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Greetings All,

I hope that you are enjoying the warmer weather as much as I am. I love being able to get back to my daily swims. What are you doing to enjoy the weather and to put in some self-care time?

It was wonderful to see so many of you at the April Council meeting. Thank you, Beta Gamma, for a wonderful time. It was announced at the meeting who our IC Rep will be for this year's State Convention. I look forward to being both your State President and IC Rep this year.

Have you sent in your registration for our State Convention yet? I know that Jacqui Smith is looking forward to receiving lots of them. I hope that you all will plan to come join us for fun in Wonderland. If you have any questions about State Convention, feel free to reach out to Shari Stapleton-Smith, this goes with any issues you may run into making hotel reservation also.

I have had such a wonderful time being your State President this past year. I want to thank all the members of the Executive and Appointed Boards. You all have done an amazing job this year.

Take care and I look forward to seeing you all soon in Tucson. Until we meet again, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, suggestions or concerns. You can call (520) 227-4818 or by email.

Patricia Gale
Arizona State President

Patricia

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1st Vice President



Hello Everyone,

I really do believe Summer is here and we missed Spring as we really know it. I will take it!

I cannot thank all of you who came to Chandler enough. It was SO GREAT to see so many at the April Council meeting. Reminds me of what it was like prior to the pandemic! Thanks again to all who came and to all the pledges that joined us. That was really refreshing to see many fresh faces. Again, I say to all thank you so much for joining us! Hopefully, we will see many of you in Tucson in June and at future council meetings.

At the council meeting we did a survey. We had 4 questions and had many responses that I would like to share with everyone.

First Question: What brought you to ESA?

Curiosity, philanthropic, food and alcohol, good for me, good people, good things, family, St. Jude, friends, knowledge, someone asked me, no children.

Second Question: What keeps you motivated to stay in ESA?

Relationships, making a difference, education, family, LOVE IT, greeting strangers, variety of service opportunities, you can do anything!

Third Question: Why are we losing members other than age and health?

Personal conflicts, set in ways, not sure how to change, best kept secret, traditions, generations have changed focus, lost philanthropic presences.

Fourth Question: How can we retain our existing members and attract new ones?

Change bylaws, social media, be kind, be inclusive, have confidence in others, adjust to needs of members, SHARE, experiences, be flexible, listen.

My challenge to you is to have a discussion about all of this at your May meeting and see what or how we can move forward and build our membership in our chapters and state. It takes everyone working together to make this happen. I KNOW YOU CAN DO IT!!! Let me know if you can add to the list and I will be very happy to share with others. I have a request. If you were not at the April Council Meeting and you are planning to attend IC in Grapevine, TX please email me directly. I want to be sure I have an accurate count for the number of members in attendance for caucus space. Also, if you are attending and will receive the service pin award 25 years and over let me know. I have the two that were at the April Council meeting.

If your chapter will not have a chapter member at IC and wants a proxy ballot, I am having April attach a copy to my article. I will be happy to carry it for you with your choices or it can go by the vote of the caucus. Or you can have another person carry your vote if you do not wish for me to carry your chapter's choice. Your chapter's choice. If you have any questions, please reach out to me directly and I will do my best to answer them.

Hope to see many of you in Tucson in June as Arizona will be celebrating "80 years in ESA". Join us as you are "Welcomed to Wonderland." See you in Tucson.



Take care and be safe. Hugs to all from Nevada.
Deana

ESA Headquarters Office has Moved!

As of April 2023 ESA Headquarters has a new address. Please address all *ESA and ESA Foundation correspondence* to our new address below and help us spread the news.

New Address:

ESA Headquarters
2580 E Harmony Rd
Suite 301-11
Fort Collins, CO 80528





PROXY AUTHORIZATION FORM

**For Officer Election and Convention Site Selection
At the Epsilon Sigma Alpha
International Council Convention**

State Council: _____

Chapter Name: _____ Number: _____

I hereby authorize _____ to carry the proxy vote(s) for
(Name)

our chapter at the _____ International Convention.
(year)

Signature: _____ Date: _____
(Chapter President)

International Council Bylaws:

Article XI Section 5

Proxy voting, by qualified delegates (see sections 1, 3 and 6), shall be allowed in the election of officers and selection of convention site.

