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Dearest ESA Family,

We're already in the home stretch of our ESA year! I've got a few updates for you here and am sending good thoughts and wishes to everyone and holding out hope that we'll be together in person in the fall.

- March Madness: We had so much fun and we even had some visitors from other states join us. (pictures on page 3)
- April Council Meeting: The April Council Meeting will be via Zoom, it's an important one, we'll be voting on a standing rule change (see page 8 of this bulletin) and

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we'll be sharing information about Convention so don't miss it!

- Arizona State Convention: The Arizona Council Convention will be held virtually.
- President's Packet: It is the time of year for chapters to determine their leadership for the next year and get that information in so we can get the roster started. A president's packet will be emailed to each chapter President.
- Executive Board: Now is your chance to join us, please let Jan Vinson know if you are interested in serving. If no one steps up, we will not have a full Executive Board.
- IC Convention: At this time, IC Convention is still scheduled to be in person. Check out the information on the attached registration form. If you'd like to learn more about convention you can go to this link:
 https://www.opcilopcigmaalpha.org/about/is_council/convention

https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/about/ic-council/convention

- IC Candidates: Attached is a list of all the IC candidates for you to consider. We'll be talking more about this at the Council Meeting.
- Fundraising Activities: I can't be prouder to be part of a group who is coming up with ways to raise funds in these challenging times. If you haven't purchased

your 50/50 raffle ticket from Jeff Goldberg yet, be sure to do so soon, bid on a beautiful umbrella through Alpha Omicron, and buy a raffle ticket from Karen for a gorgeous self-care basket to support the disaster fund. Shout out to Eta Gamma for volunteering to fill bags with food and water for children, and the Hope for Heroes team for multiple projects to support our veterans and their families.



Some fun information about women and philanthropy from <u>https://www.learningtogive.org/</u> 250 years ago, women were mostly supporting the cause of aiding soldiers and their families during times of war and disaster. Women of the 19th century were devoted volunteers and donors who provided assistance to widows and children, especially the poor.

In the early 1800s, the Female Moral Reform Society was established to aid the poor and care for the needy. Then, during the late 1800s, organizations that provided services specifically to women began to emerge. These organizations, such as the YWCA and National Association for Colored Women, came into existence with the intention of improving education, offering support, and providing training for women. In the late 1800s to 1929 women's volunteerism was often focused on their local libraries.

Jump to the 1970s, when a large number of organizations developed by and for women emerged to promote women's issues and interests. By the 1990s, over 100 women's funds appeared. Most of these addressed issues that interested and affected women, such as breast cancer, education, and welfare. The prominence

of women's foundations continued to grow through the 1990s to present day. The IUPUI Women's Philanthropy Institute found that 71% of women's foundations and funds were founded between 1990 and 2010. This fairly recent cultural trend continues to be a significant part of the philanthropic field today, with there being an estimated 45,000 organizations focused on support for women and girls according to the Women & Girls Index (IUPUI Women's Philanthropy Institute).



As always, stay safe and remember, tell someone you love them today!

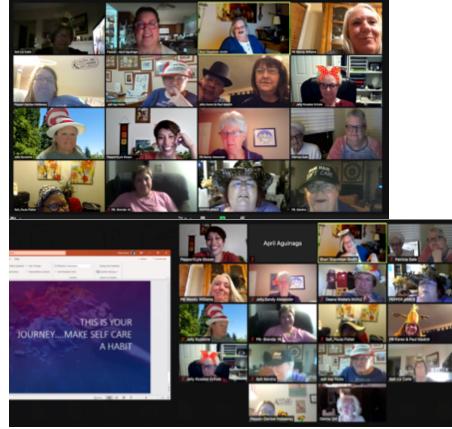
You can ALWAYS call me if you have questions, suggestions or concerns – 831-227-3880. You can email me too.

Yours in service, Shari Stapleton-Smith



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Pictures from March Madness zoom program on March 27.



