

# ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES IN ESA



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## Carl's Garden

-- Author Unknown

Carl was a quiet man. He didn't talk much. He would always greet you with a big smile and a firm handshake.

Even after living in our neighborhood for over 50 years, no one could really say they knew him very well.



Before his retirement, he took the bus to work each morning. The lone sight of him walking down the street often worried us. He had a slight limp from a bullet wound received in WWII.

Watching him, we worried that although he had survived WWII, he may not make it through our changing uptown neighborhood with its ever-increasing random violence, gangs, and drug activity.

When he saw the flyer at our local church asking for volunteers for caring for the gardens behind the minister's residence, he responded in his characteristically unassuming manner. Without fanfare, he just signed up.

He was well into his 87th year when the very thing we had always feared finally happened.

He was just finishing his watering for the day when three gang members approached him. Ignoring their attempt to intimidate him, he simply asked, "Would you like a drink from the hose?"

The tallest and toughest-looking of the three said,

"Yeah, sure," with a malevolent little smile.

As Carl offered the hose to him, the other two grabbed Carl's arm, throwing him down.

As the hose snaked crazily over the ground, dousing everything in its way, Carl's assailants stole his retirement watch and his wallet, and then fled.

Carl tried to get himself up, but he had been thrown down on his bad leg. He lay there trying to gather himself as the minister came running to help him.

Although the minister had witnessed the attack from his window, he couldn't get there fast enough to stop it. "Carl, are you okay? Are you hurt?" the minister kept asking as he helped Carl to his feet.

Carl just passed a hand over his brow and sighed, shaking his head.

"Just some punk kids. I hope they'll wise-up someday." His wet clothes clung to his slight frame as he bent to pick up the hose. He adjusted the nozzle again and started to water. Confused and a little concerned, the minister asked, "Carl, what are you doing?"

"I've got to finish my watering. It's been very dry lately," came the calm reply.

Satisfying himself that Carl really was all right, the minister could only marvel. Carl was a man from a different time and place.

A few weeks later the three returned. Just as before their threat was unchallenged. Carl again offered them a drink from his hose. This time they didn't rob him. They wrenched the hose from his hand and drenched him head to foot in the icy water. When they had finished their humiliation of him, they sauntered off down the street, throwing catcalls and curses, falling over one another laughing at the hilarity of what they had just done. Carl just watched them. Then he turned toward the warmth giving sun, picked up his hose, and went on with his watering.



The summer was quickly fading into fall. Carl was doing some tilling when he was startled by the sudden approach of someone behind him. He stumbled and fell into some evergreen branches.

As he struggled to regain his footing, he turned to see the tall leader of his summer tormentors reaching down for him. He braced himself for the expected attack. "Don't worry old man, I'm not gonna hurt you this time." The young man spoke softly, still offering the tattooed and scarred hand to Carl. As he helped Carl get up, the man pulled a crumpled bag from his pocket and handed it to Carl.

"What's this?" Carl asked.

"It's your stuff," the man explained. "It's your stuff back. Even the money in your wallet." "I don't understand," Carl said. "Why would you help me now?"

The man shifted his feet, seeming embarrassed and ill at ease. "I learned something from you," he said. "I ran with that gang and hurt people like you. We picked you because you were old and we knew we could do it. But every time we came and did something to you, instead of yelling and fighting back, you tried to give us a drink. You didn't hate us for hating you. You kept showing love against our hate." He stopped for a moment.

"I couldn't sleep after we stole your stuff, so here it is back." He paused for another awkward moment, not knowing what more there was to say. "That bag's my way of saying thanks for straightening me out, I guess." And with that, he walked off down the street.

Carl looked down at the sack in his hands and gingerly opened it. He took out his retirement watch and put it back on his wrist. Opening his wallet, he checked for his wedding photo. He gazed for a moment at the young bride who still smiled back at him from all those years ago.

He died one cold day after Christmas that winter. Many people attended his funeral in spite of the weather.

In particular the minister noticed a tall young man who he didn't know sitting quietly in a distant corner of the church.

The minister spoke of Carl's garden as a lesson in life. In a voice made thick with unshed tears, he said, "Do your best and make your garden as beautiful as you can. We will never forget Carl and his garden."

The following spring another flyer went up. It read:

"Person needed to care for Carl's garden."

The flyer went unnoticed by the busy parishioners until one day when a knock was heard at the minister's office door.

Opening the door, the minister saw a pair of scarred and tattooed hands holding the flyer. "I believe this is my job, if you'll have me," the young man said.

The minister recognized him as the same young man who had returned the stolen watch and wallet to Carl. He knew that Carl's kindness had turned this man's life around.

As the minister handed him the keys to the garden shed, he said, "Yes, go take care of Carl's garden and honor him."

The man went to work and, over the next several years, he tended the flowers and vegetables just as Carl had done.

In that time, he went to college, got married, and became a prominent member of the community. But he never forgot his promise to Carl's memory and kept the garden as beautiful as he thought Carl would have kept it.

One day he approached the new minister and told him that he couldn't care for the garden any longer. He explained with a shy and happy smile, "My wife's just had a baby boy last night, and she's bringing him home on Saturday."

"Well, congratulations!" said the minister, as he was handed the garden shed keys.

"That's wonderful! What's the baby's name?" "Carl," he replied.

That's the whole gospel message simply stated.

The story of Carl was such an inspiration to me. He could have very easily reacted differently to those young men, but with a little kindness in his heart, he changed the young man's future for the better and I would like to believe that the young man will inspire his children to continue to carry on Carl's legacy of love and kindness.

Have you been keeping track of your Acts of Kindness? The April Council meeting will be your last chance to complete all 75 Random Acts of Kindness in order to be entered into the drawing for the \$200.00 prize at Convention.

A BIG Congratulations to Chris and her committee on a wonderful Preferential Event. The day was lovely and I so enjoyed meeting a lot of the new members.

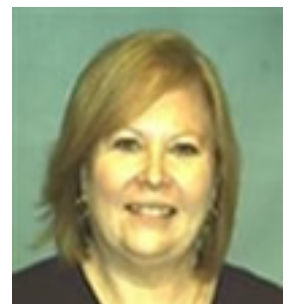
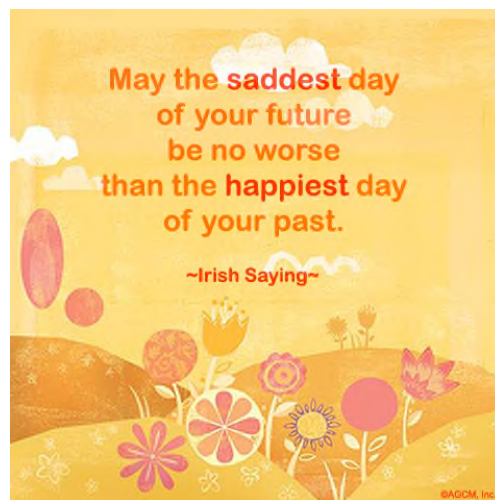
Look out Henderson here we come. I know that Deana and the members of the Eta Gamma chapter have wonderful things in store for us. Remember that the Council meeting will start ½ hour early, registration is at 8:30 and the Council meeting will begin at 9:30.

