

# Arizona Council Bulletin

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Dearest ESA Family,

Well, we've wrapped up another ESA year with a fantastic State Convention. What a fantastic time we had; it was amazing to see so many of you in person. I want to thank the amazing Convention Committee, Eta Pi and Alpha Chi, who teamed up and worked so hard to make it a memorable weekend.

As I reflect on the past two years my heart is so full for those of you who continued to participate despite the challenges and who made me and the whole board feel supported throughout. You know who you are, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank my team, the Executive Board and the Appointed Board, you all got the work done no matter what obstacles you faced. You are very special and have my undying gratitude.

I'm looking forward to President Patricia's year as we keep in mind her message of Many Hearts, One Community. May your hearts be full, open and welcoming to all.

Yours in service,  
Shari Stapleton-Smith

Arizona State President



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Thinking about attending IC Convention  
It is July 27-31 in Marriott Indianapolis East – register here  
[epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ICConvention](https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/ICConvention)

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**TOGETHER AGAIN**



**SPEAKER:**  
**BJ CLARK**

**INDIANAPOLIS, IN**  
**IC CONVENTION**

**SPONSORED BY:**  
 **FOUNDATION**  
EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA

**RACE TO THE MILESTONES OF ESA**



  
EPSILON SIGMA ALPHA

**75TH ANNUAL CONVENTION**

CELEBRATING 50  
YEARS PARTNERING  
WITH ST. JUDE  
CHILDREN'S  
RESEARCH HOSPITAL





# 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President

Greetings dear friends,

It is such a great honor to be your State President for a second time. The Arizona Council and its members are very important to me, please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions, concerns, or words of wisdom this coming year. I would love to hear from each of you. For those of you who were unable to make state convention, below is my speech given after our outstanding installation.

What a difference a day or in this case a year can make.

I remember as a child attending state conventions ( although I mainly hung out in the pool) with my parents and knowing that there were hundreds of people in attendance... move forward to the first time I stood before you and gave a speech after being installed... there were at least 80 people in that room....so as you can see Our numbers have been dropping for a while and that is something that has to change if we are going to survive but in order for that to happen we first need to ask ourselves Are we an organization that still serves a purpose ? I firmly believe the answer to that is YES. In 2020 we ranked in the top three state councils for total philanthropic hours with 22,311. And Last year even with COVID the Arizona council raised \$593,306 for St.Jude. You saw today at the awards luncheon what amazing work we do. So why aren't more people here??? I don't have all the answers but what I do know is that we have got to change .. we can no longer be the organization of 50 or even 15 years ago.. before you think that I am going to tell you get rid of all your rituals and pins... remember who I am and who raised me...

Years ago our members worked, were socially active and the world seemed so much smaller.

Now more of our members are retired, less active and the world is so much bigger. We have got to find a way to reach people in this much bigger world..

My theme for this year is “Many Hearts, One Community”.. there is no “ in ESA” attached to it... because I believe we must look beyond ourselves and see this new world. “Unity Through Diversity” led us the last two years..and perfectly opened the door for what I am now going to ask you to do ..to reach out and embrace many hearts to build one community ... Hearts that may look different than yours.. that worship differently, live differently ... that love differently... these are the hearts of this whole new large world I mentioned earlier...

There are just over 7 million people living in Arizona and 49% of them are ages 20 to 54. 46% of those living in Arizona are people of color. 33% of people living in Arizona are of a religion other than “Christian” and the LGBTQ community supposedly comes in at roughly 9%.

These are diverse and amazing hearts that need and want an organization that does what we do... People young and not so young are struggling to not only find their place in this world but also to find a way to help and make a difference.. we can be that way!

But we can't just sit and wait for them to come to us... that doesn't work so well.... We need to open our doors.....they are right outside waiting for us..waiting to bring with them talents. Strengths and diversity ..please join me this next year in creating an organization of “Many Hearts, One Community!”



*Patricia*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President



Hi Everyone,

Well, we made it through another year of ups and downs, unfortunately the ups are starting to hurt all of us with gas and food cost and just our daily needs. But always remember, you will have a challenging time trying to keep an ESA member down for long. We will make it. We will have a fun year!

I am sorry I had to miss convention, but heard you danced your hearts out or as I was told danced your butts off.....lol. Anyway, sounds like all those in attendance had a fun time as we celebrated another wonderful year in all that we did for Easterseals, Ronald McDonald's House, Hope for Heroes, all our local charities that we help throughout our communities and for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. I am so proud of all who did any philanthropic event to help whoever or wherever you saw a need and stepped up to the plate to help. That is what we do.