SAVE THE DATE

The April council meeting will be virtual on <u>Saturday, April 17</u>. Watch the Ocotillo Express for more information. 1st Vice President

Greetings All,

There is a popular saying "When Life Give You Lemons, Make Lemonade," and it can be applied to many situations in our personal lives as well as the world as a whole. I have thought of this saying often over the last year, since I think we would all agree we have gotten a lot of lemons. The lemonade that we have chosen to make has taken on many forms. Many of us have learned how to work from home and how to cook instead of going out to eat. We have found our way through the ups and downs of Zoom meetings for not only work, but also for gatherings with family and friends. And I for one have learned to be at peace with being on my own. Why am I going through this laundry list of items? Because we have accomplished them! We have struggled and learned and made it through. Who would have thought at this time last year, we would have planned and carried out multiple State Council meetings via Zoom as well as fund raisers and statewide "fun" get together, but we did!

So why does this matter? Because the challenges are not over my friends. We still are facing many challenges within the Arizona State Council. We need to bring in new members, leadership roles at the State level need people to fill them and the needs of existing members need to be met. I believe that if we work together, we can make it through these challenges just as we have the other challenges, we have faced this year. If you have any thoughts on how to bring in new members or ways



to help meet the needs of existing members, please let me know. If you are interested in filling one of the leadership roles that are available at the State level, please let Shari or I know.

Let's work on taking the lemons we have been given and making some pretty wonderful Lemonade out of them.

Final ESA Coffee Chat – Monday, April 12, 2021

Join our IC President, LeAnn Wray and Tracy Swanson from Headquarters as well as lots of ESA members from around the country for the ESA Coffee Chats series. Morning and evening options are available. Sign up to receive the ZOOM credentials to join in, more info at www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ESACoffeeChat

During the last ESA Coffee Chat, AZ member Barb Daher shows items she crocheted for Water with Blessings program https://waterwithblessings.org/crochet-for-a-cause/



Take care and Be Well

Patricia Lale.



Hello Everyone,

I do believe spring has sprung!! Yeah.... Hope all of you are able to get out and enjoy some sunshine, get to see some friends you have not been able to see and enjoy and go out to dinner once in a while. And hopefully the Easter Bunny left you some chocolate !!! I do believe things are starting to come around. We just need to continue to be vigilant, continue to wear our mask when asked to do so, stay six feet apart when requested to do so and we will come out on the other side. We need to protect ourselves and others too. Hopefully many of you have had both of your shots or at least one by now. Please stay positive!! WE ARE ESA STRONG!!!

With things slowly opening, hopefully many of you have been able to meet via zoom or in some cases in person. I hope to hear that many of you have been able to help one or more of your charities in some manner. If you have not, please reach out to one of your local not for profits and see if there is something they are in need of and maybe your chapter could help.

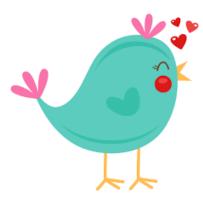
As a reminder, our last Philanthropic report will be due soon. Please be sure you have logged all of your hours, miles driven and any and all donations made either actual dollars or the value of goods you have donated. Keeping track of these are very important even more so this year. If you have done something different this year please please let us hear about it. Remember I will accept the reports via email or snail mail. Just be sure you get it to me by April 20, 2021. If mailing, it must be posted marked 4-20-21 and you have until midnight on the 20th if emailing it. Just and FYI – please be sure you have undated my address in your roster. It is 445 Fountain Grove Street, Henderson, NV 89012.

Hopefully we will being seeing many of your smiling faces at our April Council Meeting. I realize it will not be in person, but just seeing all of your faces makes all of us feel good. We want to hear you, see you and hopefully it will make you feel good to see the Arizona ESA members too. Please know, if you are not sure about how to do zoom, please feel free to ask any of us and we will do our best to help you. We want "U" to join us for this April Conference.



Until we "see" you, please be safe, take care, and wear your mask when requested to do so. Protect yourself and others too. "U can make a difference"! Hugs from Vegas

Deana Walters



Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair



Spring as come! Nobody's too hip to hop on Easter. Happy Easter and may the Easter Bunny brings you lots of candies.

There is a raffle basket valued at \$100.00 dollars for the Disaster fund. Purchase a chance to winner the raffle basket. Please make checks payable to Alpha Chi or you can pay monies electronically. You have to purchase your chances by 5/1/2021. Please see the flyer for the basket raffle in this bulletin.



