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ARIZONA STATE COUNCIL
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Hi everyone!

Hope all of you had a great summer and were able to spend time with family and friends doing something fun and exciting. I can't believe it is that time of year to begin a new ESA year. Where

did the time go!! I guess it is true...time flies when having fun!!

I do hope we will get to see many of you in September as the "Has Beens" host our September Council Meeting in Prescott. The "Has Beens" have been hard at work to ensure we will have a good time, with good friends and good food! Be sure to get your hotel reservation in and your chapter check mailed for your registrations.

We will be sharing some good information from IC Convention plus the exciting news of the awards! There will be more information on a new project for the Foundation. There will be information on the ways of helping all of us increase our membership throughout the coming year and have fun doing it. Plus, updated forms for reporting our Philanthropic hours, miles, and donations. Also, we have some exciting news about how we can communicate better and quicker. We do not want anyone to miss this information. If your chapter has had a great event since we last met, please let me know. Hope to have time to share with all of you in attendance. Don't want you to miss out. Plus, we will be voting on the budget for the 2023-2024 ESA Year. You should have gotten a copy in the Ocotillo.

If there are some things you would like to know more about, please let us hear from you. If you want to reach out to me, please feel free to email me or give me a call and I will do my best to help or get an answer for you as soon as I can.

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We, the board, are looking for suggestions on how the council can raise some extra dollars during the year at the council meetings. We welcome any suggestions. Just send me an email so I can share with the board members.

Also, just a reminder, if one of our members are in need of prayers, or if there has been a loss of someone or if happy news is to be shared, please reach out to Rosa Villafane, her email is rvillafane@cox.net.

Hope to see you soon and always remember “yesterday is a memory” and we look to enjoy “today” and prayers for a greater “tomorrow”.

See you soon!

Hugs to all

Deana



**ARIZONA STATE COUNCIL
2023-2024**



Yesterday Today Tomorrow

ESA

1st Vice President

I hope you are excited about getting back into full swing with your chapter activities. How about turning that excitement into an opportunity to share ESA with someone by inviting them to a chapter meeting or social, or chapter or state philanthropic event!

IC Convention was abuzz with this year’s membership campaign: [The Power of Us](#). I hope you had an opportunity to read about it in the 2 emails that went out from Headquarters (8/7 and 8/14). (If not, go back and check your unread mail or junk folder in case they went there by mistake; details are also at epsilonsigmaalpha.org/PowerOfUs). Each of the three pillars of ESA (Education, Service,

and Association) have activity challenges which will provide members and chapters with the ability to earn The Power of Us Star Status. Chapters are being asked to hold one event for each of the pillars sometime during the year.

Upcoming events to jump-start your membership drive:

September 21, 2023 *Sharing the Secrets of ESA* – virtual webinar (5:30 pm MT)
Registration deadline 9/18. Register at epsilonalpha.org/events .

October 19, 2023 *Virtual Olive Oil and Balsamic Vinegar Tasting*
Registration deadline is 10/9. Register at epsilonalpha.org/events.

There is a registration fee which covers the oils and vinegar samples to be sent to you for this event. A super way to engage friends and family!

October 2023 *Recruitment month highlights:* hold a recruitment-dedicated outreach event or chapter social with at least one guest in attendance. This challenge is to be completed prior to October 31st (but recruiting any time through May 2024 is encouraged!).

For those who might have difficulty coming up with new ideas for recruiting members, joining the “ESA Membership Ideas” group on Facebook (facebook.com/groups/ESAMembershipIdeas) just might provide an idea you can latch onto. **NOTE:** for your security, this is a private FB group so REQUEST to join, then answer the security question (chapter name and state) and the administrators will admit you.

Please encourage new members to attend our Council meetings. If a new member is going to attend, please let me know their name prior to the meeting date so I can personally acknowledge them.

Chapter Vice Presidents will be receiving a Zoom call invitation from me so I can cover these events and other membership activities in more detail. Please watch for it in your Inbox!

