



I can't believe it is already March! Happy Spring!!

I have included the By Laws proposed changes again in this month's bulletin so that if needed, you can review with your Chapter Members. You can find this information at the end of the bulletin, pages 13, 14, 15 and 16.

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

April is just around the corner and what are you longing to do this month? Hopefully you have your tax program purchased and are completing your tax returns. This is the ONLY time that I regret living in the United States. Our tax code is so painful!

Hopefully, you are also inputting your philanthropic hours for your chapter report. Thankfully, that is not as painful. You will be shocked by how much you have managed to accomplish again this year.

A welcome break from all those numbers will be the April Council meeting in Casa Grande on April 7th. The agenda is very busy. We will be having some wonderful awards, voting on by-law/standing rule changes, several workshops and a little surprise. Can't say more.

Throughout the year, we have been exploring many facets of the how's, why's and when's of Leaving a Legacy. Last, but not least will be some exploration of history. History is important, it is the story of our organization. If we throw away ESA history, we throw away a part of ourselves. Carl Sagan said that you have to know the past to understand the present. I have been blessed by Fran Porter giving me some of her history and I also got some wonderful history from another past Arizona president this month. I will have some of the more interesting things on display and will be sharing some with you. You will not be disappointed. We will be taking time to reflect on how wonderful it is to be a member right now.

The convention committee is also very busy "working their magic" to bring you a wonderful and a little different convention this year. Our IC president has sent her welcome greeting and it is a good one. Everyone is invited to come and join the fun as we celebrate our own resiliency with small steps and positive changes.

I am so grateful and proud of all of the work you do.

Keep building your legacy!

Karen Madrid – First Vice-President

ESA Leadership was on February 28 – March 3, 2019 at the Holiday Inn in Denver, Co. It was a great Leadership training and I learned a lot! It was very exciting to learn so much and get information from others at the ESA Leadership conference. Looking forward to sharing some of the items that I learn with you very soon.

We had discussions about some book authors at the ESA Leadership. Louise Penny is a Canadian author of mystery novels sets. Louise has won numerous awards for her work. Her novels have been published in 23 languages. I would like to ask each ESA member to read a book written by Louise Penny. At the April 2019 Council meeting, I will share a special act of kindness that this author did for one of our ESA members.

Please make sure to fill out all the forms in the President's Packets. Please return the following forms to me by April 8, 2019. Rushing and Membership forms, Willing To Serve form, Gladys Bagley Schaefer Outstanding Pledge Award. Please call or email me if you have any questions.

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.

Please consider being on my appointed board or serving a committee. We need your talent and input to continue the good works of ESA. All of our ESA members are very special and we need your help.

Don't forget to nominate your new pledge for the Gladys Bagley Schaefer Outstanding Pledge Award. All of these awards will be presented at the Arizona State Convention on 6-1-19.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the April Council meeting.





Magic Moments

When moments are precious, make each one count!

Although Chris didn't have the list of Magic Moments to put into this month's bulletin, I wanted to give a Magic Moment 'shout out' to Chris.

Being fairly new to ESA, I've had the opportunity to get pretty involved in a relatively quick time-frame (thank you Chris) .



For this past year, I relied on Chris to give me guidance on getting this bulletin out, even though I had absolutely NO CLUE as to what I was doing. Chris is probably one of the strongest individuals I have ever met. She is always warm, welcoming and full of energy. I was floored when she introduced us to 'Flo' at our last council meeting. Chris, this Magic Moment is for you!

The strongest people are not those who show strength in front of us but those who win battles we know nothing about.

“TOGETHER WE CAN DO SO MUCH” Jim Click Jr.

He is so right. We are qualified to again get tickets to sell for St. Jude. (Only) This year, we want everyone to have them available for a chapter fund raiser.

This is the way it would work:

Request how many tickets you want from Jeff Goldberg(Registered Jim Click contact) NO COST TO ESA!

Sell them to ANYONE for \$25, or 5 tickets for \$100. Get completed ticket stub BACK to Jeff to take back to office to be entered into drawing. Drawing on December 13, 2019. Your chapter would then claim ALL the money from the tickets as their chapter donation. Could be easier than getting people to physically come to an event. 10 tickets could be \$250.00.

If the winning ticket is sold by ESA, we receive \$500.00 to selling chapter.

3 prizes:

- 1) NEW 2019 Jeep Grand Cherokee Summit
- 2) Two round-trip, first class airline tickets to anywhere in the world.
- 3) \$5,000.00



Checks can be written directly to St. Jude so people do not think it is a scam. On December 13, 2019, Jim Click will be personally calling the winners so tell your buyers that. Some of the past winners have hung up on him, thinking they were being scammed.

This is a very easy way to work together to do more.

Jeff Goldberg 520-302-2796

gold4us21@comcast.net

We hope you can join us!