Can you believe, Convention is only a couple months away? The April Council meeting is the deadline for your Philanthropic reports, Rushing and Pledging, Member of the Year and all of the other information from the President's packet which is due by April 15. Please be sure to bring the forms with you to the April Council meeting. If you need assistance downloading them or filling them out, please be sure to give April a call. By now, you have had your elections for the coming year. Please make sure to either email me or bring your roster information so that I can pass it on to Chris and her new roster chairman.

The Delta Pi chapter has some wonderful ideas for your Convention experience and I look forward to seeing everyone the weekend of June 1 and 2. It is going to be a great party.

ESA Hugs,

*Joni*



## Membership

Anyone who has lived in Arizona for any length of time knows that if you don't like the weather outside, wait five minutes and it will change. That is EXACTLY what happened to me today, in reverse. I left my house for a can walk and it was sunny and 60 degrees. So a long sleeve jacket fixed that. Twenty minutes later and a mile from my house, I was in the middle of a hail storm. The pellets were small, but they still sting. So although I may not be the best public speaker that ESA has, I am VERY dedicated to our causes. I did collect two grocery bags of cans to give us tabs toward our million, some money toward the disaster fund and a deserving hot shower. I am looking upon this experience as training for Colorado this weekend.

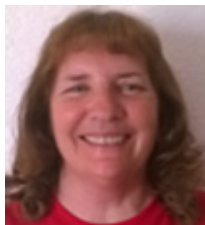
Leadership is this weekend and I am equipped to take lots of notes to bring back to share with everyone. I know that Friday is a Hawaiian dress-up night so I made a non-shedding, packable grass skirt. Be on the lookout, for it might show up in the Association of the Arts contest. It is inventive, I must say.

Thank you to everyone who came to our Garden tea Party for our new members. I hope that everyone came away from it knowing more about each other. Sisters and good friends are some of the most priceless things in our life. Please don't forget to share your rushing events with the council and your vote for outstanding pledge. The forms are on the website or I can send you a copy. This year is going by so fast.

The Las Vegas April council meeting is going to be great fun and I am told that there is a new ESA rule for it: WHAT HAPPENS IN VEGAS, STAYS IN VEGAS. I suspect that has been stolen from someone else. Can't wait to witness what transpires there.

I am so blessed to be able to say that there are very few holes on my appointed board for next year. But, the more the merrier and I would love to add people. Please let me know by whatever means you use. We need your help!

Chris Goldberg  
Vice President/President Elect 2018





## Garden Tea Party

I am so sorry that not everyone was able to attend our Garden Tea party. The theme of ESA as a beautiful garden of human blooms was continued. The room itself was very open, with large windows opening onto part of Randolph Golf Course. That field of green came right into the room where we had centerpieces of different flowers arranged. Members were seated by randomly picking their favorite flower so they could interact with other members they do not always see.

Our pledges were seated with the Current IC and Arizona Council Presidents at a table decorated with a youth tea set filled with Jonquils. In addition to their "Bloom Where You Are Planted" gift, they received a handmade Jonquil mug-rug by JoAnne Thomsen (Beta Kappa), Jonquil cupcake by Alicia Goldberg (Beta Kappa) and all attendees received a wooden teapot napkin ring by Jeff and Chris Goldberg (Gamma Tau-Beta Kappa). The time, effort, dedication, love and commitment involved in making these items epitomized the nurturing that we all give to our new members. In return, two of our pledges have already been spreading the ESA word and brought two guests with them. We then learned how amazing our new pledges are through their incredible biographies. They are all so accomplished and very motivated to become more involved with ESA and our service projects. I think that it will be hard to keep up with them.



### Left to Right

**IC president Sandy Alexander, Samantha Buyers, Laurie Hutsingh(Guest), Corinne Buyers(Guest), Colleen Luger, Lisa Holmes, Joy Skilingstead, Francis Chasse, AZ Council President Joni Slama**

A meet and greet was done with the pledges, sponsors and guests. This mix of well-established ESA members and the new "sprouts" exceeded all my hopes of helping the pledges put a face to a name. It was very apparent that some new bonds have already been forming.

The flowers on the cake made by Alicia Goldberg (Beta Kappa) show new Jonquils mixing with established roses and carnations of our ESA garden.



It was truly a beautiful event and I appreciate everyone who came and honored our new members.



**Alpha Chi Chapter**

**Back Row: Frances Chasse, Lisa Holmes,  
Kathy Reibock, Karen Madrid**

**Front row: Theresa Stewart-Martinez**



## Philanthropic

Spring is in the air!

It has been an honor to service as the 2nd-Vice President on the Arizona ESA Executive board. I strongly recommend that you run for the Executive board. It is such an amazing experience and you learn so much! It is a great to be a member of ESA. Thank you to President, Joni Slama for doing such a great job. It is true that there are Endless Possibilities in ESA!

We should have 100% on time Philanthropic reporting for all ESA chapters this sorority year. The final Philanthropic report is due on April 23, 2018. You can email your report to [pkmadrid@cox.net](mailto:pkmadrid@cox.net). Or mail your report to 5672 E. Cooper Street Tucson, AZ 85711.

Update: As of March 6, 2018 we turned in 332 pounds of peanut butter to the Southern Arizona Community Food Bank. Thank you to everyone for supporting my Philanthropic project.

Don't miss out! The winner will be selected at the April 2018 Council meeting. 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.

Special note: Regarding turning in collectible items for the April 2018 Council meeting in Henderson, NV. It is fine to turn them in at the April 2018 Council meeting. Julie Carlberg has offered to bring back donated items from the Council meeting in April 2018 to Tucson, Arizona. If you would like to turn the items in before the April 2018 Council meeting that is fine. You are welcome to drop of any Philanthropic collectible items to me at my home.

A special thanks to my Alpha Chi sisters for making the "Dine for the Kids" event such a success. I am extremely happy to have such awesome chapter members! Thank to everyone who donated items to help with our event. We raised \$2,100 dollars for the children at St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Thank you to all ESA chapters that had a Philanthropic event, volunteered at an event this sorority year, made and or donated Philanthropic collectible items. All the efforts have changed and helped others. You all rock!

