
Arizona Council Bulletin



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*“Believe and Achieve with all
your
Heart”*



Greetings to all! Happy Valentine’s Day to everyone. It was great to see those who were able to attend the January Council meeting. Thank you to the Eta Gamma chapter for hosting the January Council meeting. The Eta Gamma chapter also hosted a bunco event the night before the January Council meeting to benefit Camp Hope. It was an awesome event. Camp Hope is a retreat for combat wounded veterans. Contact information for Camp Hope: info@camphopeusa.org. Or call 1 (910) 599-0640. The address is Camp Hope P.O. Box 52 Farmington, MO 63640.

At the January Council meeting, Patricia Gale’s workshop was a Philanthropic trivia game. It was a fun trivia game and there were a lot of questions on the trivia game of past and present ESA philanthropic items. It was enjoyable and there was lots of laughter.

Thank you to April Aguinaga for putting the President’s packets on the AZ Council website. We had three chapters sign for paper copies of the President’s Report at the January Council meeting. Carol Caldwell will be sending the President’s packets out on Ocotillo Express. Please return the President’s packets by April 20, 2020.

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Please remember to complete your ESA Arizona survey that Shari Stapleton-Smith has sent out. We need the surveys completed so that we have the input from all of the membership. We can put items from the completed surveys into action.

Save the date:

Saturday, April 18, 2020 – ESA Gathering (for all ESA members)

Time: 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Cost: TBA

Place: DoubleTree by Hilton

1020 N. Metro Parkway E Phoenix, AZ 85051

(Same hotel that the April Council meeting will be held at)

We have the spark of enthusiasm within Arizona ESA. Two new male pledges of the Eta Gamma chapter were introduced at the January Council meeting. Welcome to Mike Walters and Augie Jimenez to the Eta Gamma chapter and the ESA Arizona Council. The growth of our membership is very important.

Please consider running for the Arizona Council ESA Executive board for 2020 - 2021. It is very rewarding experience and a lot of fun. It has been an incredible journey for me serving on the Arizona Council Executive board.

For the Arizona State Convention: Brenda Meyers, IC Recording Secretary will be our IC Representative at the Arizona State Convention in Casa Grande. Brenda Meyers will be coming from Fairborn, Ohio. Brenda will be doing a workshop at the State Convention. Brenda Meyers is available to help with any presentation if needed. Please let me know as soon as you can.

It with a heavy heart that we have to announce that the Chi Rho #5317 in Lake Havasu City, Arizona has begun the process to disband their chapter with ESA headquarters.

Please share your personal and ESA chapter community projects with everyone. There are so many great projects and we want to know about them. Remember that people in all different communities are helping make the world a better place.

Here are some reasons to volunteer in your communities.

First, it is good for your health to volunteer. Studies have found that volunteering decreases your stress levels. This is because doing something for someone else interrupts tension-producing patterns and replaces it with a sense of purpose, positive emotions and high confidence levels.

Second, you will get inspired. The New Year has arrived, are you finding yourself stuck in a rut? You can use volunteering as a reason to get out of old habits and routines and help others. Volunteering and having fun and meeting others will inspire you.

Third, you will make an impact. Volunteering gives you the chance to contribute every day to the kind of community and world you want to live in. It gives you the opportunity to be apart of something bigger than yourself.

You are all amazing with all the volunteering and donating that you do. You are all truly making our world a better place.

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!

Karen Madrid



*Share your love and friendship!
Happy Valentine's Day to you all.*

1st Vice President



Greetings Arizona ESA Sisters and Brothers,

THANK YOU to the Eta Gamma chapter for a fantastic council meeting in Henderson, it was really lovely.

Why is it important to be a member of a community?

There is something indescribably lovely about being a part of a group of people who share something they feel passionately about. Something that, when shared, makes individuals seem less lonely and more connected. Community is about growing with others; community is about finding each other and a place we can call home. We bring differences to our community which enrich and empower it. And by building community we put some order in the fragmented world. I'm grateful and proud to be part of the ESA community.

