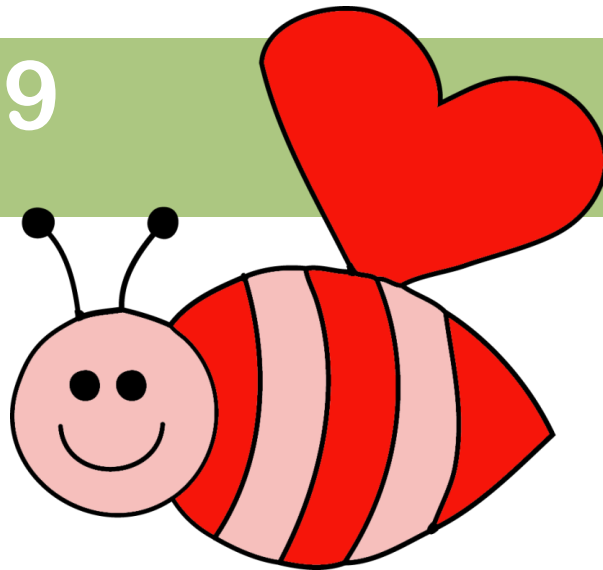


February 2019

Bulletin



I hope you all enjoyed a Happy Valentines Day!

Reminders:

If you would like to submit an item for the bulletin, please remember the following:

- Email bulletin items by the 5th of the month.
- In the subject line include 'Bulletin for *MONTH*'

Please email articles to: **AZESAEditor@gmail.com**

My contact information is:

cnluger@yahoo.com

602-410-1553 (remember, I'm lousy at answering my phone)

PRESIDENTS CORNER

Chris Goldberg

“When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed”. (Maya Angelou)

That describes the January Council Meeting perfectly. The goal is always to inform and inspire all our members. Our Leave a Legacy theme challenge was to find and support a cause that is important to you and you can be passionate about.

We had Megan Wells, program director for Easter Seals-Blake Foundation tell us about the myriad of programs that exist in Southwestern Arizona. It certainly reinforced why Easter Seals is one of our group projects and I know that everyone was shocked to hear how many and diverse things they currently do. I was exhausted just listening. As a group, we also have St. Jude, Hope for Heros and our collectibles. As a chapter or individual, there are a lot of causes that we are passionate about that keep us coming to meetings and having fun. Such as the Beta Gamma’s serving beer and food at football games, Alpha Kappa doing Meals on Wheels and Connecting with Kids. Eta Pi has My Sister’s Closet. Beta Kappa has Stockings for Schools. I know the other chapters have their own. Everyone has a story to tell of something that happened while working at one of these projects. While listening, I can hear the laughter in their voice and the smile in their eyes. THAT story matters and needs to be told. Write it, then send it in to share with the rest of us. Start it with the phrase; I celebrate each day by _____ and write it YOUR way. That is the giving cheerfully part of the quotation. At the meeting, many other things were shared. There are multiple St. Jude events that we were asked to help at, along with Easter Seals, help for the furloughed federal workers, ICE refugees, and multiple ESA activities that are coming up. All of this information was given cheerfully and is very valuable in keeping us active and viable.

Our 1st vice president/president elect Karen cheerfully gave us a workshop on painting rocks. She inspired even those who are craft challenged to interact and socialize while painting our thoughts. The laughter was widespread and the complete collection of finished rocks was awesome. Everyone accepted all the challenges with grace and poise. It was a very fun afternoon and we missed those unable to attend.

Our April Council meeting will focus on some of the Legacy’s that have been passed on in ESA so we can learn from them how to refine or create our own. While doing this research, I certainly learned some very interesting and surprising things that I am very excited to share. Did you know that clinical studies show that on average, a person has about 55 thousand thoughts a day and that 80% of them are negative against ourselves? ESA’ers are too busy accepting life with gratitude and helping others to waste 80% of our time on being negative. Our happy painted rocks showed that to all attendees. No one painted a SAD rock. We are making a positive difference in our lives and this world.

Karen Madrid – First Vice-President

It was wonderful to see those who were able to attend the January Council meeting.