All your efforts and work of my all Philanthropic committee are greatly appreciated. My committee has been there to help and assist with all the Philanthropic collectible items. A huge thanks to Patricia Gale for the use of your van to transport all of the collectible items after all the Council meetings. It is greatly appreciated.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need assistance. You can reach me at (520) 747-2646 or email me at [pkmadrid@cox.net](mailto:pkmadrid@cox.net).

**Karen Madrid**  
**2nd Vice-President/Philanthropic**



## Bylaws Update

Greetings All,

Below is the proposed By-Law & Standing Rule changes that will be voted on at April's Council meeting. Please review with your chapter members and make sure you Council Reps, know the way your chapter wishes to vote. If you have any questions feel free to contact me.

Patricia Gale

### Section 2 First Vice-President/President Elect

He/She shall be Membership Director. He/She shall select her/his own committee and assist Chapter Vice-Presidents. He/She shall work in close cooperation with the President, accept such duties as are assigned to her/him by the President and preside at meetings in the absence of the President. He/She shall be Chairman of an annual event honoring pledges and re-affiliating members. He/She shall be responsible for the administration of the Gladys Bagley Schaefer Outstanding Pledge Award, to be presented during Convention. The Arizona Council shall sponsor one representative to the International Council Leadership Conference. This representative shall be the First Vice President/President Elect or a representative selected by the Executive Board. An amount of money shall be allotted to pay the representative's registration fee and transportation at the least expensive air rate available, excluding First Class.

### Proposed Change

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### Reason

- Feel we should ensure members have a central location convenient to all with which to honor new members and re-affiliates and not necessarily the location of the First Vice President.
- Do not want the First Vice President to be held to presenting the Gladys Bagley Schaefer Award if there is no shown interest from Chapters.
- By moving the presentation of the Gladys Bagley Schaefer award to the Preferential event it allows more Chapter members to attend and possibly invite additional guests to celebrate the pledge.

Patricia Gale

## Standing Rule Update

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8. Installation of officers of Arizona Council will be on Saturday night during the Convention. Member-of-the-Year event shall be held during convention.

### Proposed Change

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9. It will be the discretion of the President to appoint a Member-of-the-Year chairman. Presentation shall be held during Council meetings of the Arizona Council. If accepted, all Standing Rules will need to be renumbered to add the new number 9.

### Reason

Gives the President a choice to appoint a Member of the Year chairman to honor those chapter members who have gone above and beyond in their Chapter's. By moving the presentation to a council meeting in more of the chapter members may be able to attend and celebrate the member's accomplishments.

## Past President/Disaster Fund Chairman

Happy Spring to all my ESA Sisters & Brothers,

Last month I began my article with the sentences below, however it didn't quite read exactly as I wrote it: It is a beautiful winter morning here in Glendale. We are blessed in Arizona with such wonderful sunny weather. Many ESA members aren't as fortunate to see the sunshine all year long like we are.

What actually printed in the bulletin was the following: We are blessed in Arizona with such wonderful ESA embers aren't as fortunate to see the sunshine all year long like we are. When I was reading the Bulletin, I thought..... wow your mind was a "Disaster" that day.

Then I thought about it some more.....I'm pretty sure I proofed what I wrote before I sent it. Even though my mind is "Disastrous" some days, I went back to check, I wrote it correctly and sent it correctly. That is why I have that love hate relationship with computers. Thinking again.....I know that is scary.....When Lorelei was helping me with that cute little car on the flyer for the "Disaster Fund " On Going Winter Yard Sale, she would e-mail me a proof and only part of the copy would show up where the cars were. On her end the copy was perfectly fine. I also know other ESA sisters have had issues receiving and opening copy.

My lap top does do other strange things that I won't go into, however I know several of you also have had issues with your computers in the past where your computer has done weird things as well. Kind of like they have a mind all of their own!

With this all being said, what if all of a sudden we lost....."Our Wonderful World of Computers" even though we have love hate relationships with these frustrating machines, our country would come to a complete standstill. It would be a huge "Disaster". Now you might not put emotions together with a computer.....however they do affect our emotions when we have issues with them. When something comes together well on my computer it makes me happy and computers do save us a lot of time.

Think about all they do for us and all the information we get from them now..... Do you remember looking everything up at the Library? How about our Encyclopedias? Weather you have computer issues, health issues, or something unexpected happen in your life your ESA Sisters & Brothers are there for you.

We belong to such a wonderful organization. We are also so blessed to have the "DISASTER FUND" available for our members.

We are getting close to the end of our ESA Calendar year.

Let's continue to do "Acts of Kindness"

Don't forget.....When we see one another again let's give plenty of "Hugs".

#### CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DISASTER FUND

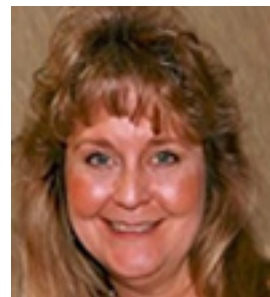
All checks are to be made payable to the ESA Disaster Fund and mailed to the State Disaster Fund Chair, (For 2017-2018 Liz Montgomery).

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





## Hope for Heroes



Hi Everyone,

I do believe Spring is arriving. Some of us had more winter than others, but Spring is coming! I hope everyone saw the thank you note from Ev Campbell for the wonderful things that everyone brought to the January meeting and the generous giving to help pay the postage. You all are amazing!!

As we are starting to whine down on our year of “Endless Possibilities”, I do hope all of you realize that we all have made a difference in some form to our military. If you contributed to the gift cards, you made a difference for a family at one of the 3 bases during the holidays; if you clipped coupons and send them overseas, you helped them save some money; if you made any pillows for the VA Hospitals, you helped one of our soldiers recovery from surgery; and if you took all those items we get in the hotels to help fill a box, you sent a little bit of home to someone overseas that you will probably never have the opportunity to meet, but they know you care. Sometimes, the little things make the biggest difference!

If any of you have any ideas of something that you or your chapter has done for Hope for Hero's that we do not know about, please share with Carol or Shirley or myself. We want to share all ideas. You never know what it might spark!!!

Hope to see many of you in Nevada in April!

Hugs from the three of us!  
Hugs from Carol, Deana and Shirley

## Ocotillo Express

Remember to send in any information or news please contact either Jacqui Smith at [jacquismith@comcast.net](mailto:jacquismith@comcast.net) or Carol [Caldwell at crccarol8@gmail.com](mailto:Caldwell@crccarol8@gmail.com).  
AZ State Co-Chaplains 2017-2018

## Shirley Phillips Wins Award from Military Officers Association of America

Shirley Phillips received this past month for being named the Military Officers Association of America 2017 Surviving Spouse Liaison Excellence Award. The Award was for her Exceptional Service to the MOAA Tucson chapter and the Arizona Council of Chapters.