Article XI Section 6

Voting delegates for elections and convention site selection shall cast their own votes. Eligible chapters not having a delegate in attendance may have their proxy votes cast by their state president or their state president's representative or a qualified delegate of their own choosing. No voting delegate may cast more than ten proxy votes with the exception of a state president or the state president's representative and the president of the Past IC President's Auxiliary or his/her representative.

END OF CREDENTIALS PROCEDURE

2nd Vice President

We start our Mission for ESA, Good Friends, Good Works and Good Times, that's certainly what we had this year! What a heck of a year. My Philanthropic team, thank you for all of your hard work. Our St. Jude Senior John Vitt and his partner Deana Walters and of course I can't forget his wife Roxanne who supports him every step of the way. Our Easter Seals chairs, Karen Madrid (Tucson) and Baz Windsor (Phoenix), once again they show their true colors. You are all made of, love and giving hearts with a goal in mind. Our Council family, you have made it possible to make our journey a successful one.

I am humbled and honored to be a part of each and everyone of your lives.

God bless you and have a wonderful summer.

Love in ESA,

Wendy Williams
2nd Vice President



Education/Workshop Chair

At the April Council Meeting, I shared several "teases" for ideas for educational programs based on program ideas from the Speckled Box. On the next page is a list of the folder categories of program ideas available. Each of these folders has multiple educational program summaries or full programs submitted from chapters in the past.

The Speckled Box will be at State Convention for your final opportunity to look at potential programs to consider for next fall. I hope you'll check it out! If you'd like to know more, reach out to me at terrie_rust@hotmail.com

Speckled box themes

Arizona
Charities
Christmas
Elder Issues
ESA Founder's Day
ESA General
ESA Ideals
Famous People
Flowers/Plants
Food

Grab Bag
Health
Let's Dance
Laughter
Organization
Parliamentary
Recycling
Scams & Fraud
St. Jude
Travel

THANK YOU!

Terrie Rust
terrie_rust@hotmail.com
Education/Workshop Chairman



ESA Foundation Humanitarian Award presentation at April Council Meeting. Glenna Denton (left) nominated Doug Goetsch (center) who assists residents at her senior residential community. Terrie Rust (right), an ESAF Board of Director member, presented the award.



Greetings from the Foundation!

At the April Council Meeting I announced the winners of the competition for the Fantasy Fundraiser in the months of February and March. The Alpha Chi chapter came in 1st, Trudi Sofias 2nd, and Jacqui Smith 3rd. Congratulations to all! We will do this again next year so heads up. Of course, you may donate to the Foundation anytime throughout the year.

Please don't forget to vote for the Board of Directors. There are four candidates for two positions. An email was sent yesterday and voting is available until May 7th.

As a state we will be participating in the Foundation Fund Fest at IC. Jacqui Smith is going and has agreed to take our donation. Thank you, Jacqui!! We are donating a lovely Origami Owl Cross Body Purse loaded with cash and gift certificates, a total value of \$440.00. The fastener on the purse has a space for charms and we did the letters ESAF and a graduation diploma to represent education.

Many thanks for all of your support! I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the State Convention in June.

Fondly,
Kathy Riebock, Alpha Chi, Sierra Vista, AZ
520-559-1944, krie77@cox.net



Easterseals

Update from the April Council meeting... On behalf of Karen Madrid and myself, we want to say a huge thank you for your wonderful generosity. We were able to collect \$331.00 from the raffle and from the sale of Karen's Diamond Art. We collected a total of \$83.75 from the donation boxes on each table. That was awesome!

All monies collected this year will be split between the Tucson and Phoenix Easter Seals offices. Karen will give a complete report with totals collected at the State Convention.