Terrie Rust



2nd Vice President

Dear Sisters and Brothers of ESA

Welcome to another year of family, friendship & making special memories.

Last year we had a fantastic year and this year, Roxanne & I will do our best to raise the bar! This is what the Arizona council raised last year.

CASH MONIES: \$867,880.29
 DONATED GOODS: \$73,467.32
 TOTAL DONATED MILES: 9559.32



Welcome to our Philanthropic team!
 Cyndi Sklad – Sr.Advisor
 Roxanne Vitt & Wendy Williams – Co-Chairs

Item	Who collects
Pop-Tabs	President Deana Walters
Postage stamps & Cards (new & used),Toiletries	Karen Madrd
Lap Robes/Hats for Hope	Patrica Gale & Fran Gale
Coupons	Shirley Albertson & Chapters
Projects	Chair
St. Jude Sr.	John Vitt
St. Jude Jr	Karen Madrid
Easterseals Tucson	Terry Smith
Easterseals Phoenix	Barb Daher
Hope for Heroes	Pam Wojtkun, Yolanda Chislon & Paula Fisher

We would like to encourage your chapters to set goals, keep track of your hours, money and miles. If there is anything we may do to help you, please let us know!

Love in ESA

Your philanthropic co-chairs, Roxanne Vitt & Wendy Williams

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, could 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 (trim to ¼" around the stamp)	1 minute per stamp
Plastic bottle caps, medicine bottles	1 minute per item Remove labels

Appointed Board 2023 – 2024

ARIZONA COUNCIL CONNECTOR	Liz Montgomery	Alpha Sigma
AUDITOR	Jacqui Smith	Eta Pi
AWARDS	Colleen Luger	Beta Gamma
BULLETIN EDITOR	April Aguiñaga	Delta Pi
CHAPLAINS	Rosa Villafane	Alpha Chi
CONVENTION CHAIRS	Stacy Vitz	Eta Gamma
	Kari Thormodsgaard	Eta Gamma
EASTER SEALS - PHX	Barb Daher	Beta Gamma
EASTER SEALS - TUC	Terry Smith	Eta Pi
EDUCATIONAL DIRECTOR/ WORKSHOP CHAIR (Terrie Rust Advisor)	Host Chapter for each council meeting	
ESA FOUNDATION	Kathy Riebock	Alpha Chi
FINANCIAL SECRETARY	Suzanne Godard	Alpha Chi
HOPE FOR HEROES	Yolanda Chislon	Beta Gamma
	Pam Wojtkun	Beta Gamma
	Paula Fisher	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	Terrie Rust	Alpha Omicron
ST. JUDE SR	John Vitt	Gamma Tau
ST JUDE JR	Karen Madrid	Alpha Chi
WEBSITE/SOCIAL MEDIA	April Aguiñaga	Delta Pi
WESTERN STATES COUNCIL REP.	Donna Ort	Alpha Nu

Hello All!

Hope everyone had a wonderful summer. I spent 9 days in Greece over the summer. We weren't near the fires, but it was definitely hot and humid in Athens. I am looking forward to fall as I love to watch the trees change color on the Huachuca Mountains.

Chapter Dues will be accepted at the September Council meeting. If you are not planning to attend, please have the Chapter Treasurer mail a check to me payable to Arizona State Council. Dues are \$15 a member and please include a list of all chapter members. My address is 2476 E Kalispell Ave, Sierra Vista, AZ 85650.

Chapter International Council dues were due starting on Aug 1, 2022 and must be paid by May 1, 2023 in order to stay in "good standing". The amount is \$40 per chapter and checks should be made to ESA International Council, please include chapter name and number on check. This needs to be sent to the IC Treasurer, Angie Butenschoen, 106 Julie Ln, Saint Peter's MO 63376. You can find the form on the ESA website.