The President's Packets are available online. In the President's Packets are: Rushing and Membership forms, Gladys Bagley Schaefer Outstanding Pledge Award and Willing To Serve form.

Membership and Rushing Awards will be as follows: Certificates will be presented to all chapters participating in Membership and Rushing this year.

First, Second and Third place State Membership Awards will be based on the percentage of positive growth with the addition of new Pledges and Re-affiliates.

First, Second and Third place State Rushing Awards will be presented to the chapters earning the most points through an active rush program, followed by active participation in chapter and State Council activities by their new members.

All of these awards will be presented at the Arizona State Convention on 6-1-19.

Every year we honor one new pledge that goes above and beyond at the State Convention. Paperwork to nominate your new pledge for the Gladys Bagley Schaefer Outstanding Pledge Award is in with the President's Packets. The deadline for this is on 4/8/19.

Please let me know what appointed board position you would like to have. If you are currently serving on the appointed board in a junior position, please let me know if you will be willing to take the senior position next sorority year.

Please consider running for the ESA Executive Board. It is a wonderful opportunity that everyone should experience as a member of ESA. By serving on the board you can learn a lot about ESA and yourself.

Don't forget to buy your three part raffle for one winner, St. Jude & ESA Ways & Means. Raffle tickets are \$10.00 each and the drawing will be held on 4/7/19. Each chapter may want to consider buying at least one raffle ticket to help the cause.

Preferential Potluck Taco Salad Luncheon: "Let's Taco 'Bout ESA".

Date: Saturday, March 23, 2018 at 11am .

Location: JoAnne Ciolli - VDO Clubhouse located at 8723 E. Ridge Terrace Drive Tucson, AZ 85710.

Cost: 0.00. Please RSVP by 2-11-19 to Karen Madrid at pkmadrid@cox.net or call (520) 747-2646. Just need a head count to be able to be prepared for the event.

Hats and gloves are optional. We will be having hot tea and other beverages. Please bring your tea cup



Magic Moments

When moments are precious, make each one count!

At the November Council Meeting, everyone was asked to write down the first moment that jumped into their mind of something or someone that made a difference in their life and why. There has not been time to share them at the meetings, so they are being shared here:

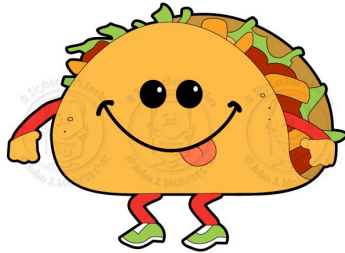
- Mrs. Bates-5th grade teacher in California nominated me for DAR achievement award
- Laurie H. made a difference to me because of her strength-she has a disabled child who requires 24 X 7 care, but Laurie always has time for friends and family.
- Roxanne R. from IN always encouraging me-You can do it.
- Martha McArthur-First appointment and always there for you if you needed anything.
- My grandmother never spoke bad about anyone-what an idol to aspire to.
- Jacqui Smith & Sherry Day for helping me become the best that I can be, with high expectations and support.
- Edith McKay-my ESA mentor.
- My grandfather who always put God first, then family.
- Joining ESA 17 years ago changed things in my life by giving me some purpose.
- My 5th and 6th grade teacher, Mrs. Flynn who convinced me I could do better than just average grades and made me a better student, which changed my future.
- My parents shared and made me a loving and caring person.
- Becoming a member of ESA at 30 years old changed my outlook on life.
- High school English and Social Studies teacher- John L.
- Marge Cunningham always tried to suggest being more organized. I am still a work in progress.
- Margaret H. gave me voice and breathing exercise that helped tremendously with my speech-much more than the speech therapist
- Phyllis Marshall got me into ESA.
- Grace Mullenix

Magic Moments Continued...

