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Hello Everyone,

I do believe summer is on the way. Hope many of you have some plans for a relaxing vacation.

It was so good to see so many of you a few weeks ago. I hope everyone enjoyed the Saturday evening event and Sunday at the Council Meeting. Thanks so much to all the Alpha Chi members for a great weekend. If you could not attend, you missed a fun time!

I have really enjoyed this year. It has been fun. I do hope all of you have enjoyed our year as much as I have, and I am really looking forward to another wonderful year with all of you. Look forward to seeing what all of you are planning to do in the 2024-25 year. I challenge all of you to think outside the box and try something new. You never know if it will work until you try it!

I want to be sure I have all those receiving service pins this year at the State Convention. Please send me an email to confirm that they are attending the State Convention and their years of service over 25 years.

Also, I would like to know who is planning to attend the IC Convention in Kansas City and if anyone is to receive their years of service recognition again over 25 years. I would like an email. I do not want to miss anyone at either convention.

The members of the Eta Gamma Chapter are looking forward to welcoming you and want to help you have a memorable weekend here in Henderson as we "Celebrate Us." Remember, breakfast will be served at the hotel each morning. So, plan according to get a good start for your day. Also, you are allowed to bring in your "favorite" beverage and

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any special food you may want. There will be snacks, coffee, water, and iced tea each day and evening of the convention!

I ask that all of you please keep Brenda Meyers' family in your thoughts and prayers as her services were April 27th. She and her wonderful smile will be missed by all of us. RIP my friend.

Take care to all. Hope to see many of you at the State Convention as we "Celebrate Us"!.

Take care. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Hugs from Vegas

Deana





1st Vice President

It is my honor, as your 1st Vice President, to provide a special welcome at our state meetings. Two such welcomes took place at the April Council meeting.

Three new members were introduced: Vada Phelps and Terri Andrews from Alpha Chi, and Rhonda McCanless from Beta Gamma. We are excited to have these new faces joining ESA Arizona!

Our newest chapter, Omega Alpha #5626, was formally welcomed and members in attendance, Paula Fisher and Pam Wojtkun, were honored with yellow roses

symbolizing friendship, positivity, and optimism: ideals that we hope will characterize their chapter as they move forward.

Convention is almost here!! There will be some exciting "reveals" so I hope you're planning on attending. See you in Henderson!

Terrie Rust



2nd Vice President

Hello fellow ESA Sisters and Brothers

May is here. Hope everyone is getting ready for our AZ Convention in Henderson Nevada. It will be a great time as always.

A Big Thank You to all of the Chapters that turned in Philanthropic reports. I am compiling and will be handing out awards at the Convention. As usual our Chapters work so hard for our charities throughout the year.

It is time for all of us to get a clean form and start keeping track of volunteering and donations for next year.

If your Chapter is collection something that is not on the States list, and would be willing to collect that item for the State, please let me know. We are always looking for new things to do.

See You in Henderson.

Roxanne Vitt 602-769-4818 RRVITT@AOL.COM



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	1 minute per stamp
stamp)	
Plastic bottle caps, medicine bottles	1 minute per item
	Remove labels

AZ Council Chaplain & Ocotillo Express Contacts

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in ESA,



FIRST – As we finish Volunteer Appreciation Month, we need to share a HUGE THANK YOU to each of our members that have helped the Kids of St. Jude! You have made a difference!

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

If you haven't done so, please create a profile in the St. Jude Volunteer Management System (VMS). Visit: <u>St Jude Volunteer Management System</u>

e step process shown here will help get you started. 👔 Step1 Vit volunteer apportunities in you areas	
Irs and miles can easily be tracked using VMS!	
Step 3 Find an opportunity near you and sign	

ST. JUDE CALENDAR of EVENTS

ST JUDE OASIS of HOPE CHARITY GALA-SCOTTSDALE On **Saturday, April 27, 2024** the Gala was held at the fabulous *The Vault of Scottsdale*, in Scottsdale, Arizona. This event will brought St. Jude supporters in the greater Phoenix area together for a sensational evening that included dinner, cocktails, dueling piano entertainers, gaming, live and silent auctions, Give to Live, a St. Jude patient speaker and more. Volunteers helped FUNdraise a record amount of dollars for the Kids of St. Jude. Actual figures will be determined and shared at a later date.

ST JUDE DREAM HOME – LAS VEGAS #8 – 2024 - Volunteers/Donors Needed

As previously mentioned in the bulletin, the eighth St. Jude Dream Home is Las Vegas recently had the groundbreaking. Raffle tickets will go on sale July 10th! Volunteers are needed to help sell the tickets (in Las Vegas) and other opportunities.