Below is a copy of the 2023-2024 proposed budget for the Arizona State Council. Please review it as we will be voting on it at the September Council Meeting. If you have any questions, please contact me at conniecoleaz@gmail.com



Hugs to all,
Connie Cole
AZ State Treasurer

ESA AZ 2023-2024	2022-2023 Budget Proposed	2022 - 2023 Actual	2023-2024 Budget Proposed
INCOME ACCOUNTS			
Acct Name			
Chapter Dues	\$1,750.00	\$1,530.00	\$1,750.00
Rosters	\$350.00	\$322.00	\$350.00
Bulletin Circulation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disaster Fund donations	\$0.00	\$983.26	\$0.00
IC Convention Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other Philanthropic Donations	\$0.00	\$942.00	\$0.00

Miscellaneous Income	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00
State Preferential Event	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Leadership Seminar	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Easter Seals	\$0.00	\$2,508.25	\$0.00
AZ State convention	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St. Jude 's	\$0.00	\$9,501.00	\$0.00
State Raffle Event-For Ways & Means	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AZ Council Ways & Means	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,412.00
SUBTOTAL	\$4,720.00	\$15,786.51	\$5,132.00
EXPENSE ACCOUNTS			
Acct Name			
Rosters	\$350.00	\$271.68	\$350.00
Bulletin Editor	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Disaster Fund Donations	\$0.00	\$983.26	\$0.00
State Preferential Event	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
State Leadership Seminar	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Scholarship	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Philanthropic Donations Expense	\$0.00	\$506.74	\$0.00
Dues	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$65.00
AZ Council President	\$250.00	\$175.00	\$250.00
1st Vice President/President Elect	\$1,500.00	\$1,762.34	\$1,750.00
Officers Expenses	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$230.00
Appointed Board Expenses:			
Chaplain	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Memory Book Chair	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Webmaster/Website	\$120.00	\$120.17	\$120.00
Educational Director	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Financial Secretary	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Registrar	\$25.00	\$40.84	\$25.00
Stationary/ Postage/ Printing	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
State Awards	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$300.00	\$302.00	\$302.00
Easter Seals Donations	\$0.00	\$2,490.25	\$0.00
IC Candidates Fund/Advertisement	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
St. Jude Donations	\$0.00	\$9,501.00	\$0.00
State Miscellaneous Contributions	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
State Raffle Event-For Ways & Means	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

AZ Council Ways & Means	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
SUB TOTAL	\$4,720.00	\$16,308.28	\$5,132.00
Total Expenses	\$4,720.00	\$16,308.28	\$5,132.00
Total Income	\$4,720.00	\$15,786.51	\$5,132.00
Net Difference	\$0.00	-\$521.77	\$0.00

**AZ STATE CONVENTION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
June 30, 2023**

INCOME:

Convention Loan	\$2,000.00
Registrations	\$5,810.00
Member of Year 2022 Sent in late)	\$27.00
Late Fees Collected	\$10.00
TOTAL INCOME:	\$7,847.00

EXPENSES:

Hotel - room charge - IC Rep	\$300.08
Hotel - Meals	\$3,812.68
Refunds	\$140.00
IC Rep Gift	\$75.78
Goody Bags at Registration	\$129.81
Decorations Expenses	\$91.81
Installation	\$0.00
Candy, snacks for tables	\$53.45
Repayment of loan	\$2,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,603.61
DIFFERENCE	\$1,243.39

Chapter to ask AZ Council for this amount to remain in Convention Checking Account for future convention deposits

Prepared by Jacqui Smith. 2023 State Convention Treasurer

Dear Brothers and Sisters in ESA,



FIRST – WELCOME to a new year of FUNdraising for the Kids of St. Jude! We are so looking forward to a great year with the goal of reaching \$1m from the Arizona Council of ESA and all our fantastic volunteers. **WE can do it!**

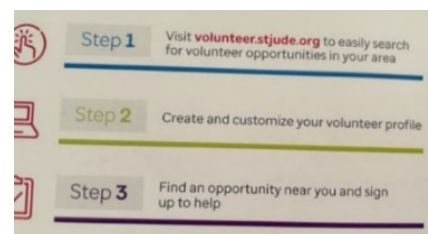
Also, a big THANK YOU and welcome to our energetic St. Jude Junior-Karen Madrid. She has already started the FUNdraising this summer and is ready to continue the mission.

