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EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA



Our Journey begins as we “Believe and Achieve with all your Heart” and now it is time for all the members of Arizona Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha to set our goals that we will accomplish this year. We are going to have an awesome year and I would like to focus on growth, learning, and laughing. We are going to have a lot of fun together!



In each bulletin, I will be sharing a project that is happening with all of you. There have been some incredible community projects and events that have been achieved by others. Here is one story that I would like to share with you.

On April 26, 2019 it was reported on Fox 17 news that a 10 year old, Molly Casemier Hamilton of Allegan County, Michigan is helping others. Molly had been creating custom earrings for more than a year. It started when she received money for Christmas and she decided to buy supplies to make earrings for herself and her family. Molly stated “I see commercials like (St. Jude Children’s Hospital) and Operation Smile and stuff like that, so it makes me feel, I have all I need, so I will just give it away”. Molly has raised more than \$2,000 dollars so far. Along with donating to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and Operation Smile, she’s also donated money to other charities. You can learn more about Molly’s creations by

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visiting her Facebook page. Molly Casemier Hamilton is incredible young lady and definitely should be a DESA of ESA in Michigan. I have reached out to Molly on her Facebook page to place an order for some of her custom earrings. I will keep you updated!

I challenge each of you to share about community projects or events with all of the ESA membership that you have heard about in all different communities. We may get some new fundraising ideas from other projects that have happened. We will learn and laugh together in ESA!

If you are having fun in ESA it will promote people to want to join ESA. Don't be afraid to invite someone you know to help volunteer with you at an event. Just remember that we want to continue the Good Friends, Good works, Good times of ESA.

Terri Olsen, ESA International Council President will be giving all the State Presidents their State assignments for the Membership Challenge soon. Let's blow Terri and ESA Headquarters away with our ESA growth this year!

Each month Terri Olson has arranged a virtual meeting on GoToMeeting with all the State and Regional Presidents. Our first meeting was held on 8/9/19 and it was great to connect with everyone.

Some tips were shared by Lauren Ryan, North Carolina State President on IC Terri Olson's Terri's Treasurers Facebook page.

- ❖ Tip #1 – Wear ESA Gear, wherever you go!
- ❖ Tip #2 – Get that ESA Membership form, fill out an envelope, put a stamp on it and carry it in your planner, purse, or briefcase. That way you have one on hand and ready to go.
- ❖ Tip #3 – Keep your “Ask Me about ESA pin” or other ESA pins in your car so you can wear it running errands.
- ❖ Tip #4– Make our partnership public. People will ask and you have a great Segway into ESA.
- ❖ Tip #5 – Have your children or grand-children wear ESA gear.

I would like to thank you for allowing me the honor of representing the Arizona Council at the IC Convention in Memphis. The 18 of us representing Arizona had a wonderful time.

Here are some of the awards that were given at the IC Convention.

- ❖ Arizona received second place for Outstanding State Website award.
- ❖ Outstanding Junior HighYouth award was given to Samuel Roak from Hereford, Arizona.

From Arizona: Fran Gale received her 55 year service award, Cyndi Sklad received her 35 year service award, Sherry Day received her 30 year service award and Carolyn Vasko received her 25 year service award. These service awards were presented at the Awards luncheon at the IC Convention. [See pictures in later pages of this issue.](#) Thank you for your years of service.

Congratulations to Patricia Gale, the IC Chaplain, Sherry Day, the IC hotel contracts, Shari Stapleton-Smith, IC Credentials Committee. All the totals of monies raised were revealed at the Saturday night banquet for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was totally incredible. Congratulations to everyone for all their success.

Please email at pkmadrid@cox.net or call me at (520) 747-2646 and let me know if you have any questions. Always here to help!

I look forward to seeing you all at the St. Jude walk on 9-28-19 and the September Council meeting on Sunday, 9-22-19.

<https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/Blog/2019>

Read more about what's happening with ESA Headquarters, there are some great articles here! Including a great recap of IC!



1st Vice President

Shari Stapleton-Smith

1st Vice-President

Greetings Arizona ESA Sisters and Brothers,

Well, here we are at the beginning of a new ESA year! I look forward to seeing you all at the September council meeting in Tucson and serving the state as your First Vice President.

I'm excited to explore membership and what that means to all of us; how each of us is just one part of the whole and how every part plays a role in success for all.

I have chosen a tentative date for our Preferential Event next spring; Saturday, March 21st. Please let me know if you already have an event planned for that day. The event will be in the greater Phoenix area so if you are a member of a chapter in that area and would like to help me with the event please let me know.

Let's believe we can honor our current members and achieve by increasing our number of members!

Yours in service,



Shari Stapleton-Smith



2nd Vice President

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| International Projects |
| Literacy |
| Domestic Violence |
| Warm Welcome |
| ESA Foundation |
| International AND State Projects |
| ESA for St. Jude |
| Easter Seals |
| Hats for Hope |
| State Projects |
| Postage Stamps |
| Pop Tabs |
| Lap Robes |
| Arizona Scholarship |
| Medicine Bottles |



**Patricia Gale with Denise Holdaway (IC Treasurer)
At IC Convention Memphis**

Greetings and Welcome to the start of another new ESA year.

I am looking forward to spending this year working with you as the membership to raise money, collect items and volunteer time for all the amazing projects we do. The list of collectables has not changed from last year, so continue collecting all your postage stamps, medicine bottles and pop tabs.

As we begin a new sorority year, please remember that philanthropic reports will be due in November, January and April. In order to be eligible for perfect participation, you must either turn in a report each one of these months or sign the NO REPORT sheet at the Council meeting just before.