UPDATES:

Membership

We were excited to meet new members of the Eta Gamma chapter this weekend at Bunco and at the Council meeting. They have six new members: Augie Jimenez, Vanessa Herrera, Melodi Hunter, Natalie Belanger, Margarita DeLaRosa (Rita) and Mike Walters. Mike and Augie were able to attend the council meeting and I can tell they are going to be fantastic additions to our membership.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: The preferential luncheon is just around the corner; there is a flyer below with all the information. The Preferential Luncheon will NOT be combined with the Handbag Happy Hour event after all *but it WILL be on the same day*. Please come and join us in honoring and welcoming new and re-affiliate members.



Preferential Luncheon

Saturday, March 21 | 11:30AM – 1:00PM

Arrowhead Country Club

19888 N 73rd Ave.

Glendale, AZ 85308

\$26 per person

RSVP to Shari Stapleton-Smith

Shari.stapleton.smith@gmail.com

Mail one check per chapter with a list of guests to

7430 E. Lakeside Dr.

Tucson, AZ 85730

At the November council meeting the membership voted on some ideas to enhance our connections as members.

- **Communication** –
 - Take on a Buddy Chapter. This suggestion is for chapters to reach out to another local chapter and plan some meetings or social events together so they can learn more about each other.
 - **Beta Kappa took this idea to heart and adopted the Chi Rho chapter.**
 - At the April meeting, members will draw a number for which table they will be seated at. This will allow members to get to know each other better.
- **Training/Education**
 - At the council meetings, have a “moment of ESA History”. The hosting chapter will share some fun, past history with the membership.
 - **At the April meeting the Beta Gamma chapter will share a moment of ESA history with us.**

- Camaraderie/Fun
 - Saturday night fun on council meeting weekends
 - **The Eta Gamma chapter hosted a Bunco night the Saturday before the council meeting.**
 - **There will be an activity on the Saturday before the April Council meeting; our president will be sharing more information about the event.**

MEMBER SURVEY

If you haven't taken the survey yet, please take a moment to do so.

<https://forms.gle/xik6SBtSFsJkPYW19>

If you'd prefer to take the survey on paper, each chapter received a copy in the black box so be sure to get one from your chapter representative and send it back to me. If you need me to send you another one just let me know via email at shari.stapleton.smith@gmail.com or call me at 831-227-3880.

Yours in service,



Shari Stapleton-Smith



2nd Vice President

Greetings All,

What a wonderful time we had in Henderson for both Bunco and the Council Meeting. Thank you to Eta Gamma for putting on such a great time.

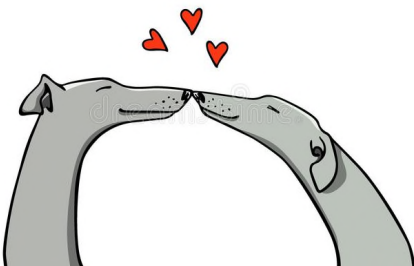
Congratulations to Chris and Jeff Goldberg for being named Champion Volunteers with Easterseals Blake Foundation from the Southern Arizona Volunteer Management Association. SAVMA's mission is to promote excellence in the field of volunteer programs management, provide educational programs, leadership, information and resources, networking opportunities and support to the volunteer community throughout Southern Arizona. Thank you to Shari Stapleton-Smith for representing both the Goldbergs and the Arizona Council at the recognition event on January 16th at the Tucson Convention Center. We are all very proud of Chris and Jeff and everything that they do.



On March 21st at 1:30pm we will be having the Second Annual Handbag Happy Hour. This year the event to raise money for St. Jude will be held in Glendale, following the State Preferential Luncheon. This event was a huge amount of fun last year, so don't miss out this year and bring lots of friends! There will be having a dessert selection and a cash bar. Our amazing auctioneer will be back with us again. The committee is looking for donated purses stuffed with goodies to auction off.

Please feel free to drop off any donations at Fran Gale's (8344 E Minnezona, Scottsdale) or contact me and I will make arrangement to pick them up in the Tucson area. My phone number is 520-227-4818. More details will be in the flyer.

Patti Gale



JR Past President/Disaster Fund Chair/Parliamentarian

Beta Kappa had a special social in December where we were serenaded by member Sue Johnston. She has joined the choir at the Country Club of La Cholla senior living community and they put on a holiday show for us. Then we went out to celebrate her 80th birthday.