Shirley has served on many of the committees a, honor flights and so many other projects for the MOAA.

This plaque goes to a very deserving lady.

Thank you, Shirley, for all you have given to the Military and to ESA.

Submitted by Carol Caldwell.



## Beta Gamma #1056 Mesa Celebrates Its Birthday!

On February 21, 2018 Beta Gamma turned 69 years old. The first president in 1949-1950 was Jane Robbins. The president for 2017-2018 is Luanne Stephens. The 10 members of Beta Gamma share an interesting Educational Theme: My bucket list, things I'd like to do before I..... Die, retire, forget, or run out of money. Our President's theme is: Have an Attitude of Gratitude.

A gathering of members around a meal and ice cream at Culver's in Tempe, was a great way to celebrate our birthday. Just a few of the ice cream flavors to choose from: Cherry Cheesecake, Cappuccino Almond Fudge (oh yeah!!!), chocolate oreo volcano, Turtle, and Mint Explosion. Now the party is getting loud!!! We were all grabbing buy one, get one free coupons and running back to order.



This was my first time eating in a Culvers and since I had a terrific experience, I wanted to check them out. Lea Culver is the Co-Founder and Culver Foundation executive. The mantra of the Team Members; (normally employees) is Got Heart? Got Hustle? Get Hired! True Blue Crew!

I was liking Culvers even more when I learned that in 2017 they donated \$490,250 to college and technical scholarships for 151 Team Members in 16 states. Since 1993 they have donated over 4 million dollars to 3,000 plus Team Members.

In 1961 Ruth and George had their first Culvers and with no formal training, but simple the life skills of warm and gracious hospitality combined with delicious food made to order. This became the model for all the rest of the Culvers. In 1984 Craig and Lea Culver with Craig's parents, George and Ruth they opened the first Culvers in their home town, Sauk City, Wisconsin.



In 1984 Craig combined his mother's love of homemade burgers with his favorite childhood vacation treats: fresh frozen custard. It is no wonder that Culver's signature menu is ButterBurger and Fresh Frozen Custard.

So now I am really interested in Culvers and keep the research going until I found the most amazing community stories: a local town airman from the 115 th Flight Wing of the Wisconsin Air National Guard recently returned home from a 4 month deployment in South Korea. Team Culver in Madison, Wisconsin, served 500 Air National Guard members/families at a holiday party with scoops of Fresh Frozen Custard. "Know that the community is there to support, it just makes our jobs and what we do every day better" Major Ripperger, 115 Flight Wing. The Team Members also provide Santa Claus, balloons and ornaments.

Wonderful things happened in Black Hawk County Court House in Waterloo, Iowa thanks to the local Culvers. This city holds an event where multiple adoptions are finalized near Thanksgiving and National Adoption Day. The Team Members provided food/gifts because the Chief Justice requires all families celebrate with ice cream. This program was in jeopardy due to funding. "We're seeing lots of smiles; all the way from kids to the adults. You can feel the energy in the room." - Jake Kendall Besides free scoops of Fresh Frozen Custard, the 23 adopted children received \$2000 gift cards.

Now when the Beta Gammas decide to celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> year, I hope we choose Culvers!!!!





## **AZ Council Meeting**

**April 2018**

**Hey Ladies and Gentlemen...lets go to Vegas!!!**

**When:** April 15, 2018

**Where:** Mountain View Clubhouse,

148 Day Street

Henderson, NV 89074

(Entrance is off Arroyo Grande)

**Time:** Registration begins at 8:30 am, Meeting begins at 9:30 am

**Cost :** \$25.00 per person

\*Please send one check with a list of those members that will be attending \*

**Mail to:** Cristol Peppenelli

1825 Mountain Ranch Ave

Henderson, NV 89012

**Deadline 03/31/2018**

\*Raffle Table Reservations- Contact Deana Walters at [dwaltesa@att.net](mailto:dwaltesa@att.net) or by phone 317-294-9027..... **Deadline 03/31/2018**

\*Hotel Information-

Fiesta Casino Hotel

777 W Lake Mead Parkway

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**\*\*Room Block is under RCIESA8 or ESA Conference Group Rate\*\***

**\*Any questions, please contact Deana Walters by phone or Email.**



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## Epsilon Sigma Alpha AZ/NV Chapters Conference April 12-16, 2018

### **Fiesta Henderson Group Rates:**

Thursday, April 12, 2018:	\$39.00
Friday, April 13, 2018:	\$79.00
Saturday, April 14, 2018:	\$79.00
Sunday, April 15, 2018:	\$39.00

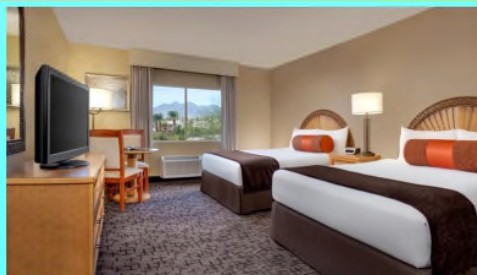
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Toll Free Reservations (888) 899-7770. BE SURE TO MENTION THE CBMU GROUP CODE **RCIESA8** or ASK FOR THE ESA Conference GROUP RATE WHEN CALLING IN. WHEN MAKING YOUR RESERVATION ONLINE, CLICK ON THE RESERVATION LINK BELOW TO BOOK YOUR ROOMS WITH THE GROUP RATE CODE **RCIESA8**:

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  - Regal 12 Movie Theatre and Arcade
  - Experienced and dedicated staff trained in "Beyond the Best" service
  - Boarding Pass players incentive reward club
  - Artisan Booze District (Winery & Breweries)
- 7350 Eastgate Rd.





## Eta Gamma

Your Henderson Chapter is so looking forward to seeing many of you in 2 weeks.

We have a favor to ask of all of you. The Eta Gamma Chapter has been working with SAFE House since the holidays and we are making them one of our community philanthropic projects. SAFE House is a shelter for domestic violence mothers and their children. It is the only one in Henderson and they currently are housing 56 mothers and children.

We have asked a representative from the shelter to speak to us on the 15th. In conversation with Deanna, we have come to find out many of the needs, especially for the ones who will soon be leaving and going out on their own to start new lives for themselves and their children.