Easterseals Blake Foundation is looking for donations – drop them off at the administrative office at 7750 E. Broadway, Suite A200 Tucson, AZ 85710 (Monday through Friday 9am to 4pm). Items needed – Clothes (children through adult sizes), Craft materials and art supplies (for all ages), Diapers (babies/toddles), Games (table/board), DVD movies (Disney-themed are enjoyed by both kids & adults), Gift cards (Walmart, Target, Fry's, Safeway, Kohl's etc.)

Easterseals SWHD you can get involved by looking at their website. Go to <https://www.swhd.org> At the top of the page find the heading GET INVOLVED. Pull on the down arrow and you will see EVENTS. Click on GROW A READER VIRTUAL BOOK DRIVE (MAY) and it will take you to the donation page. Donating is quick, easy and secure. You will get an email confirmation of your order.

Please let Baz know if you chose to do this. She would love to know how many books we were able to donate. Thank you in advance for helping to change a child's life.

We are always here to help! If you have any questions, you can contact Baz Winsor or Karen Madrid. Again, our sincere thanks. Have a wonderful summer.

We would love to continue collecting and distributing books to our veterans via our signature "Operation Paperback Project!"

You ask, "How can I help?"

1. You can collect books
2. Keep track of the number of books you have collected
3. They can be donated to several different organizations
 - A. VFW posts, Vietnam Veterans of America and various Veteran organizations.
 - B. Local schools and libraries
 - C. Mailed to our troops overseas.
 - D. Donate monies for postage (make checks to Arizona Council).

Any questions please contact the Hope for Heroes, Chairs

Janice Shaproski
Yolanda Chislon
Paula Fisher



Dear Brothers and Sisters in ESA,

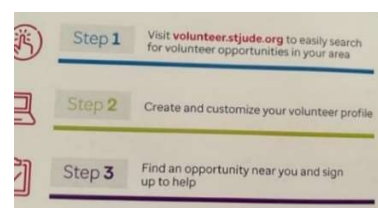


FIRST – A big THANK YOU to all of the ESA members who have volunteered their time, energy and donations for many of the St. Jude FUNdraising events throughout the 2022-2023 year. You raised a whopping \$ _____! Oops the number will be revealed at the State Council meeting.

If you haven't done so, please create a profile in the St. Jude Volunteer Management System (VMS).

Visit: [St Jude Volunteer Management System](#)

The three step process shown here will help get you started.
Your hours and miles can easily be tracked using VMS!



ST. JUDE CALENDAR of EVENTS

ST JUDE WALK/RUN – Phoenix September 2022 Results are In!!

Finally! Yes, the results are in and Team ESA-AZ did a fantastic job of FUNdraising. The 10 member team raised **\$3950** and several volunteered at various booths to spread the word about St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. A special **THANK YOU** to 2022 Team ESA-AZ members: Suzanne Godard, Captain, April Aguinaga, Connie Cole, President Patti Gale, Karen Madrid, Maddie Potts, Stephanie Potts, Cyndi Sklad, John Vitt and Wendy Williams.

ST JUDE DREAM HOME – LAS VEGAS #7 – 2023 - Volunteers/Donors Needed

As previously mentioned in the bulletin, the seventh St. Jude Dream Home is Las Vegas recently had the groundbreaking. Raffle tickets will go on sale July 12th! Volunteers are needed to help sell the tickets (in Las Vegas) and other opportunities.

July 12, 2023 – Tickets on Sale for St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway – Phone Bank Volunteers

August 5-September 24- Saturdays and Sundays – Dream Home Giveaway Open Houses- Open House Volunteers

August 16, 2023 – Early Bird Sellathon – Phone Bank Volunteers

September 7-9, 2023- VIVA St. Jude – Various volunteers needed for weekend events, including golf tournament, poker tournament, gala, and tasting event

ST JUDE WALK/RUN – Phoenix 2023 - Volunteers/Donors Needed!

