
Arizona Council Bulletin

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Hope everyone enjoyed the Thanksgiving Holiday with family and/or friends. I also want to thank everyone who came to Henderson for our Hope for Heroes Bunco Event and for our November State Council Meeting. I hope all of you enjoyed it as much as we, Eta Gamma, really enjoyed having all of you here.

We really enjoyed doing the Bunco event for Hope for Heroes. Wish we could have had more people, but think all that were there enjoyed playing Bunco. I know some played for the first time and they had a good time and asked when we would be doing it again. We will be presenting the total dollars to the Hope for Hereos Chairs at the January Council Meeting. Hope you will be joining us to celebrate the event outcome!!

Want to check in on all of the members who took a plant at State Convention last June. Would love to hear how the growth is doing on the plant and but most important how is the growth in your chapter you belong to is doing?? I was hoping the plant sprouts would be a little inspiration to the chapter members to reach out and see if anyone they knew would like to join your chapter. I know many of you have events happening. It never hurts to ask them. See if they want to help you on an

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event, invite them to a social you may be having, and maybe invite them to one of your chapter meetings. How about reaching out to those you maybe working with on an event or even one of your coworkers. You never know unless “U” ask. Let them make the decision!! They may surprise you! Just try it, “they” may like us!!

I want to wish all of you and yours a joyous Holiday Season! Please be safe if you are traveling. Enjoy your holiday time with your family and friends. We really hope to see many of you in January!



Please take care and be safe.

Hugs to all of you and yours.

Deana



1st Vice President

December Greetings!

At last month's Council Meeting, we were introduced to two recent members of Eta Gamma chapter: Kari Thormodsgaard and Tammy DeVeau. I've heard there are some pledges who will be attending our meeting in January and I'm looking forward to introducing them.

Just a reminder that if any member will be attending a Council meeting for the first time, I'd love to get them introduced to the membership. Please let me know if they're coming.

Also, please provide any new member's full information to me for inclusion in the roster.

I wish everyone a blessed holiday. See you in January in Tempe!

Terrie Rust



Ocotillo Express Announcement

Dearest ESA Family,

In case you haven't heard yet, I will be managing the Ocotillo Express now. Please send any news you want to share with the membership to my email: shari.stapleton.smith@gmail.com and I will send it out as quickly as I can.

Yours in service,

Shari Stapleton-Smith



2nd Vice President

Dear Sisters and Brothers of ESA

We hope everybody had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We look forward to seeing everyone at the January Council Meeting.

Please don't forget to turn in your Philanthropic Reports at the Council Meeting or please email me at wendylwilliams7@gmail.com .

We appreciate all you do and we could never say that enough. Without your volunteering whether it's time or money

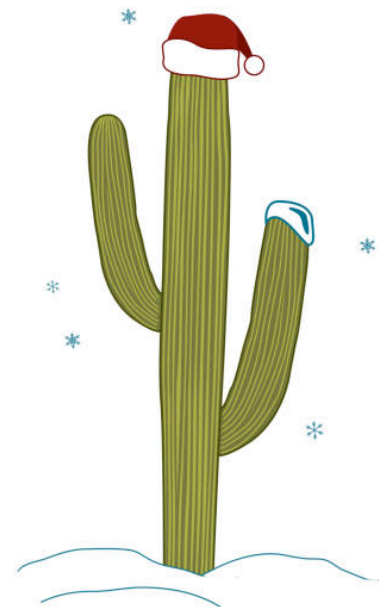
Please think of your ESA family who may need a loved one to celebrate the holidays with.

We wish you wonderful safe, healthy Holidays.

Love in ESA,



Your Philanthropic Chairman's
Roxanne Vitt & Wendy Williams – Co-2nd
Vice President



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

AZ State Past President/Parliamentarian/Disaster Fund Chair

Greetings All,

I hope that you are doing well. I am enjoying our cooler mornings here lately. I just want to let you know that proposed By-law and Standing Rule changes are due to me by no later than January 22, 2024. Please let me know if you have any questions or need any assistance with this.

As your chapter is raising money, please keep the ESA Disaster Fund in mind. If you need any information on the process for filing for Disaster Fund monies, please let me know.

Take care and wish you all the best!

Patricia



Dear Brothers and Sisters in ESA,



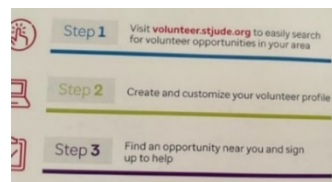
FIRST – Happy Holidays! This is the time of year that the Kids of St. Jude need us the most! Thank you to each of our members for your work in reaching our goal of \$1m from the Arizona Council of ESA this year. **WE can do it!**

Also, a big THANK YOU to our energetic St. Jude Junior-Karen Madrid. She continues to find ways to help us reach our FUNdraising goal.

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 Heroes Various dates—see featured races below **Volunteers Needed**

* St. Jude Heroes nationwide are running races in teams and individually to help raise funds for the kids of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Choose to run for a reason or help cheer on the Heroes!