I really appreciate all of the donation checks that I have received

for the Arizona Disaster fund so far. Please consider making a donation from your ESA chapter or an individual donation. Send monies to 5672 E. Cooper Street Tucson, AZ 85711.

Any amount helps the cause. Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund – Karen Madrid



How does the Easter Bunny stay in shape? Egg-ercise and hare-obics for egg-cellent fitness

How does the Easter Bunny travel on vacation? On hare planes

Which bedtime stories does the Easter Bunny like most? Hairy tales with hoppy endings



Parliamentarian – Karen Madrid

We will be voting on the Standing Rule change at the virtual April Council meeting. Please discuss this standing rule change with your chapter members. To all my ESA sisters and brothers, please run for the Arizona ESA Executive board for 2021 – 2022. It is a fun experience and you learn so much. Information was sent out via Ocotillo Express asking the membership to run for the board.

Proposed Change to Standing Rule to #1

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

Change to read: Regular meetings of Arizona Council, open to all ESA members and their guests, shall be held on the <u>second or third</u> weekend of the month in the months of <u>September, January and April</u> unless otherwise specified by the Council. There shall be no regularly scheduled meetings in June, July, and August. Bid dates for hostessing Council Meeting shall be extended prior to April I for the following year.

Reasons: Hotel room rates may vary and having 2 options for dates would benefit the members with their expenses to attend. It could possibly save the host

chapter too. Also, removing November would enable a chapter or two to host a statewide function and we could do a fundraiser to benefit our philanthropic projects and possible social hour. It could benefit one or two or more of our philanthropic charities if the hosting chapter(s) wanted to have it that way. This would give the members a chance to socialize and get to know the Executive Board members, appointed board members and it would allow us to invite friends, family, and co-workers to see ESA in motion having fun and raising money at the same time. It could lead to potential new members or new prospects for volunteers that we could reach out to for our philanthropic projects or events.



Greetings All,

Chaplain

Just to let you know:

Grace Mullenix fell at her home last Thursday and was transported to the hospital to be checked out. After spending a few days at the hospital, she has been transferred to a rehabilitation center in Chandler. Please keep Grace in your prayers. We do not know how long she will be at the rehab center, but get-well cards can be mailed to her home address. Which is 11431 S Maze Court Phoenix. AZ 85044.

A date for Donna McAvoy's Celebration of Life has been set. It will be at First United Methodist at 15 E 1st Ave, Mesa on April 10, 2021 at 2:00pm. Safety practices will be put into place, so please be prepared to wear a mask.

Keep in mind:

"The spring wakes us, nurtures us and revitalizes us. How often does your spring come? If you are a prisoner of the calendar, it comes once a year. If you are creating authentic power, it comes frequently, or very frequently." – Gary Zukav

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

Louanne and Patti



"Wisdom is not a product of schooling but of the lifelong attempt to acquire it." - Albert Einstein

Those who participated in the March Madness Event had a great time Saturday night! We met Lyla Sisson, a massage therapist in Tucson who talked to us about self-care. This is something everyone needs to make sure they are doing. If we don't take care of ourselves, how can we be there for others?

I hope you join us for the April Council Meeting. We will be showing you how to change your password on the new ESA website, as well as a short tour of the site. **WANTED: Educational Reports!!!**

Email your reports to <u>suzannegodard@gmail.com</u> or snail mail them to me at:

Suzanne Godard 2160 E. Fry Blvd Ste C5 PMB 324 Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Trivia Time!!

Here are the answers to the set of questions from March. Kendra Sabol was the only person to submit answers, and she caught my typo!! Extra Prize for you, Kendra!

- 1. How many degrees are there in the Pallas Athene program? 6
- 2. What was the total in gift card donations made to Hope for Heroes this year? **\$1035**
- What fundraiser occurred on November 11th for Easter Seals? Golf @ Talking Stick Resort
- 4. What year was the post-it note introduced? **1979**
- 5. How many times has the design of the U.S. Flag been modified since 1977?
 0 (26 times since 1777 I made a typo!)

