



# Arizona Council Bulletin

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Hi Everyone,

A big thank you to all who joined us for the 81st AZ State Convention in Henderson! I appreciate all of you who took time to complete the survey that was passed out at registration. If you did not get to complete one, I would be happy to hear from you. We have been reviewing them and will try to accommodate some of the requests for next year. I realize some things were different, but times are changing, and maybe we need to do the same.

One comment was having a restaurant in the hotel.

Sometimes that jumps the price up where it is makes more difficult to get a rate that is reasonable and affordable for the majority of the membership. But we will look and call around! Stay tuned!

I am reaching out to the chapters willing to host the conferences for next year to get location and hotels nearby if not in a hotel. Once I have them, I will put it out in the Ocotillo so all can plan to attend if possible.

I am attaching a list of the Appointed Board for 2024-2025. I am also attaching the list of the award winners for the past year.

Summer is here and the flowers and trees are in full bloom. I really would love to have chapters in full bloom and try reach out to friends, family, co-workers, or others you may meet when volunteering to share the ESA story! We need to be able to share all that we do. Be prepared and always have a business card ready to share. They are simple to make....think about it. You never know when someone will ask you about your ESA shirt you are wearing. We advertise when wearing our ESA shirts. Be Prepared!! I invite them to you next meeting or if you are volunteering invite to come along.

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Hope you all enjoy your summer! Enjoy family and friends and will be looking forward to seeing you in September.

Take care. Looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Hugs from Vegas  
Deana



Arizona Council ESA

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Arizona State Convention is underway!



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

During my Membership report at Convention (as Membership Director), I provided the wonderful news that Arizona ended the year with net growth! We would have loved to have increased membership, but we know it's as difficult to sustain membership as it is to increase it. So, I say: WELL DONE!!

The convention provided another opportunity to introduce some 1st time attendees. Virgil James from the Omega Alpha Chapter, and Augie and Karen Jimenez from the Eta Gamma Chapter were welcomed. I also provided a special welcome to Deana's guest - her long-time ESA sister from Indiana, Rozanne Robertson – and, our IC 1st VP/President Elect Lynda Edwards.

During the Awards Luncheon, I presented the Rushing Contest winners:

3rd place: Alpha Omicron

2nd place: Alpha Chi

1st place: Beta Gamma

On Saturday night, I shared a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the Power of Us submissions by Arizona Chapters this year. It was a pleasure to acknowledge the efforts these chapters made for this special Headquarters contest. Special Power of Us participation certificates were awarded to the following chapters:

Beta Kappa – Engagement in a Power of Us Service event

Eta Pi – Completing Power of Us Service events

Alpha Chi – Completing Power of Us Service events

Omega Alpha – Completing Power of Us Service events

Omega Mu – Completing two Power of Us pillars (Education, Service)

Eta Gamma – Completing two Power of Us pillars (Education, Service)

Alpha Omicron – Completing all three Power of Us pillars (Education, Service, Association)



It was also my honor on Saturday night to present the Gladys Bagley Shaefer Outstanding Pledge Recognition to Terri Andrews of the Alpha Chi Chapter. Her chapter had this to say about her: "Terri jumped right in with chapter committee work as well as collecting items for our collectible efforts, including making hats for the homeless. She isn't afraid to ask questions or get her hands dirty. While volunteering to place wreaths for Wreaths Across America, Terri jumped up in the semi-truck to help unload the wreaths. She is welcoming to everyone and has amazing ideas. She also completed the

First Pearl Award."

Have a wonderful summer. I'll look forward to seeing you at the September Council meeting.