- May 15, 2024 Floor signing
- July 10, 2024 Tickets on Sale for St. Jude Dream Home Giveaway and Sell-a-Thon Phone Bank-Volunteers Needed
- July 20-September 22- Saturdays and Sundays Dream Home Giveaway Open Houses- Open House Volunteers needed to be Greeters and Sell Tickets
- August 14, 2024 Early Bird Prize Deadline

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – BACKGROUND CHECK REQUIRED. Visit the Volunteer Management System (VMS) and sign-up today:

https://volunteer.stjude.org/custom/515/opp_details/5736

ST JUDE WALK/RUN – Phoenix 2024 - Volunteers/Donors Needed!

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024. 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: <u>https://fundraising.stjude.org/Team ESA AZ</u> Volunteer opportunities will be in VMS soon!



ST JUDE WALK/RUN – LAS VEGAS 2024 - Volunteers/Donors Needed!

* **SEPTEMBER 7, 2024**. Making memories. Supporting a mission. The St. Jude Walk/Run in Las Vegas will be at the Craig Ranch Park. Come join the nationwide movement to honor Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in the Las Vegas Valley.

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

St. Jude Dream Home-Arizona

Yes, as announced at the January Council Meeting, ALSAC and St. Jude has reached out to ESA-Arizona and announced that there is a St. Jude Dream Home slated for Maricopa County, Arizona in the Spring of 2025. This is a huge undertaking and very lucrative FUNdraising opportunity for St. Jude and ESA. More details will be announced as they are known. [Same builder as Las Vegas Dream Home and location is yet to be determined.

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! Drawing will be September 15, 2024!



Enjoy these photos from the St. Jude Oasis of Hope - FUNdraising gala held at The Vault, in Scottsdale.

200 were in attendance with a goal of raising \$300,000 for St. Jude.

Silent & Live Auction spotter, No More Chemo Table, Greeters and Set-up were the volunteer needs for this Inaugural Event.







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

Thank you for all the support this ESA year. We had fun raising monies to help such a worthy cause. Don't forget that you can still donate individually or through your chapter to help.

Please email Karen Madrid your hours, monies donated, donated goods and milage for Easterseals from your chapters philanthropic report by 5/10/24. There is a year end report that we need to submit to IC Easterseals by 5/31/24. Email to Karen Madrid at karen.madrid7@icloud.com

Thank you to the Alpha Chi chapter for hosting a bingo party for Easterseals Maui Relief. Everyone had a great time at this event.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the State Convention in Henderson, NV.

Volunteer opportunities for Easterseals Blake Foundation:

5/17/2024 - Fun in the Sun Golf Tournament for Easterseals Blake Foundation. It will be held at the Omni Tucson National golf course in Tucson, Arizona. Volunteers are needed. We will post the link to sign-up to volunteer as soon as it is available.

9/7/2024 – Blues in Bisbee at Warrant ballpark in Bisbee, Arizona. Volunteers needed from 12pm to 8pm. Sign-up link will be available soon to volunteer at this event.

9/26/2024 – Cooking with the Stars at Mr. An's Restaurant in Tucson, Arizona. Volunteers are needed for this event. A link will be sent out soon to sign up to volunteer.

11/23/2024 – El Tour de Tucson event at the Tucson Convention Center at 7am. A link will be provided soon so that you can sign up to volunteer at this event.

Don't forget to order some beautiful items from Saga Ceramics.

Go to Sage Ceramics at <u>http://www.sageceramicgifts.com</u> You can purchase ceramics that are created by employees with disabilities for Easterseals. You can also call 520-888-8588 to order.

Volunteer at Blake Foundation 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.

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



Grow a Reader Program: In-office Task Contribute to our Grow a Reader program by assembling flowerpots. Watch this video to learn more about the project. We need volunteers to create paper flowers, each taking about 3-4 minutes to make. Afterward, glue them to a popsicle stick for placement in flowerpots.

Warehouse: miscellaneous opportunities to work in our warehouse from quality control, inventory, sorting, packing and much more.

By volunteering at these events, you'll not only contribute to meaningful causes but also create lasting memories and connections. Your participation is invaluable, and we look forward to having you on board.

If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to reach out. Let's make a difference together in 2024!