New Questions

Email (<u>suzannegodard@gmail.com</u>) or text (520-991-5657) the answers to these questions. Answers will be revealed in the next bulletin. There will be prizes!!

- 1. What is the name of the ESA Foundation Fundraiser that will be held on April 17th?
- 2. When will the drawing for the 50/50 raffle take place?
- 3. What is the singular form of spaghetti?
- 4. True or False: Iceland has a public railway system.
- 5. What does IKEA stand for?







Greetings one and all!

We need your hard back and soft back books and a little cash so the HOPE for Heroes Chairs can mail Books to military locations over seas and to veteran's organizations in the states. If you write a check make the check payable to the Arizona Council ESA and designate it Hope for Heroes. Mail your check to Kendra Sabol (28806 N. 49th Way, Cave Creek, AZ 85331) to be recorded for reporting purposes and Kendra will send the check to the Treasurer of the Arizona Council to be designated for Hope for Heroes. If you are donating books, you can leave your monetary donation with the books also.

Thank you to Norma Mentzer for donating books: 21 books were sent to a Medical Library at the Orlando VA Medical

Center, Orlando, Florida. Here is the request: "We are in need of mysteries, puzzle books, westerns, romance and children's books. "

SURPRIZING FACT!!!



Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society has been honoring veterans who make significant contributions after their military service since 2001.

The final Medal of Honor recipient for our recognition program will be this amazing individual. Silvestre S. Herrera, Medal of Honor, WWII "I am a Mexican-American and we have a tradition. We're supposed to be men, not sissies." Silvestre leaned forward in his chair, trying to comprehend with all his might what his father was telling him. For the young 27-year old Arizona boy it had been a day of surprises, not all of them happy ones. It had begun with a letter in the mail, written notice that the father of three young children was being drafted to military service. The year was 1944 and the United States Army was engaged in a massive world was. Now they needed young Silvestre's service. Silvestre wasn't opposed to serving his country, but felt he needed to let his family know what was happening. His wife was expecting their fourth child and if Silvestre had to be gone, it would be important for his parents to be there for him. The quick visit to his father had brought a stunning revelation... "Son, you don't have to go, they can't draft you."

"What do you mean, they can't draft me?" Silvestre asked.

Then came the stunning news, "Silvestre, you aren't an American citizen. " In the moment of silence that followed young Silvestre's mind reeled with the shocking statement. Then came more. "Silvestre, " his father continued, " you know that I have raised you all your life as if you were my own... but YOU ARE NOT!. I am not your real father."

Slowly the story unfolded, a story that Silvestre learned for the first time that day. The young man had been born in Camargo, Chihuahua, Mexico. His parents had died when Silvestre was only a year old, and the man he had always thought was his father was really an uncle who had brought the 18-month old Silvestre to El Paso to provide him a better life in the United States. Legally, Silvestre was a Mexican National and didn't owe service to the United States. But as Silvestre later said, "I thought, I'm going anyway. I didn't want anybody to die in my place... I felt that I had my adopted country that had been so nice to me. I thought, I have an American wife and the kids and one on the way." And so it was that Silvestre Herrera joined the men of the Texas National Guard, the 36th Infantry Division, to train for combat in Europe. It was a unit Silvestre was proud to be a member of, the first American unit to have landed in Europe during World War II.





Months later as young Private First Class Silvestre Herrera was fighting for survival in France, he was also studying to become a United States Citizen. Survival took precedence over study, and he still had a long way to go before taking his citizenship test.

Silvestre's unit was operating in the vicinity of Mertzwiller, France when on March 15, 1945 events occurred that changed Silvestre's life forever. As his platoon was moving down a road they came under heavy enemy fire from the woods, forcing most of the men to seek cover. Not Silvestre. His one man charge on the enemy stronghold ended the threat and resulted in his single-handed capture of 8 enemy soldiers. But Silvestre's day was just beginning.

