

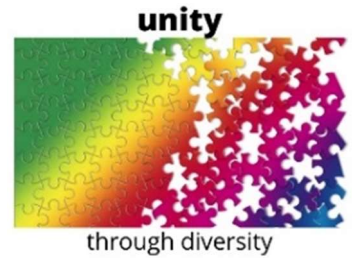
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Today is your **lucky** day!

Not feeling lucky? Well, here's how I've been thinking lately. I'm not sick, I have a roof over my head, I have a job, I have toilet paper; I'm lucky! I'm also discombobulated, forlorn, and optimistic by turn. It all depends upon the day, so I try to remind myself that I really don't have it so bad, try to be grateful and take a moment for some silent compassion and empathy for those who do.

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Updates

1. Convention will be happening via Zoom, please join us.
2. **September Council meeting is part of the same Zoom, we will need a quorum to approve the budget so please attend.** An agenda will be coming to you soon – we'll meet on Saturday, September 19th from 8:00AM – 12:30PM. The first half hour will be an opportunity for you to socialize with the Convention starting promptly at 8:30.
3. We've been talking to as many chapters as we can to get your thoughts on some topics, thanks to those who took the time to meet with us. We'll be incorporating some of your ideas into the next few years.
4. WE WILL NOT BE GIVING ORAL OFFICER'S REPORTS AT THE MEETING. With the exception of the Treasurer's Report. THIS BULLETIN IS SERVING AS OUR REPORTS so be sure to read it all and share it with chapter members who do not receive email. (We worked hard to keep convention to four hours so it wouldn't be too long a day for you)

The Executive Board is very excited to be sharing our Three-year Plan with you at the convention. We've taken your feedback and made some plans for continuity and focus over the next three years, don't miss it!

I've been talking to other state presidents and it's nice to know we're not alone. Everyone is being stretched by the challenges of this next normal, especially folks who are responsible for fundraising. Now more than ever, take advantage of some of the things IC has to offer. They are doing some really good work. Here is one example.

[View the ESA Life page:](#)

- Charlotte's "How-to" lessons for using Zoom for ESA
- Event ideas for safe social-distancing and online activities
- Event ideas to do without tech from home
- Online communication tools and platforms to promote your events

Lastly, if you haven't checked it out yet, join us for our Zoom Happy Hours. It may not end up being your cup of tea – or favorite cocktail – but give it a shot at least once! You can ask some of these folks who have attended multiple times about it, Kay Hicks, Kendra Sabol, Paula Fisher, Liz Castle, Deana Walters, Fran Gale, Wendy Williams.... see what they have to say.

Call me anytime to share your thoughts, ideas and advice.

Yours in service,


Shari Stapleton-Smith



1st Vice President

Greetings All,

Can you believe that it is August already? I can't. I hope that you are doing your best to keep in touch with members of your chapter. I would love to hear of all the ways that you are finding to do this. As we move into the new ESA year, we are doing so under a new set of circumstances. During these times of uncertainty many people are looking for ways to serve those in their communities, what a wonderful opportunity to bring new people into ESA.

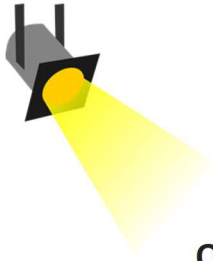
If you are looking for ideas for things that your chapter can do during these times, check out ESA Life on the ESA website... don't worry you don't have to remember your username or password, this page is outside the member center. Here is this link www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ESALife

We will be continuing our Happy Hour Zoom gatherings and I encourage all of you to join us for this time of fellowship and fun. Let me know if you have an ideas for games or activities.

In this bulletin, I am introducing a new section called the New Member Spotlight. I am hoping that this will give all of us a chance to get to know new members as they join. Please let me know if your chapter has had a member join recently so I can include them.

Be Well, Patti





New Member Spotlight

Name: Paula Denise Fisher

Chapter: Beta Gamma

Occupation: Administrative Officer for the Department of Veteran Affairs.

Hometown: I am a native of Fort Worth, TX; but, my hometown is forever Oklahoma City.

Favorite Activities: family time, travel and volunteerism

In three sentences or less tell us about yourself:

I am an advocate for Veterans and love to volunteer and support related efforts. I am currently pursuing a doctoral of management with 12 classes left (yes!!!). My goal is to establish a foundation that empowers students to pursue education and launch an initiative to help with student loan reform through scholarships and 'big events'.