Each chapter will be able to go on the Arizona Council ESA website and get the Philanthropic packets in September. If your chapter is unable to go on the website to get the packet, please call me and I will mail a Philanthropic packet out to your chapter.

\$22,806,798 was the amazing total for monies being donated to St. Jude's Children

Research Hospital for 2018 -2019. \$290,443,946 is the amount raised since ESA has partnered with the hospital. Arizona's total for 2018 -2019 was \$751,548. Those are incredible totals! Great job everyone!



Looking Forward to seeing you all at September's Council meeting in Tucson.

Patricia Gale

What happens with the plastic lids that are collected?

Screw-off style plastic lids of all drinking containers (all colors) can help with dialysis treatment cost. The plastic lids/ caps are being used to offset the cost of dialysis treatments for people in Mexico. We (Alpha Chi chapter) drop the bags of lids off at the Calvary Church Christian Fellowship Church, from there they are transported to Mexico to assist with offsetting the cost of Dialysis treatment in the country.



Treasurer

Treasurer, Deana Walters

Hi Everyone,

Hope all of you had a great summer.

It is time to get back in the swing of things for another great year for ESA in Arizona as we "Believe & Achieve with all our Heart"!

This is your friendly reminder that chapter dues will be accepted at the September Council meeting and if you are not planning to attend, please have the Chapter Treasurer mail a check to me made payable to the Arizona State Council. My address is 1704 Delores Ave., Henderson, NV 89074. Please include a list of all chapter members and it is \$15 per member. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. I will do my best to help you. My email is dwaltesa@att.net.

Also remember your Chapter IC dues are now due. Please make checks payable to ESA International Council in the amount of \$40.00 and remit them to the IC Treasurer, Denise Holdaway, 902 Pierce Lane, Blytheville, AR 72315. The form to complete is on the ESA Website.

Chapter Treasurers, please remind your chapter members that their individual dues are to be sent to ESA Headquarters or they can do them on line if they prefer.

Below is a copy of the 2019-2020 proposed budget for the Arizona State Council. Please look it over as we will be voting on it at the September Council Meeting.

Looking forward to a great year and hope to see many of you at the September Council Meeting.

Hugs to all

Deana Walters

AZ State Treasurer



2019-2020 Proposed Budget

| Income | 2018-19 Budget | 2018-2019 Actual | 2019-20 Proposed |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 401 Chapter Dues | \$2,350.00 | \$1,860.00 | \$2,250.00 |
| 402 Roster | \$250.00 | \$267.50 | \$250.00 |
| 410 Miscellaneous Income | \$20.00 | \$10.85 | \$20.00 |
| 411 State Preferential Event | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| 412 State Leadership Event | \$600.00 | \$0.00 | \$600.00 |
| 414 AZ State Conv. Proceeds | \$0.00 | \$301.04 | \$0.00 |
| 418 Ways and Means | \$490.00 | \$234.00 | \$595.00 |
| Total Income | \$4,710.00 | \$2,673.39 | \$4,715.00 |

| Disbursements | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 501 Roster | \$250.00 | \$225.57 | \$250.00 |
| 504 Bulletin Editor | \$70.00 | \$0.00 | \$50.00 |
| 506 State Preferential Event | \$1,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| 507 State Leadership Event | \$600.00 | \$0.00 | \$600.00 |
| 510 Dues | \$55.00 | \$55.00 | \$55.00 |
| 511 President's Expense | \$275.00 | \$245.51 | \$275.00 |
| 512 1st VP Expense | \$1,500.00 | \$1,803.59 | \$1,600.00 |
| 513 Officers Expense | \$100.00 | \$0.00 | \$100.00 |
| 514 Appointed Board | | | |
| Chaplains | \$50.00 | \$0.00 | \$25.00 |
| ESA Foundation Counselor | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Memorybook Chairman | \$50.00 | \$0.00 | \$50.00 |
| Properties | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Webmaster/Website | \$120.00 | \$118.17 | \$120.00 |
| Educational Director | \$50.00 | \$0.00 | \$50.00 |
| Financial Secretary | \$15.00 | \$0.00 | \$15.00 |
| Registrar | \$25.00 | \$0.00 | \$25.00 |
| 515 Stationery/Postage/ Printing | \$50.00 | \$0.00 | \$50.00 |
| 516 State Awards | \$100.00 | \$225.00 | \$100.00 |
| 517 Miscellaneous Expense | \$400.00 | \$302.00 | \$350.00 |
| 523 AZ Council Ways & Means | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total Disbursements | \$4,710.00 | \$2,974.84 | \$4,715.00 |

Difference **\$0.00** **-\$301.45** **\$0.00**

2019-2020 Proposed budget is based on 150 members at \$15 each
 2018-2019 membership is at 124 members \$15 each

| 2019 State Convention Budget Report | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|---------------|----|---------------|
| | | | | |
| Income | | Budget | | Actual |
| Registrations-members | 45 | 5175.00 | 60 | 6900.00 |
| | | | | |
| Presidents Thank you | | 100.00 | | 0.00 |
| Mixer | | | | 0.00 |
| Saturday Lunch | | | | 0.00 |
| Saturday Dinner | | | 29 | 1015.00 |
| Sunday Brunch | | | 1 | 20.00 |
| Member of the Year | | 49.00 | 6 | 54.00 |
| Late Fee | | 0.00 | | 10.00 |
| | | | | |
| TOTAL | | 5324.00 | | 7999.00 |
| | | | | |
| EXPENSES | | | | |
| Hotel Deposit | | 200.00 | | 0.00 |
| Hotel Meals | | 4050.00 | | 6706.96 |
| Comp Meals | | 90.00 | | 195.60 |
| Room for IC Guest | | 180.00 | | 180.00 |
| Gift | | 50.00 | | 62.61 |
| Hospitality Room | | 155.00 | | 118.07 |
| Presidents Thank you | | 100.00 | | 0.00 |
| Installation | | 50.00 | | 0.00 |
| Memorial Service | | 50.00 | | 16.40 |
| Member of the Year | | 49.00 | | 53.22 |
| Programs/Handouts | | 200.00 | | 152.61 |
| | | | | |
| Name Tags/Tickets | | 50.00 | | 45.21 |
| | | | | |
| Decorations | | 100.00 | | 132.54 |
| Refund - Registration Fee | | 0.00 | | 230.00 |
| | | | | |
| | | | | |
| TOTAL | | 5324.00 | | 7893.22 |
| | | | | |
| | | 0.00 | | 105.78 |
| | | | | |