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023. Making memories. Supporting a mission. Come join the nationwide movement to honor Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and support those who need us most - the kids of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. **Team ESA-AZ** is once again ready to FUNdraise for this great event.



To participate and donate visit: [Team ESA AZ](#)
Volunteer opportunities will be in VMS soon!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY TO VOLUNTEER/ATTEND THESE GREAT EVENTS!

St. Jude and ESA - 50 Years! You can still get the commemorative 2 inch pin by visiting: [ESA & St. Jude 50 Year Partnership Pin](#)



Want to show off your support for the kids of St. Jude? SpaceX Mission to Benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

About the Mission

No earlier than June 2023, SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket will launch the *Polaris Dawn* mission from historic Launch Complex 39A at Kennedy Space Center in Florida. Dragon and the *Polaris Dawn* crew will spend up to five days in orbit, during which they will work towards the following objectives: Highest Altitude Space, Health Impact Research, In-space Communications, and the First Commercial Spacewalk.



The Crew of **Polaris Dawn** and SpaceX have consistently supported and donated to the Mission of St. Jude.

You can get the patch worn by the Crew for a donation of at least \$25 to help expand the St. Jude mission globally.

To get your patch, visit: [SpaceX and Polaris Dawn Patch for St. Jude](#)



LOVE TO ALL, John and Deana



Beta Gamma is collecting new and used sneakers

Bring to the Arizona State Convention

These shoes go to “**GotSneakers?**” a company that keep sneakers out of landfills. They give the new sneakers or used sneakers in good condition to secondhand markets and damaged footwear is recycled to reuse materials or to waste into new energy.

<https://gotsneakers.com/>

Beta Gamma gets a check after they send in the sneakers.

Wanted

- **any color, type or size**
- **for men, women and children**



**Contact any
Beta Gamma
member if you
have questions**

Alpha Kappa News

Alpha Kappa has had a busy month with the preparations for the Spring Fling May 6; attending the April Council meeting; having a Jewel pin ceremony for our four pledges; installing new officers for 2023/2024 and awarding service pins. Pictures included:



Jean Hall, Connie Reifschneider; Kelly Kringen, Jane Hedrick; Dorothy Elkins, LuAnn Kenner; Claudine Reifschneider, Baz Winsor



Dorothy Elkins with President Elect Kelly Kringen.



Service Awards: Misty Birdwell - 10 years, Jo Miller - 25 yrs., Jane Hedrick - 15 years, Barbara Martin - 15 years

Alpha Kappa update for March. We have had a busy month making plans for our Spring Fling fundraiser on **MAY 6, 2023**. There are some changes this year as we are not having a Fashion Show. We will be at the DoubleTree by Hilton. The event will be held in the Galleria Room, off the Main Lobby. You can enjoy a delicious meal, Silent Auction, Raffle prizes, and music by Zazu West Jazz ensemble. There will be a no Host Happy Hour starting at 11 am, lunch served at 12, with music until 1 pm. Tickets are \$50, and the number of tables is limited. The proceeds will go to the *Tempe Meals on Wheels* program and *Connecting With Kids* program.



ESA ARIZONA 80TH STATE CONVENTION

"WELCOME TO WONDERLAND!"

REGISTRATION - \$140

**THIS INCLUDES ALL MEETINGS & SOCIAL
EVENTS, SNACKS ON FRIDAY EVENING,
SATURDAY LUNCH, BANQUET AND SUNDAY
BRUNCH**

IT'S ABOUT TIME!!



REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 10, 2023

*Please send one check per chapter with the
registration form. All information will be on the
registration form*

Use this link to make your hotel reservations

<https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/epsilonsigmaalpha2023/>

**Embassy Suites by Hilton Tucson East
6555 E Speedway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85710
520-721-7100**

Room Rate = \$129

**All Rooms are Suites! Breakfast Included! Nightly Reception
Included!**

**QUESTIONS? PLEASE CONTACT
SHARI STAPLETON-SMITH
CONVENTION CHAIR
831-227-3880**

SHARI.STAPLETON.SMITH@GMAIL.COM



2023 ARIZONA STATE CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Please submit payment for entire chapter at the same time. Make sure you add up the total at the bottom and that your check total matches.