Terrie Rust



## APPOINTED BOARD FOR 2024-2025

Auditor	Sherry Day	Delta Omega
Awards	Colleen Lugar	Beta Gamma
AZ Council Connector	Liz Montgomery	Alpha Sigma
Bulletin Editor	April Aguinaga	Delta Pi
Chaplain	Rosa Villafane	Alpha Chi
Convention Chair	Stacy Vitz	Eta Gamma
Easterseals – Phoenix	Kelly Kringen	Alpha Kappa
Easterseals – Tucson	Terry Smith	Alpha Chi
Easterseals Advisor	Karen Madrid	Alpha Chi
<i>Educational Workshop</i>	<i>Hosting chapter will be responsible.</i>	
Advisor	Terrie Rust	Alpha Omicron
ESA Foundation	Kathy Riebock	Alpha Chi
Financial Secretary	Jacqui Smith	Eta Pi
Hope for Heroes	Pam Wojtkun	Beta Gamma
Hope for Heroes	Paula Fisher	Omega Alpha
Hope for Heroes	Yolanda Chision	Omega Mu
Ocotillo Express	Shari Stapleton-Smith	Eta Pi
Properties Chair	Suzanne Godard	Alpha Chi
Registrar	Laury Watson	Eta Pi
Registrar Co-Chair	Pam Wojtkun	Beta Gamma
Roster Chair	Terrie Rust	Alpha Omicron
Roster Proofreader	Tammy DeVeau	Eta Gamma
St. Jude Coordinator Sr.	John Vitt	Alpha Omicron
St. Jude Coordinator Jr.	Karen Madrin	Alpha Chi

Website/Social Media/Publicity

April Aguinaga

Delta Pi

Membership Committee Chair

Terrie Rust

Alpha Omicron

Philanthropic & W & M Chair

Roxanne Vitt

Alpha Omicron

### **2024-2025 Council meeting dates**

Alpha Kappa- September TBD

Eta Pi- November TDB

Omega Alpha- January 18-19, 2025

Beta Gama for April 6, 2025

Eta Gamma – 82<sup>nd</sup> State Convention May 30-  
June1



## **Award Winners 2023-2024**

**Membership** – Terrie Rust - Rushing Awards 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Alpha Omicron 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Alpha Chi

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Beta Gamma

**Foundation** – Kathy Riebock - Highest individual donor - 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Jason Vogler 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Jacqui Smith Highest Chapter Donations – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Alpha Chi 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Alpha Omicron

**Easterseals** – Terry Smith – Certificates presented to the following chapters – Alpha Chi, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Nu, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Sigma, Beta Delta, Beta Gamma, Beta Kappa, Delta Pi, Eta Gamma, Eta Pi, Gamma Gamma, Omega Alpha, Omega Nu and Barbara Appleton, MAL

**Philanthropic** – Roxanne Vitt -

**13+ members** – **Hours** 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Alpha Kappa, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Alpha Chi, 1<sup>st</sup> place – Eta Gamma - **Dollars** 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Alpha Kappa, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Eta Gamma, 1<sup>st</sup> place Alpha Chi

**Chapters 7-12 members** - **Hours** – 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Beta Gamma, 1<sup>st</sup> place – Alpha Omicron **Dollars** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Beta Gamma, 1<sup>st</sup> place - Alpha Omicron

**Chapters 1-6 members, Hours** 3<sup>rd</sup> place Alpha Sigma, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Eta Pi - 1<sup>st</sup> place Beta Kappa. **Dollars** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Alpha Sigma, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Eta Pi, 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Beta Kappa MAL Shirley Albertson.

**Disaster Fund** – Patti Gale – chapters donated – Alpha Kappa, Beta Zeta, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Chi, Alpha Sigma, Beta Kappa, Eta Pi

**Member of the Year** – Colleen Lugar - Beta Gamma – Barb Daher, Omega Mu – Gloria Harris, Alpha Omicron – John Vitt, Eta Pi – Terry Smith, Alpha Kappa Mindy Udell, Alpha Chi – Stephen Potts

**Association of the Arts** – 3<sup>rd</sup> – Painted Umbrella - Jacque Frusetta, - 2<sup>nd</sup> place Crochet/sewing - Terri Andrews – 1<sup>st</sup> place – Diamond Art – Pam Wojikon

**St. Jude** – John Vitt - Top 3 Chapters – Phoenix Walk/Run – 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Delta Pi, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Al[ha Chi, 1<sup>st</sup> place – Alpha Omicron Vegas Walk. Run – Gamma Pi