JR Past President/Disaster Fund Chair/Parliamentarian

We are now starting President Karen's year. As we all "Believe and Achieve with all our Heart", don't forget about helping each other.

Thus far, we are blessed in Arizona/Nevada to NOT have any natural disasters. We were also lucky to not have any members involved with the recent shooting disasters.

As our membership ages, we have been hit with increased medical needs and fixed retirement incomes, which have required claims from the disaster fund. I know ALL the recipients welcomed that help and are saying thank-you in their prayers. Privacy issues restrict them from telling you thank-you in person.

As Disaster chair, I am continuing the recent tradition of baked goods with a twist. I will have baked "Friendship" bread at the meetings and a special Christmas version. You can purchase for yourself OR you can purchase for a "friend" and I will deliver the "friend" loaves during lunch in a chef's outfit with a card or anonymously. There WILL be samples to try in September and they freeze GREAT. So be thinking of your Christmas list, it would be an easy gift for you and who doesn't like receiving something good to eat?

But remember that doesn't raise enough to pay the claims so also continue to give through your chapters.

I have some STELLAR members on my by-law committee, so we are prepared for any necessary changes that come up this year. I will take submissions on paper or email. It's what's INSIDE that counts and that is our HEART. Pass on kindness and pay compassion forward.

Chris Goldberg
JR Past President/Disaster Fund Chair/Parliamentarian





ESA Arizona State Council September Council Meeting

September 22, 2019

Community Foundation Campus
5049 E. Broadway Blvd., Tucson, AZ 85711

Registration: 9:00AM | Meeting: 10:00AM

Cost: \$10 per person

Deadline to register: September 15

Please send one check payable to **Eta Pi** and include a list of those who will be attending from your chapter along with fundraising table requests to:

Jacqui Smith | 7774 E. Marquise Dr. | Tucson, AZ 85715 | 520-471-7988
jacquismith@comcast.net

Questions? Call or email Shari Stapleton-Smith at 831-227-3880 or shari.stapleton.smith@gmail.com

Hotel Information: There are two hotels within walking distance to the Community Foundation Campus. One even has a shuttle!

Doubletree Suites (this one has a shuttle)

5335 E. Broadway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85711 | 520-745-2700

As of 8/1/2019 Room rates are \$126-\$137 for our dates. Breakfast is included. [We are not booking room blocks]

Viscount

4855 E. Broadway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85711 | 520-745-6500

As of 8/1/2019 Room rates are \$93-\$109 for our dates. Breakfast included and they have adjoining rooms if you ask. [We are not booking room blocks]

ESA Arizona State Council November Council Meeting

WHEN: Sunday, November 17, 2019
Registration: 9 AM
Meeting: 10 AM

WHERE: Viscount Suite Hotel
4855 E. Broadway, Tucson 85711
(520) 745-6500
ESA Room Rate (for Sat. Nov. 16) - \$89

COST: \$25

Good news! Our meeting does not fall on the same week-end as the Tour de Tucson bike ride.

Please RSVP by November 9

Send one check made out to Gamma Iota along with names of those attending from your chapter to:

Mary Musgrave
9062 E. Palms Park Dr.
Tucson, AZ 85715

To request tables (also by November 9) for fund-raising / displays, contact Barbara Appleton blappleton@cox.net



Co-Chaplains

From your Chaplains, Carol Caldwell and your Co Chaplain, Liz Castle

We hope you have had a pleasant summer and are ready to join with President Karen and “Believe and Achieve with all your Heart”. This is a reminder to please send any good news, such as birthdays, new grandchildren or great-grandchildren or good news that you may have experienced. Also let us know the sad news of illness, death, or just ask us to send a thinking of you card. Sometimes when you don’t feel great or you are down and you receive cards from your sisters and brothers, it can lift your spirits.

If we do hear about illness or death, and if it doesn’t come directly from the person or the chapter, we will check with the family to see if they would like it to be sent out on the Ocotillo Express. Some do not want it sent out even though it has been put out on other media such as Facebook, etc.

Send any information pertaining to illness, death, need for cheering up to Liz Castle at toliz4liz2@att.net or to Carol Caldwell at crccarol8@gmail.com . We also look forward to hearing about happy occasions.

Any information you may want to be sent out about events coming up, selling or need to purchase an item, basically anything you may want your sisters and brothers to know send to me at crccarol8@gmail.com. And it will be put out on Ocotillo Express.