We asked for a wish list from them and I am attaching it to see if everyone coming to Henderson could possibly find it in their hearts to have room in their suitcases for maybe an item or two from their wish list. We would like to make a presentation to Deanna when she has completed her presentation. Just as a thank you for taking time out of her Sunday to come and talk to us.

I know how giving all of you are and we would really really appreciate it if you would or could bring an item or two.

Thanks ahead of time for caring and we hope all of you have safe travels and we are REALLY looking forward to being your host for the day.

Please call or email Deana or Cristol if you have any questions or concerns. Please take care and see you soon!

Hugs to all  
Eta Gamma Chapter





**SAFE HOUSE**  
**Henderson, NV**  
**Wish List**

The items most needed by Safe House are the following:

- Plus size gently used clothes for women
- Size 4 and 5 diapers
- New sleepwear – all sizes (women and children)
- Underwear and bras – MUST BE NEW
- Medical supplies – unopened ibuprofen, Tylenol, children's cold medicine, etc.
- Gift cards – Walmart, Target, Smith's.

**These above items are for moms and children leaving the shelter and going into their new homes.**

**Other items needed on their wish list are as follows:**

Non-expired foods	Household cleaners	Female hygiene products
Canned food items	33-gallon trash bags	Interview clothing
Individual water bottles	all size Ziploc baggies	work attire
Powered drink mix	toilet paper	casual attire
Dish towels	tissue	body lotion
Pot holders	towels	deodorant (men & women)
Adult/children aspirin	washcloths	hair products
Cold flu medicine	blankets	umbrellas
Bank aids	sheets (twin, full, queen)	gloves & scarves
Cotton balls	children's movies	clothing (Boys & girls)
Ointments	coloring books	socks (all sizes)
Diapers (1-6) wipes	juice boxes	utensils/can opener
Baby food/formula	children's snacks	dishes
Household items	bathroom shower curtains	bathroom rugs
Laundry detergent	dryer sheets	paper towels

**All items need to be unopened products and all underwear items need to be NEW.**



## Arizona Council State Convention Destination ESA

Hi there, just a reminder that the Arizona Council State Convention is fast approaching. Get those reservations in now!

**Here are some important facts for you to know:**

**Convention Dates:** June 1st and 2nd, 2018

**Location:** Four Points by Sheraton Phoenix North

**Hotel Reservation Details:** Rates are \$75.00 single/double, \$85.00 triple and \$95.00 quad.

**Reservations Cutoff Date:** Friday, May 11, 2018

**Reservations number:** 1-888-627-9057, ask for the “Arizona Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha” group rate.

**Reservations website:**

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/events/start.action?id=1710036000&key=A7872AA>

The registration forms for convention are include in the Presidents Packet and are available now. Please be sure to get your reservation in by the May 15th deadline.

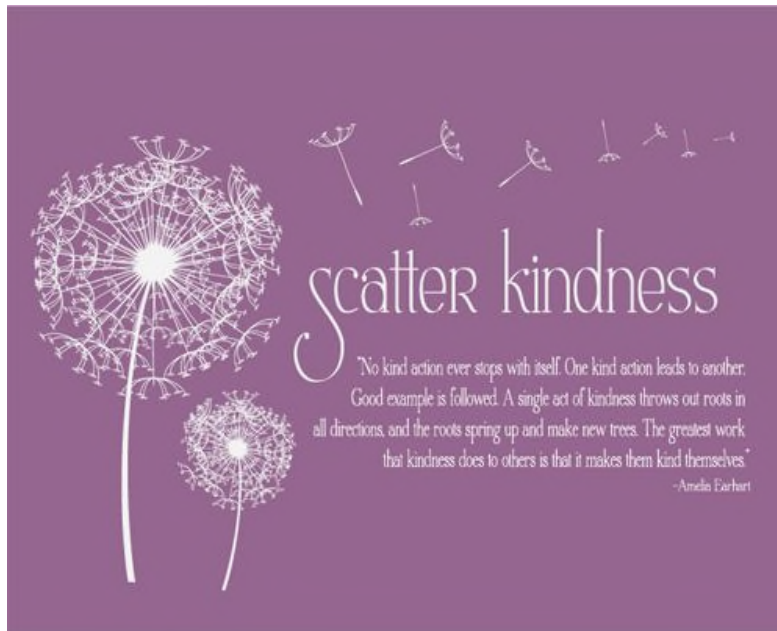
We are planning a fun weekend and our Registration Chairperson April Aguiñaga is anxiously looking for your registration forms in her mailbox! Let’s make April’s day and register soon!

We look forward to seeing you all at Destination ESA!

See you soon!

Your Delta Pi Convention Team





## Corresponding Secretary

Happy Spring!!

Two things –

One:

I'm collecting service pin award information for Convention. Please provide a biography and the pin (on a ribbon) and if the recipient is for 50 years or more, the name of the person presenting the pin. If you would like your name in the Convention program I will need the information by the April Council Meeting. I will need all information by May 12th. See below for the form or contact me and I can email/mail you a copy – (480) 213-0425 or [js4louanne@aol.com](mailto:js4louanne@aol.com)

Two:

If you hold an elected or appointed board position, remember to be working on your year-end reports. They are due at Convention. Include a summary of your year and any other information and forms that would be helpful for your successor.

Thanks,  
Louanne

## Service Pin Awards Ceremony

Happy New Year!!

Service pins can be awarded at State Convention for 25 years and above (in increments of 5 years). If your service pin is for 50 years and above, the presenter can be a personal choice.

Your Chapter will need to get the pin, place it on a blue ribbon, write up a short bio and make sure I have it by Friday night of Convention. **DEADLINE:** If you want your name in the program, I will need the information by the April Council Meeting. Below is the form plus a copy in the black box. It will also be included in the President's packet.

RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS – Smile!! It's contagious.

### Service Pin Awards Ceremony 2018 Arizona State Convention

Name of person receiving the Service pin: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years of Service: Please Circle 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60

If receiving service pins **50 and over**, name of person doing the ceremony:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please send this information to, or if you have any questions contact:

Louanne Stephens

Phone: 480-213-0425

1727 West McNair Street

Email: js4louanne@aol.com

Chandler AZ 85224

**Information is due to Louanne by:**

**April Council Meeting** if you would like the names can be listed in the Convention program  
*or*

**May 12, 2018** so I can give the information to the ones doing the ceremonies.

***Please make sure your years of service pin is on a ribbon and given to Louanne by Friday of State Convention. Please include a short biography.***



## Member of The Year:

Dear ESA Chapter Presidents:

It is time to be thinking of who continually does Acts of Kindness this year in your chapter. Please start evaluating so we may honor that person this year at our State Convention.