Although that is JUST a baby to some of you, it is a MILESTONE for us. We presented her with a cup that read; “Age is just a number” in large, blingy letters. And on the back in small letters, it said “And mine is unlisted” How true that can be for ALL of us.

BUNCO for St. Jude will be held on February 28th from 6pm to 9pm. Please see the attached flyer for details. We have over 200 flyers made and will be handed out to all the residents at Far Horizons so we expect a lot of NEW people. We really need all us experienced, old timers to

come and show them the rules and a GOOD time.

ESA did attend AND host a kids’ ornament making table in Benson at their Christmas Off Main Street event. About 50 kids made ornaments and our chapter ESA banner raised questions on our organization. We are constantly working on getting out into the community of NON-ESA members.

Chris Goldberg,
JR Past President/Disaster Fund
Chair/Parliamentarian



ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER TO BENEFIT ST. JUDE

Sponsored by Gamma Iota Chapter

WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 15, 2020 from 4:30 – 7 PM



**WHERE: Nelle Athouguia's home
 9521 E. Sellarole Road
 (south of Golf Links and Harrison)**

DONATION: \$15 per person

Meal includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, dessert, drink



EVERYONE WANTING TO HAVE FUN IS WELCOME

ADMISSION IS A \$10.00 DONATION TO ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S
HOSPITAL TO HELP END CHILDHOOD CANCER

IT'S A FUN AND FABULOUS EVENT!!

SNACKS WILL BE SERVED!
AND, OF COURSE THERE ARE FABULOUS PRIZES!!!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2020
6:00 P.M.
FAR HORIZONS EAST CLUB HOUSE
7570 E. SPEEDWAY BLVD
TUCSON, AZ

HOSTED BY EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA CHAPTERS BETA KAPPA AND ETA PI

RSVP'S BY FEB 14, 2020 APPRECIATED, BUT WALKINS ARE VERY WELCOME

Jackie F. 520-481-4844
 jfahey6@gmail.com



*Spring Fling Fashion Show
And Luncheon*

*Presented by
Alpha Kappa Chapter #336*

Saturday, March 14, 2020

*DoubleTree by Hilton
2100 South Priest Drive
Tempe, Arizona*

*Proceeds to benefit Tempe Meals on Wheels and
Connecting With Kids*

*11:00 am No Host Cocktails
12:00 pm Luncheon
1:00 pm Fashions by New Image
\$45 per person*

*RSVP by March 6, 2020
Baz Winsor
6721 S. Taylor Drive
Tempe, AZ 85283
(480) 945-9370*

You are invited to attend
ESA ARIZONA STATE COUNCIL'S
PREFERENTIAL
LUNCHEON

SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2020
11:30AM - 1:00PM

NEW LOCATION!

Arrowhead Country Club
19888 N 73 rd Ave.
Glendale, AZ 85308

*Please join us in celebration and welcome
of our new and re-affiliate members.*

\$26 per person

RSVP to Shari Stapleton-Smith by March 1
shari.stapleton.smith@gmail.com

831-227-3880

Mail one check per chapter with a list of guests to
7430 E. Lakeside Dr., Tucson, AZ 85730

Handbag Happy Hour



Saturday, March 21
1:30 – 3:00PM
Arrowhead Country Club
19888 N 73rd Ave.
Glendale, AZ 85308

All proceeds go directly to St. Jude Children's
Research Hospital
Music, Hors d'oeuvres and FUN!!
Cover charge \$15 per person at the door

RSVP to Patti Gale at
nacomagale@gmail.com

ESA Arizona State Council
April Council Meeting

Hosting Chapter: Beta Gamma #1056

WHEN: Sunday, April 19, 2020

Registration: 9 AM

Meeting: 10 AM

WHERE: DoubleTree by Hilton, Phoenix
North

1020 N. Metro Parkway E

Phoenix, AZ. 85051

(602) 997-5900



COST: \$25

Room rates: \$105 + tax Room block under AZ Council
Deadline to **RSVP : Wednesday, April 8, 2020**