Liz and I are looking forward to hearing from you this year



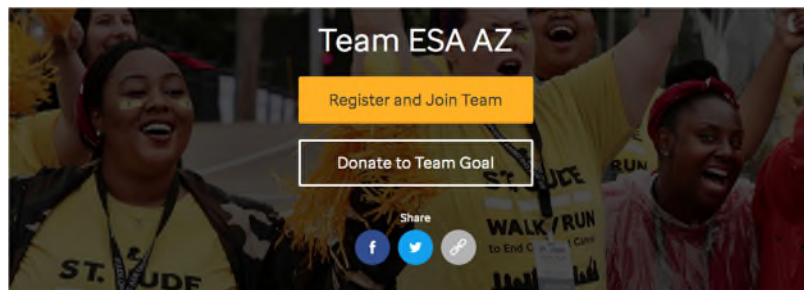


St. Jude

Wow, September already. It is hard to believe that IC Convention in Memphis has come and gone. It was a wonderful experience even with the humidity. The trip to the hospital was amazing and it is so great to see ESA all around the hospital. Of course, having Deana present our amazing Arizona number made our delegation proud. It was also a bit humbling in knowing that Wendy and I will want to do that and one dollar more. We are excited for what this year will bring and know that we can count on all of you to help us realize our goal to get one dollar more for St Jude from Arizona.

September will be busy with St Jude activities and we are looking for your help to reach out goals. There are the St Jude Run/ Walk events in Phoenix and Las Vegas. Here are some details:

- ❖ September 14, 2019 is the walk in Las Vegas at Towne Square. Team ESA Henderson has 10 members and has already surpassed their target goal. I am sure they are happy to take more donations.
- ❖ September 28, 2019 is the Phoenix walk at Westworld of Scottsdale, 16601 N Pima Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85260. We currently have 5 team members and are working to make our goal of \$2500.00. Please join our team by clicking the link below. You can register as a volunteer, volunteer and fundraising, walk and fundraising. If you are not able to join us that day any of our team members would be honored with a donation to meet our individual goals to grow our team total. Let's meet and even exceed our Team ESA AZ goal this year!
https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/Walk/Walk?px=2438379&pg=personal&fr_id=107963



September is also the Las Vegas Dream home giveaway. Deana has been working with the ALSAC team to make this a premier event again this year. Thanks to everyone who has signed up to work the ticket sell-a-thon and open houses. I know that Deana appreciates the support from the Arizona Council! The drawing for the house will be September 25, 2019.



There will be more activities in the coming months, and we look forward to bringing you all the news. Be on the look out for the Radiothon in Las Vegas and in Phoenix sometime in December. Details to follow.

Now what would a year for ESA for St Jude be without a challenge. As in past years we are hoping for 100%-chapter participation and know that the Arizona Council is up for the challenge. We will be adding a bit of a twist to this year's challenge. We would like to ask that each chapter do a booked event for St Jude Children's Research Hospital. It can be anything big or small because as you know every dollar brings us closer to our goal. Who knows you and your chapter could be our one dollar more. So, book a garage sale, a bake sale, organize a chapter dinner with proceeds to St. Jude. If you have any questions on how to submit a booked event form see Cyndi or Wendy, we will be glad to help. Just go to <https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/StJudeForms> and select booked event form. Once the event is over you will submit the completed event form.

Again, Wendy and I are happy to help.

Let's make this another banner year for Arizona ESA for St Jude!

Cyndi & Wendy





Arizona raised \$751,548 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital!

2018-19 St. Jude Coordinator for AZ Deana Walters posses with certificates



ESA Raised...



for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital!

Easter Seals

Easter Seals – Phoenix – Southwest Human Development

The Southwest Human Development (Easter Seals) has started a new season with a Back to School Social, August 3. That was a fun day of backpack distribution which offered free services for kids to gear up for the school year. Wendy Williams from Alpha Omicron helped out at that recent event.

Then on Tuesday, August 13, Alpha Omicron sisters Ann Jaccaud and Terrie Rust (pictured below) volunteered to help Yara Marin (SWHD) to provide information at the Quicken Loans headquarters in downtown Phoenix by handing out literature to encourage employees to donate to SWHD-Easter Seals during their Community Challenge fundraiser.

Coming up this fall are the Easter Seals Golf Classic, October 17 and Family Volunteer Day, November 23. Sign up to volunteer by emailing Annette Sutfin at asutfin@swhd.org.

Ann Jaccaud

Easter Seals, Phoenix



Easter Seals - Phoenix Continued



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

LITERACY DISTRIBUTION CENTER | Various dates - Ongoing

Assist in our book warehouse getting high quality early literacy materials ready to go out into the community. Sign up at www.swhd.org/lhc

LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES | Mobile opportunity

Build and decorate a Little Free Library to get books into neighborhoods where kids need them the most. Can be done in conjunction with a book drive. \$500 donation for kit and materials required. Check out all the details at www.swhd.org/lfl

SUPER SUMMER LEARNING DAYS | July 5, July 19, and August 2

Facilitate activities and distribute books to help keep kids connected to learning in the summer months. Check out all the details and sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090449A4AA2CA2F94-super>

BACK TO SCHOOL SOCIAL | August 3

Join us for a fun day of backpack distribution, learning games and free services for kids to gear up for the school year. Sign up at www.swhd.org/b2s

EASTERSEALS GOLF CLASSIC | October 17

Help us with this fundraiser by assisting with set-up, running registration and working at themed hole games. Sign up by emailing Annette Sutfin at asutfin@swhd.org

FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY | Saturday, November 23

A fun opportunity to get your family involved in our work with Arizona's children and families. Sign up at www.swhd.org/fvd

To learn more about Southwest Human Development volunteer opportunities,
Visit swhd.org/volunteer or contact Annette Sutfin at (602) 633-8416 or asutfin@swhd.org.

Easter Seals – Tucson – Blake Foundation

WONDERFUL NEWS FOR ESA and Arizona!!!