- Jeanette Kennedy gave me my first council appointment and I went on to be president and to the Foundation. Jeanette gave me a whole new lease on life.
- My grandmother brought me into ESA and the AZ Council. She taught me how to be resilience and independent yet giving and helping others.
- Dorothy Elkins got me into Alpha Kappa, which has enriched my life beyond my expectations. It has opened doors and given me a purpose in my retirement years and I am young enough to devout many years to service, God willing.
- Elsie Vogler-very supportive and loved me so much and taking naps while watching movies
- My grandmother who just turned 98 in November. She is still very independent, active and has a great outlook on life.
- Carol Caldwell who sent little notes of encouragement all the years I was on the Exec. Board. They make a difference in my life as I was going through difficult times.
- My mother-in-law for "inviting" me to join ESA (like I had a choice).
- My sister always has my back and is my back up if needed.
- 2 of my friends who sat with me at the hospital for surgeries.
- Chris and Jeff for opening up their home, time share, knowledge and heart to allow us to attend ESA events which we may not have been able to attend.
- My husband who married a school teacher with 6 children and accepted us as a package. He always has been kind, patient and willing to help in any way needed.
- Arden McEwen and Emily Butcher.
- My mother and Bertie Bell.
- My granddaughter, currently a very loving, caring, considerate hospital nurse. At 12 years old, she came every day after school to sit at her grandfather's hospice bed and sing.

LIFE is not a matter of milestones, but of moments that become magical in our lives. Notice that NONE of the special moments shared involved money, big cars, job titles or expensive houses. They were the LITTLE things that become the most special, remembered and passed on. A big THANK YOU to everyone who shared!!! Keep passing them on.

You are invited to attend the Preferential Potluck Taco Salad



Luncheon

Let's Taco'Bout ESA
and

honor or pledges, re-affiliates and transfers

Saturday, March 23, 2019

Time: 11:00am Place: VDO Clubhouse

Address: 8723 E. Ridge Terrace Drive, Tucson

Cost: Bring a topping or dish to share **RSVP:** March 11, 2019 for head count to

Karen Madrid 520-747-2646 or email to pkmadrid@cox.net.

Bring a topping to put on the taco salads or bring a side dish to share. Hats and gloves are optional.

Bring a tea or coffee cup to use and share memories behind it.

Provided items: hot tea, and other non-alcoholic beverages, plates, napkins, silverware, disposable cups, lettuce, salad dressing, tortilla chips and desserts.

Bylaws and Standing Rule changes

Greetings to all.

In the Bulletin this month you will find the Bylaws and Standing Rule changes that we will be voting on in April. Please discuss these changes with your Chapter members and if you have any questions you would like me to answer, please feel free to reach out to me, I will be happy to answer them prior to voting on them at the April Council meeting.

With regards to the Standing Rule change removing the November Council meeting. Though, I very much enjoy the uniqueness of Arizona and the fact that we are a close Council because we see each other so often, we no longer conduct a lot of business at the November Council meeting. The information that was previously discussed has been moved to other meetings, i.e. Bylaw changes, and many of us receive news that we might have heard at the Council meeting through the Ocotillo Express. The other item I would like you to consider is that general members can choose to attend a council meeting or not, this is not the same for members of the Executive Board and some Appointed Board members who are obligated to attend every meeting. By eliminating one meeting, especially one that is so close to a holiday (weekend prior to Thanksgiving), we might entice more members to run for the Executive Board. I urge you to please think long and hard about this proposed change.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my Bylaw Committee, Shari Stapleton-Smith, Mary Jane Hickey, April Aguinaga, Kathy Riebock and Marsha Evans for their dedication this year to the Bylaws and being a part of the committee. You should all be commended for the work you did this year to clean up some of the wording in our Bylaws. Every once in a while, you just need to go through the Bylaws and make sure they still make sense.

April is the last month to bring me donations from your Cheerful Charlie change pig. I hope that he is being well fed and I look forward to receiving your donations at the meeting. I would also like you to consider the Disaster Fund when you are dispersing your hard earned Philanthropic dollars at the end of the year.

I wish you all a happy St. Patrick's Day. May your little leprechaun guide you well the remainder of the year.

Joni Slama
2018-2019 Disaster Fund Chairman
Parliamentarian

STANDING RULE

NOW READS

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REASON

Though it is wonderful to fellowship with our Sisters and Brothers from around the Council, there is not much business to come before the Council in November. With the inception of the Ocotillo Express, many Chapter members are receiving information they would have received at the Council meeting. Due to the rising costs and trouble finding locations to hold meetings it is felt this meeting is no longer necessary.