The immediate threat ended, the platoon continued down the road. Suddenly they came under fire again, from a second enemy stronghold. This time a mine field stood between the soldiers and the enemy gun emplacement. The pinned down platoon was at the mercy of the enemy guns..... Silvestre's fellow soldiers were helpless before inevitable disaster. With incredible courage the young PFC stood on his feet and entered the mine field to attack the enemy. Mines exploded around him but he continued on, attempting to not only attack the enemy but to draw their fire away from his comrades. Suddenly a mine exploded beneath him, severing his leg below the knee. Enemy fire continued to rake the field as Silvestre collapsed on the ground, then struggled back up on his one good leg and the shattered remains of the other to continue the attack.

Private Herrera couldn't be stopped. He was determined to attack the enemy that threatened to destroy his platoon Then another mine exploded, this one beneath his remaining good leg, severing it below the knee. Unable to continue his advance, despite intense pain and unchecked bleeding of the stumps below his knees, Silvestre lay in the minefield to pin down the enemy while others of his platoon skirted the minefield to flank and capture the enemy. Later Silvestre said, "I was protecting my squad with a machine gun. I was trying to draw their fire. I stepped on one (land mine), it blew me up. Then I stepped on another one with another foot. I was fighting them on my knees."

Silvestre's courage and fighting spirit became legendary, but it also presented the United States with a problem. The young here STILL was not an American citizen. As he recovered from the loss of both feet, an intense program began to grant

Silvestre Herrera United States Citizenship. Then too, there were concerns about his health. President Truman wasn't sure the young hero was well enough for a formal presentation of the award for which he had been submitted. After all the young man had lost both legs.

While recovering from wounds at an Army hospital, it was suggested that Silvestre call home to let his family know he had survived and would be coming home. Sheepishly Silvestre admitted that the family was so poor they didn't even have a telephone. Finally a call was placed to a third party to get the message to his family. But before Silvestre went home a special event awaited him. To the President's surprise, Silvestre WAS well enough. Five months earlier the loss of two legs couldn't stop the fearless soldier from fighting to protect his platoon, and it wouldn't stand in his way now. On August 23, 1945 Silvestre wheeled his wheel chair across the White House lawn so the President could present him with the Medal of Honor.

Silvestre became the first soldier from Arizona to receive the Medal of Honor during World War II, and returned to a hero's welcome. The citizens of his home state raised \$14,000 to provide him and his growing family with a new home. Eventually, he had three more children, and today is the grandfather of 11 and the great-grandfather of 2.

A year after Silvestre received his adopted Nation's highest award, the Medal of Honor, the Nation of his birth took the unprecedented step of awarding him its highest award for valor the "Premier Merito Militar". Today Silvestre wears both with pride; he is the only living person in the world authorized to wear the Medal of Honor and Mexico's equivalent. Hs home town has named an elementary school for him. His service both during World War II as a soldier, and as a patriot since that fateful period of his life, have brought him continued honors and distinction. Still he remains a humble man, proud not so much of his own achievements, but proud of both his heritage and his citizenship.



Today Silvestre calls himself a "retired leather worker and silversmith." The many neighborhood children he invites to see his work in the garage of his home are sue to doubt the "retired" part. Silvestre is a man who never stops. Despite the prosthesis that replace the legs he lost in World War II, he goes dancing every week. He is a frequent guest at service clubs and speaks passionately about the privileges of United States citizenship to students at schools wherever he finds the opportunity. He is a dedicated American and a true hero.

He seldom speaks of his own hardships. Regarding the loss of both legs he says, " I coped with my disability very well. I wasn't sorry for it. I felt that I didn't want anybody to be sorry for me. I lived a very happy life."

Silvestre Herrera lived a full and active life. He passed away on November 26, 2007.

We hope you have enjoyed learning about Arizona's Medal of Honor recipients. HOPE for Heroes Chairs,

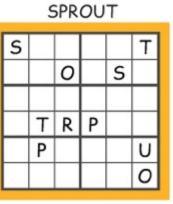
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Hi everyone,

Happy Spring to everyone,

Have you registered for the Virtual Murder Mystery event yet? It's going to be a lot of fun! The Foundation is hosting Totally Rad 80s Gone Bad, on April 17th at 5pm MST. (see next page for more info). This event will help support the funds that would have been raised at the Foundation Fund Fest during IC convention. Entry fee for admissions begin at \$ 25.00 with sponsorships available.