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

Visit: [St Jude Volunteer Management System](https://volunteer.stjude.org/custom/515/volunteer_home)

https://volunteer.stjude.org/custom/515/volunteer_home

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

As previously mentioned in the bulletin, the seventh St. Jude Dream Home in Las Vegas recently had the groundbreaking and Open House. Raffle tickets went on sale July 12th! Volunteers are needed to help sell the tickets (in Las Vegas) and other opportunities. **August 5-September 24-Saturdays and Sundays** – Dream Home Giveaway Open Houses- Open House Volunteers needed. Visit [Las Vegas Dream Home](https://volunteer.stjude.org/custom/515/opp_details/4656) https://volunteer.stjude.org/custom/515/opp_details/4656 for more information and signup in VMS.

INAGURAL VIVA ST JUDE event is being held in the Las Vegas Area and Resorts World Resort **Thursday thru Saturday, September 7-9!** There are some great volunteer opportunities that can fit any member of ESA and supporter of St. Jude! Some opportunities require a background check that is easy to obtain. Visit [Viva St. Jude Opportunities](https://volunteer.stjude.org/custom/515/organization_details/4792) https://volunteer.stjude.org/custom/515/organization_details/4792 for more information and signup in VMS

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/or donate visit: [Team ESA AZ](https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/Walk/Walk?team_id=292049&pg=team&fr_id=144768)

https://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/Walk/Walk?team_id=292049&pg=team&fr_id=144768

Volunteer opportunities will be in VMS soon!



Country Cares for ST JUDE KIDS Radiothon with KMLE

DECEMBER 7-8, 2023. This Audacy Phoenix radio station will host a radiothon for two days to secure Partner in Hope monthly donors in support of St. Jude. Volunteers will report early morning or stay late stay late to man the phones each day. In 2022, volunteers and the KMLE radio community raised over **\$331,110** for the kids of St. Jude! Additional info will be forthcoming in the weeks ahead.

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

Recent happenings for St. Jude:

We raised \$120 dollars from selling homemade friendship bread in August 2023. Grateful for the support. Every dollar helps the kids and families at St Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Future happenings for St. Jude:

We are accepting donations for diamond art items. We will have many diamond art treasurers at the September council meeting. They make great gifts and you would be donating to St Jude at the same time.

Raffle for St Jude Children’s Research Hospital on Sunday, 9/17/23 at the ESA September council meeting. You get \$25 raffle chances for \$20 dollars. Don’t have to be present to win. If you win and live out of state- we will ship it to you!

We are raffling off this beautiful brand new MKF Mia K Collection set. Made of smooth high quality vegan black leather. Includes purse, wallet and cosmetic bag. Valued at \$299.00. Please contact Karen Madrid to get your chances to win!



Halloween Decoration →

← MFK Mia Collection Set



There will be an additional second raffle drawing - a Halloween decoration and gift card as well. Value of second drawing is \$50. Don't miss out! Pay with cash or checks. Makes checks payable to AZ Council of ESA for your raffle chances. Please put St Jude raffle in memo on check.

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 December 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](https://www.stjude.org/donate/polaris.html) <https://www.stjude.org/donate/polaris.html>



Love to you all, John & Karen

St. Jude Dream Home® Giveaway



Las Vegas, NV

Built by Woodside Homes in the Estrella community at Sunstone. Estimated value: \$480,000

10261 Cosmic Latte Ct.
Las Vegas, NV 89143

Tickets on Sale: July 12, 2023
Giveaway date: September 27, 2023

Free Tours Available

August 5, 2023 – September 24, 2023

Saturdays: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sundays : 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

House features:

- 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and an estimated 1,700 square feet.
- beautiful primary suite with walk-in shower
- private guest bathroom
- open concept with walk-in pantry
- covered patio, perfect for outdoor entertaining