Name: Connie Cole

Chapter: Alpha Chi #5372

Occupation: Computer Scientist

Hometown: Sierra Vista AZ

Favorite Activities: Reading and Hiking

In three sentences or less tell us about yourself:

My name is Connie Cole and I moved to AZ 36 years ago from Northern Kentucky. I am gregarious and adventurous and joined ESA since I wanted to do more for St Jude and my community. I am currently employed as a flight test engineer supporting the Air National Guard F-16 fighters.

Name: Janice Shaproski

Chapter: Beta Gamma

Occupation: Retired but studying reflexology and have 3 more classes left before I finish.

Hometown: FortCollins, CO but I now reside in Mesa, AZ

In three sentences or less tell us about yourself:

I paint on rocks, but not all that talented. I lost my husband of 18 years last September 2019 to cancer. I have three grown sons and 9 grandkids. I like to travel, when I can afford to and the virus is not a problem.



Join ESA members online the 2nd & 4th Mondays at 8am and 4pm Arizona time. We'll talk all things ESA, how we're staying sane while staying at home, and even include some fun activities that you can do from the comfort of your own space.

Each session will be different and may even have some special guests joining us on occasion.

Use this link <https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ESAcoffeechat> to sign up for the "ESA Coffee Chat" email list. Registrants will receive an email with Zoom meeting credentials and instructions for joining. You can call in if you don't have a camera on your computer. But you do need an email address to sign up.

Watch the Ocotillo Express for info on our local Arizona Council chat!



Here are links to the 2020 IC Convention that was held virtually July 17-19, 2020.

To watch the recap of IC at this link – you will need your IC login & Password

<https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/2020-IC-Convention-Recap>

2021-21 IC Board Installation of Officers

<https://youtu.be/CXW55Nm7Es>

2nd Vice President

Hello to all Arizona State Council Members!

Hope all is good with you and yours. As we begin this year, we know there are many many challenges ahead of us! Just always remember, “**we are #ESA Strong**” and we can overcome this! We need to really think outside the box on “**ALL**” of our philanthropic projects and endeavors. We know some things will be different, but we need to do all that we can to help all that we can in whatever way that we can. We need to be innovative, try different things, try different approaches and if it does not work that way try another way or move on. It is OK to try and if it does not work try something else. You won’t know if it works until you try it. We have always learned from things that did not go well.

The Philanthropic Committee and I are willing to listen and look at any and all ideas as we work our way through these challenging times!

The Philanthropic Committee consists of the following:

Sr. St. Jude Coordinator – Wendy Williams

Jr. St. Jude Coordinator – Jeff Goldberg

Easterseals – Phoenix – Ann Jaccaud

Easterseals – Tucson – Chris Goldberg

Hope for Hero’s – Paula Fisher

Janice Shaproski

Kendra Sabol

Other members helping with all of our collectibles are Fran Gale, Donna Hall, Barbara Daker, Baz Winsor, Patti Gale, JoAnne Thomsen and Leslie Flieschman.

Many of our normal Philanthropic events are taking on a different look, i.e. virtual but we as ESA members need to do all that we can to raise all the funds possible and help others with donation of goods if possible. All we ask is that we all do all we can to help when and where we are needed or where we can to help to make a difference in these “crazy” times. Remember a smile on a face is our reward!

Also know we are willing to listen to ideas, successful events or any suggestions any member may have. As they say, “you never know until you ask.” We want to hear from anyone who may have an idea or something that has worked well.



The collectibles list and the Philanthropic Report Form is being attached and both will be out on the website. If you need a copy of either, please do not hesitate to contact me directly via email or phone call or text.

Please take care....please be safe.....social distance....and wear you mask!

ESA Hugs,
Deana Walters
AZ 2nd Vice President

ARIZONA COUNCIL COLLECTIBLES

ITEM	PHILANTHROPIC REPORTING
Greeting Cards (whole)	1 minute per card
Pop Tabs	1 cup = 185 tabs @ 1 min. each 1 oz = 108 Tabs @ 1 min. each
Toiletries	1 minute per item
Hats (knit or crochet)	Time spent making hats is counted. If you purchase yarn, count the cost as a cash donation. If you use donated yarn, only count your time making the hats If you purchase a hat, count the amount spent as a cash donation.
Lap robes	Same guidelines as hats
Postage stamps	Make sure you trim to ¼" around the stamp 1 minute per stamp
Coke and other plastic bottle caps	1 minute per item

** Box tops are now on an app and not physically an items so longer able to count it and that is the same for Labels for Education. We no longer have an outlet for medicine bottles.

