me from beginning to end.



Luiz Gonzales a former Diamondback World Series Winner & Jeff Goldberg



Jeff and Chris Goldberg with Theresa assembling the thank-you bags.



Paul Cicala Sportscaster of KVOA 4 and Guest Chef & Theresa

November 14-17 was the El Tour de Tucson 14 -17 November 2017. We have 6 volunteers so far, I hope to see you there! More information to follow after the event!!!

Thousands of cyclists gathered on Nov. 18th to carry on a Tucson tradition that dates back to 1983. For the third year, Easter Seals-Blake Foundation is receiving \$20 from every rider. ESA was at the dinner party helping to give each rider a swag bag and also assisted with the swag bag assembly. These members deserve a special shout-out for a lot of very physical work on Thursday and Friday: Jeff & Chris Goldberg, Penny Offholter, Jackie Fahey, Sue Johnston, Peri Patterson, and Marcia OBara.



Jeff Goldberg, Chris Goldberg & Theresa Stewart-Martinez



Attending the 35th birthday of El Tour de Tucson was Nelson Vails, the first African American cyclist to win an Olympic medal, shown here with Theresa Stewart-Martinez (Easter Seals -Tucson coordinator).



Jackie Fahey




Peri Patterson



Sue Johnston











Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas

Being a volunteer, a representative for our State council for Easter Seals Blake Foundation Tucson and Sierra Vista has already been such a blessing for me. I want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to join your group. This group is so giving in philanthropic efforts and endearing supporters of each other, it takes you back. Back to the day, when neighbors knew and helped their neighbors out; when it took a family and a neighborhood to bring up children with values, ethics, and respect; when people believed in giving of themselves and YOU do! I am filled with gratitude and thankfulness from everything everyone does and being a part of YOU! Agape  Theresa

Arizona Council Calendar

Jan. 9 – 12, 2018 Western States Fling	Bajamar, Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico
Jan. 16, 2018	AZ Council By-laws and Standing rules changes are due in writing to Patricia Gale, Parliamentarian
Jan. 20, 2018	Lunch and Style Show Benefiting The Kids at St. Jude Hospital Fashions by The Dress Barn Tucson, AZ
Jan. 21, 2018 Council Meeting Registration 9:00 AM Council Meeting 10:00AM	Viscount Hotel 4855 E. Broadway Tucson 85711 Hosted by Beta Delta, Tucson Cost \$25
March 2 - 4, 2018	IC Leadership Conference 2018: Details TBA
March 11, 2018 Preferential Luncheon	Details TBA Tucson, AZ
April 15, 2018 Council Meeting Registration 9:00AM Council Meeting 10:00AM	Henderson, NV Council Meeting 10:00AM Hosted By: Eta Gamma Cost \$25
June 1-3, 2018 AZ State Convention	75th Arizona Council State Convention Sheraton Fourpoints North, Phoenix, AZ Hosted by Delta Pi
July 14-22, 2018 IC Convention	Sheraton Grand Phoenix Phoenix, AZ

Random Acts of Christmas Kindness 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					¹ Put change in a vending machine.	² Hold the door for someone.
³ Do a chore for someone you love.	⁴ Let someone go ahead of you in line.	⁵ Take in a neighbor's trash cans.	⁶ Send a card to a loved one.	⁷ Tell a joke to make someone laugh.	⁸ Donate food to a local food bank.	⁹ Donate supplies to a pet shelter.
¹⁰ Donate books to your library.	¹¹ Donate toys to a children's hospital.	¹² Put money in a Salvation Army bucket.	¹³ Donate a new toy to Toys for Tots.	¹⁴ Take cookies to the fire department.	¹⁵ Donate stuffed animals to the police	¹⁶ Sing Christmas Carols at a nursing home.
¹⁷ Hand out gloves and mittens to the homeless.	¹⁸ Offer to return someone's shopping cart	¹⁹ Hide a few dollar bills around the Dollar Store.	²⁰ Offer to take the neighbor's dog for a walk.	²¹ Smile at everyone you see today.	²² Compliment at least five people today.	²³ Make a card for a soldier.
²⁴ Tell five people that Jesus loves them!	²⁵ Merry Christmas!					

25 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS ACTS OF KINDNESS

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1 Say Thank you	2  SUPPORT A SMALL BUSINESS	3 Create care packages 	4 Write letters to deployed soldiers	5  Hold the door open for someone
6 Pay for someone's meal	7 Give a compliment 	8 Leave a friendly note in a library book	9 Donate used books	10  Pick up Litter
11  Donate to a charity	12 VOLUNTEER AT A SHELTER	13  Send a handwritten letter	14 BAKE COOKIES FOR POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS	15 Donate on Go Fund Me 
16 PAY FOR SOMEONE'S FOOD	17  Tell family members you love them	18 SHOVEL SNOW FOR A NEIGHBOR	19 Collect soda tabs for Ronald McDonald	20 Cook dinner for someone 
21 Help a friend 	22 DONATE FOOD	23 Babysit for free	24 Ask others to pay it forward 	25 Have a great Christmas! 

From the Bulletin Editor

Happy December

I wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas & New Years.

Thank you to everyone for emailing me their bulletin articles. Continue to send in articles for our next bulletin which will come out in February 2018. Make sure to include photos of events and yourself as it makes the bulletin more personal.

Please email or call or write so I can include what is happening in your chapter and your ideas with the Arizona Council. This bulletin wouldn't happen without you!

Upcoming Bulletin schedule:

January - No bulletin

February – Due Jan. 10

March – Due Feb. 10

April – Due March 10

May – Due April 10

June–June 10

July - No bulletin

August - No bulletin

September – Due Aug. 10

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