Top Five Chapters participating in Vegas Dream Home – 5<sup>th</sup> place – Alpha Nu, 4<sup>th</sup> place – Alpha Chi, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Beta Kappa, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Alpha Omicron, 1<sup>st</sup> place- Eta Gamma

Chapters participating in the Rock N Roll Marathon – Alpha Omicron

**Top 5 St. Jude FUNdraising Chapters** – Arizona and Nevada – 5<sup>th</sup> place (\$15,006.00) Alpha Nu, 4<sup>th</sup> place (\$31, 237.33) – Alpha Chi, 3<sup>rd</sup> place – (\$37,674.00) Beta Kappa, 2<sup>nd</sup> place (\$102,474.14) Alpha Omicron, 1<sup>st</sup> place – (\$589,396.00) Eta Gamma

**Pallas Athene** – Suzanne Godard – Terri Andrews – 1<sup>st</sup> Pearl



**For Member(s) of the year:**

- Barb Daher - Beta Gamma - 5 years with ESA: Committed, creative and willing to serve
- Mindy Udall - Alpha Kappa - 6 years with ESA: awesome, energetic, passionate & caring
- Terry Smith - Eta Pi - 1 year with ESA: caring, creative, talented, helpful, willing to volunteer, highly motivated
- John Vitt - Alpha Omicron - 12 years with ESA: energetic, helpful, dedicated, altruistic
- Stephanie Potts - Alpha Chi - 3 years with ESA: Kind, selfless, loyal, hardworking
- Gloria Harris - Omega Mu - 3 years with ESA: Passionate, reliable, innovative; invaluable



**Associate of the Arts:**

- 1st Place: Eagle Diamond Art - Pam Wojtkun - Omega Alpha
- 2nd Place: Terri Andrews - crochet and sewing - Alpha Chi
- 3rd Plac Painted Umbrella - Jacque Frusetta - Alpha Omicron



Dear Brothers and Sisters in ESA,

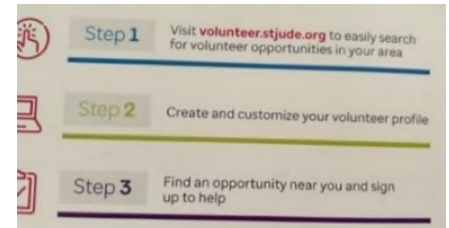


**FIRST** – As we finish the 2024-2025 Philanthropic Year, we need to share a HUGE **THANK YOU** to each of our members that have helped the Kids of St. Jude! You have made a difference!

Let's make 2024-2025 a record year!

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)

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



### ST. JUDE BANNER YEAR

The numbers were revealed at the 2024 ESA State Conference for the TOTAL monetary impact that ESA Arizona (and Nevada) made for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital:



**YES! THAT SAYS \$780,579.90** was credited to ESA-AZ for the 2023-2024 year! Again, **THANK YOU** to each member that made this number happen.

## **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 of **\$383,411!**

### ***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 and floor signing. Raffle tickets will go on sale July 10th! Volunteers are needed to help sell the tickets (in Las Vegas) and other opportunities.

**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](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: <https://fundraising.stjude.org/Team ESA AZ 2024> Or scan below.

Volunteer opportunities will be in VMS soon!



**SCAN ME**  
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### ***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, April and June Council Meetings, 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 Queen Creek, Arizona area.]

### ***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](mailto: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!

***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 Summer 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**

# **Arizona/Nevada Council of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International**

## **Annual State Convention**

**June 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> 2024**

### **First General Assembly Minutes**

**Location: Comfort Inn & Suites Henderson, Nevada**

The 81<sup>st</sup> Annual State Convention was convened by Stacy Vitz, Convention Chairman at 9am.