SPAGHETTI DINNER TO BENEFIT ST. JUDE
Sponsored by Gamma Iota Chapter

WHEN: Saturday, April 13, 2019, from 4:30 – 7 PM



WHERE: Nelle Athouguia's home

9521 E. Sellarole Road
(south of Golf Links and Harrison)

DONATION: \$15 per person

The meal includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, dessert, drink

The background of the page is a light cream color with a subtle, repeating floral pattern. Overlaid on this are several large, dark blue stars of various sizes and orientations. Some of these stars have a lighter blue, swirling pattern inside them. Dotted lines and smaller stars trail from the larger stars, creating a sense of movement or a starry night sky.

CONVENTION UPDATE

The La Quinta reservation system is proving VERY cumbersome. Thanks for telling us and we are trying to work with them to make the room reservation easier. Currently, it involves multiple phone transfers. Although their reservation system is not the most flexible, the management is trying to ease the process. They are installing a new booking program by the end of the month.

So, still call the local number, 520-795-0330, say you are with EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA, (the front desk doesn't recognize ESA) and they will redirect the call to a direct number, instead of the current multiple transfers, if they don't handle it for you directly. If you are still having an issue, please contact Jeff at 520-302-2796 and let's work on it together.

We are working with the caterer and it will be a star-studded menu, but no rabbit will pop out of the hat.

Keep smiling, we are working very hard on putting in a lot of magic and fun.

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**

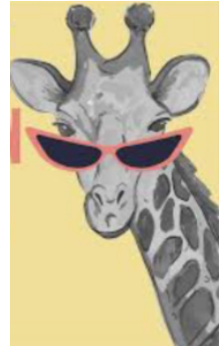
Address: 777 N. Pinal Avenue

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

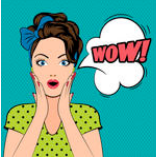
Send your registration & fundraising table reservations to:

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.



phi-lan-thro-pist: noun;
1. One who actively promotes human well-being. 2. You.

Greetings Arizona ESA Sisters and Brothers,

I have been negligent in submitting articles for the bulletin and I apologize to you all. Here are some exciting philanthropic updates!

Handbag Happy Hour



LIVE IN NORTHERN ARIZONA AND DON'T WANT TO MAKE THE DRIVE? We are going to make the event interactive so you can still participate! What?!?! Yes – we have the technology. We will be live streaming on Facebook so you can bid on purses from the comfort of your own home. I KNOW, cool huh? You could even have a gathering and make it your own social event. Have some drinks, watch the fun and BID!

The committee and my chapter are working hard to make this a really fun event. I want to thank ESA members from all over the state for their generous contributions to our purse and goodies collections. We're still looking for items to put in the purses. Below is a list of ideas for goodies. I am also attaching a form for you to use if you are asking businesses to donate. If you have already collected items, would you please email me what you have so we can start keeping a tally?

- Gift cards - Restaurants, massages, movies, and clothing stores, anything that you would like to get! If you get gift cards, be sure the value is written on it somewhere if it's not obvious.
- Specialty candy
- Jewelry
- Makeup
- Hotel Stay
- Spa treatments
- Sports tickets

Philanthropic updates continued...

Don't forget, our IC President, Kim Kumer, has challenged us to consider focusing our giving on impacting children's lives. Thank you to those who have sent photos for our gift to be and if you haven't there is still time!

The Beta Gamma Chapter is very proud to be able to donate for the past 16 years to the Christmas Angel Tree program.



Chris Goldberg's granddaughter helping deliver pop tabs.



As always, please feel free to call me with your thoughts, ideas, advice or questions.

Yours in service,
Shari Stapleton-Smith
831-227-3880

Mark your calendar for March 30th and join us for our annual luncheon and fashion show. Please make sure to RSVP by 3/20/19.



Spring Fling

presented by
Alpha Kappa Chapter
of
Epsilon Sigma Alpha

Luncheon and Fashion Show
by
New Image Fashions

*Proceeds – Tempe Meals on Wheels
and
Connecting With Kids*

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
2100 South Priest Drive
(SW Corner of Broadway and Priest)
Tempe, Arizona

Saturday, March 30, 2019

11:00 No Host Cocktails
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Fashions

R.S.V.P. by March 20, 2019

480-945-9370
\$45.00 per person

Bylaws and Standing Rule changes

Greetings to all.

This information is being presented again in the March Bulletin so you will have the opportunity to review with your Chapter Members. (pages 13, 14, 15 and 16)

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

STANDING RULE

NOW READS

1. Regular meetings of Arizona Council, open to all ESA members and their guests, shall be held on the third weekend of the month in the months of September, November, January, and April, unless otherwise specified by the Council. There shall be no regularly scheduled meetings in June, July, and August. Bid dates for hostessing Council Meetings shall be extended prior to April 1 for the following year.

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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.