Easter Seals-Blake Foundation has acquired an additional mission in Aviva Children's Services.

They are reaching out to form new and improved community partnerships to help. They have hired new volunteer coordinators who are simply a DELIGHT so far and have inspired Theresa, Jeff and Chris when we met with them last week. They REALLY want ESA back to help and THEY contacted us! It is a great opportunity for us to reconnect with our service mission.

The first three events will be occurring prior to our council meeting.

Sept 7

Blues in Bisbee - They need help setting up, ushers, ticket cashers etc. 9am to 10pm or any portion. They mentioned there will be 50 community volunteers there. They are very interested in the Serra Vista chapter because they plan on expanding coverage and services in Cochise County.

Sept 10

Organizing and wrapping auction items for Cooking with the Stars in Tucson.

Sept 19

Cooking with the Stars. The auction will be done via phone and onsite bidding so checkout will NOT be a nightmare as in the past.

El Tour will be done by Banner Health this year. Easter Seals will have a team only.

I have visited and been accepted into Aviva's Divas. That is a group of volunteers that meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays to make items for the children in foster care for Christmas and Birthday gifts. They also have several sales per year to raise money for the children's holiday gifts. Last year, they raised \$7,000. They also sort donated gifts and other duties as needed.

We are also meeting with Aviva's Executive Director next week to see how ESA could fit into their mission. It is so EXCITING!!! Let Theresa know if you want to be part of this new service opportunity. esatheresa@yahoo.com 520-234-0566

Educational Director

I hope everyone had an educated summer. Maybe you read a few good books. The book I am just finishing is called, “Spying on Whales” by Nick Pyenson. I didn’t know whales were so fascinating.

If anyone is interested in being on my Educational Committee. Please email or text me of your interest. I need 5 volunteers and we will meet 2 times this sorority year January & May 2020. I will send you an initial email with the information, too.

Thank you for your patience regarding the reception of the information for your Educational Books and programs

The copies of the forms required for judging and the basic information to be included in your educational book will be placed in the Black Box at the September Council Meeting as well as emailed to the Chapter Educational Directors. The Chapter Educational Report Form has been posted to the Arizona Council Website.

The Educational Books will be due at the November Council Meeting or postmarked by the Monday after that Council Meeting. They will be judged, and awards will be presented at the April Council Meeting.

Please turn in your book even if it doesn’t qualify for the Patsy Tracy Award. The Educational Committee has always enjoyed seeing what the Chapter Educational Directors have planned.

The Educational Reports will be due at the Council Meeting after your educational program has been given. Since there are four Council Meetings, pick the four reports that are most interesting of your nine educational programs to submit for judging.

Two educational reports maybe submitted late (as long it is clearly marked LATE) because I am aware of how busy certain times of the year might be.

Texting is my preferred method of contact. Please include your Chapter and phone number on all correspondence.

Agape JoAnne Thomsen
(520) 869-9894 email: jft10129@gmail.com

ESA Foundation Counselor

I am so excited to serve as the ESA Foundation Counselor again and look forward to sharing information with you this year.

After a hot summer, it's almost fall and that means the application process for Foundation scholarships will soon be available on the Foundation website. The information and process to apply is online at <https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/esaf>



**Continuing
Education.
Making Dreams
Possible.**



ESA Foundation Scholarships

Sign up for notifications
at [https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/
scholarshipreminder](https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarshipreminder)



I look forward to seeing everyone at the September Council Meeting.

I will be doing a 50/50 raffle for the foundation. Stop by my table and say hi!

Jacqui Smith

Awards



Shirley Albertson, Awards

Awards are the ESA way to make good news.

Two mass shootings in 24 hours! Are you as tired of bad news as I am? If you are there is a way that you can make good news. Awards are ESA is way to make our community aware of outstanding youths and adults who are making our lives better.



We have a junior (grades 6 to 8) and senior (grades 9 to 12) awards. Yes, they can be relatives of ESA members, but they don't have to be. If you don't know the names of outstanding youths, a quick call or email to your local junior and senior high schools will get you a list of names. It is very important that our youths can know that someone notices their efforts and takes the time to let the media know.

There are many adults who are working to make our community better. Sadly their efforts are seldom recognized. Remember the adults cannot be a member, former member or relative of an ESA member. If you don't know their names, a quick call or email to your local volunteer bureau will get you a list of names.

Here are a couple of websites that can connect you with local agencies that use volunteers. Perhaps reach out to our Easter Seals for Blake Foundation in Tucson & Southwest Human Development in Phoenix metro area as they have contacts with the volunteer coordinators for those groups.

Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona
<https://www.girlscoutsoaz.org/>

Grand Canyon Council BSA - Phoenix
<https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/>

Girl Scouts—Arizona Cactus-Pine
<https://www.girlscoutsaz.org/>

Catalina Council BSA - Southern AZ
<https://catalinacouncil.org/>

VolunteerMatch
<https://www.volunteermatch.org/>

Volunteer with United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona
<https://volunteer.unitedwaytucson.org/>

HandsOn Greater Phoenix
<https://www.handsonphoenix.org/>

Awards Continued

We are all very busy with our families and great ESA projects. So why take the time to give awards to non-ESAers? Because the awards are tangible evidence that we notice their efforts and they provide great memories that no amount of money can buy.

Make those calls or emails now. Make someone's day. Give the media some good news.