The Flag ceremony was presented by Suzanne Godard. The Flag of All Faiths was carried by Jacqui Smith; the ESA Foundation flag was carried by Kathy Riebock; the Western States Council flag was carried by Donna Ort; the ESA flag was carried by Lynda Edwards, I.C. Rep and Acting I.C. President; the Nevada State flag was carried by Stacy Vitz, Vice President Eta Gamma while the State song played; the Arizona State flag was carried by Terrie Rust, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/President elect while the State song played; the American flag was carried by Deana Walters, Arizona/Nevada State President, accompanied by the playing of America the beautiful.

**The Invocation** was given by Jacqui Smith: Co Chaplain

President Deana led The Pledge of Allegiance

### **Opening ritual**

**Welcome** was given by Stacy Vitz, Convention Chairman. She thanked everyone for travelling to attend. She welcomed Rozanne Robertson, a guest from Gamma Pi chapter, Indiana and hoped that everyone enjoyed the Friday night mixer.

President Deana Walters welcomed everyone and introduced the Executive board and special guest Lynda Edwards, I.C. Representative/ I.C. President. Patricia advised that there are bingo cards that have items related to the convention. There are prizes.

**Roll call** taken by Jenny Young, Secretary. Nine chapters were represented with a total count of 35 attendees.

**The minutes** from the April Council meeting were approved as presented and will be available on the council website.

**Correspondence-** Jenny Young:

Letter from Brenda Meyers, 2023-2024 I.C. President (that was written before she very sadly and suddenly passed away in April). The letter congratulated Deana and the Arizona Council on a great year and encouraged members to continue to reflect on Deana’s theme “Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow” as we continue to make great connections.

Correspondence was received from Jacqui Smith (2023-24 Auditor) for the audit completed in February. The semi-annual audit of the Arizona Council’s Treasurer and Financial Secretary’s books and found everything to be in balance and in good order. The audit consisted of reviewing all vouchers, bank statements, receipts and disbursement journals, treasurer’s reports and everything was posted correctly. The Arizona Council’s finances are in good hands and Jacqui commended Connie and Suzanne for doing a wonderful job and making her job easier.

**Registrar-** Laury Watson, Registrar presented the Registrar’s report:

Council Representatives	19
Non-Council Representatives	8
Pledges	1
Guests	4
MALs (Member(s) at Large)	2
State President	1
Total in attendance	35

**Vice President/President Elect** Terrie Rust

As Vice President Terrie is also the membership Director and gave final statistics for the year. Omega Alpha is a brand-new chapter that was chartered in 23-24. Five chapters pledged new members, four members were reinstated, one member transferred to an active chapter from Member at Large (M.A.L.) status.

We did lose several members this year for a variety of reasons however we ended the year with net growth.

Terrie introduced three members who were given ESA pens to write their own ESA story.

Karen Jimenez- Eta Gamma chapter who joined ESA in 2017.

Augie Jimenez- Eta Gamma chapter who joined ESA in 2021.

Virgil James- Omega Alpha chapter who joined ESA in 2024.

Terrie also introduced two guests:

Rozanne Robertson from Gamma Pi in Indiana who joined ESA in 1968.

Lynda Edwards, I.C. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/Acting I.C. President, Beta Nu chapter in Alabama who joined ESA in 1981.

**Treasurer's Report-** Suzanne Godard on behalf of Connie Cole, Treasurer:

Total Balance on Hand, May 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2024,	\$15,017.62
Including Restricted Amount	\$ 5,770.00
Including Sub Account	\$ 2,072.92
Working Balance on Hand	\$ 7,174.70
April/May income	\$ 2,210.00
Disbursements	\$ 4,687.75
Total Balance on Hand May 31 <sup>st</sup>	\$ 12,539.87
Restricted Amount	\$ 5,770.00
Sub Accounts	\$ 1,972.92
Working Balance on Hand	\$ 4,796.95

Brain teaser- ten minutes were taken to discuss any topic and feedback was given to the group.

**Association of the Arts-** Colleen Luger

There are QR codes where members can vote for their favorite items. These were displayed in the Convention room.

Meeting was adjourned for a break at 9.57am.