You must register online at: <u>esa-foundation-event.square.site</u>

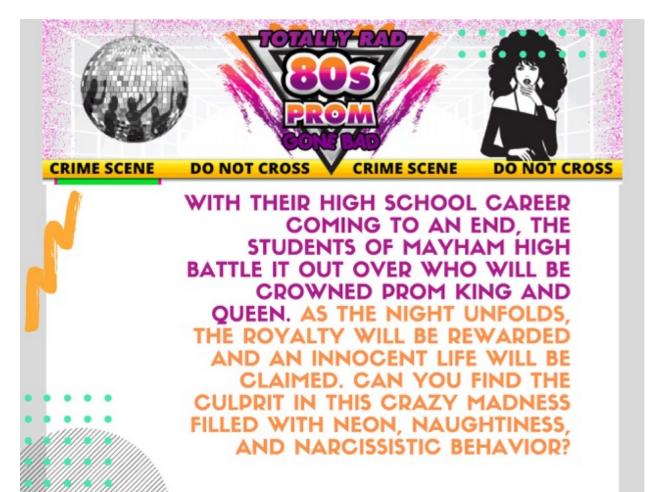
There will not be any State basket raffles this year at the IC Convention. If your chapter had plans to donate for AZ, please consider doing a sponsorship for the Murder Mystery event. Thanks to the Beta Gamma chapter for their donation. Information on the sponsorships was in last month's bulletin.

And if your chapter is making any donations through the ESA Turn-Around Funds, there is a New updated form to use. Contact me if you need help downloading the form.

Thanks for your support for the ESA Foundation. Love and Hugs !!

Jacqui Smith ESA Foundation Counselor





APRIL 17, 2021 AT 5PM MST (4PM PST, 6PM CST, 7PM EST)

Join these totally tubular teens and far out faculty for a night of mullets and mayhem!

Reservations must be made online: esa-foundation-event.square.site General Admission entry (\$25.00) Rad (\$50) | Tight (\$100) | Righteous (\$250) | Tubular (\$500 & up) *All sponsors receive 1 admission. **All donations are tax deductible.



Dear ESA Brothers and Sisters:

Happy Easter dear family! I can't believe it will be in the 90's this week. I would like to thank Madame President Shari for the wonderful Family Feud game! We sure did miss the rest of you.

In Las Vegas the Dream Home should be breaking ground in the near future. Deana will keep us all posted on time lines as we move forward with the health guidelines. We do not think the Ride for a Reason will be held this year.

The St Jude Walk/Run to End Childhood Cancer in Phoenix in September. Date to be determined. In Las Vegas the walk will be on 09-25-2021.

Please don't forget to get your 50/50 raffle tickets for St Jude and Easter Seals. Due to the Pandemic we have not been able to gather so our fund raising efforts mainly rely on this 50/50 raffle. (\$20.00 per ticket or 6 for \$100)

Please send monies to Jeff Goldberg: 2780 W. Placita Estrada Tucson, AZ* 85726

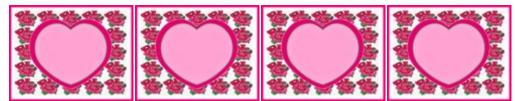
Please family we need to see your happy smiling faces on Madame President Shari's Zoom calls. You never know who you might lift up and brighten their day.

You are all Egg-stra Special!









FINDING CURES & SAVING CHILDREN AND HELPING OTHERS WITH DISABILIES. ST JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL AND EASTERSEALS

50/50 RAFFLE - Tickets are \$20.00 each or 6 for \$100. 25 % for St. Jude and 25% for Easterseals. Other 50% will be 10% to 3^{rd} place, 15% to 2^{nd} place & 25% to 1^{st} Place.

Ticket requests need to be sent to Jeff Goldberg via email (Gold4us21@comcast.net) or telephone (Cell 520-302-2796).

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECKS PAYABLE TO AZ. STATE COUNCIL, ESA and checks need to be mailed to: JEFF GOLDBERG 2780 W. PLACITA ESTRADA TUCSON, AZ 85746

PLEASE NOTIFY WENDY WILLIAMS, PHOENIX, JEFF GOLDBERG, TUCSON & DEANA WALTERS, VEGAS if you have any questions.