Updated 8-28-2020

PHILANTHROPIC SERVICE PROJECTS

Chapter Name, Number, City

Philanthropic Chair

Number of chapter members

Reporting Period

Online form will have formulas

		A Hours	B Money Donated	C Value of Donated Goods	D Miles (Actual Miles not \$)
	International Projects				
1	Literacy				
2	Domestic Violence				
3	Warm Welcome				
4	ESA Foundation				
5					
	International AND State Projects				
7	ESA for St. Jude				
8	Easterseals				
9	Hats for Hope				
10					
	State Projects				
11	Postage Stamps				
12	Pop Tabs				
13	Lap Robes				
14	Arizona Scholarship				
15					

20 **Totals - this page**

21 **Total from page 2 (Chapter totals)**

22 **Subtotals (Line20+21)**

Monetary Value of Miles (# of miles X

26 0.545)

28 **Grand Total Monetary Value**

Submitted by:

Date:

Deadlines: Postmarked by 11/18/20

Postmarked by 1/21/21

Postmarked by 4/20/21

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CHAPTER PHILANTHROPIC PROJECTS				
	A Hours	B Money Donated	C Value of Donated Goods	D Miles (Actual Miles not \$)

TOTAL CHAPTER

Revised August 2020



Arizona Council Proposed Budget 2020-2021

2020-2021 Proposed Budget			
Income	2019-2020 Budget	2019-2020 Actual	2020-21 Proposed
401 Chapter Dues	\$2,250.00	\$1,740.00	\$2,250.00
402 Roster	\$250.00	\$331.45	\$350.00
410 Miscellaneous Income	\$20.00	\$13.75	\$20.00
411 State Preferential Event	\$1,000.00	\$750.00	\$1,000.00
412 State Leadership Event	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
414 AZ State Conv. Proceeds	\$0.00		
418 Ways and Means	\$595.00		\$575.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$4,715.00	\$2,835.20	\$4,795.00
Disbursements			
501 Roster	\$250.00	\$351.04	\$350.00
504 Bulletin Editor	\$50.00		\$50.00
506 State Preferential Event	\$1,000.00	\$750.00	\$1,000.00
507 State Leadership Event	\$600.00	\$97.00	\$550.00
510 Dues	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
511 AZ President's Expense	\$275.00	\$275.00	\$275.00
512 1 st VP Expense	\$1,600.00	\$848.11	\$1,600.00
513 Officers Expense	\$100.00		\$80.00
514 Appointed Board			
Chaplain	\$25.00		\$25.00
ESA Foundation Cousleor	\$0.00		
Memorybook Chairman	\$50.00		\$50.00
Properties	\$0.00		
Webmaster/Website	\$120.00	\$118.17	\$120.00
Educational Director	\$50.00		\$50.00
Financial Secretary	\$15.00		\$15.00
Registrar	\$25.00		\$25.00
515 Stationery/Postage/Printing	\$50.00	\$10.85	\$50.00
516 State Awards	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
517 Miscellaneous Expense	\$350.00	\$410.00	\$400.00
523 AZ Council Ways & Means	\$0.00		
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$4,715.00	\$2,965.17	\$4,795.00
DIFFERENCE	\$0.00	\$182.97	\$0.00
2020-21 Proposed Chapter Dues budget is base on same numbers as 2019-20 150 members at \$15.00 each.			

Jr Past President/ Parliamentarian/Disaster Fund Chairman

Looking forward to a great year raising funds to help our sisters and brothers in times of need. Remember, disasters come in many shapes and sizes. Asking each chapter to save their spare change and donate it to the Disaster Fund. I will be raffling off gift card and or lottery tickets virtually to raise money for the disaster fund. Baked goods will be sold at future Council meetings to raise money.