Deadline is May 10, 2023

The price for all members is \$140.00. This price includes Friday social, Saturday meetings and banquet, Sunday meetings and brunch. * Only non-members can purchase banquet separately. For registration postmarked after the deadline please add \$10.00 per person. (Late Fee)

NAME	CHAPTER NAME OR GUEST NAME	CONVENTION \$140	SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET \$60.00 *	TOTAL
TOTAL				

Please call or email Jacqui Smith (520-885-1417), jacquismith@comcast.net, if you have any questions.

Mail form and one chapter check (made payable to "ESA Convention Account") to the address below- Jacqui Smith 7774 E Marquise Dr. Tucson. 85715

Event will be held at Embassy Suites by Hilton Tucson East 6555 E Speedway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85710

Associate of the Arts Entry form

Artists Name: (please print) _____

Chapter Name, Number _____

Phone and E-mail: _____

Submit entries electronically to: cnluger@yahoo.com or

Mail to Colleen Luger
2926 E. Elmwood Place
Chandler, AZ 85249

Division I – Visual Arts

- _____ Oil Paintings or Acrylics
- _____ Drawings, Pastel, Pencil or Charcoal
- _____ Watercolors
- _____ Sculpture Pottery (hand formed or wheel thrown)
- _____ **# of Entries in Division**

Division II – Photography

- _____ Black & White or Color Photos
- _____ Graphic Design
- _____ Computer Assisted Design
- _____ **# of Entries in Division**

Division III – Crafts (Painted Art)

- _____ Tole Painting
- _____ Painted Pottery
- _____ China Painting
- _____ Porcelain
- _____ Calligraphy (matted for display)
- _____ Fabric Painting
- _____ **# of Entries in Division**

Division IV – Crafts (Mixed Media)

- _____ Jewelry
- _____ Rubber Stamping
- _____ Decoupage
- _____ Glass
- _____ Wood
- _____ Floral Arrangements
- _____ Quilling
- _____ Other (soap, candle, paper making, baskets, recycled, etc.)
- _____ **# of Entries in Division**

Division V – Needlework (fibers)

- _____ Crewel Embroidery/Hardanger/Silk Ribbon
- _____ Counted Cross Stitch
- _____ Needlepoint
- _____ Knitting
- _____ Crochet
- _____ Cloth Weaving
- _____ Latch Hooking
- _____ Stuffed Animals
- _____ Sewing
- _____ **# of Entries in Division**

Division VI – Quilting

- _____ **# of Entries in Division**

Division VII – Holiday (Ornaments or Decorations)

- Please Describe Entry (attach to this form)
- _____ **# of Entries in Division**

Division VIII – Composition (Literary or Musical)

- Please Describe Entry (attach to this form)
- _____ **# of Entries in Division**



ESA MEMBER OF THE YEAR

MEMBER _____

DATE: _____



ABOUT THE MEMBER

- Chapter Name: _____ . Chapter Number: _____
- Number of Years in ESA: _____
- Word(s) to describe your Member of the Year: _____



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHY THIS MEMBER IS SELECTED AS MEMBER OF THE YEAR

Signed by _____

- Chapter President: _____ . Date: _____



Please submit this form to Colleen Luger, cnluger@yahoo.com by May 20, 2023

Date	Event & Location
Arizona Convention June 2 – 4, 2023 Arizona Council State Convention Tucson	Embassy Suites by Hilton Tucson East 6555 E. Speedway Blvd Tucson, AZ
IC Convention July 25-30, 2023 Grapevine Texas	https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/about/ic-council/convention Embassy Suites by Hilton - DFW airport North

<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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602-904-1530

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