Meeting recommenced at 10.10am



## **Appointed Board Reports**

### **Arizona Western States Representative- Donna Ort**

Donna gave a history of the Western States Regional Council between 1996-2023 including the "Helping Hands" scholarships given via the ESA Foundation to various members/family of members using money raised in the Helping Hands walks. There have been 25 "Fling" events since 1996. Total attendance over the 25 flings is 1,488. The Helping Hands Walks raised \$49,815 and 56 people have been given a total of \$36,280. John Vitt may be the Arizona Representative in the future, this to be determined. Shari Stapleton-Smith advised that there may be a Fling in Southern Arizona. Shari asked if Western States Members are not getting emails please contact her. If anyone is interested in joining the Western States Council please see Donna Ort.

### **Roster Chairman- Terrie Rust**

Terrie advised that the new roster will be published in the Fall, Terrie has a couple of spare 23-24 rosters if anyone would like one. The information sheet has been sent to chapters, please complete this by June 21st, 2024.

### **Hope For Heroes- Pam Wojtkun**

Pam gave an American flag and gift to Veterans present in honor of Memorial Day: Yolanda Chislon, Terence Chislon, John Vitt, Mike Walters. She also presented a special certificate to Paula Fisher for going above and beyond in support of Hope for Heroes in 2023-2024.

### **St Jude Senior Chairman- John Vitt**

There are a number of events coming up- the Dream home in Nevada has had the floor signing. Volunteers are needed for both the Dream home open houses and the Telethon on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Phoenix had their inaugural Oasis of Hope and raised \$383,000. The 2024 Las Vegas Walk/Run is September 7<sup>th</sup>, and the Phoenix Walk/Run is September 28<sup>th</sup>. John will have QR codes soon so that people can volunteer on the VMS website. More information will be in the Bulletin. There will also be a gala and Dream home giveaway in September in Nevada. John thanked Eta Gamma for their continued hard work and dedication in raising so much money for St. Jude. The total raised for St Jude will be revealed this evening.



### **ESA Foundation- Kathy Riebock**

The Foundation has had a good year despite all the changes last year and donated more as a State than last year! There was new Counsellor training held in August and November (which Terrie Rust participated in) and members helped to spread the word to various educational facilities about scholarship opportunities.

Information regarding the Fantasy event and new Pathway Program was made available in the Bulletin and Alpha Chi chapter was recognized as the winning chapter for the most raised in the February/March Fantasy event.

As a result of the fundraiser held at each Council meeting by Kathy there is a check in the amount of \$261.00 to the ESA Foundation as a donation from Arizona. There is an auction item heading to the I.C. Convention in July which Patricia Gale will deliver on Kathy's behalf, this is \$634 in value, all donated by members of ESA or from fundraising. In May, Alpha Chi held a fundraiser for non-profit St Vincent De Paul and local Radio station Cool FM featured this and gave an opportunity to discuss not only the fundraising but ESA as a whole.

Kathy was honored to receive a certificate of appreciation from the ESA Foundation. Please contact Kathy if you would like to become a member of the ESA Foundation. She gave President Deana a small gift.



### **Easterseals- Terry Smith**

There was a total of 17 chapters out of 17 who participated in Easterseals in 2023-24- it is very exciting to have 100% participation.

Total contributions April 1, 2023- March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024:

\$4,873.00 (bunko games/fund raisers/craft fairs)

Donated goods - \$1,115.00

Total travel- 963 miles

Total Hours- 203 hours (at that time as there was additional 115 hours and an extra \$625 raised in the last three weeks)

Terry's husband Ken (is not a member, yet!) grilled 375 hamburgers/hotdogs at an event. Terry will present awards later. She gave President Deana a small gift.

**Invocation-** Jacqui Smith

Meeting recessed 10.58. Food which was catered by Chipotle was delivered soon after.

Meeting reconvened at 12.32pm

Lynda Edwards, International Council (I.C.) First Vice President/Presiding I.C. President

Lynda gave a fascinating talk on how she came to visit Arizona and also what has happened in her life over the last few years. She lost her hearing and wanted people to know that she is not ignoring people but may not be able to hear them, she needs to be able to read lips but can hear somewhat if you are close by. She has had some devastating losses in her life in the last few years. This was followed by another devastating loss of Brenda Meyers, I.C. President 2023-24. She has now been thrust into becoming President of the I.C. Board earlier than anticipated. She wishes to honor Brenda at the I.C. Convention and hopes that many members will be in attendance.