Shirley Albertson, Awards



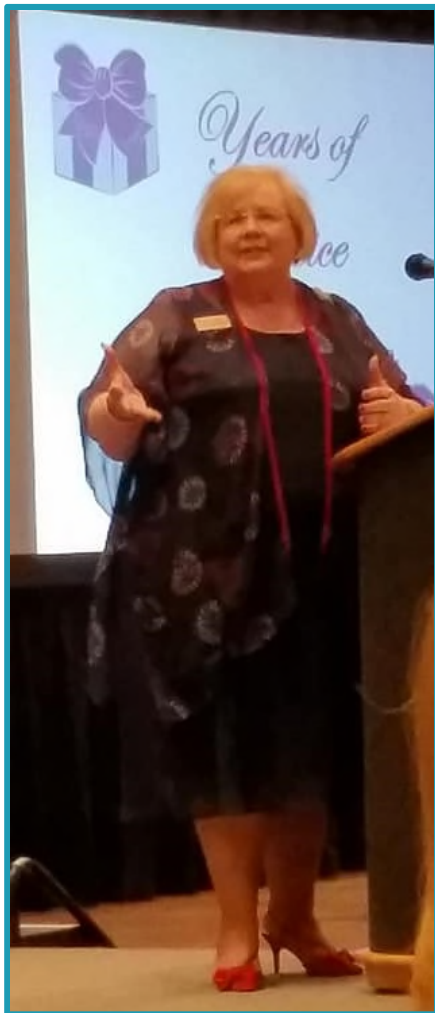
The Recycled.... By Carol Caldwell & Jacqui Smith

A few months ago, an article was sent out on Ocotillo Express saying Jacqui and I had some service pins and other pins and if someone needed one to contact us and see if we had it and we would send it to you.

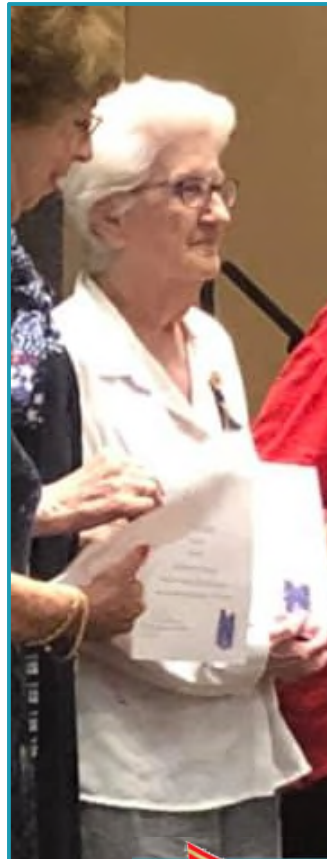
We had some ask and we sent out now we ask if any of you have service pins, Pallas Athene, dangles of different kinds, and possible even jewel pins and don't know what to do with them and don't want to discard them how about giving them to Jacqui or I and we will have an inventory sheet and then if you need a pin you would contact us and if we have one it would go to another sister or brother to use. This would be set up and free of charge which in turn would save your chapter some money.

Any pins you wish to give us can be given to us at any ESA function or Council Meeting. Please check your pin supply and we hope to receive some pins from you to give to another sister. I know that a 50 year service pin was given out and the state president's pin has been donated. Thank you all for your help and caring to help others.

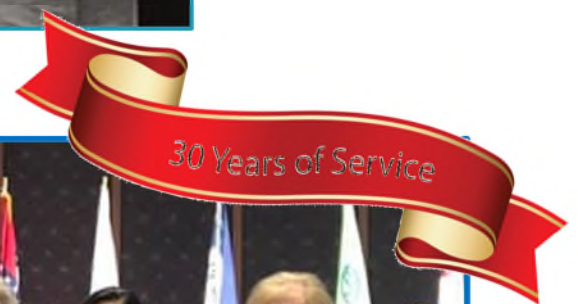
Years of Service pins presented at IC



Sherry Day presented Years of Service pins to the membership



Fran Gale received her 55 year pin in ESA.



Sherry Day received her 30 year pin in ESA.



Cyndi Sklad
received her 35
year pin in ESA.



Carolyn Vasko
received her 25
year pin in ESA.

Kendra Sabol's experience attending IC 2019

In 2019, I went to the International Council Convention held in Memphis, but the beginning of the story goes back to 2000. I attended the International Council Convention in 2000 accompanied by another ESA sister, Nadene Ewen, my mom!

Two special memories from that Convention will not be forgotten. Graceland and St Jude's Research Hospital. Graceland then was nothing like it is today. Elvis's gold records and outlandish clothes were all in the house and his cars were over by his plane. A special memory I hold of my mom is a professional picture of her with Graceland in the background. It's also on a very huge key chain. I still have that picture and key chain.

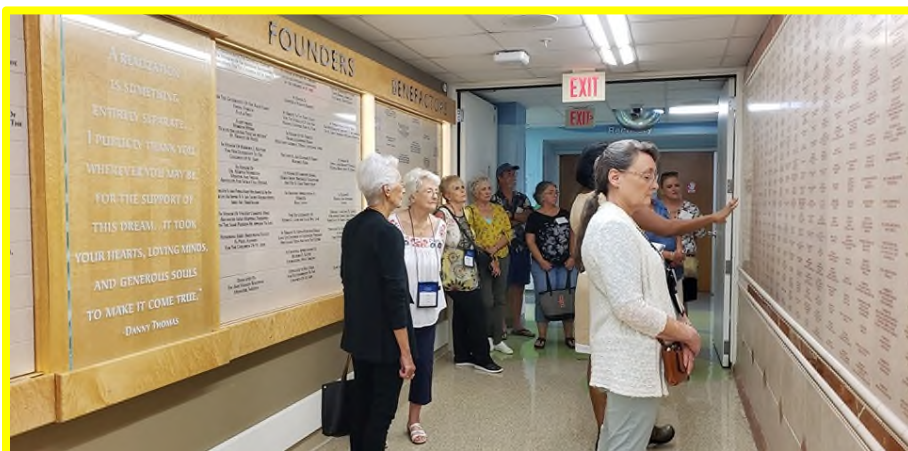
One can never forget the first time you see St. Jude's, the kids and the ESA floor. I was honored to participate in the picture of the hundreds of ESA members on the lawn.