BYLAW CHANGES

ARTICLE V DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 6 Treasurer

NOW READS

He/She shall collect all Council monies and pay all Council bills with the exception of the State Convention monies, with unbudgeted items approved by the Executive Board. He/She shall be authorized to sign all checks and be responsible for the banking of all Council funds, including State event funds designated for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, the Easter Seals Society, Disaster Fund, and any other Council Philanthropy. He/She shall weekly exchange information with the Financial Secretary on all account transactions, including but not limited to: all deposits made, all checks written. He/She shall report in November and April on the status of the Savings accounts and Certificates of Deposit. The books shall be closed annually June 30 and submitted for Audit semiannually on January 15 and July 15. He/She shall also be responsible for filing the IRS Report for the current fiscal year. The Treasurer will be bonded.

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REASON

It is felt that the meeting of the Treasurer and Financial Secretary to exchange information on all account transactions, including but not limited to all deposits made, all checks written, should be determined between the Treasurer and Financial secretary.

It is felt that since the Financial Secretary currently completes the IRS report as she has all information needed to file, this line should be moved from the duties of the Treasurer to the Financial Secretary.

It is felt that it would be helpful for the incoming Treasurer to be a part of the Budget process so that when it is her turn to create the Budget for the following year, she has some idea of what is required.

Removed Certificates of Deposit as we no longer have these.

ARTICLE XIV FINANCE

SECTION 2 OTHER FUNDS

NOW READS

- a. There shall be at least one annual event to raise money for the International project.

PROPOSED CHANGE

Remove and place with Duties of 2nd Vice President

REASON

Committee feels this does not belong with the Treasurer and should be with the Philanthropic Chairman

SECTION 3 BUDGET

NOW READS

An annual budget shall be prepared by the new Executive Board. The proposed Budget shall be printed in the September Bulletin and presented to the Council delegate body for its approval at the September Council meeting. Any expenses paid prior to the acceptance of the budget shall be approved by the Executive Board.

PROPOSED CHANGE

An annual budget shall be prepared by the immediate past Treasurer, Financial Secretary, the incoming Treasurer and reviewed by the new Executive Board. The proposed Budget shall be printed in the September Bulletin and presented to the Council delegate body for its approval at the September Council meeting. Any expenses paid prior to the acceptance of the budget shall be approved in advance by the Executive Board.

REASON

Make clear who is responsible for creating the Budget and add the incoming Treasurer.

SECTION 6 FINANCIAL SECRETARY

NOW READS

The Financial Secretary shall maintain a system of accounting whereby the position of the budget is readily accountable. He/She shall keep a record of the names of the members who pay dues He/She shall maintain accurate financial records, including posting all journals, ledgers and reconciling the bank statements. The Financial Secretary shall weekly exchange information with the State Treasurer on all account transactions, including but not limited to: all deposits made, all checks written. The books shall be closed annually June 30 and submitted for audit semiannually on January 15 and July 15. The Financial Secretary will be bonded.

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REASON

It is felt that the time frame for exchanging information with the State Treasurer should be determined by the Treasurer and Financial Secretary.

The Financial Secretary is currently completing the IRS report as she has all information needed to file. Moved this from the Treasurer position.

IT'S GOING TO BE MAGICAL



ARIZONA STATE COUNCIL 2019 CONVENTION

FRIDAY, MAY 31st & SATURDAY JUNE 1st & SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd

AT LA QUINTA by WYNDHAM
102 N. ALVERNON WAY
TUCSON, 85711
(Alvernon Way just north of Broadway Blvd.)