This is our contact with SWHD Easterseals Tay Wright Senior Manager, Volunteer Engagement Development Main (602) 266-5976 | Mobile (602) 545-0015 | swhd.org Southwest Human Development | Easterseals 2850 N. 24th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85008

Barb Daher

Awards Chair

Hello ESA Members,

I want to take a minute and express gratitude to all of our members that have put in many hours of time, talent and gifts. It is that time of the year when we reflect on the past year and honor those members of our Chapters who have truly made a large impact on our efforts. Each Chapter can select a Member of the Year to be recognized at the AZ State Council Convention. There are two versions of the form. This is to make the submission process as simple as possible. You can either email the form to me or send it to me via USPS.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions. Colleen Luger cnluger@yahoo.com



	ESA Member of the yea	r		
MEMBER NAME			DATE:	
P	About the member			
Chapte	er Name:		Chapter Number: _	
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Word(s) to describe your Mem	ber of the Year:		
	Brief description of why	this member is selected	as Member of the year	
Signed by				
Chapte	er President:		Date:	
Please s	submit this form to Colleen L	uger, <u>cnluger@yahoo.com</u> by	^y May 20, 2024	

Associate of the Arts Entry form

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Artists Name: (please print)	
Chapter Name, Number	
Phone and E-mail:	
Submit entries electronically to: <u>cnluge</u> Mail to Colleen Lu 2926 E. Elr Chandler, A	iger nwood Place
 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, 	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
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Greetings from the Foundation!

Kudos to the Alpha Chi Chapter for winning the Foundation Fantasy Event competition. First place \$345.00 dollars donated, second place was \$250.00. Jacqui Smith from Eta Pi won first place for an individual. As a state we contributed \$735.00. Way to go Arizona!!

We are again donating an auction item for the Foundations Fund Fest at IC in Kansas. If anyone has gift certificates they would like to donate to our Origami Owl Purse and wallet, please contact me. I will be at the state convention in Henderson but want to have this wrapped up and ready to hand over to Patti Gale who has generously offered to take it to IC since I am unable to go.

ESA does indeed change lives. Our scholarship winners are as follows:

- 1. Alpha Omicron #2520 AZ Scholarship-Amaya Frusetta
- 2. Alpha Omicron #2520 Chapter Presidents Honorarium Scholarship- Emma Udall
- 3. Arizona Council Sunshine Fund Scholarship-Megan Kolassa
- 4. Priscilla Gale Memorial Scholarship-Stevie Stokes

As the year comes to a close, please consider donating a virtual brick to the Pathway Program. This is a lovely way to recognize those in your chapter or community that have gone above and beyond to help you realize your goal or have simply supported you. This donation on their behalf can be anywhere from \$25 to \$1,000.

For those of you that joined the Foundation at the April Council Meeting, your money and application has been sent to the Foundation. Thank you!

Thank you Arizona for always supporting the ESA Foundation If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. 520-559-1944, <u>krie77@cox.net</u>

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



Operation Paperback



Labeling and repackaging books for Troops! Omega Alpha - AZ seized the opportunity to work on this Hope for Heroes project and we nailed it!!! Pam Wojtkun, Jody Garrett, Karen, Angela Mason Frank Espinoza and Virgil all get a \checkmark 🔛 \bigstar . We had volunteers to help us and we are SO thankful to Kay Mc Guan Hicks for storing books, Darwin for transferring and referring his friends to unload E. We appreciate Cameron and Paige for always being

exceptional in helping us, no matter the ask! Yes!!! Omega Alpha - AZ is building coalitions, relationships and community! Special thanks to ESA Arizona for all your donations.



#pursuitoflearning #grababook #donateabook

💙 💛 Lessons learned with this first shipment-donations must be in gently used

condition, we label each book, include a letter in each package. We mailed out a total of 160 books (hard and paperback) to 5 identified areas from Operation Paperback. Outstanding job, ESA!!!

We especially appreciate your dedication and commitment to our nation's heroes. Respectfully, Hope for Heroes Chairs Pam Wojtkun **Yolanda** Chislon Paula Fisher



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TID BITS You Need to Know for State Convention

You are allowed to bring your favorite "beverage"!

You are allowed to bring food if you want. (Remember we will have snacks for you at each gathering) There will be coffee and hot water (for tea and we will have tea bags) plus there will ice tea each day and water bottles.



You will have breakfast each morning (6:30am to 9:30am)

Dress for Saturday evening will be business casual (NO jeans) as we will not have an installation.



Rooms \$129 for King, \$139 for double queens (can have 4 in room at no extra charge) Room rate is good Thursday thru Sunday. Hotel phone number is 702-387-6500.

If you come in on Thursday there is a "Happy Hour" from 5:30-7:30pm. There will be free beer, free wine, cookies and soda.

Friday night will be a mixer, fun games and a chance to meet IC Rep.

Remember we will have snacks on Friday night, all day Saturday. Left-overs on Sunday. Friday dinner is on your own.

Important that you indicate if you need a special meal.

Any questions or concerns please reach out to Stacy Vitz, Convention Chair, phone number is 702-743-0823 and email is <u>smwalters2018@gmail.com</u> or reach out to Deana.