Send one chapter check, Payable to: Beta Gamma
Please include a list of those who will be attending from
your chapter and fund-raising tables 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

Let the Good Times Roll

The 2020 Arizona State Convention will be held on May 29th through 31st at the Holiday Inn in Casa Grande (777 N Pinal Ave). A chapter registration form can be found in this year's President's Packet online or we can send one to your chapter, just let us know. Membership registration price is \$110.00. The room rate at the hotel is \$96 per night. This is based on two people per room and will include two breakfast tickets. If there are more than two people in a room additional breakfast tickets can be purchased at the front desk for \$10. Friday's night mixer will begin at 6pm and will only include snacks, not a full meal. A flyer will be coming out shortly. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Please call or email Patricia Gale (520-227-4818), nacomagale@gmail.com or Donna Hall (602-403-6602), Donna.Hall@iesupply.com if you have any questions.

Donna Hall and Patti Gale – Co-Convention chairs.

Mail form and one chapter check (made payable to “ESA Convention Account”) to the address below-

Jacqui Smith 7774 E Marquise Dr. Tucson. 85715

Event will be held at Holiday Inn Hotel Casa Grande 777 N Pinal Ave, Casa Grande AZ 85122



Let the Good Times Roll



at the
77th State Convention
of the Arizona Council of
ESA

May 29th - 31st
Holiday Inn
777 N. Pinal Ave
Casa Grande, AZ 85122

Convention Registration \$110

Rooms \$96 per night

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January 14, 2020

Dear ESA Presidents:

Subject: Member of the Year

It is time again to begin considering who is doing the most to write a successful future for your chapter this year and believes in ESA with all their heart! Start looking now, because we would like to honor that member this year at our State Convention.

Please complete the Member of the Year nomination when your chapter has made its choice and return the form to me with the \$9.00 check. Please make the check payable to ESA, Arizona State Convention 2020. This fee covers the Member of the Year gift. We will be posting about it in upcoming ESA bulletins as well.

Should your Member of the Year person be unable to attend and you would like them to be recognized, just mark the application "Not Attending". You will still need to include the \$9.00 check AND the name of the person who will pick up the Member of the Year gift at State Convention.

We look forward to hearing from your chapter and presenting your special Member of the Year at our State Convention.

Sincerely,

Mindy Udall
Julie Bartanen
Member of the Year Chairpersons





**2019-2020 Believe and Achieve With all Your Heart
ESA MEMBER OF THE YEAR**



Chapter: _____

Name of Member of the Year: _____

Will She or He be attending the Member of the Year presentation?

_____Yes _____No

Number of years the person has been in ESA? _____year(s)

Why did She or He choose to join ESA (1-2 sentences please)?

Please describe how your *Member of the Year* believes with all their heart (use sentences or adjectives to complete this portion of the application). We will share this at convention.

Please complete the Member of the Year form when your chapter has made its choice AND return the form by May 15, 2020 with a \$9.00 check. The check should be made payable to ESA, Arizona State Convention 2020. *This covers the cost of the gift presented at the convention

Please return to: MINDY UDALL, 1976 N. Lemon Tree Lane #2, Chandler, AZ 85224

The deadline is May 15, 2020. If you have questions, please call 480-529-8813 or email her udallm@yahoo.com

St. Jude

It is hard to believe it is already February! I want to share with you all a new campaign for St Jude from Headquarters. The goal is get as many members as possible to register for the St. Jude Volunteer Management System (VMS). The link is below.

<https://www.stjude.org/get-involved/volunteer-locally.html#geoLocation2>

Here are some of the member benefits:

- Members get their own personalized ESA volunteer profile page
- It will track your volunteer hours for ALSAC/St. Jude events
- Some regions offer priority scheduling for ESA members who would like to volunteer

Why should members register:

- All ALSAC/St. Jude events will be staffed through this portal in the future. Not every region is using it yet, but they will be required to use it very soon.
- If you sign up now, then you have a chance to win cool ESA and St. Jude logo prizes.

So, log in now and get yourself registered on the St. Jude Volunteer Management System.