RESERVATIONS: 520 - 795 - 0330 MENTION "EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA"

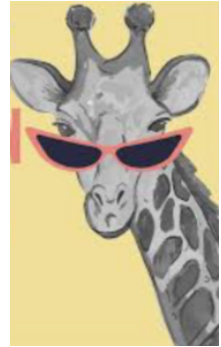
ROOM RATES ARE \$90.00 per night (IF reserved by May 1st plus tax)
Includes Complimentary Breakfast Buffet
THESE RATES ARE GOOD FOR FRIDAY 5/31 THRU 6/1

CONVENTION CHECK-IN WILL BE FRIDAY FROM 3 - 5 PM

FRIDAY NIGHT'S EVENT STARTS AT 6:00
Prizes are involved
Cocktails are available in the bar - off the hotel lobby

PLEASE OBSERVE THE CONVENTION RESERVATION DEADLINE
(POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE MAY 17th) JEFF 520-302-2796
\$115 per person

APRIL COUNCIL MEETING



Hosting Chapter: Beta Gamma #1056

Date: Sunday, April 7, 2019

Location: **Holiday Inn**

Address: 777 N. Pinal Avenue

Casa Grande, AZ. 85122

Hotel Phone Number: 520-426-3500

Registration: 9:00 am

Meeting: 10:00 am

Cost : \$25.00

Deadline to RSVP : Wednesday, March 27, 2019

Send one chapter check, Payable to: Beta Gamma

Please include a list of those who will be attending from your chapter

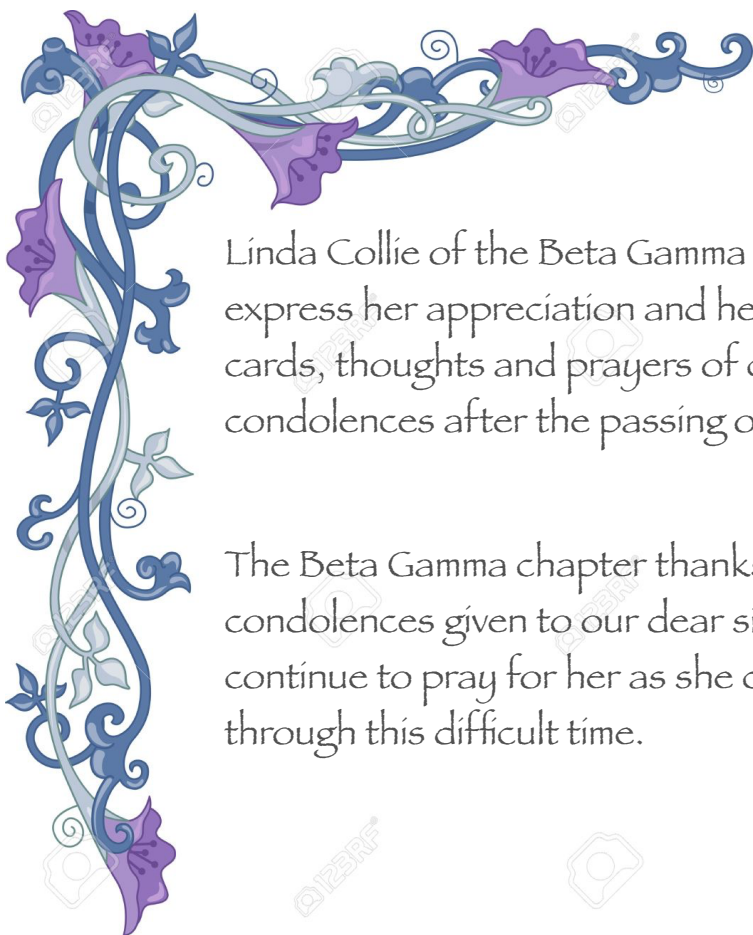
Send your registration & fundraising table reservations to:

Kay Hicks at 1629 N. Parsell Circle, Mesa, AZ 85203

Questions: call Kay Hicks at 480-296-9864 or Email to:

kfhicks@cox.net

There is a room block for ESA at the rate of \$109 Plus tax (includes breakfast for two guests in each room). Cut off date for room reservations is March 6, 2019. Regular rate would be \$159.00 plus tax.



Linda Collie of the Beta Gamma Chapter would like to express her appreciation and heartfelt thanks for the cards, thoughts and prayers of concern and condolences after the passing of her daughter.

The Beta Gamma chapter thanks you all for your condolences given to our dear sister, Linda. Please continue to pray for her as she continues to work through this difficult time.