Your tickets can be sent snail mail or via email, which ever you prefer.

Drawing will be held at State Convention.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING ST. JUDE & EASTERSEALS! We need to do all we can in these crazy times. Everyone and every \$ makes a difference to those who depend on St. Jude and Easterseals.

Love in ESA, WENDY WILLIAMS, PHX JEFF GOLDBERG: TUCSON DEANA WALTERS: VEGAS



EASTERSEALS - PHOENIX

SWHD Easterseals - Phoenix

Time is running out for this council year and what a year it has been. Volunteers have been restricted in their activities so donations have been the answer to helping the Southwest Human Development continue to supply services to those in need around the area.

National Volunteer Week is April 18-24 and SWHD has been reflecting on the help ESA volunteers have given to the family needs in the Phoenix area. Annette Sutfin, Senior Manager, Philanthropic Experiences, stated "...the service and dedication of the volunteer corps has reminded me that this year has also been one of promise, hope and resilience." How well we know!

March 20, 2021, the first 2021 in-person fundraising event since the pandemic hit, Walk With Me, was a drive-thru celebration. Volunteers masked up and packed goody bags, set up the space and welcomed the attendees with enthusiastic smiles. Through these tough times, people are still helping.

SWHD is offering the opportunity to volunteers to attend a 45-minute virtual reorientation. If interested, contact Annette at <u>asutfin@swhd.org</u> and she will send you a link to join the ZOOM re-orientation. There will be several dates offered for your convenience.

Coming up is the Literacy Champion for the Grow A Reader Virtual Book Drive campaign. Epsilon Sigma Alpha can help plant the seeds of literacy if you -

ASK yourself if you can dedicate a small portion of your time each week in MAY to help get the word out,

BUILD your campaign with an easy-to-use virtual toolkit with customizable email templates, graphics, blog and newsletter content, virtual games and more,

COMMIT - say yes and they will be in touch to schedule an individualized
 30minute ZOOM consultation.

Vour group can help to provide books to kids in need. Help young readers blossom through GROW A READER.

That's all folks! I have enjoyed helping Arizona Council ESA volunteer in the Phoenix area during the past two years. Working with Annette Sutfin and her group has been very rewarding. Thank you for helping by giving your time and monies to Easterseals' efforts.

Ann Jaccaud Easterseals Phoenix Chairman

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Easterseals/Blake Foundation - Tucson

A big thank you to Alpha Chi and Beta Kappa for donating to Easter Seals/Aviva Children's Services prior to the 50/50. Did anyone else? Everything helps! Tickets for the 50/50 are selling pretty well, however there are still some left.

After a year of virtual events and planning, Easter Seals Tucson is coming closer to normal. And TWO major events are happening.

The Cochise clothes closet will be opening April 1. It will initially be open every Thursday from 10am to 1 pm for shopping. The best news is that Easter Seals/Aviva Children's Services has tasked ESA to man it. Jeff and I will be there on the 1st and 8th and are then going on a long-planned vacation. So Kathy Reibock is going to man it on the 15th and 22th during our absence. We will be showing pictures and looking for helpers after April when we have perfected the routine and procedures. ESA has had a big part in this venture so stay tuned on how you can help keep foster and disadvantaged kids in new, warm clothes.

The second big event is the golf tournament on May 14th from 7:30 to 1. Some of our normal golf volunteers will be snowbirding OUT of Arizona, so we need other people to step up and help. Please read the letter from Annette Mather. By clicking on the link, you can go to the website with all the details. We are being asked to help with set-up at 5:30, checking in the golfers at 6:30, selling mulligans and raffle prizes, and helping set up the silent auction and assist with giving out the prizes. You can do any or all the jobs. It is OUTSIDE, there will be masks and

social distancing and many of us have been fully vaccinated. It is a great way to partially end the volunteer isolation from the last year and socialize with your sisters and brothers. If you just want to sign up with me, I will get you entered onto the website and get you a really good job. It is exciting to be able to do some good work again since the pandemic.