Tickets on Sale Prize Deadline: July 16, 2023

A \$2,500 VISA gift card, courtesy of
The Alexander-Worthen Team at Realty One Group

Bonus Prize Deadline: September 13, 2023

A VIP Raiders Fan Experience, courtesy of Diazo Wealth

Early Bird Prize Deadline: August 16, 2023

A \$5,000 gas and grocery gift card, courtesy of Freedom
Dream Team Insurance Services

Register free at the Open House for a chance to win

a 14K rose gold double row line diamond bracelet,
courtesy of MJ Christensen Diamonds.

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Easterseals

Hello everyone.

Hope you all had a wonderful summer.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Prescott, Arizona for the September Council meeting.

Excited that we can help raise monies for Easterseals. Together we will help seniors, veterans, adults, and children with disabilities by donating to Easterseals. Easterseals has been ranked 1st among National Health Council members because 94% of program dollars are spent on direct client services. Easterseals provides services to help children, seniors, veterans, and adults with physical and mental disabilities. Here are some of the programs they offer:

- Medical rehabilitation – occupational, physical and speech therapy.
- Employment and training – connecting job seekers with employment opportunities, teaching how to overcome barriers for employment.
- Children’s services – early intervention, inclusive childcare, family support.
- Adult, senior, and veteran services – respite care, care giver support programs, adult day resources, programs for adults with autism.

If you go to Sage Ceramics at <http://www.sageceramicgifts.com>

You can purchase ceramics that are created by employees with disabilities for Easterseals. You can also call 520-888-8588 to order. This program provides people with disabilities an opportunity to create while learning job skills related to the retail industry.



Here are a few photos of some handcrafted ceramics that are for sell. There are more available on the website as well.



We will have diamond art keychains and clutch purses at the September council meeting. Please consider donating money for some diamond art items. They make great gifts, and you can help raise money for Easterseals.

Raffle to benefit Easterseals. See the next couple of pages for the raffle drawings will happen on Sunday, 9/17/23 at the ESA council meeting.

Please contact Terry Smith to get your chances to win! There will be a second raffle drawing which includes \$25 dollars in lottery scratcher tickets and a home decoration

item. The second drawing is valued at \$40 dollars. Cash and checks accepted. Make checks payable to AZ Council of ESA for your raffle chances. Please put Easterseals Tucson raffle in memo on check.

Opportunities to volunteer for Easterseals:

Blues in Bisbee

9/9/23 at Warren ballpark

Location address:

Volunteers needed for different shifts from 12pm to 8pm

Go to <https://bit.ly/BIB23Volunteer> to sign up to volunteer. This event is held outdoors.

Cooking with the Stars

9/28/23 at Mr. An's Teppan Steak & Seafood Sushi Bar

Located at 6091 N. Oracle Tucson, AZ 85704

Volunteers needed for different shifts from 10am to 11pm

If you're interested – please sign up to volunteer on sign up genius. Go to

<https://bit.ly/cwts2023vol> and sign up.

Wheels for Easterseals ride El Tour de Tucson

11/18/2023 – 7am to 5pm at the Tucson Convention Center located at 260 S. Church Avenue Tucson, AZ 85701. The location will be held in the parking lot of the Tucson Convention Center in downtown Tucson.

Sign up link will be available soon to sign up to volunteer for this event.

Volunteer at Easterseals office in Tucson

If you are interested in volunteering at the Easterseals office located at 7750 E. Broadway Blvd Suite A200 Tucson, AZ 85710.

The phone number to the Easterseals office is 520-327-1529

There is a volunteer packet online that you can fill out with Easterseals to volunteer at their office. The Easterseals office is updating their volunteer policies if you volunteer at their office. A volunteer fingerprint clearance card is required since they have children and disabled members throughout their campus here in Tucson.

If you have any questions, you can contact Terry Smith at 520-240-6337.



Huge fundraiser raffle basket for Easterseals Hawaii Maui relief!

Value of raffle basket is \$70.