Hello everyone 🏵

If u have not registered for IC u will have to pay the higher price. (2). If u are going to IC PLEASE let me know. Also, if u will be receiving a years of service recognition let me know and how many years. There are so many fun activities planned!

Also if coming to State Convention and will be recognized for years of service please let me know and how many years.

Looking forward to seeing some of you in a few weeks! Take care. Hugs 🔄 Deana



2024 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION There's No Place Like Kansas July 7 – July 14, 2024 DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Kansas City – Overland Park 10100 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS 66210 DoubleTree Hotel at: (913) 451-6100



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MEMBER FULL REGISTRATION FEE:	□ Postmarked by May 1, 2024\$275
Includes general assemblies, workshops, welcome party, recognition luncheon and banquet	□ After May 1, 2024 (see payment note on page 2)\$325
MEMBER FRI. & SAT. REGISTRATION FEE:	□ Postmarked by May 1, 2024\$250
Includes general assemblies, recognition luncheon and banquet	□ After May 1, 2024 (see payment note on page 2)\$300
MEMBER SAT. ONLY REGISTRATION FEE:	□ Postmarked by May 1, 2024\$150
Includes general assembly and banquet	□ After May 1, 2024 (see payment note on page 2)\$200
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welcome party, recognition luncheon and banquet	
NON-MEMBER attending WELCOME PARTY:	□ Postmarked by May 1, 2024\$ 65 □ After May 1, 2024 (see payment note below)\$115
NON-MEMBER attending RECOGNITION LUNCHEON:	 □ Postmarked by May 1, 2024\$50 □ After May 1, 2024 (see payment note below)\$100
NON-MEMBER attending BANQUET:	 □ Postmarked by May 1, 2024\$75 □ After May 1, 2024 (see payment note below)\$125
YOUTH REGISTRATION FEE (age 12 & under):	□ Postmarked by May 1, 2024\$100
Includes general assemblies, welcome party, recognition luncheon and banquet	□ After May 1, 2024 (see payment note below)\$125
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CANCELLATION: If you find it necessary to cancel this registration, the full amount less a \$50 processing fee will be refunded when	
WRITTEN cancellation is postmarked NO LATER THAN JUNE 15, 2024. NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 15; TRANSFER ONLY.	
TRANSFER TO ANOTHER MEMBER: One time trans	fer allowed, \$15 transfer fee. See separate form.
Mail registration form with payment to:	Tammi Mitchell, ESA IC REGISTRATION CHAIR
If paying online, please also	2298 N Road I, Ulysses, KS 67880; 620-353-0467
e-mail registration form with payment to:	ICconvention24@esaks.org



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 The Alpha Kappa's have been busy during the month of April. We hosted a very successful Spring Fling, featuring jazz music, good food, lots of raffle and Silent Auction items. The turnout was great and everyone enjoyed an afternoon of fun. The Tempe Meals on Wheels and theTempe Elementary Schools Connecting With Kids program will benefit nicely from the event.





Some Silent Auction Items



We also experienced sadness this month with the death of one of our members, Barbara Etchamendy. Barbara had been a member of Alpha Kappa for 18 years and had served one and a half terms as President and many other positions in the chapter. She will be greatly missed.

We are now looking to the future and will be hosting the September 15, 2024, State Council meeting. Looking forward to seeing you in September.

New AZ Chapter Omega Alpha assembled 39 toiletries, 9 zebra bags & prayer shawls for female veterans. Big shout out to Pam Wojtkun for hosting us. Fun to give back!

Omega Alpha joins Epsilon Sigma Alpha as its newest chapter in Arizona. Headquarters chartered the team of nine on 3/7/24, and we are humbled, honored and looking forward to adding value to ESA. The internal mission of Omega Alpha is to cultivate a collaborative, value-based experience that fosters meaningful partnerships. Our team plans to build relationships with Veteran organizations and support Nation s/heroes. We're elated for continued opportunities to engage other philanthropic work which will benefit the local community.

Omega Alpha charter members are: Karen Bowers, Angela Espinoza, Paula Fisher,

Tammy Fisher, Jody Garrett, Virgil James, Christine Lucas, Juliane Moore, and Pam Wojtkun







Date	Event & Location
Arizona Convention May 31-June 2, 2024 Arizona Council State Convention Hosted by Eta Gamma Reservation due 4/29/2024	Henderson, NV
IC Convention July 7-14, 2024 Overland Park, Kansas	https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/events
St. Jude Walk Sept. 2024	https://www.stjude.org/get-involved/fitness- fundraisers/5k-walk-run.html

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. April Aguiñaga <u>april aguinaga@hotmail.com</u> 602-904-1530 15602 N. 59th Lane Glendale, AZ 85306

