

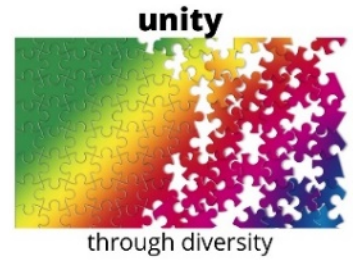
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Wave goodbye to the old year
and embrace the new -



full of hope, dreams, and good
health.

Wishing you a happy new year
full of joy!



You can ALWAYS call me if you have questions, suggestions or concerns –
831-227-3880. You can email me too.

Yours in service,
Shari Stapleton-Smith

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Patricia

1st Vice President



2nd Vice President

Hi Everyone,

Hope all had a safe and Merry Christmas. I am sending hope for a “New” Year in 2022. We have had a couple of crummy years in 20 and 21 but I have faith that 22 will be better once we get through the cold and flu season!! Please keep the faith!

A big thanks to all who contributed to the Easterseals event. And a big thanks to Baz for shopping for some of us! Every dollar has made a difference. Please be sure you log all of your philanthropic hours, monies and miles driven. Also, thanks to all of you who are reaching out to do what you can when you can to help our ESA philanthropic projects and all the community projects our chapters help. All of this makes a big difference in helping us as a not for profit organization.

Remember we will have a Philanthropic report due in January. Please be sure to get all of your information to your Philanthropic Chair in your chapter at your January gathering.

Hope all of you had a safe and Happy New Year! Hope to see many of you “live” or on Zoom this month! We need to see your smiling faces either way!!!

Hugs to all from Vegas

Deana



Arizona Council Collectibles

Items & Collector	Philanthropic Reporting
Postage stamps JoAnne Thompson	(trim to ¼” around the stamp) 1 minute per stamp
Pop Tabs Deana Walters	1 cup = 185 tabs @ 1 min. each 1 oz = 108 Tabs @ 1 min. each
Lap Robes / Hats for Hope (knit or crochet) Fran Gale and Deana Walters	Time spent making hats is counted. If you <i>purchase yarn</i> , count the cost as a <i>cash donation</i> . If you use <i>donated yarn</i> , only count your <i>time</i> making the hats If you <i>purchase a hat</i> , count the amount spent as a <i>cash donation</i> .
Coke & other plastic bottle caps Patti Gale	1 minute per item
Greeting Cards (whole) Karen Madrid	1 minute per card
Toiletries Phoenix – Louanne Stephens Vegas – Deana Walters Tucson – Trudie Sofias	1 minute per item
Prescription Medicine Bottles Baz Winsor	1 minute per bottle (please remove labels)

** Box tops are now on an app and not physically on items as well as Labels for Education.

*** If you have items you want to possibly deliver prior to our next “ LIVE” meeting please contact Deana Walters via email, text or phone.

Updated 10-2021

Chaplain



Send any information pertaining to illness, death, need for cheering up to Louanne Stephens js4louanne@aol.com and/or Patti Gale naomgale@gmail.com

Louanne and Patti



For this month, we would like to re-introduce a program you may have participated in the past or may now even participate as a chapter project or as an individual project. The Hope for Heroes Coupon Program (the act of clipping manufacturers coupons from magazines and newspapers) for the members of the military and their families to use to reduce shopping expenses has been an active

program in ESA for many years. The IC Philanthropic reporting 2020-2021 clarified:

1. Count manufacturer's coupons donated as part of a service project as the face value on the coupon.
2. Count hours for preparing donated manufacture's coupons.

TROOPONS Bagging Instructions

The commissaries have requested that Troopons be bagged and delivered to them as follows:

1. Cut out the coupons.
2. Sort coupons into two piles by status:
 - a. Expired. Not expired more than 2 months (e.g. if today's date is 1/1/2022, you would cut out coupons with an expiration date that is not older than 11/1/2021.
 - b. Unexpired. At least two months of life left.
3. Sort each of these two piles into four piles by type:
 - a. Food items
 - b. Non-food items
 - c. Baby food/items
 - d. Pet items (like dog food)
4. Stuff them into plastic baggies.
5. Write the status (Expired or Unexpired) and the type (food, non-food, baby, or pet) on them.
6. Total the retail savings of the baggies and write it on them. This helps the organization track the value of the overall program.



7. Mail them to SOT as follows:

Support Our Troops

P.O. Box 70

Daytona Beach, FL. 32115-0070

Only “Manufacturer’s Coupons” can be used. They can be from the newspaper, dispensers in grocery stores, tear-pads, and elsewhere as long as they state “Manufacturer’s Coupon” on them.

No assistance vouchers. No food stamps. No store coupons. No restaurant coupons. No internet coupons.

HOPE FOR HEROES FEATURED Person of the month

Shirley Albertson, Member at Large



If you attended the Arizona State Convention last year you would have been as amazed as I was to learn that Shirley received the highest awards for hours donated and money contributed. In fact the amount is so staggering it is hard to believe! So I interviewed Shirley to find out how, as a Member at Large, she could have worked 476 hours and contributed \$46, 186.52 in one year!!!! If anyone knows Shirley, you would know she has worked just as hard as an active member of a chapter. In fact, Shirley is a 60 year ESA member!