Did you know that ESA is working to reach \$300 million lifetime donation to St. Jude? This ties into the state goal of each chapter doing a booked event. Please do consider your chapters/members helping ESA reach this goal by hosting one more cash events this year. I know that Wendy mentioned at the January Council Meeting of 2 chapters that have booked events and cash donations. Join us as ESA reaches this amazing goal. If your chapter has sent a cash donation already to St, Jude, please let Cyndi know. Also, send me ideas you think would be great to share with other chapters. Be sure to give me as much detail as possible, including the contact information for the chapter that did the event.

Be on the lookout for information and volunteer requests for these upcoming volunteer activities.

- St. Jude Ride for a Reason – Saturday, March 7, 2020 (All LifeTime Fitness locations)
- St. Jude Evening in the Desert Gala – March 21, 2020 @ Grayhawk Golf Club, Scottsdale, AZ

In closing we wish you all a Happy Valentines Day and even more so on February 14th remember to say Happy Birthday Arizona!

St. Jude has a Facebook page to keep you up on current events:

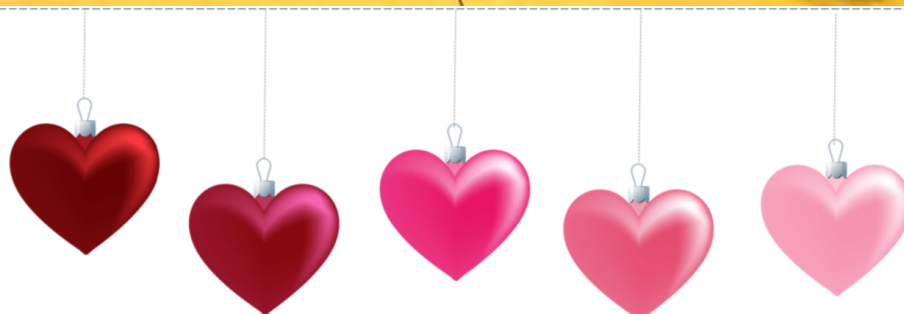
<https://www.facebook.com/StJudeArizona/>



Love in ESA:

Cyndi & Wendy

See pictures below and on the next page of all those who volunteered at the Radio-a-thon in December 2019.





Easterseals

Easterseals – Phoenix – Southwest Human Development

There have been several activities for volunteers in the Phoenix area to participate in during November and December. Alpha Omicron chapter supported the Gingerbread Kids Holiday Gift Drive by donating gifts to five children, ages one to sixteen. The children requested items like learning toys, skateboard, Spiderman, transformers, and clothing to name a few.

Then Louanne Stephens from Beta Gamma and I volunteered at the December 7 Festival of Tales held at the Paradise Valley Community College campus. The event is sponsored by Fiesta Bowl Charities. The event was held outside and the day was cool and partly sunny but what a fun day that was with many booths offering story time, face painting, making crafts to name a few of the activities for the families and children. After participating in some of the activities, the children received a ticket to pick out a free book at the area where Louanne and I worked. Dance performances and music were held in the area where people could just sit and relax. It was a busy and fun time watching the children participate.

Annette Sutfin has asked if there are any Phoenix area ESA gals that can help at the Kinship Care and Adoptions office located at the 40 Palms location, Thomas and 40th Street area. The tasks are making copies and other small jobs for the kinship and adoption program and volunteers would be working 2-4 hours on the day of your choice. They are flexible and more than one person can help. Please contact Annette at 847-366-4034 cell.

The Walk With Me event will be held Saturday, March 28 in the Civic Center area in Scottsdale. It is held in the early morning and is over by 11:00 a.m. This is another family event and has musical performances and many booths with all types of food and products. Last year we sold the 50-50 raffle tickets.

I will be bringing the lucite boxes to the April Arizona Council Meeting to collect chapter or individual donations for the IC Easterseal chairman's request made last Fall. This was the monthly challenge request that was made by Tywanda Smith, the IC chairman and was published in the Ocotillo Express and placed in the black boxes asking chapter participation. I sent a \$25 check to Annette Sutfin in

December as the result of the lucite boxes donations that were made at the November Council Meeting. Thank you so much.

As you can see, there are many volunteer events that need help in the Phoenix area. Let me know if any of you can help at these events this winter and spring.