A big shout out and a giant "thank you" to the Philanthropic Committee for serving the past two years to do what we do best, helping others. Thank you to Fran Gale, Baz Winsor, Donna Hall, Barbara Aker, Leslie Fleischman, Patti Gale, JoAnne Thomsen, Wendy Williams, Jeff Goldberg, Ann Jaccaud and Chris Goldberg. All of you and your chapters helped to make this another wonderful year for Arizona.

I am looking forward to another year of challenges as we continue to maneuver our way through these continuing changing times. I know we can be effective. We may need to explore new ways, keep open minds, accept new challenges, and do things we have not done before, but remembering that is what has made ESA so strong over these many many years. We do not know if it will work unless we try it! Hope all of you are in for the challenge as we begin 2022-23 with "Many Hearts, One Community"!

Looking forward to seeing you in September. Have a fun and safe summer.

Picture of me and the family for Grandson's graduation.



Hugs to all and keep on doing our good works!!

Take care and be safe.  
Hugs from Vegas

Deana

## 2021- 2022 Awards

### 2021-2022 Philanthropic winners:

#### Chapters with 2-5 members:

**Hours:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Beta Epsilon -47.0 hours  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Gamma Gamma - 289.0 hours  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Gamma Tau - 363.0 hours

**Money:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Gamma Gamma - \$2,500  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Beta Zeta - \$4,392  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Gamma Tau - \$28,321

#### Chapters with 6-9 Members:

**Hours:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Eta Pi - 60.0 hours.  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Gamma Iota - 199.0 hours.

**Money:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Eta Pi - \$1,826  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Gamma Iota - \$79,537

#### Chapters with 10-19 Members:

**Hours:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Alpha Chi - 1,089.0 hours  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Alpha Omicron - 1,513.0 hours.  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Beta Gamma - 2,595.0 hours.

**Money:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Alpha Chi - \$61,350  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Alpha Omicron - \$71,111  
1<sup>st</sup> Place Eta Gamma - \$661,757

## State totals for this year:

Hours: 8,395.25

Cash: \$786,681

Value of Donated items: \$133,123

Total Miles Driven: 14,856 (14,550.4 X .545 = \$8096.52)

Total \$ Donated this year: \$927,900.52 Plus 100% of reporting on time this year!

### Perfect Attendance

Alpha Kappa

Alpha Chi

Alpha Nu

Alpha Omicron

Beta Gamma

Eta Gamma

Eta Pi

Gamma Gamma

### Participation Awards for Disaster Fund 21 – 22

Alpha Kappa #336

Eta Gamma #5589

Alpha Chi #5372

Eta Pi #5575

Beta Gamma #1056

Beta Delta #4271

Beta Epsilon #1067

Beta Zeta #2530

Beta Kappa #4621

Gamma Gamma #3358

Gamma Iota #3682

Gamma Tau #5555

Delta Pi #5113

Delta Omega #5539

### Easter Seals

Alpha Kappa

Alpha Omicron

Alpha Chi

Beta Gamma

Beta Zeta

Gamma Tau

Eta Pi

Eta Gamma

### Esa Foundation Awards

Chapter Donations:

Alpha Omicron

Gamma Gamma

Beta Gamma

Individual Donations:

Terrie Rust

Kendra Sabol

Cliff & Jacqui Smith

Norma Mentzer

Connie Cole

1 new Foundation and 1 new Lifetime

Membership

### Membership & Rushing

Alpha Chi

Alpha Chi

Beta Gamma

Beta Gamma

Gamma Iota

## Appointed Board 2022 – 2023

AUDITOR	Jacqui Smith	Eta Pi
AWARDS	Colleen Luger	Beta Gamma
	Yolanda Chislon	Beta Gamma
BULLETIN EDITOR	April Aguinaga	Delta Pi
CHAPLAINS	Cindy Sklad	Delta Pi
	Donna Hall	Delta Pi
CONVENTION CHAIRS	Eta Pi	
EASTER SEALS - PHX	Baz Winsor	Alpha Kappa
EASTER SEALS - TUC	Karen Madrid	Alpha Chi
EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR/ WORKSHOP CHAIR	Terri Rust	Alpha Omicron
ESA FOUNDATION	Kathy Riebock	Alpha Chi
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Suzanne Godard	Alpha Chi
HOPE FOR HEROES	Kendra Sabol	Beta Gamma
	Yolanda Chislon	Beta Gamma
	Paula Fisher	Beta Gamma
	Janice Shaproski	Beta Gamma
OCOTILLO EXPRESS	Carol Caldwell	Beta Zeta
PROPERTIES	Suzanne Godard	Alpha Chi
REGISTRATAR	Laury Watson	Eta Pi
REGISTRATAR CO-CHAIR	Kay Hicks	Beta Gamma
ROOSTER	Jackie Young	Alpha Omicron
ST. JUDE SR	John Vitt	Gamma Tau
ST JUDE JR		
WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA	April Aguinaga	Delta Pi
WESTERN STATES COUNCIL REP.	Donna Ort	Alpha Nu



# Jr. Past President/Disaster Fund Chair/ Parliamentarian

Virtual hugs to everyone.

It has been an honor serving on the Arizona Council Executive board since 2014. I have learned so much and really enjoyed my time on the board.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone for your support for the Disaster Fund. We were able to exceed the goal that I set back in September of 2021.

Sincere thanks to all my Alpha Chi chapter members for helping with the Disaster Fund basket raffle.

Special thanks to the Alpha Omicron members for the amazing donation of \$1,400.00. Thank you for your love and support.

## Participation Awards for Disaster Fund 2021 – 2022

Alpha Kappa #336

Alpha Omicron #2520

Alpha Sigma #354

Alpha Chi #5372

Beta Gamma #1056

Beta Delta #4271

Beta Epsilon #1067

Beta Zeta #2530

Beta Kappa #4621

Gamma Gamma #3358

Gamma Iota #3682

Gamma Tau #5555

Delta Pi #5113

Delta Omega #5539

Eta Gamma #5589

Eta Pi #5575

Shirley Albertson – Member at Large

We raised \$2,259.00 for the IC Disaster Fund for 2021-2022.

Thank you to everyone!

Karen Madrid





Hi everyone,

It was nice to be able to have our state convention in person again this year and to be able to greet each other.

I presented awards to the chapters and individuals with the most donations to the Foundation this past year.

ESA FOUNDATION AWARD  
2021-2022

CHAPTER DONATIONS: ALPHA OMICRON  
GAMMA GAMMA

BETA GAMMA

INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS:

TERRIE RUST

KENDRA SABOL

CLIFF & JACQUI SMITH

Norma Mentzer

CONNIE COLE

We had 1 new Foundation member and 1 Lifetime Membership.

Again, I want to thank you for the donations of gift cards and cash to be used for Arizona's auction item during the Foundation Fund Fest at IC convention this July.

I appreciate all you have done for the ESA Foundation and have enjoyed serving as your Foundation Counselor these past several years.

Love and hugs,

Jacqui

ESA Foundation Counselor

## Dear Brother's and Sister's of ESA:



Well another successful State Convention and one heck of a dancing party! Congratulations to a successful last two years to our new past President, Shari Stapleton Smith and I'm looking forward to more nights like Saturday at AZ State Convention with our new President Patricia Gale.

Congratulations to Arizona & our Las Vegas family for a blessed end of the year!



\$779,671.94 You guys are amazing!

### St Jude Awards

Alpha Chi

Alpha Omicron

Arizona State Council

Beta Gamma

Gamma Gamma

JoAnne Cioli

Beta Kappa

Delta Pi

Eta Gamma

Eta Pi

Gamma Tau

Love in ESA,

Deana and Wendy

## Chapter News

ALPHA KAPPA happenings! At the April social we met at Shalimar Country Club for dinner, installation of officers for 2022/2023, celebrated our 78th Birthday, and presented a 65 year service pin to member, Shirley Blanton. A good time was had by all. In May, we held our year end social at Shalimar's Food Truck event. Very good pizza was enjoyed by all. We are now looking forward to a new year under the guidance of President Barbara Martin and her Executive Board. We are looking forward to hosting the first 2022/23 Council Meeting in September. Wishing everyone a safe summer break.

Date	Event & Location
<b>IC Convention</b> <b>July 24 – 31, 2022</b> <b>Marriott East</b> Indianapolis, Indiana	<a href="https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/about/ic-council/convention">https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/about/ic-council/convention</a> Theme: “Race to the Milestones of ESA” Hosted by Indiana In-person Event

<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.

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