Let me introduce the Bylaw committee:

Parliamentarian Chair– Karen Madrid

Parliamentarian Advisor – Joni Slama

Ex Officio Member – Shari Stapleton-Smith

Committee Members:

Barbara Appleton

Carol Caldwell

Kay Hicks

Jacqui Smith

Deana Walters

The Bylaws and Standing Rules are available on the Arizona council website. If you need or would like a paper copy of the Bylaws and Standing Rules please let me know. The deadline this year for any proposed changes will be the January Council Meeting. Always here for you!



Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair – Karen Madrid



Greetings one and all!

The HOPE FOR HEROES chairs would like to invite 10 Arizona Council chapters to participate in our upcoming project to acknowledge and appreciate our Nation's Heroes. This SPECIAL PROJECT is from the heart of ESA to the hearts of servicemen and women who pave the way to our freedom.

The project entails the following:

- Each chapter will personalize 25 thank you notes to Arizona Veterans
- Attach a six-inch United States Flag to the thank you card with ribbon
- Return the box with contents to one of the following HOPE FOR HEROES chairs for distribution to Veteran organizations:
 - o Paula Fisher-(pdfmba12@gmail.com)
 - o Janice Shaproski-(broncofan166@gmail.com)
 - o Kendra Sabol-(kasabol@cox.net)



We, the chairs for HOPE FOR HEROES would like to challenge every chapter in the Arizona Council to devote a project to our Veterans, especially during the HOPE FOR HEROES Week.

Paula **Janice** **KENDRA**

HOPE for Heroes, Chairs



The Medal of Honor is the United States of America's highest and most prestigious personal military decoration that may be awarded to recognize United States military service members who have distinguished themselves by acts of valor.

The Medal of Honor was first awarded March 25, 1863 and the last Medal of Honor was awarded on October 30, 2019.

On July 12, 1862 President Abraham Lincoln signed a law providing for the award of medals to any personnel who "distinguish themselves by their gallantry in action" and the first Medal

of Honor five-point bronze stars coated in copper were awarded to six Civil War Union Volunteers.

The Hope for Heroes Chair-persons (Paula Fisher, Janice Shaproski and Kendra Sabol) for the ESA Arizona Council would like to introduce the Medal of Honor recipients for the State of Arizona.

William Alchesay was a Sergeant of the Indian Scouts. He was a White Mountain Apache leader born in 1853 and died in 1928. He served with General Crook and he was widely respected and made several trips to confer with the President of the United States. The Medal of Honor was issued April 12, 1875 for gallant conduct during campaigns and engagements with the Apaches during the years 1872-1873.

Oscar Austin (1948-1969) Private First Class, USMC, Company E, 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division. Oscar entered service in Phoenix, Arizona. Cited for action on February 23, 1969 in the Republic of Vietnam. To save the life of a wounded fellow Marine, PFC Austin first threw himself between the Marine and a grenade, absorbing the effects of its detonation. He then placed himself between the Marine and an enemy soldier and was mortally wounded.

Nicky Bacon, Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, Company B, 4th Battalion, 21st Infantry, 11th Infantry Brigade, American Division, entered service in Phoenix, Arizona. He was cited for action on August 26, 1968 in the Republic of Vietnam. In the face of

intense enemy fire, squad leader Bacon took charge of two decimated platoons, personally destroying a hostile bunker with grenades, an enemy gun crew in a single-handed effort, and an antitank weapon. Despite heavy fire, he directed fire into the enemy position from the exposed deck of a tank until several wounded comrades were evacuated.

William Croft Barnes (1858-1936) was born in San Francisco, California. He was active duty U.S. Army Signal Corps, 1879-1883. Barnes risked his life frequently in enemy areas, repairing telegraph lines and carrying dispatches. In a skirmish on September 11, 1881, Barnes displayed bravery in action against the Apaches. He was awarded the Medal of Honor in 1882. Starting in 1883, Sergeant Barnes became a cattleman in Holbrook, Arizona; served in Arizona's Territorial Legislative Assembly, accomplishing the creation of Navajo County; and wrote many books, including Arizona Place Names, still in print today. Starting in 1907 with the US Forest Service, Barnes developed and preserved grazing lands in the State; retiring from government service in 1930 in Phoenix. The Barnes Hall Army Reserve Training Center, Oak Street, Phoenix; Barnes Butte, Phoenix; and the Barnes Field House at Fort Huachuca; are named in Barnes' honor.