***** Note from Blake Foundation about Volunteer opportunities. *****

I wanted to reach out because you and your group were so amazing at helping at the Fun in the Sun Golf Tournament. We are excited to be planning for this event again for Friday, May 14th at Sewailo Golf Club, Casino del Sol.

We could really use your volunteer help at this event and the experience you have at working it. Please let me know if you have any questions or anything...I'm here to help! You can email me or call me on my work cell at 520-788-5659.

Here is the link to the event, which includes everything a person needs to sign up to play, sponsor, volunteer, etc... I have linked everything on this page so it is full of great information. Here is the link <u>Easterseals</u>

If you have social media, golf people contacts, anywhere you could share this sign up page, we would love for you to share the link above so we can get our foursome golf groups registered, maybe reach some potential sponsors, and invite more volunteers.

I look forward to talking with you and seeing you!

Annette Mather, MPA

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ESA "JUST PAMPER ME!" RAFFLE BASKET PLEASE PURCHASE A CHANCE TO WIN..... MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ALPHA CHI



The Epsilon Sigma Alpha chapter (Alpha Chi) is raffling a **Pamper Me basket** off for the ESA Disaster Relief Fund.

The Disaster Fund was established to support ESA members whose homes and or personal belongings were destroyed or damaged by a natural disaster, such as a fire, flood, or tornado. Assistance can also be given when a member incurs heavy financial responsibility due to a debilitating illness or accident which involves the ESA member or someone in their immediate family who resides in the member's home.

Deadline to purchase your chance is on May 1, 2021 and the drawing will be held on May 8, 2021.

Chances are considered a charitable donation. Purchase your chance: 1 chance for \$2.00 6 chances for \$5.00 25 chances for \$20.00 Please make your checks payable to Alpha Chi. Please include your name, email address, phone number and mailing address. Please mail your check to Connie Cole, Treasurer of Alpha Chi chapter at 2476 E. Kalispell Sierra Vista, AZ 85650.

If you would prefer to make an electronic payment please contact Connie at either 520-403-4895 or <u>conniecoleaz@gmail.com</u> for Zelle, Venmo and PayPal options.

You will receive a confirmation email from Connie that your chances have been entered into the electronic drawing. The raffle basket will be shipped or delivered to the winner.

Alpha Omicron Chapter #2520 ESA Umbrella Project Silent Auction Fundraiser

The Alpha Omicron Chapter (AZ) is auctioning a beautiful, hand-painted umbrella by The Umbrella Project (get all the details on this wonderful organization at <u>https://theumbrellaproject.org/</u>). The Umbrella Project is one of our chapter philanthropic projects. *Why an umbrella? The umbrella is a universal symbol for protection from the storms of life.* Created especially for Alpha Omicron, the umbrella is 40 inches in diameter when opened, has a comfortable handle, a button release, and is easy to collapse. It is painted with waterproof markers. As you can see from the pictures, this umbrella would be a treasure for any ESA member to own.



In order to facilitate this fundraiser, we are offering this ESA-themed umbrella via silent auction.



To place a bid, go to: <u>https://docs.google.com/document/d/1esW6nL8DbGagyJKshKufuzUbtIRL2nxFpK</u> <u>hwADbIw-M/edit?usp=sharing</u>.

If you are interested in bidding, please complete all sections of the form. Bids will be accepted by any ESA member through May 15, 2021. The winner will be announced during the AZ State Convention (June 4-6). Please direct all questions to <u>terrierust@gmail.com</u>.



Can you find the 6 hidden words?

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change	April Council Meeting –	Hosted by Beta Gamma
	Saturday April 17, 2021	ТВА
	April 20, 2021	Deadline for May 2021 Bulletin
	Arizona State Council	
	78th Convention	ТВА
	June 4-6, 2021	
	June 8, 2021	Deadline for June 2021 Bulletin
	74 th Annual ESA IC	Marriott Downtown, Louisville, Kentucky
	Convention	https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/about/ic-
	July 28-Aug. 1, 2021	<u>council/convention</u>

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 <u>http://azcouncilesa.com</u> If you need a login and password please reach out to me.

Here are all the ways to reach me. April Aguiñaga april_aguinaga@hotmail.com 602-904-1530 15602 N. 59th Lane Glendale, AZ 85306