Please complete the Member of The Year form when your chapter has made its choice and return the form to me with a \$7.00 check. The check should be made payable to ESA, Arizona State Convention 2018. This covers the cost of the gift presented at the convention. Thank you.

In the event that the person chosen is unable to attend and you would like them to be recognized just mark the form "Not Attending". You will need to include the check and the name of the person who will pick up the Member of the Year gift at State Convention.

I look forward to hearing from your chapter and presenting your special member to the Arizona members of ESA at our convention.

Do an Act of Kindness for your chapter, vote for a Member of the Year!

Love in ESA,

Wendy Williams  
Member of the Year Chairperson



**ESA MEMBER OF THE YEAR  
2017-2018  
THE MEMBER WITH MEMORABLE ACTS OF KINDNESS**

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of the Year:

\_\_\_\_\_

Will She or He be attending the member of the Year Presentation? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Number of years in ESA:

\_\_\_\_\_

Why she or he chose to join ESA (one sentence please)

\_\_\_\_\_

Please name five Acts of Kindness that we may share at Convention.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to: Wendy Williams, 888 E. Clinton Street #1083 Phoenix, AZ 85020

The deadline is May 13, 2018. If you have any questions, please call me at 480-321-9611.

**Association of the Arts**

Just a reminder – the deadline for entering the Association of the Arts display at our State Convention is fast approaching. The entry form is on the next page. Deadline is May 15. I would like to have see at least one entry from each chapter. If you have any questions please give me a call 480-962-7394. Entry forms can be mailed to me at 302 N. Sycamore, Unit 16, Mesa, AZ 85201.

Happy creating.

Donna McAvoy

# ARIZONA COUNCIL ASSOCIATION OF THE ARTS ENTRY FORM

#	Division I - Visual Arts
	Oil Paints or Acrylics
	Drawing, Pastel or Charcoal
	Watercolors
	Sculpture
	Pottery (Hand Formed or Wheel Thrown)
	<b># of Entries in Category</b>
#	Division II - Literature
	Poetry
	Short Story or Essay (500 Words or Less)
	<b># of Entries in Category</b>
	Division III - Photography
	Black & White or Color Photo
	Graphic Design
	Computer Assisted Design
	<b># of Entries in Category</b>
	Division IV - Crafts (Painted Art)
#	Tole Painting
	Ceramic Painting
	Painted Pottery
	China Painting
	Porcelain Painting
	Calligraphy (Matted for Display)
	Fabric Painting
	<b># of Entries in Category</b>
	Name
	Chapter Name & Number

#	Division V - Crafts (Wearable Art)
	Sewing
	Smocking
	<b># of Entries in Category</b>
#	Division VI - Crafts (Mixed Media)
	Basket Weaving
	Jewelry & Beading
	Rubber Stamping
	Decoupage
	Greeting Cards
	Glass
	Wood
	<b># of Entries in Category</b>
#	Division VII - Needlework (Fibers)
	Crewel
	Embroidery
	Counted Cross Stitch
	Needlepoint
	Quilting
	Crochet
	Knitting
	Hardanger Embroidery
	Silk Ribbon Embroidery
	Cloth Weaving
	Latch Hooking
	Stuffed Animals
	<b># of Entries in Category</b>
#	Division VIII - Holiday (Ornaments & Decorations)
	Please Describe
	<b># of Entries in Category</b>

Submit Form By May 15 to:  
AZ Council Association of the Arts Chairman

Entrant is responsible for delivering entry and  
Picking up entry following Convention display.

## 2018 IC Convention

To the Arizona and California Councils:

2018 is here! Are you ready to celebrate? In just a few short months, we will all be together in Phoenix for the 2018 IC Convention! It won't be long now. There are still lots of things to be done and you can help.



First, we have attached the registration form for the convention. Get an early start and get yours in today. I have also attached the tour information and while you may or may not want to take tours, there is some great information on Friday night during convention. We have the evening off and there is a place to buy tickets for the Diamondbacks and the Colorado Rockies baseball game. It is a great section at the ball park and the ticket includes ball park food. And if baseball is not your game, how about a trip to the casino to try your luck? All the information is on the tour form.

If you have not signed up to help during the week, there is still time and we can use your help. The more of us that participate, the easier the week for all of us. The schedule is a little different this year and there are some new events so come and help us make it a good week.

We are in need of note pads for the convention bags. If you can help, please let Marilee Dunn, Dorothy Morey, Jacqui Smith, Cyndi Sklad, Rickie or I know. We will find a way to get them to the hotel in Arizona.

We have also included the program Ad form. We want to encourage chapters in both states to buy an ad to welcome the delegates to our convention. The ads help cover the cost of printing the program as well.

There have been a few questions about the hotel. It is very nice, and the room rates are \$139 single/double and \$149 triple/quad. Every room has a refrigerator and the wifi is free. If you are driving, the parking rate is \$9.00 a day. Please don't worry about the prices listed on the hotel website.

If you have any questions, please contact Rickie or me and we will be more than happy to assist. We can wait to see all of you for "Sunshine and Celebrations" in July.

Sherry Day and Rickie Brown

2018 IC Convention Chairs



2018 International Convention  
July 18-22, 2018  
Sheraton Grand Hotel  
340 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Phoenix, Arizona 85004

## ADVERTISING ORDER FORM FOR PROGRAM BOOK

Please use this order form to advertise in the International Convention Program Book of ESA International Convention, to be held July 18-22, 2018 at the Sheraton Grand Phoenix.

Advertisements will be accepted through June 1, 2018. Please check the size ad you are placing:

\_\_\_\_\_ Full Page.....\$100.00

\_\_\_\_\_ One-half Page.....\$ 50.00

\_\_\_\_\_ One-Quarter Page.....\$ 25.00

\_\_\_\_\_ Business Card.....\$ 15.00

Advertising Placed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to ESA 2018 IC Convention**  
**Mail check with this form and hard copy of the ad to:**  
Carolyn Vasko  
PO Box 5908  
Peoria, Arizona 85385

**Electronic copies of the ad must be sent to:** cmvasko@gmail.com





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.)