Brenda's theme was "Connecting in ESA"/The Power of Us and Lynda showed a short PowerPoint of examples of this over the last year. Lynda looks forward to making even more connections with members of this Council and hopes to see members in July 10-13<sup>th</sup> in Kansas. Lynda ended by showing us an app that you can get for phones that scribes everything that is said. The app is called "Livetranscribe" and can be used by anyone who is or is not hard of hearing. It can be very useful for minute taking.

### **Appointed Board Awards**

**Membership Chairman-** Terrie Rust

Terrie advised that some chapters did not participate. In order to be involved chapters do need to provide this information.

Rushing Awards: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Alpha Omicron. 2<sup>nd</sup> place Alpha Chi. 1<sup>st</sup> place Beta Gamma

Membership contest: Participation: Alpha Omicron, Alpha Chi, Beta Gamma, Eta Gamma and Omega Alpha

**ESA Foundation-** Kathy Riebock

Highest individual donor: 1<sup>st</sup> place Jacqui Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Jason Vogler

Highest chapter donations: 1st place Alpha Omicron 2<sup>nd</sup> place Alpha Chi

**Easterseals-** Terry Smith

For Easterseals Blake Foundation/ Easterseals Southwest Human Development/ Easterseals Maui Relief

Certificates were presented in alphabetical order to Alpha Chi, Alpha Kappa, Alpha Nu, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Sigma, Beta Delta, Beta Gamma, Beta Kappa, Delta Pi, Eta Gamma, Eta Pi, Gamma Gamma, Omega Alpha, Omega Nu and Barbara Appleton M.A.L.

**Hope For Heroes-** Paula Fisher

Certificates will be presented to Eta Gamma chapter and individuals Terry Smith and Baz Winsor who have all been instrumental in providing numerous books and also assistance with postage.

**Philanthropic-** Roxanne Vitt

Total State numbers: (These numbers are actually higher as some forms were not submitted)

Per member hours: 55.75 in volunteer time

Donated \$ per member: \$749.88

Donated goods per member: \$1,496.62

Mileage per member: 289 miles (equates to \$194.27 per member)

Grand total per member: \$2,440.77 per member.

**Awards for chapters >13 members**

Hours: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Alpha Kappa, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Alpha Chi, **1<sup>st</sup> place** Eta Gamma (71.75 hours p/p)

Dollars: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Alpha Kappa, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Eta Gamma, **1<sup>st</sup> place** Alpha Chi (\$5,444.18 p/p)

**Awards for chapters 7-12 members**

Hours: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Beta Gamma, **1<sup>st</sup> place** Alpha Omicron (161.5 hours p/p)

Dollars: 2<sup>nd</sup> place Beta Gamma, **1<sup>st</sup> place** Alpha Omicron (\$16,732.79 p/p)

**Awards for chapters 1-6 members**

Hours: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Alpha Sigma, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Eta Pi, **1<sup>st</sup> place** Beta Kappa (336.75 hours p/p)

Dollars: 3<sup>rd</sup> place Alpha Sigma, 2<sup>nd</sup> place Eta Pi, **1<sup>st</sup> place** Beta Kappa (\$1,720.51 p/p)

**M.A.L.** Shirley Albertson: (Single handedly!)

Hours: 507.75 hours Total \$ amount: \$45,609.58

**Disaster Fund-** Patricia Gale

Total donations through chapters and Council meetings: \$692.67 to Disaster Fund

Chapters that participated: Alpha Kappa, Beta Zeta, Alpha Omicron, Alpha Chi, Alpha Sigma, Beta Kappa, Eta Pi.

**Member of the Year-** Colleen Luger

Beta Gamma- Barb Daher, Omega Mu- Gloria Harris, Alpha Omicron- John Vitt, Eta Pi- Terry Smith, Alpha Kappa- Mindy Udall, Alpha Chi- Stephanie Potts.