Shirley is a Hope for Heroes Hero! For over 20 years, she has been cutting and tabulating and mailing coupons to the active military overseas.

I asked Shirley a very simple question: Why do you collect coupons?

Her answer was just as simple: because I can do it at age 84 and I can no longer do other things. Shirley gets her coupons from her own newspaper and from friends and neighbors. She receives envelopes from Carol Caldwell and Deana Walters. She sends the coupons to a marine base in Japan one month and to a base in Guam the next month.

She received a note, a few months back, that the coupons helped save \$30 a trip per family when they shop at the commissary.

Her husband, many years ago, helped her look up addresses on the computer of bases that wanted to receive the coupons. She sends a dollar value of \$2000-\$3000 a month for a cost of \$7.90. She mails the coupons in a Priority cardboard box and stuffs as much as she can in it.

It is not as simple as cutting and stuffing into a card board mailing box!! Each coupon has to be categorized by type and the face value of the coupon tabulated.

I would like to share a letter Shirley received from the NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY:

“Dear Ms. Shirley Albertson,

On behalf of the active duty service members and their families here on Naval Base Guam, thank you very much for your kindness, generosity, time and effort that you are giving to make our coupon program a success!

Many of our families saved more than \$30 per trip and that can really help them financially. Your dedication to the military community is greatly appreciated and we would love to continue receiving coupons

Moving forward, we are only able to provide thank you letters and receipt confirmation of coupons via email provided to us. Thank you for understanding. We look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you!
NMCRS Guam”

I would like to share one more letter she received on 11/20/2021

“Hello Ms. Shirley;

Thank you for your constant support in our coupon program. As a service member myself, these coupons have greatly helped us save money. I would like to formally introduce myself as NVCRS coupon manager. My name is Maricel and I am currently enlisted in the Navy as a logistics specialist. I apologize for not

writing sooner. I look forward to hearing from you. Should this letter arrive late, I would like to say Happy Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,
Maricel

I have included a picture of myself and my fellow shipmates.”



Janice, Paula, and Kendra
Paula Fisher – pdfmba12@gmail.com
Janice Sharposki – bronco155@gmail.com
Kendra Sabol – kasabol@cox.net



Hi everyone,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday.

A few reminders: your Foundation annual dues must be paid **before** February 28th (received at Headquarters) to be able to vote on Foundation matters.

Scholarship application deadline is fast approaching – February 1st at 11:00 PM MST. The numbers for paid applications are down from last year. Please help get the word out to students that NOW is the time to apply. I will soon be receiving a list of AZ scholarships that have not received any applications and will share that on the Ocotillo Express.

The Foundation Fund Fest will be held back in person at the IC Convention this coming July in Indianapolis. It will be a carnival theme held on Tuesday night, July 26th. AZ will be participating in the live auction with an item, I am asking for donations of gift cards for this event. And if we can meet in person for our January council meeting, I will have a raffle for our AZ basket.

See the flyers for more information. Sponsors are needed!

I am so grateful for all you do for the ESA Foundation and wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

Love and Hugs,
Jacqui
ESA Foundation Counselor



ESA Foundation Fund Fest

**Tuesday, July 26, 2021
Indianapolis, IN**



The ESA Foundation needs your help at IC Convention with the Foundation Fund Fest and Merchandise table. Please let me know if you would be able to help at a game, set up and clean up, donate or work at the silent auction tables.

Sponsors: _____ \$100 – Carnival Sponsor
FFF Patrons: _____ \$200 Silver _____ \$300 Gold _____ \$500 Pearl _____ \$1,000 Platinum
Member Name/Number _____
Chapter Name/Number _____

Willing to Donate: _____ Silent Auction Items _____
 _____ Oral Auction Items _____
 _____ State Basket – Description _____

**Please remember that successful basket winner will probably be traveling by plane.
Possibly donating an ‘experiences’ at a future convention city’s event or outing.**

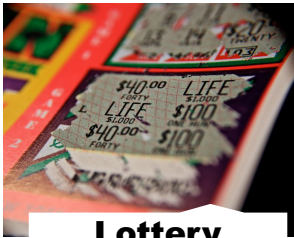
(PLEASE mark value of all auction items to assist in bid amounts)

ESAF Merchandise Table will be open during “Foundation Fund Fest” on Tuesday and during the week. The EXCLUSIVE item will be available ONLY at the Fund Fest.

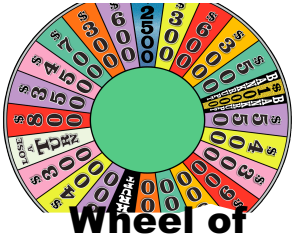
_____ I will help sell merchandise, collect dues and donations
Date(s) _____ Time(s) _____

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Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please return this form to: Sandy Hosack
85 Foxgate Court, St. Peters, MO 63376
esaffundfest@gmail.com / 314-239-7920



**Lottery
Scratch Off**



**Wheel of
Fortune**



Ring Toss



**Corn Hole
Game**



**Lollipop
Pull**



Drink Pull



**Snacks for
the Week**

Silent and Oral Auction
State Baskets

Do You Know Me?