**MEMBER FULL REGISTRATION FEE:**

Includes general assemblies, workshops,  
welcome party, recognition luncheon and banquet

- CIRCLE AMOUNT**
- ☐ Postmarked by May 1, 2018 ..... \$250  
☐ Postmarked May 2 – June 1, 2018 ..... \$275  
☐ After June 1, 2018 (see payment note on page 2) ..... \$275

**MEMBER FRI & SAT REGISTRATION FEE:**

Includes general assemblies, recognition  
luncheon and banquet

- ☐ Postmarked by May 1, 2018 ..... \$225  
☐ Postmarked May 2 – June 1, 2018 ..... \$250  
☐ After June 1, 2018 (see payment note on page 2) ..... \$250

**MEMBERS SAT REGISTRATION FEE:**

Includes general assembly and banquet

- ☐ Postmarked by May 1, 2018 ..... \$125  
☐ Postmarked May 2 – June 1, 2018 ..... \$150  
☐ After June 1, 2018 (see payment note on page 2) ..... \$150

**MEMBER WALK-IN REGISTRATION FEE:**

Includes everything in full registration

- ☐ 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>
<b>NON-MEMBER FULL REGISTRATION FEE</b>	<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
<b>NON-MEMBER attending WELCOME PARTY</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked by June 1, 2018 ..... \$ 65
	<input type="checkbox"/> After June 1, 2018 (see payment note below) ..... \$ 70
<b>NON-MEMBER attending RECOGNITION LUNCHEON</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked by June 1, 2018 ..... \$ 50
	<input type="checkbox"/> After June 1, 2018 (see payment note below) ..... \$ 55
<b>NON-MEMBER attending BANQUET</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Postmarked by June 1, 2018 ..... \$ 80
	<input type="checkbox"/> After June 1, 2018 (see payment note below) ..... \$ 85
<b>YOUTH REGISTRATION FEE</b>	<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\*\*

*\*\*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 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

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**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 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

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**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 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

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## 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 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**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 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**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.

## St. Jude Las Vegas/Phoenix

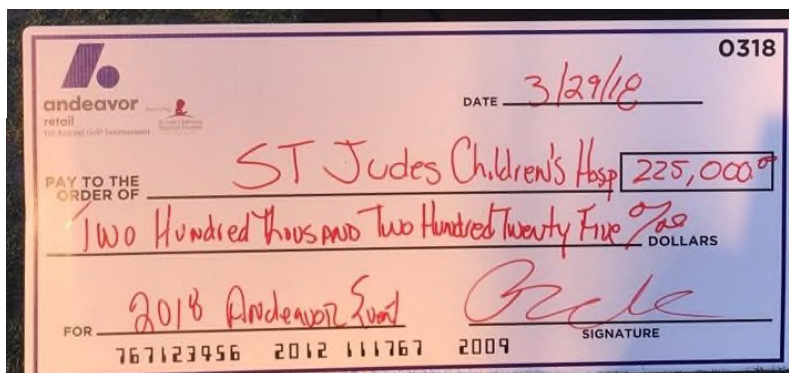
Dear Sisters and Brothers of ESA:

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter and the Easter Bunny was as good to you as you are to St Jude! We appreciate all that you do and thanks to you we reached a new milestone!

I would like to thank everyone who supported the St Jude Golf tournament at the Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale, AZ. We always have a wonderful time!



Donna Ort, Jeff Goldberg, Cyndi Sklad, Liz Montgomery, Chris Goldberg, Roxanne Vitt, John Vitt, Wendy Williams and 2017-18 IC President Sandy Alexander



## St. Jude Las Vegas/Phoenix Continued

We still need volunteers and teams for our walks in Phoenix and Tucson on September 22nd. Nevada's Walk/Run event is on September 15th.

We will keep you updated when we hear more about the Dream Home as it progresses!

Please be sure to register for the IC Convention. The early deadline is May 1st. We have had such a wonderful year with St Jude because all of your hard work and dedication you made it possible. We want you there to help us celebrate this years accomplishments for St Jude!

Let's support our own Deana Walters running on the IC Board for Workshop Coordinator! Deana works so hard for ESA I am so honored and blessed to have spent this year working so closely with her.  
God bless each and every one of you!



Please contact Deana at [dwaltesa@att.net](mailto:dwaltesa@att.net) for Nevada and Wendy at [stjudesjr@hotmail.com](mailto:stjudesjr@hotmail.com).

Love in ESA,  
Wendy & Deana  
St Jude Coordinators



## Easter Seals – Phoenix

Hang on everyone, Spring is almost here! There have been lots of events for Easter Seals Phoenix and I'm sure you seen those events posted in the Ocotillo Express. Please let me remind everyone that there are always opportunities at the Literacy Distribution Center – Help us pack book orders and sort gently used books. Opportunities Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays between 8a.m. - 5p.m. Sign up at [www.swhd.org/ldc](http://www.swhd.org/ldc).



Hope all is well with you! At Southwest Human Development, we're looking forward to a "Spring"ing into a couple months of fun volunteer opportunities! Please sign up for one or more today!

1. April 14th is our Spring Edition of Family Volunteer Day. We'll be doing lots of projects from packing Smile Kits to creating paper flowers for our virtual book drives to painting and decorating a Little Free Library. Families with children of all ages are invited to sign up at [www.swhd.org/fvd](http://www.swhd.org/fvd)
2. April 14-15th – we are looking for volunteers to help at our Little Free Library exposition at the Scottsdale Culinary Festival. Several shifts are available throughout the weekend, and we need 2 volunteers for each of the shifts listed below. Please reply to this email if you can fill one or more.
  - Saturday, April 14 – 8a.m.-noon: Volunteers will be setting up exhibit. Must be able to lift and carry up to 40 lbs.
  - Saturday, April 14 – noon-4:30p.m.: Volunteers will be staffing exhibit, talking about the Little Free Library project with attendees and keeping area clean. (Southwest Human Development staff will be present to train and assist.)
  - Saturday, April 14 – 4:30-9p.m.: Volunteers will be staffing exhibit, talking about the Little Free Library project with attendees and keeping area clean. (Southwest Human Development staff will be present to train and assist.)
  - Sunday, April 15 – noon-4p.m.: Volunteers will be staffing exhibit, talking about the Little Free Library project with attendees and keeping area clean. (Southwest Human Development staff will be present to train and assist.)
  - Sunday, April, 15 – 4-8p.m. Volunteers will be breaking down exhibit. Must be able to lift and carry up to 40 lbs.
  - \*\*The organizers of the Scottsdale Culinary Festival have also asked me to share that they are still looking for folks to help serve beer and wine and with admissions. If you're interested in helping with the festival, please register at <https://scottsdalefest.webconnex.com/2018Volunteers>
3. April 28th – Hope Run at Kiwanis Park. Southwest Human Development is excited to be partnering with this event for the 3rd year, and we are looking for some help with the registration and awards table as well as an activity we'll be running for children. Volunteers are needed from 6-10a.m. Reply to this email if you'd like to sign up!



4. April 28th – Festival of Tales at Paradise Valley Community College. During this fun literacy event, Southwest Human Development provides a play area with activities for small children and distributes more than 4000 books in one day! Volunteers are needed for the afternoon shift from 11a.m.-2:30p.m. Please reply to this email if you'd like to sign up!