Blanquet had rank and organization with the Indian Scouts. He was born in Arizona. April 12, 1875 he received the Medal of Honor for gallant conduct during campaigns and engagements with Apaches.

Benjamin Brown, (1859-1910) was born in Spotsylvania County, Virginia. A Sergeant in the 24th Infantry Regiment assigned to southeastern Arizona Territory in 1889. On May 11 as part of a 12 man detail of "Buffalo Soldiers" escorting U.S. Army paymaster Major Joseph W. Wham, the formation was ambushed by a gang of highwaymen near the Pima Settlement. During the ensuing fight, which he fought alone in an exposed position, Brown suffered bullet wounds to the abdomen and both arms, but continued to fight until the bandits withdrew. Sergeant Brown was one of the two "Buffalo Soldiers" awarded the Medal of Honor for this action.

Trustim Connell (1844-1937) was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He served with distinction as an infantryman during the Civil War. Connell was awarded the Medal of Honor in 1865 for heroism and leadership resulting in the capture of a key Confederate flag and assets during the battle at Sailor's Creek, Virginia. A Western and Arizona pioneer, during the 1880's, he was placed in charge of Indian territory, and all Wells Fargo Company business in Indian territory. The

Connell family relocated to Phoenix in 1898. After statehood, Connell was employed by the American Railway Express Company, until his retirement in 1925. He maintained close ties to the State's military establishment and at the time of his demise, was the only Arizonan reportedly wearing the Congressional Medal of Honor.



HOPE FOR HEROES

Presents OPERATION PAPERBACK

This 501(c)(3) organization is incorporated in Pennsylvania since 1999. At this time, the members began sending the first shipment of paperbacks to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. They expanded the organization to include volunteers. They have currently shipped 2.9 million books to over 30 locations overseas.

The 19,000 volunteers from all 50 states ship 15,000 books per month. They are also being sent to veteran's organizations in the states. As volunteers, **WE NEED YOUR BOOKS !** As a volunteer, we request names of those serving overseas and those veteran organization in the states that want books. We have an opportunity to make a selection for sending and complying with their genre requests. These books are boxed up and sent Media Mail Rate. These books are also sent with our monetary donation.

WE NEED YOUR HARDBACK BOOKS AND PAPERBACK BOOKS AND A LITTLE CASH!!!

Please keep your books for us until we can actually get them. If you have an opportunity to be in the Phoenix, Mesa or Cave Creek area we can make arrangements to get them.

When we get your books we would appreciate a **LITTLE CASH** to defer the cost of shipping. This is a wonderful way for you to get rid of all those books you have been reading or stashed and some of the coins and dollars you have not been able to spend to support our Hope for Heroes project.

NOTES OF THANKS

Thanks for the books. We received 6 boxes that have already been shelved and some have disappeared that quick. We appreciate your support.

I am currently a forward deployed sailor out in Guam. With the recent COVID-19 outbreak, we were sequestered in place for several months; unable to go home. I received several books that kept me busy during those months. Thank You!!! Your program has helped several of my shipmates through this rough period as well. Stay safe.

I would like to say thank you to all the wonderful people that are part of donating books through Operation Paperback. We have been very blessed receiving these amazing books!

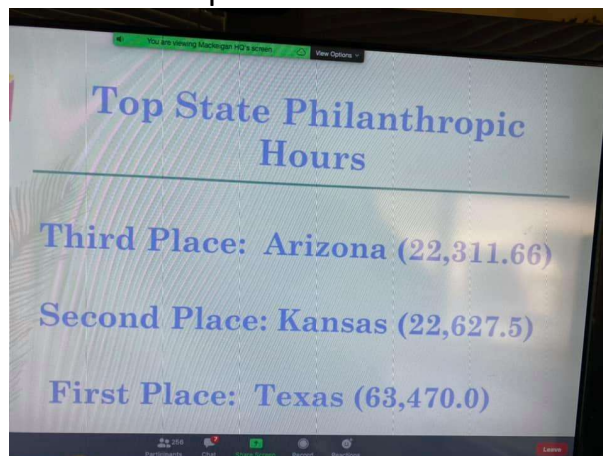
Thank you so much for wanting to show us veterans, your gratitude, as well as being part of helping us grow in a more constructive way. This beats going over to PTSD thought any day.