This year we are celebrating diversity by learning about the members of the Arizona Council. Each month we will honor a couple of members. It will be so much fun getting to know the members of ESA.



Anne Jaccaud – Alpha Omicron

When and Why did you join ESA?

I was asked to join the Beta Eta Chapter, Columbus, OH, February 1968. I knew three of the chapter members already from card club and bowling league.

What is your favorite ESA memory?

Many good memories: Chapter president four times, Columbus Area ESA City Council president, Ohio State president and MARC president.

I believe the most rewarding achievement was being asked by my state president to help Lois Byrd, Michigan, and three other state members in the Midwest area to encourage the states of Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio to form a regional council which was achieved in 1986. We travelled to the states to attend council and convention meetings to "talk up" the idea of the council and to get to know our neighboring states members, encourage sisters to run for international offices, and also to discuss problems within our individual areas. I served in many offices and became the Midwest Area Council of ESA president in 2005. AND so proud of all the Midwest sisters that have served on the International Council before and since the forming of MARC.

Where did you grow up?

Born in Columbia, Missouri, and lived several places in that area. We moved to Ohio in 1953 where I graduated from high school, married, had daughter Robin (who now lives in Chandler, AZ).

What is/was your career?

First job was customer service then office duties. Worked for the state of Ohio and then Columbus Southern Power, secretarial duties, and retired when I

became 60 from the Public Affairs department at American Electric Power Company. Then enjoyed many years with retired husband Bill.

What is your favorite food?

Ho boy, like it all.

What is one thing on your bucket list?

Would like to take a hot air balloon ride.

What is something that we would be surprised to know about you?

Not afraid of the microphone but find it hard to strike up conversation with some people because my hearing is not good.

What is your guilty pleasure?

Relaxing with a good book and a bag of chips. Waistline shows it.



Joni Slama – Delta Pi

When and why did you join ESA?

I joined ESA in 1985. My mother invited me to join.

What is your favorite ESA memory?

Presenting my mom with her 50 year pin.

Where did you grow up?

I grew up in Phoenix.

What is/was your career?

I am currently a St. Billing Rep in the Outdoor Lightning Department of APS.

What is your favorite food?

My favorite food is popcorn.

What is 1 thing on your bucket list?

I would like to spend a month traveling through Italy.

What is something that we would be surprised to know about you?

I sat with Dean Martin, his wife Cathy and their family and friends on a flight to Hawaii when I was 14.

What is your guilty pleasure?

I love to watch Dr. Pimple Popper.

Dear Brother's and Sister's of ESA:

Help St. Jude Celebrate 2022!

There are 5 great reasons to become a St. Jude Monthly Donor.

1. The majority of our funds come from individual contributions.
2. Every month you will know you are helping drive the research to cure childhood cancer and help families in their darkest moments.
3. Your donation will help research & children worldwide.
4. Your gift makes a real impact on patients and their families.
5. By helping to save kid's lives, they can grow up to follow their dreams and maybe even change the world.

I would like to thank those that volunteered with the KMLE Radiothon, John Vitt, Jeff & Chris Goldberg and myself. We had a great time, we helped to raise over \$328,815.00!! It was very exciting. We also had a Hot Chocolate Walk that Saturday am which we raised \$12,500.00. We had over 4,000 runners and our job was to collect \$3.00 from as many of the runners as possible.

How nice it was to have 2 live events the same weekend. We have gone way to long of doing virtual. To interact face to face with another person was exciting and exhilarating in these tough times.

We look forward to more live interactions through meeting, events and social activities.



Have a blessed and safe new year. We can't wait to see you all!

Love in ESA,
Jeff, Deana and Wendy

EASTERSEALS - PHOENIX
SWHD Easterseals - Phoenix

The logo for Easterseals, featuring the word "Easterseals" in a bold, yellow, sans-serif font. The text is enclosed within a rectangular border that has multiple thin, overlapping lines in various colors (purple, green, yellow, red) creating a multi-colored frame effect.

<https://www.swhd.org/support-us/volunteer/>
to volunteer please contact Annette at asutfin@swhd.org or phone (602) 633-8416.

Baz Winsor, Easterseals Phoenix Chairman
480-945-9370 bazwinsor@q.com

EASTERSEALS TUCSON

Easterseals/Blake Foundation - Tucson

<https://www.easterseals.com/blakefoundation/get-involved/>

Call 520.327.1529 ext 7077 or email Events@blake.easterseals.com.

Chris Goldberg Easterseals Tucson Chairman
520-306-7907 gold4us2@comcast.net

Date	Event & Location
January Council Meeting January 23, 2022	Watch for more info on Ocotillo Express

Edna is now 99 years old, is very sharp and doesn't she look GREAT. She is such an inspiration to us all.



Alpha Chi Chapter celebrated their 24th Chapter Birthday by donating new, unwrapped books to the Foster a Future program in Sierra Vista. This program supports Foster Families in Cochise County.



<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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