Featured Races

Humana Rock 'n' Roll Arizona Marathon and Half—January 13-14, 2024

Humana Rock 'n' Roll Las Vegas Marathon and Half—February 24-25, 2024

Both events will have volunteer opportunities! You do not have to be a runner to help!

St. Jude Oasis of Hope Charity Gala-Scottsdale Saturday, April 27, 2024

* This inaugural event will be held at the fabulous ***The Vault of Scottsdale***, in Scottsdale, Arizona. This event will bring St. Jude supporters in the greater Phoenix area together for a sensational evening that includes dinner, cocktails, dueling piano entertainers, gaming, live and silent auctions, Give to Live, a St. Jude patient speaker and more. All with a classic Monte Carlo flair! Volunteers will be needed!

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

Future happenings for the Kids of St. Jude:

Here are some great items to be raffled between now and January 21st State Council Meeting.

First items are this Mary Kay basket - Includes blissful Pomegranate Satin hands, deep cleansing charcoal mask, satin lips, pink travel bag, two May Kay headbands, hydrating sheet mask.



And one beautiful heart diamond art bag.



Second item - Scentsy Disney Mrs. Potts and Chip wax warmer with wax.



\$20 for 25 raffle chances.

The value of items is \$230, and you could win both! Winners will be announced on Sunday, January 21st! You don't have to be present to win. Contact Karen Madrid to get your tickets early at either e-mail address: pkmadrid@cox.net or karen.madrid7@icloud.com

ARIZONA COUNCIL OF ESA ST JUDE QUILT

Have you seen this quilt?



This one-of-a-kind quilt was assembled by the Beta Kappa Chapter with components donated by our late Sister, Jackie Young (Alpha Omicron). The yearlong sale of raffle tickets for this quilt will end at the September 2024 ESA State Council Meeting with the proceeds to benefit the Kids of St Jude. Raffle Tickets can be purchased for \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Need not be present to win. Contact Jeff Goldberg (Beta Kappa) at gold4us2@comcast.net or John Vitt 602-769-4999 (Alpha Omicron) for raffle tickets. The quilt will be displayed at future Council Meetings, too!

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 March 2024, 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](#)



ESA LOVE TO ALL, John & Karen

Easterseals Blake Foundation

Happy Holidays!

Raffle basket and homemade charcuterie board for Easterseals Blake Foundation. \$5 for each raffle chance or \$10 for three raffle chances. The raffle will be held on 12/8/23. The value of the gift basket is \$165. Please contact Terry Smith if you would like to purchase tickets. Please make checks payable to Arizona Council of ESA.



Bunco fundraiser for Easterseals Blake Foundation on 12/8/23 at 5:30pm at the home of Terry Smith. If you are interested and want to attend, please contact Terry Smith as soon as possible. The cost is \$10 per person. Please make checks payable to the Arizona Council of ESA. You can purchase your raffle chances for the charcuterie board and basket.

Eta Pi #5575 chapter had another Bunco party event and raised money for Blake Foundation Easterseals on Saturday, 10/28/23. The Bunco event was held at the home of Laury Watson in Vail, Arizona. There was a 50/50 raffle at the Bunco event to raise funds for Easterseals Maui Relief as well.



We had a Friendsgiving at one of our ESA member's home. Great friendship and fellowship were had by all. Terry Smith made the turkey and ham, and everyone made and brought their favorite side dish to share. Everyone shared their story of why they chose to make and bring their side dish with the group. We had pumpkin pie and whip cream! We were all stuffed like turkeys when it was over.

Please continue to save your spare change to fill up the piggy bank!

Please bring your spare change to the January Council meeting and put it in the donation boxes on the tables.

Let's fill up this pig and make him pop!

"Moolah for Maui" relief Easterseals.

There will be a raffle at the January Council meeting to benefit Blake Foundation Easterseals.



Terry Smith holding Moolah for Maui pig

Opportunities to volunteer for Easterseals Blake Foundation:

Aviva Children's Services.

Please help us give out gifts for children between the ages of newborn to 21 years old in foster care.

Location of event – Christ Presbyterian Church located at 6565 E. Broadway Blvd Tucson, AZ.

The set-up for the event will take place on 12/11/23 from 8am to 7pm.

Last year 2,800 foster children benefited from this event.

Giveaway will happen on
12/12/23 from 8:30am to 5:30pm
12/13/23 from 8:30am to 5:30pm
12/14/23 from 8:30am to 5:30pm



Each day 50 to 60 volunteers are needed for this event. Please sign up to volunteer at <https://forms.office.com/r/bNnRwYRzbl>

Easterseals Blake Foundation

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.

Contact Terry Smith at 520-240-6337 with any questions.