15 raffle chances for \$20.

The winner will be announced on Sunday, 9/17/23 at our Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA) council meeting. Don't have to be present to win. You can pay with check or cash. Make checks payable to: AZ Council of ESA.

Also we are collecting your change to make a difference and help us with raise money for the Easterseals Hawaii Maui relief.

2 different raffle baskets to benefit Easterseals. Drawing will happen on Sunday, 9/17/23 at the ESA council meeting.

You get 25 raffle chances for \$20 dollars.

Don't have to be present to win. If you win and live out of state... we will ship it to you.

- Raffle #1 - raffling off this beautiful basket of Scentsy products. Valued at \$150.00. Thank you to Abbie Walston (Scentsy Consultant) in Wichita, Kansas for donating some of the items for the basket.
- Raffle #2 - includes \$25 dollars in lottery scratcher tickets and "Bee Happy" decoration items. Second drawing valued at \$40 dollars.



Don't miss out! Cash and checks accepted. Make checks payable to AZ Council of ESA for your raffle chances. Please put Easterseals raffle in memo on check. Terry Smith (Epsilon Sigma Alpha AZ EasterSeals Tucson chair).



The 2023 9th Annual Arizona Easterseals Golf Classic will take place in Phoenix at Talking Stick Golf Club Friday, November 10th from 9am-3pm.

Volunteers will need to be at the course at 7am to help set up and stay after the prize and raffle presentations to help break down and clean up.

If your chapter would like to submit raffle prizes or team sponsorships are gladly accepted!! Please let me know and I will send you the form.



Please keep the date in mind if you are interested in volunteering.

Contact Barb Daher at bkdaher@msn.com for more information about volunteer signup.



2023-2024 State Rosters



Rosters will be available to pick up at the September Council meeting in Prescott. Rosters will be \$3.50 each. Your chapter's orders will be bundled based on the number of rosters requested on the Chapter Information sheet submitted. Please come prepared with your check made out to AZ State Council (with **ROSTERS** printed on the memo line). If you wish, the amount information can be filled out at the time of pickup.

There will only be a few extra rosters available for purchase. If you would desire one of the extras, please reach out directly to Terrie Rust (terrie_rust@hotmail.com).

Awards Chair

What do you like to do on your down-time? Decorate cakes, doodle, draw, paint, make soap or candles?? I know there are several other crafty things that our members do while relaxing. I would like to challenge each chapter to have at least one entry for the Association of the Arts for next June. See next page for the form to give you ideas of the divisions.



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**

And finally, I want to encourage our members to start thinking of those Junior High and Senior High Students that they feel are deserving of the Outstanding Youth Awards. I have the existing guidelines (attached) but I do not yet have the details around when entries are being accepted. As soon as more information is available, I will share.

OUTSTANDING YOUTH AWARD

THERE IS AN AWARD FOR AN OUTSTANDING SENIOR HIGH YOUTH AND AN OUTSTANDING JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH. THERE ARE SEPARATE APPLICATIONS AND NOMINATION FORMS FOR SENIOR HIGH AND JUNIOR HIGH NOMINEES.

PURPOSE: To honor our young people for outstanding academic achievement, leadership and community service.

INFORMATION: This award is a chapter level award and may be submitted to the International Council Outstanding Youth Award Chairman by the chapter awards chairman, chapter president or through your State Awards Chairman. Since Arizona holds a State competition, the State winner may also be submitted for the IC award. The Youth Award is open to DESAs and MESAs as well as youth outside of ESA.

SEND ENTRIES TO: The current State Awards Chairman. The chapter and/or state whose youth is selected as the winner of the IC award will be notified as soon as judging results are received and said chapter or state council is responsible for arranging travel to the convention city. Please keep in contact with the IC Youth Award Chairman as to travel plans, etc. Arrangements for lodging will be taken care of by the IC Chairman.

May we remember, our youth see things we've never imagined and feel things we've never known. Their visions, their hopes and their dreams are gifts to us. This is our gift to them!