We have received several packages from a variety of volunteers. The ongoing support of your organization has helped our clinic maintain an enjoyable selection of quality reading material.

WE NEED YOUR HARDBACK BOOKS AND PAPERBACK BOOKS AND A LITTLE CASH!!!!

Hope for Heroes Chairs
Paula Fisher
Janice Shaproski
Kendra Sabol

Congrats to AZ for placing 3rd in State hours!
Philanthropic Award – State Hours





It's a different beginning for the new ESA year. We are still not able to meet in person and are missing our hugs from each other. And many of us have learned a new skill: Zoom! Both our IC convention and the ESA Foundation annual meetings were done virtually. I look forward to our virtual state convention and announcing some Foundation awards

The application process for the ESA Foundation Scholarships will soon be available on the ESA website. I need your help getting out the scholarship information. If you have a high school senior or college student in your family or circle of friends, I would love to be able to talk with them about our scholarships. And if you have any contacts with schools, please send me their information. I will contact them. The ESA Foundation is still planning to hold a virtual "Fund Fest" sometime this fall. I will send out the information when it is finalized.

Hope to see many of you for our convention/council meeting.

Jacqui Smith

ESA Foundation Counselor

Chaplain

Greetings All,

Louanne and I hope that this finds you all doing well and staying safe. This is a reminder to please send any good news, such as birthdays, new grandchildren or great-grandchildren or other 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

Louanne Stephens js4louanne@aol.com and/or Patti Gale

nacomgale@gmail.com

We also look forward to hearing about happy occasions.

Continue to send any information you want to be shared with the members about events coming up, selling or needing to purchase an item, basically anything you may want your sisters and brothers to know, to Carol Caldwell at crccarol8@gmail.com and it will be put out on Ocotillo Express.

Stay Safe and Well,

Louanne and Patti



The Educational Committee met on July 28th to review the results of the survey I had sent out. There were 34 responses to the survey representing 15 chapters. The committee made decisions regarding the Educational Book, judging and reporting for Educational reports in the upcoming year. The committee is excited about this year. We are focusing on the educational component of our organization. Including everyone and encouraging participation is our goal.

We recognize that each chapter is different, has different interests and is made of unique individuals. We want to celebrate each chapter, no matter how they handle their Educational programs. Each chapter Educational Director received directions for the Educational Books and Educational Reports for this year. If you didn't receive those directions, and would like to, please contact me via email at suzannegodard@gmail.com, or call or text (520) 991-5657. Note: if you call between 7am and 4pm you will need to leave a message, as I most likely cannot answer the phone. If you have any questions about anything educationally related, please don't hesitate to ask!

We are also working to develop some great programs at the Council Meetings. Many of you shared ideas of what you'd like to see at Council Meetings when Shari sent out the survey last year. Thank you for your ideas!

The members of the Educational Committee are:

Suzanne Godard – Alpha Chi – Educational Director

Barb Daher – Beta Gamma

Cyndi Skald – Delta Pi

Jenny Young – Alpha Omicron

Kathy Riebock – Alpha Chi

Terrie Rust – Alpha Omicron

Shari Stapleton-Smith – AZ Council President – Ex-officio member

Barbara Appleton – Advisor

Sincerely,

Suzanne Godard and the Educational Committee

The logo for EasterSeals, featuring the word "EasterSeals" in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. The text is centered within a white rectangular box that has a thin, multi-colored border (purple, green, and yellow).

NEWS FROM SOUTHWEST HUMAN DEVELOPMENT - EASTERSEALS - PHOENIX

Greetings from Phoenix! So much is not happening because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The usual events have been cancelled for the rest of this year and iffy for the 2021 year. One good thing to report is the March 30 WALK WITH ME went virtual and raised \$161,000 for the children with disabilities. Awesome!

The Coronavirus crisis has changed the child's social interaction with families staying home and social distancing. Young children don't yet have the social and technical skills to adapt like adults do by using the phone and computer. The use of the technological interaction between children has to be set up by a parent so they can visit with friends and have virtual play dates. Regardless, there are behavioral challenges when a preschool child loses contact with their playmates. Extra attention from a parent is helpful and consultation from a SWHD counselor or child development specialist is available.

Any help chapters can offer will be appreciated in this difficult time.