Are you planning to attend our next Council meeting in Henderson Nevada? Don't forget to enter our raffle for a fabulous gift basket loaded with goodies! That is going to be an awesome council meeting and one to remember for sure. I hope to see you all there.

Here is one final reminder for you. Our Easterseals Challenge for March is to pay 50 cents if you have gray hair, 75 cents if its' black, 60 cents if brown and \$1 if its' dyed! Remember that the IC Easterseals challenge is to collect a total of \$5 dollars from all members throughout the year.

Happy Spring and Happy Easter. See you in Henderson!

Thanks for your continued efforts and support! Southwest Human Development couldn't do our work for Arizona's families without amazing volunteers like you!

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Easter Seals – Phoenix



### **Easter Seals – Tucson/Sierra Vista**

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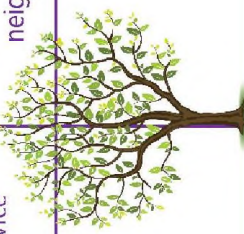

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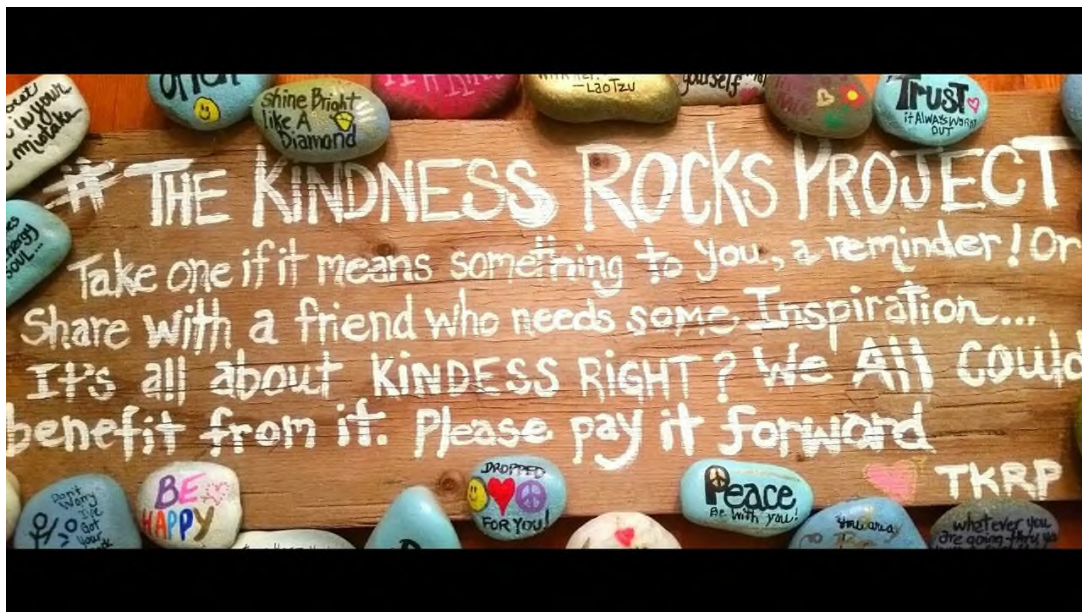
See how to get involved with the Blake Foundation

<http://www.easterseals.com/blakefoundation/get-involved/>

<http://www.easterseals.com/blakefoundation/ways-to-give/>

# April Acts of Kindness Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Pick up litter						1 Gather all your loose change and donate it
2	3 Wear a blue ribbon & talk to your kids about safety	4 Send in a thank you card/gift to the school librarian	5 Choose one way to support Childhelp	6 Tape change to a vending machine	7 Bake and deliver a coffee cake to someone	8 Plant flowers in your neighborhood
9 Share the link to free stress-relief books with friends	10 Tell your siblings you love them	11 Show appreciation for a child in a military family	12 Leave positive sticky notes in random places	13 Tame someone out for lunch	14 Surprise your significant other with date night	15 Surprise an occupational therapist with OT supplies
16 Invite someone to Easter brunch or dinner	17 Hand out copies of (or recite) your favorite poem to others	18 Turn in all of your plastic shopping bags to a recycler	19 Leave kind comments on social media, blogs, or comment cards	20 High five 5 people	21 Wear blue & green and sign up to be an organ donor	22 Plant a tree
23 Do 3 things to reduce your ecological footprint	24 Thank volunteers for their service	25 Bake zucchini bread for a friend or neighbor	26 Surprise an administrative professional with a small gift or treat	27 Compliment a married couple you admire on their relationship	28 Tell someone why they are your personal superhero	29 Help build or repair something for someone else
30 Adopt a pet or donate items to an animal shelter						



Have you heard about the Kindness Rocks Project? Megan Murphy from Cape Code started writing messages on rocks because she was looking for a way to connect with her deceased parents. She would think of them when she found rocks on the beach so one day she took a sharpie and wrote a simple happy thought on some rocks and left them on the beach. As others found the rocks they started leaving their own. Their mission "one message, at just the right moment can change someone's entire day, outlook, life." If you'd like to read more about them use this link

<https://www.thekindnessrocksproject.com/>

Now people all over are leaving rocks that are painted or have written messages. Maybe you've seen these rocks when you've been on a walk. Or heard someone talk about it. There are even social groups that decorate rocks and leave them for others to find.

<https://paintedrocklife.com/> Plus those who love to hunt for these rocks. What a great way to make someone's day. So next time you have some rocks laying around think about painting or using a sharpie to leave a message for someone in your area.

### Arizona Council Calendar

<b>April 15, 2018</b> Council Meeting Registration 9:00AM Council Meeting 10:00AM	Henderson, NV Council Meeting 10:00AM Hosted By: Eta Gamma Cost \$25
<b>June 1-2, 2018</b> AZ State Convention	75th Arizona Council State Convention Sheraton Fourpoints North, Phoenix, AZ Hosted by Delta Pi
<b>July 14-22, 2018</b> IC Convention	Sheraton Grand Phoenix Phoenix, AZ



## From the Bulletin Editor

It's finally my month! My birthday is not in April but people have always teased me about my name, I don't mind as it helps people remember who I am. Whenever I meet another person named April it's like being part of a secret club as we've all been teased about our name. This month it's special because Easter falls on April 1 - since 1900, Easter has fallen on April Fool's Day only four times - 1923, 1934, 1945 and 1956. It won't happen again until 2029. Hard to believe that 2029 isn't that far away!



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:

May – Due April 17

June – June 10

*July - No bulletin*

*August - No bulletin*

September – Due Aug. 10



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