I have found a place in Tucson that will take empty medicine bottles "The Pill Bottle Brigade". I haven't contacted them but would like to know if there is an interest in again providing empty medicine bottles for donation.

https://thisistucson.com/article_fbc7776e-0949-11ee-9fc6-5721be02506c.html

Please email me cnluger@yahoo.com or let me know at the September council meeting.

Thank you.

Colleen Luger, Awards Chair



Greetings from the Foundation! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. Personally, I am ready for Fall, these 100+ degree days are killing me.

The Foundation has made some changes as many of you already know. Dues are \$40 and are due by December 31st, 2023 in order to vote in the 2024 calendar year. They are going to a January-December calendar which makes life easier for everyone. There will be two votes for Director positions to get us up to speed with that Jan-Dec calendar, therefore, it is very, very important for you to be current with your dues and have the correct email address registered. If you or someone you know is interested in being a Director on the Foundation Board, October 1st is the deadline for those applications. Contact Kim Mandrell on the ESA Foundation website. Thanks!

Scholarship applications are opening again September 1st. Please reach out to anyone you know or to any school to tell them about our phenomenal opportunities to receive money through ESA scholarships and grants. Remember, one does not need to be a member to apply. They can go to epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships to get more information.

Did you know that the ESA Foundation has a Planned Giving Program? Leave a legacy through a charitable gift to the Foundation by donating through your will, trusts, investments, life insurance, retirement plans, and more.

Many thanks to all that already support the Foundation through donations, endowments, and membership. I hope each of you take the time to go to the website and become a member this year. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. 520-559-1944, krie77@cox.net

Finally, The Foundation has a new program called the Pathway Program. It is an opportunity for making a donation that can be represented on a virtual brick that will be created on a Pathway on the ESAF website. It is an excellent way to recognize people for their work, someone in your community or your chapter. I will be talking more about this at our council meeting in Prescott in September. See you soon.



Fondly,
Kathy Riebock, Alpha Chi, Sierra Vista, AZ
ESA Foundation Counselor



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This year our focus is to help Veterans endure through various acts of kindness.

The HOPE for Heroes chairs would like to challenge ESA chapters to support our efforts as we present four projects throughout this upcoming year at the Council meetings.

Project 1: September Council meeting we will have patriotic bears for order. The idea is to have each chapter pre-order/purchase bears to give to Veterans. The bears will be delivered no later than two weeks prior to Veterans Day.

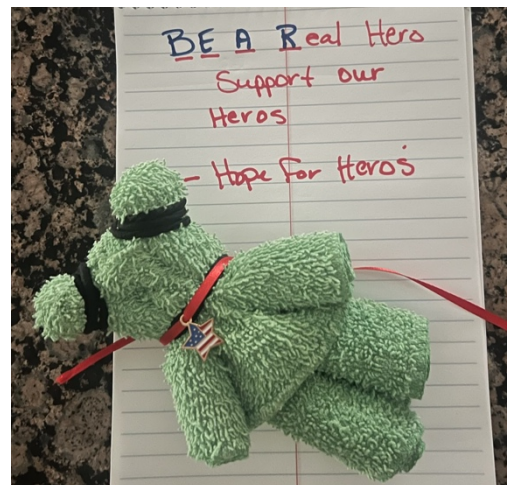
Framed "In Flanders Fields" poems will be available to purchase. The thought behind this poem is to remember those who passed while serving our country. This would be a nice memorial tribute to present to a Veterans family from your chapter.

We especially appreciate your dedication and commitment to our nation's heroes.

Respectfully,

Hope for Heroes Chairs

Pam Wojtkun
Yolanda Chislon
Paula Fisher



ESA Arizona

September council Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 17

Hosted by the “Has Beens”

Registration: 9am / Meeting: 10am

Deadline for reservation is Sept. 8

Cost: \$30 per person

Residence Inn

3599 Lee Circle

Prescott, AZ 86301

928-775-2232 or 928-445-3204

Room rates \$159 – listed under ESA

Reservations & 1 chapter check should be sent to:

Jacqui Smith

7774 E. Marquise Dr.

Tucson, AZ 85715

Saturday night Sept. 16 after 6pm, meet on the Patio – bring your own food & drink. Bring a sweater or light jacket.