Southwest Human Development has set up several programs to support the families in need. Some programs are:

SWHD BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE - Any donation is appreciated as many classroom items are needed. Contact asutfin@SWHD.org or 847-366-5437 to offer help.

COVID-19 BASIC NEEDS DRIVE - Provides basic needs items for parents or caregivers like baby items, diapers, and formula to name a few and these items are delivered by SWHD.

COVID-19 FAMILY ASSISTANCE FUND - SWHD partners with corporate and foundations to assist families struggling financially. Donations are accepted online at swhd.org/give.

"GRAB & GO" MEALS AND BASIC NEEDS SUPPLIES - Complements the Family Assistance Fund by providing free meals and baby supplies on week-day mornings on a first-come, first-served basis. Thousands of meals have been served.

COVID-19 FUND FOR EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROGRAMS - Many child care centers had to close and only 20% remained open. Through these two programs, SWHD was able to fund 38 financial requests totaling more than \$171,000.

SWHD's BIRTH TO FIVE HELPLINE remains open to help parents and caregivers. The help line is 877-705-5437, Monday - Friday, 8 to 8. Each child is different and the counselors can help them decide what activities the children can participate in to help with their anxieties in this difficult time.

The GINGERBREAD KIDS HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE can help make a kid's wish come true. The 2019 drive gathered more than 950 gifts through community partners. If your group would like to participate contact asutfin@swhd.org or 847-366-4034. By November 13 you will receive a personalized Gingerbread Kid paper ornament with a child's name and a list of favorite things desired. The gifts should be ready for pick-up/delivery no later than December 11 so they can be delivered to the child before Christmas.

Ann Jaccaud
EasterSeals Phoenix

EasterSeals - Tucson

As with the rest of the world, Easter Seals/Blake Foundation in Southern Arizona is currently operating at a very slow pace. Normally, Cooking with the Stars would take place in September, however it will be non-existent this year. It is held at a restaurant and due to the current state restrictions would not be able to have more than 50 people attend which would not even cover the administrative cost of holding it. The Blues in Bisbee event will still take place on September 19th, however it is now a virtual event. There are 12 bands that will still perform and shirts are still being produced, but there will not be the major profit from concessions. Since people are not needed on the 19th, I will be able to man the Beta Kappa/Gamma Tau selfie station at the Benson veterans event.

Easter Seals continues to be a part of the United Days of Caring on October 23rd and 24th. It is still too early to tell what role ESA can perform on those days.

Aviva Children's services are also operating at a slow pace. There are no used donations being accepted at this time so currently no ESA interaction or involvement. Their clothes closet has been temporarily suspended since they do not want to risk giving the virus to any of the foster children. New school supplies were needed to fill 500 back to school backpacks. People ordered items online and had them delivered to Aviva since they are restricting access to the building.

The only thing that ESA members can really do at this time is to donate funds online or purchase Christmas toys and have them delivered to Aviva Children's Services 153 S. Plumer Ave. Tucson, AZ 85719. We can only hope that Christmas is not cancelled this year.

My final wish is that since we cannot meet as of yet, that all of ESA is keeping hope, laughter and dreams of better times alive. Hopefully, we will see each other soon and are grateful that so few of us have gotten the virus. Beta Kappa is working on an "out of the box" way to hold the November council meeting. Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone isolated at this time. Hang tight!

Chris Goldberg
EasterSeals, Tucson

St. Jude

Dear ESA Brothers and Sisters:

As Bob Dylan once wrote, "Times they are changing". Boy howdy are they ever. All our fund-raising activities across the board have been affected. St Jude is no exception. With the changes bring challenges on how we can raise money. Since the Walk/Run is now virtual, the good news is you do not have to find a parking place, the bad news is well there is no bad news. **For our ESA members ONLY**, for every \$50.00 you donate to the walk, you will receive 1 raffle ticket for the Jim Click Millions. ***For every \$500 you fundraise, you will also receive an additional ticket*** This is for the Tucson raffle with first prize being a 2020 Ford F-150 truck valued at approximately \$65,000. The deadline to donate to the walk to receive the raffle ticket is the day before the walk September 25, 2020.

