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**Hey where did my article go!?!?**

My sincere apologies, somehow, I missed several articles for the February bulletin. So instead of making next month's bulletin longer I have created this extra supplement to include with your February bulletin. You will find the missing articles below.

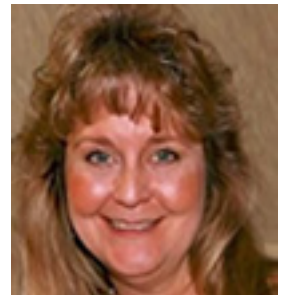
Thank you to everyone who let me know and I will do better for March! I promise!  
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April Aguiñaga, Bulletin Editor

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## Past President/Disaster Fund Chairman

Happy New Year to all my ESA Sisters & Brothers,

It is a chilly winter morning here in Glendale, AZ as I am writing this article. We have been blessed with such wonderful winter weather here in Arizona however many of our ESA members across the United States have not.



On the East Coast in December the weather was so frigid that traditional, New Year's celebrations had to be cancelled in some cities.

In New York when an apartment building caught on fire, the weather was so frigid, they needed to make a call and deliver some buses with heat in order to keep the tenants warm that had to evacuate. They could not be outside all night with the temperatures and wind chill factor. The fire was horrific and a disaster for many families. We don't normally think of two disasters that could possibly happen at the same time to a person or a family. One is bad enough but two is truly devastating. Actually, if you truly think about it, the people that suffered the fire in New York went through three, possibly four at the same time; Mother Nature's frigid temperatures, a devastating fire, losing their home and possible health issues caused by the fire.

Another city had two disasters happening around the same time. There had been a significant amount of rain fall, which had caused flooding. People had been watching the news had been warned to stay home and not try to drive on the streets. So the safest thing to do was stay home. The weather took a change for the worse, temperatures dropped. What happened next? You guessed it.....Their cars were frozen in place overnight and the snow and ice were right up to the door handles.

### **“The Neighborhood White Swan”**

What was supposed to be a normal day for a man in his neighborhood, turned out to be a very different emotional day in his life. In a Richmond, VA small community Scott Curnow saw the white swan that is usually swimming around the lake, was not moving. This beautiful resident swan’s little webbed feet were frozen into the ice. The entire lake had frozen over due to the frigid weather and this resident white swan needed help. This meant Scott could only do one thing and that was calling the Richmond, VA Fire Department. The swan was frozen in the ice for at least 10 hours. Operation **“Act of Kindness”** The fire department chopped away at the ice that was trapping the beautiful white swan until the swan was free. To see the actual video or read the short story, you can google “swan stuck in ice”.

California has suffered terribly over the last six months. The Southern California fires in December looked so frightening on TV from the news coverage. Most recently they had to worry about the mud slides resulting from the fires and then the rain. Mother Nature sure has given them a lot to contend with. I went to high school with a girlfriend that lives in Southern California and she told me it has been very scary as well as very difficult to breath. What the entire state has gone through has been horrific and my heart goes out to our California members. Keep them in your thoughts & prayers. Please remember that with all these devastations so far this year, our **Disaster Fund** will continually need help for our members that have been affected.

Many parts of the United States have various types of disasters, “Mother Nature” doesn’t let us in on her future plans; however we know in the circle of life unexpected things may continue to happen in our lives. We are already half way through our ESA Calendar year. Let’s continue to “Help One Another” do “Acts of Kindness” and when we see one another give plenty of “Hugs”.

### **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).

**Please remember to discuss donations at your chapter meetings.**

**Don’t forget.....every dollar helps. Thank you for all your love & support and all you do.**

Love & Hugs,

Liz Montgomery

## Beta Gamma Holiday Cookies 2017

Our chapter Holiday party was held at the home of Kay Hicks with soup and salad being the meal with most of us breaking bread – the wonderful hot bread with lots of butter. Dessert was even more special! Thanks to a fantastic Sugar Cookie Kit provided by President, Louanne Stephens.



Each of us got our very own baked cookie (tree, star or snowman) to decorate. The three buttercream frostings of red, green and white were passed from person to person so each of us could decorate a little or a lot. Then the fun began with the four sprinkle packets. Oh, yes, each cookie and each person were frosted and sprinkled different.

The baker behind the scenes is Amanda Hallsted and she is the owner of Two Little LoveBirds Bakery. Orders can be placed 24 hours before the pickup and the cookies are baked fresh. And that is exactly what this Nana did!



### Thank you!

"Beautiful cards and kind words helped heal the loss I felt when I lost Paul.  
Thank you sisters and brothers so much.  
Agape...  
Joann Farney