Table space contact:

Jacqui Smith 520-885-1417 or jacquismith@comcast.net

Or Carol Caldwell 928-710-9049 or crccarol8@gmail.com



Chapter News



Beta Gamma is collecting new and used sneakers

Bring to the September council meeting

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**

Pictures from IC 2023

AZ President Deana Walters holding the AZ State flag



Patricia Gale receiving 1 of 3 membership awards AZ Council – Greatest Growth by Member, Greatest Net Growth & 20+ New Community Members.

**Delta members sitting at the back table!
Joni Slama, Donna Hall, Cyndi Sklad, Carolyn Vasko, Sherry Day**





Wendy Williams with AZ totals for St. Jude! Yee Haw!



**Emily Vasko back row
Jacqui Smith, Terrie Rust, Wendy Williams, Laury Watson**



ESA IC 2023-24 Executive Board

Denise Holdaway, Brenda Campbell, Angie Butenschoen, Celeste Webb, Brenda Meyers, Lynda Edwards, Amanda Rowland, Patricia Gale, & Margaret Kramer



Lifetime Totals & 2022-23 Totals for St. Jude! – Can you see Wendy Williams holding 1?





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MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

THE POWER OF US

ESA members are powerful. The friendship, service, and connection members make in ESA changes lives, and that power shines brightest through the values shared by members across this great organization. We will be celebrating the bright superstars of ESA throughout the 2023-2024 year through The Power of Us - the collective, incredible power that comes when members do good works in their communities in the name of ESA.

As you host events, volunteer, and fundraise for great causes this year, submit your stories to ESA Headquarters for a chance to be recognized and earn national awards at epsilonsigmaalpha.org/PowerOfUs. The Power of Us campaign is a way to show the world the power of ESA by amplifying our collective impact.

Learn more about earning **The Power of US: Star Status**, **The Power of US: National Star Award**, and **The Power of US: Best in Show Star Award** on the ESA website.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

In accordance with the three pillars of ESA, members and chapters are challenged to complete an activity that falls under each of the Education, Service, and Association categories. Together, these three pillars create and highlight The Power of Us.

THE POWER OF EDUCATION: Chapters and individuals are encouraged to grow their knowledge through their ESA membership

- External (ie. special chapter-hosted educational event open to the public)
- Internal (ie. take a class or attend a seminar as a chapter or individually)

THE POWER OF SERVICE: Participate in a volunteer or fundraising activity, either individually or as a chapter

- Volunteering (ie. Halloween craft with Easterseals)
- Fundraising (ie. silent auction benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital®)

THE POWER OF ASSOCIATION: Share the ESA love!

Your event must include at least one guest.

- Community Outreach (ie. recruitment event)
- Social Activity (ie. scavenger hunt, costume party)

epsilonsigmaalpha.org/PowerOfUs



THE POWER OF US
EDUCATION SERVICE ASSOCIATION
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Date	Event & Location
Sept. Council Meeting Hosted by "Has beens" September 19, 2023 Registration: 9am Meeting: 10am	Residence Inn 3599 Lee Circle Prescott, AZ 86301 928-775-2232 or 928-445-3204 Registration due Sept. 8
Nov. Council Meeting Hosted by Eta Gamma November 12, 2023	Henderson, NV
Jan. Council Meeting Hosted by Alpha Omicron January 21, 2024	Scottsdale, AZ
April Council Meeting Hosted by Alpha Chi April 21, 2024	Sierra Vista, AZ
Arizona Convention May 31-June 2, 2024 Arizona Council State Convention Hosted by Eta Gamma	Henderson, NV
IC Convention July 7-14, 2024 Overland Park, Kansas	https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/about/ic-council/convention

<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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