Future events for Southwest Human Development Easterseals

Festival Of Tales: April 20th Our biannual Festival of Tales brings books to life through the "Art of Storytelling" and provides free books to children. Volunteers are needed to assist with book distribution, parking direction, and oversight of activities such as arts, crafts, and games. The event takes place on December 2nd and April 20th, and volunteers can choose from two shifts: 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Thrive to Five Playfest: March 23rd This event is all about play, learning, and supporting Arizona's children. We're looking for volunteers to help with various areas of the event, from traffic control to children's games and crafts. Volunteers should be at least 16 years old, and younger volunteers (ages 12-16) are welcome to join with a capable adult. This event will be at:

Arizona Veterans Memorial Coliseum

azstatefair.com 1826 W McDowell Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Playfest: <https://forms.office.com/r/ebjbncxXyF>

Please sign up if you are interested! Tell them ESA sent you!!

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

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.

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.

Colleen Luger, Awards Chair



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!

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**



Greetings from the Foundation!

As we prepare to give Thanks this November I want to Thank All Of You for helping to make my job easier as Foundation Counselor. Thank you for paying your dues prior to December 31st. Thank you for spreading the word about the Foundation scholarships available at <https://epsilonsigmaalpha.org/scholarships>. Thank you for recognizing someone in a unique way by giving a contribution to the Pathway Program. Thank you for using the Turnaround Funds which help keep our 501c3 status healthy and viable.

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

Fondly,

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



ESAF Annual reporting on AZ Council Endowments

1. AZ Council Endowment

Total account balance \$10,526.93

Restricted amount 5, 000.00

Available balance \$5,526.93

2. AZ Council Sunshine Fund Endowment

Total account balance \$29,951.59

Restricted amount 5,000.00

Available balance \$24,951.59






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www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org



1. Brief hold on book donations to allow us to restructure and strategize getting books to our troops. We will resume collecting books in January 2024.

2. ESA  Female Veterans project. H4H has partnered with Phoenix VAHCS and will donate 10"x8" (Hope Bags) with the following items:
Toothpaste, toothbrush, lotion, body wash, gift cards, journal books, coloring books, colored pencils, lip balm or gloss, shampoo and conditioner. Bandanas (50 donated).

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

Respectfully,
Hope for Heroes Chairs
Pam Wojtkun
Yolanda Chislon
Paula Fisher



JOIN US ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH

Where: Rudy's BBQ & Country Store
7300 W Chandler Blvd. (near I-10 and W Chandler Blvd)
Chandler, AZ 85226
(restaurant is only 15 minutes from our Sunday meeting location)



Time: 5-8 pm

Why: Food*, fellowship, and sneaker decorating to benefit Southwest Human Development (Easter Seals)
(*Food ordering on your own off the menu)

Attendees are encouraged to bring a new pair of children's white canvas sneakers to decorate (available at Walmart or Hobby Lobby). A few pairs will be available on site for \$10 (to cover shoe cost).



Decorating supplies and ideas provided! Not creative? We've got you covered!!

Please RSVP to Terrie Rust at terrie_rust@hotmail.com by January 15th so we can get a rough count of attendees. Restaurant reservations not required.

ESA Arizona
January 2024 Council Meeting
Sunday, January 21, 2024

Hosted by **Alpha Omicron**

Location: Shalimar Golf Club, 2032 East Golf Avenue
Tempe, Arizona 85282

Time: Registration 9 am, Meeting at 10 am

Cost: \$30 per member, please send one Chapter Check to:
Roxanne Vitt
1955 East Manhattan Drive
Tempe, AZ 85282

Checks/Reservations need to be received by January 13th

Hotel Options:

Embassy Suites-Phoenix/Tempe, 4400 S. Rural Rd., Tempe 85282
480-897-7444 \$189/night

Extended Stay America, 1920 W. Isabella Ave., Mesa 85202
480-752-2266 \$163/night (Single); \$193/night (Double)

Other hotels in the area.

Registration Form:

Chapter Name: _____ Chapter # _____

Name of Member(s) Attending

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Raffle Table _____ (Yes or No) Full or Half Table _____

STAY TUNED – We’re planning something *Special* for Saturday Evening!

Chapter News

Alpha Omicron Raffle

The Alpha Omicron Chapter is raffling off this beautiful pink sparkle Kate Spade handbag, valued at over \$200. Tickets are \$5 each or 3/\$10.00. Tickets will be available at State Council meetings, or from Alpha Omicron members, with the drawing to be held at the April 2024 Council Meeting in Tucson. Proceeds will support chapter philanthropic projects.



SAVE THE DATE



Sat, April 20, 2024

Handbag Happy
Hour

Tucson, AZ

Hosted by Alpha Chi

To benefit St. Jude Children's
Hospital

and....

Sun, April 21, 2024

AZ State Council Meeting

Tucson, AZ

Hosted by Alpha Chi



Beta Gamma is collecting new and used sneakers

Bring to the future Arizona Council meetings

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**

Date	Event & Location
Jan. Council Meeting Hosted by Alpha Omicron January 21, 2024	Shalimar Golf Club, 2032 East Golf Avenue Tempe, Arizona
April Council Meeting Hosted by Alpha Chi April 21, 2024	Tucson, 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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Happy Holidays