EASTER SEALS TAKING ON DISABILITY TOGETHER

Below is the monthly challenge list.

February - It's sweetheart month! Pay the price of your favorite chocolate bar; if you don't ...then each chocolate you eat pay \$.75 - un huh

March - Money is due March 31, so count your bank and add \$1.00 to your grand total Heart Eyes

April, May and June - if you have not given all year, pay \$3.00 to jump start next year's challenge. If you have given all year, pay \$1.50 to start your bank for next year!

Have fun with your chapter challenge for Easter Seals!

Ann Jaccaud
Easterseals, Phoenix



Easterseals – Tucson – Blake Foundation



contact Blake Foundations at (520) 327-1529, extension 7077 or amather@blake.easterseals.com.

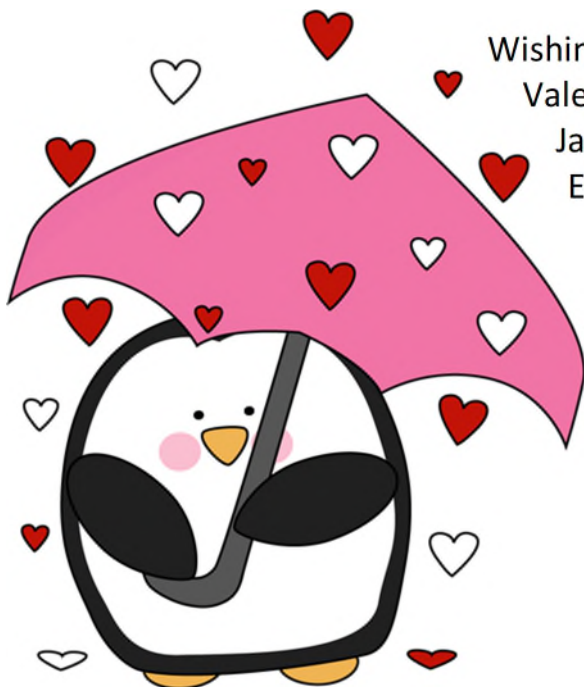
Let Theresa know if you want to be part of this new service opportunity. esatheresa@yahoo.com 520-234-0566

Theresa Stewart-Martinez
Easter Seals, Tucson

ESA Foundation Counselor

Wow, its February already and another deadline is fast approaching. Annual dues for Foundation members must be paid and received to Headquarters by February 29, 2020 in order to have voting privileges at IC convention this July. Even if you will not be able to attend convention, you still have a vote that a proxy will cast for you. This year we will have a candidate from AZ, Terry Rust, running to be a Foundation Director. Terry, we thank you for your willingness to serve and are so excited for you. It will be great to again have AZ represented on the Foundation Board.

Soon chapters will begin donating monies raised for their charities. I hope your chapter will consider sending your donations through the Turn Around Funds. It does take several weeks for this process, allow enough time if you plan on a presentation date. I'll have more information in next month's bulletin but please contact me if I can help or answer any questions.



Wishing you Love, Chocolates, Flowers and a very Happy Valentines Day.

Jacqui Smith

ESA Foundation Counselor

Date	Event & Location
IC ESA's Annual Leadership Training Conference February 6-9, 2020	Holiday Inn & Suites - DIA Hotel Denver, Colorado
Preferential Lunch March 21, 2020 11:30am-1:00pm Cost \$26	Arrowhead Country Club 19888 N. 73rd Ave. Glendale, AZ 85308
Handbag Happy Hour	
President's Reception April 18, 2020 6:00-8:00pm Cost: TBA	DoubleTree by Hilton 1020 N. Metro Parkway E Phoenix, AZ 85051
April Council Meeting April 19, 2020 Registration: 9:00am Meeting: 10:00am Cost \$25	DoubleTree by Hilton 1020 N. Metro Parkway E Phoenix, AZ 85051 Hosted by Beta Gamma
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

Have you seen the calendar link on the AZ Council Website?
Check it out!

<http://azcouncilesa.com/events/>

Bulletin Reminders

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

March – Feb. 19

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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Glendale, AZ 85306