In 2016, at the IC Convention in Portland the IC Challenge was painting. We each had a canvas and paints to make a replica of the 2000 St Jude ESA members on the lawn. An artist, Deb Grosser, Fort Collins, Colorado, painted the picture with water colors and gave us lessons. Then we all had our picture taken once more, each one holding their replica painting of the 2000 ESA members on the lawn of St. Jude's. The artist's painting was auctioned off and I am happy to say that I have that painting with the artist's autograph.

Attending the 2019 IC Convention was very special for me. Touring Graceland was a tour in memory lane, a memory of my mom, who is no longer with me. Memories of her excitement of walking the rooms where Elvis walked. And then touring the Hospital, seeing the kids, the ESA wall and amazement at the growth of the campus. The highlight once again was being one of several hundreds of ESA members to re-enact that same photo on the lawn of the hospital. I know my mom was walking in my footsteps at IC this year.

Kendra Sabol.



Roxanne Vitt at St. Jude Hospital

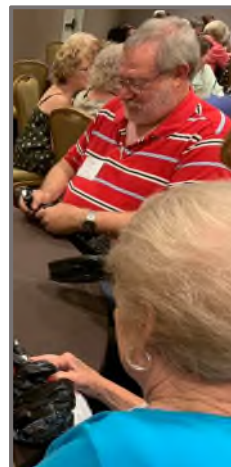
Carolyn Vasko's family joined her at IC – here she is with daughter Caitlin when they toured St. Jude Hospital. Caitlin with Cyndi Sklad.



Arizona members were busy working at IC.

Left Photo: Liz Montgomery, Roxanne Vitt, Wendy Williams & Deana Walters

Right photo: Sheila McClure & Jeff Goldberg





Wendy Williams, Deana Walters, Liz Montgomery, Karen Madrid, Kenda Sabol, Bonnie Berger (Alaska), Chris Goldberg, Roxanne Vitt





Western States Meeting
Karen Madrid holding AZ Flag



Bonnie Berger (Alaska), Deana Walters, Wendy Williams, Chris Goldberg,
Kenda Sabol
Karen Madrid, Liz Montgomery, Roxanne Vitt



Karen Madrid proudly holds the Arizona state flag.

Jeff Goldberg and Kim Kummer are a matching set!



2019-20 IC Executive Board

Left to right: Lynda Edwards Workshop Coordinator, Denise Holdaway Treasurer, Brenda Meyers Recording Secretary, Leann Wray 1st Vice President, Terri Olson IC President, Robin Bussey 2nd Vice President, Julene Donnay Corresponding Secretary, Malinda Remington Parliamentarian, Kim Kummer IC Past President

News from Eta Gamma Summer Fun in Henderson, NV!



Delivery of school supplies
for children at Safe House!
Pictured are Leslie
Fleischman, Eta Gamma
member and Liz Kelter from
Safe House.

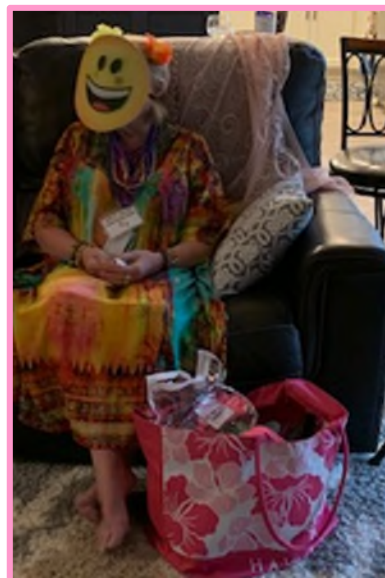


Left to right: Stacy Vitz, Cristol Peppenelli, Harmony Vitz, Karen Jimenez, Leslie Fleischman, Deana Walters. And in front Lori Dragun. Those in blue were the patients along with Lori, Cristol was nurse, Karen was the Dr. and Deana was the security guard.



Lori inspecting the food with her magnifying glass!

Lori had to put on her happy face! Notice her bag of "stuff" on the floor by her feet!!



Hope everyone had a great summer. We decided to have a fun social for summer gathering. We did a murder mystery dinner.

MURDER

Here are some of the pictures taken during the evening. It was a great time and got to see different personalities of our members.

It was called "Murder at the Bloodstone Sanitarium" and was hosted at Stacy's house, AKA Stacy's Santarium. As you can see we dressed in costume...Everyone brought a dish of some sort that somewhat fits hospital food... (not quite but close to what you get). We ate our dinner on hospital trays.

It was a great way to relax and enjoy each other in a pure social atmosphere. We purchased the kit on what to do and how to do it. They have many different ones and was very inexpensive for all the fun we had. If you would like information, please feel free to contact us.