Speaking of the raffle, Jeff brought this opportunity to ESA 3 years ago. We would like to propose a new way of thinking for the raffle. First, all money raised through our ticket sales goes to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The tickets are \$25.00 each or 5 for \$100.00. None of the money goes to pay for those prizes. Our proposal is for each ESA member to participate in the raffle by buying one and getting a friend to buy one also. Since we donate to St Jude anyway why not get an opportunity to win something. The more we sell, the more we donate. Please do not stop there, ask two or more family and friends.



Instructions for the walk: <https://fundraising.stjude.org/>

- You can search for the city or state.
- Or in google search for StJude WalkRun Phoenix or Stjude walkrun Vegas
- Select fundraiser link for your city

Phoenix

https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/Walk/Walk?pg=entry&fr_id=122606

Las Vegas

https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/Walk/Walk?pg=entry&fr_id=122589

Register to support a person or join a team

- If you want to register click on Blue Register button and enter your name.
- If you want to support somebody enter the Team name or name of the person you are supporting.

We have some exciting news with the St Jude Virtual Walk. This is their first year that you are able to download the APP for FREE. You can find it in the App Store under St Jude Walk/Run. You are able to deposit donations (checks) payable to for St Jude. Even if you are unable to walk you may register for the walk for FREE.

Deana has great news! All 12,000 tickets were sold out for the Las Vegas dream home were sold out within 19 days.

All other events for the year have yet to be determined.

If you have any questions in regard to the walk, please contact Wendy, Jeff or Deana. Take care, be safe and wear your masks!

Love in ESA,

Jeff, Deana and Wendy

This message is from Jeff Goldberg:

Unfortunately, I will not be able to be at the virtual State Convention on September 19th, as I committed to an event in Benson, Arizona on the same day. The event was set prior to the change of the convention. The event is a **Welcome Home Veterans** where the Town of Benson and their Chamber of Commerce have secured the traveling Vietnam Wall. It is 2/3 the size of the one in Washington, D.C. with all the names. Along with the wall, for the very first time, the Afghanistan-Iraqi Memorial will be unveiled. I will be manning a selfie booth with a backdrop of iconic American places. At the booth, I will also be selling the raffle tickets.

As many of you know, I am a woodworker. I make, among many things, pens that some of you have won in the past or were given during Chris' presidency. At the Selfie Booth, I will be showing and taking orders for Military themed pens. ALL

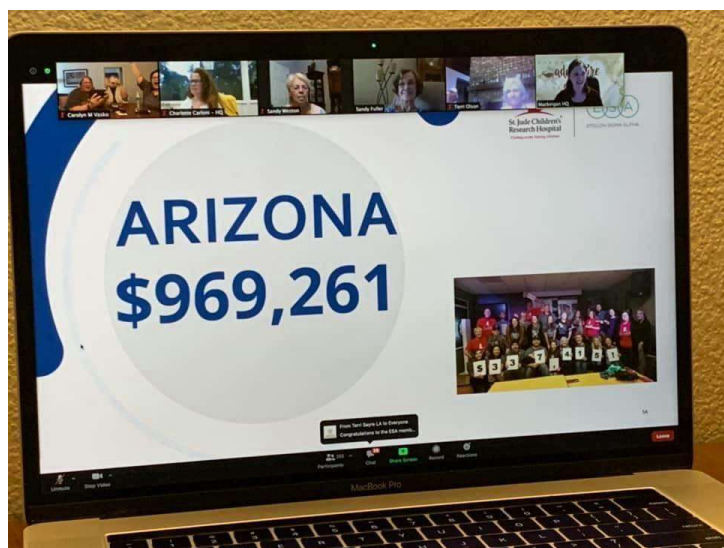
profits from the sale of the pens will go to ESA's Hope for Heroes. So, I guess I will be doing another fund raiser on behalf of our ESA values.

I know we cannot meet this month, but hopefully in November we will. A little birdie tells me the November council meeting will be uniquely presented, to match these unique times. Stay safe and be well.

Jeff Goldberg
St Jude Jr Coordinator



Screenshots of St. Jude totals for 2019-2020



Date	Event & Location
AZ State Convention & September Council Meeting - September 19, 2020	Hosted Online via Zoom
November Council Meeting – November 15, 2020	Hosted by Beta Kappa TBA
January Council Meeting – January 17, 2021	TBA
April Council Meeting – April 18, 2021	Hosted by Beta Gamma TBA
Arizona State Council 78th Convention June 4-6, 2021	TBA

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

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

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