Hugs to all, Eta Gamma

Deana solved the murder mystery.



| Date | Event & Location |
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| September Council Meeting September 22, 2019 Registration: 9:00am Meeting: 10:00am Registration Deadline: 9/15/19 | Hosted by Eta Pi Community Foundation Campus 5049 E Broadway Blvd Tucson, AZ |
| St. Jude Walks September 14, 2019 – Las Vegas September 28, 2019 - Phoenix | Location: Town Square Las Vegas 6605 Las Vegas Blvd. South Las Vegas, NV 89119 Location: WestWorld of Scottsdale 16601 N Pima Rd Scottsdale, AZ 85260 |
| Tucson Tea TBA | Tucson, AZ |
| November Council Meeting November 17, 2019 | Hosted by Gamma Iota Tucson, AZ |
| January Council Meeting January 19, 2020 | Hosted by Eta Gamma Henderson, NV |
| Western States Fling January 5-12, 2020 | 7 day cruise to Mexico, via Los Angeles, CA |
| IC ESA's Annual Leadership Training Conference February 6-9, 2020 | Holiday Inn & Suites - DIA Hotel Denver, Colorado |
| Preferential Lunch | March 21, 2020 Phoenix, AZ |
| April Council Meeting April 19, 2020 | Hosted by Beta Gamma Mesa, AZ |
| Arizona State Council 77th Convention May 29-31, 2020 | Hosted by Alpha Chi TBA |

**IC Convention – 73rd Annual
July 15-19, 2020**

Embassy Suites by Hilton - DFW Airport North,
Grapevine, TX
<https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/about/ic-council/convention>

Bulletin Reminders

The Bulletin deadlines are the 15th of each month for the upcoming month

September – Aug. 15
October – Sept. 15
November – Oct. 15
December – Nov. 15
January – NO BULLETIN
February – Jan. 15
March – NO BULLETIN
April – March 15
May – April 15
June – June 10

Include pictures with your submission – we love hearing what our members and chapters are doing. Otherwise you will see lots of pictures I take attending meetings or find on Facebook!

<http://www.facebook.com/ArizonaESA>

You do need to have your own Facebook page to view ours.

If you are using Facebook, **Like** us so you will keep updated that is happening in ESA as well as the Arizona Council.

Here is the Arizona Council website <http://azcouncilesa.com>

If you need a login and password please reach out to me.

Here are all the ways to reach me.

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One last thing..... it's a mystery

I was contacted via the AZ Council website from a woman who was adopted and discovered her birth mother was Edith Spadafora. She has connected with family members but is trying to learn more about her mother's early years as she was born in 1952. Edith was a member of ESA in Arizona in the Zeta Chapter in the late 1940's-early 1950's. She sent us some clippings that Ancestry.com sent her – see below.

1

Sorority Hears of Christmas Customs

Christmas plans and arrangements for acting as hostess chapter to the Arizona Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha were discussed at a business meeting of Zeta Chapter held recently at the Y.W.C.A.

The program consisted of talks on Christmas customs in Norway, Italy, and France, given by Mrs. Margaret Bradley, Miss Edith Spadafora, and Mrs. Esella Stephenson. Mrs. Jean Stevenson and Mrs. Irene Good, pledges, served refreshments. Fourteen members, and the chapter sponsor, Mrs. R. L. Pomeroy, attended.

2

Pins Bestowed On Club Members

Epsilon Sigma Alpha honored five members at dinner and a jewel ceremony at El Merendero Friday evening.

Those receiving jewel pins were Irene Gaad, Edith Spadafora, Norma McCargar, Frances Akey and Jean Stevenson.

Ann Smith, president of Zeta chapter, conducted the ceremony of the jewels with the assistance of Ernestine Ellwin, chapter vice-president. Helen Chapin, social chairman, was in charge of the dinner and table decorations which carried out the sorority colors of blue and gold.

Other members attending were Margaret Bradley, Carolene Pearson, Sarah Jack, Kathryn Carpenter, Virginia Hamilton, Pat McGilvary.

1 – Tucson Dec. 1948

2 – Tucson April 17, 1949

3 – Tucson Tea Oct. 30, 1948

4 – Yuma Daily Star Nov. 2, 1948

3

Tea Will Honor Sorority Rushees

Mrs. Ernestine Ellwin will be hostess at a formal tea from 2 to 4 p. m. Sunday at her home, 520 East Kelso street, honoring rushees of the Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority. Mrs. Mabel Pomeroy will pour. The table will be decorated with candles and yellow jonquils.

Honored guests will include Jean Stevenson, Irene Good, Ann Shearer, Peggy Kelleher, Norma McCargar, Edith Spadafora, Frances Akey, Ruby Schultz, and Ruth Schwartz. Others attending will be Carolene Pearson, Sarah Jack, Helen Chapin, Mary Davis, Eleanor Sanders, Margaret Bradley, Bertha Kennedy, Estella Stephenson, Catherine Carpenter, Ruth Klambt, Lillian Helm, Virginia Hamilton, Barbara Walters, Rachel Payne, Mrs. Pomeroy, and the hostess.

4

a Daily Star

MORNING, NOVEMBER 2, 1948

Epsilon Sigma Alpha Guests Are Honored

Formal tea honoring rushees of Epsilon Sigma Alpha sorority was held Sunday afternoon in the home of Mrs. Ernestine Ellwin, 520 East Kelso Street. Mrs. Mabel Pomeroy presided at the tea table.

Guests of honor were Mesdames Jean Stevenson, Irene Good, Anna Shearer, Misses Peggy Kelleher, Norma McCargar, Edith Spadafora, Frances Akey, Ruby Schultz and Ruth Schwartz.

Other guests will include Mesdames Carolene Pearson, Sarah Jack, Helen Chapin, Mary Davis, Eleanor Sanders, Margaret Bradley, Bertha Kennedy, Estella Stephenson, Catherine Carpenter, Misses Ruth Klambt, Lillian Helm, Virginia Hamilton, Barbara Walters, Rachel Payne.

For any of our longtime members – do you recall her name or the Zeta chapter? We have reach out to IC to see if perhaps their records go back that far. If you recall anything please reach out to me and I will share with her.