**Association of the Arts-** Colleen Luger

3<sup>rd</sup> place: Painted Umbrella- Jacque Frusetta 2<sup>nd</sup> place Crochet/sewing Terri Andrews

**1<sup>st</sup> place** Diamond art Eagle and truck-Pam Wojtkun

**Pallas Athene** Suzanne Godard presented Terri Andrews with her Pallas Athene first pearl.

**St Jude** John Vitt

Recognized twelve chapters who participated in various events with St Jude, there are a few chapters who are not present today. Those certificates will be in the black box.

1) FUNdraising for St. Jude in 2023-2024 (12 CHAPTERS)

ALPHA CHI #5372, ALPHA KAPPA #0336, ALPHA NU #3245, ALPHA OMICRON #252, ALPHA SIGMA #0354, BETA GAMMA #1056, BETA KAPPA #4621, DELTA PI #5113, ETA GAMMA #5589  
ETA PI #5575, GAMMA IOTA #3682, OMEGA MU #5620

2) The Top Three Chapters participating in the 2023 WALK/RUN-PHOENIX

3<sup>rd</sup> place – DELTA PI #5113, 2<sup>nd</sup> place – ALPHA CHI #5372,  
**1<sup>st</sup> place** – ALPHA OMICRON #2520

3) The Top Chapter participating in the 2023 WALK/RUN-LAS VEGAS

**1<sup>st</sup> place** – ETA GAMMA #5589

4) The Top Five Chapters participating in the Las Vegas Dream Home-2023

5<sup>th</sup> place – ALPHA NU #3245 4<sup>th</sup> place – ALPHA CHI #5372 3<sup>rd</sup> place– BETA KAPPA #4621, 2<sup>nd</sup> place– ALPHA OMICRON #2520  
**1<sup>st</sup> place** – ETA GAMMA #5589

5) Chapters participating in the 2024 Rock-n-Roll Running Series-Phoenix

ALPHA OMICRON #2520

6) Chapters participating in the 2024 Rock-n-Roll Running Series-Las Vegas

ALPHA OMICRON #2520

7) The Top Five St. Jude’s FUNdraising Chapters in Arizona/Nevada-2023

5<sup>th</sup> place – ALPHA NU #3245 (\$15,006.00) 4<sup>th</sup> place– ALPHA CHI #5372 (\$31,237.33) 3<sup>rd</sup> place – BETA KAPPA #4621 (\$37,674.00) 2<sup>nd</sup> place – ALPHA OMICRON #2520 (\$102,474.14)  
**1<sup>st</sup> place** – ETA GAMMA #5589 (\$589,396.00)

President Deana personally thanked all members who travelled to Nevada to help out with the Dream Home and appreciates all the support. She offered to come to Phoenix to help out with that dream home. She reminded members to log all mileage as it does add up.

Rides were confirmed to the restaurant, meeting downstairs at the hotel at 4.45pm.

Invocation- Jacqui Smith

Meeting was adjourned at 2pm. Dinner was held at The Sonoma Cellar restaurant located in the Sunset Station Casino. After the dinner desert was served back at the hotel.

**The Power of Us** -Presentation by Terrie Rust  
Outstanding Pledge 2023-2024 – Terrie Rust presented this award to Terri Andrews from Alpha Chi.

**St Jude Reveal**- John Vitt revealed the grand total of monies raised for St Jude which was \$780,579.90!!!

### **Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 Second General Assembly Minutes**

President Deana convened the Second General Assembly at 9am.

Jacqui Smith stood in for Rosa Villafane, Chaplain and conducted a beautiful memorial service for four dear members and the 2023-2024 ESA I.C. president that we lost during the 2023-2024 year and candles were lit for each member:

Jackie Young- Alpha Omicron-candle lit by Jenny Young.  
Carol Caldwell-Beta Zeta-candle lit by Deana Walters.  
Myra Blaker-Gamma Gamma- candle lit by Patricia Gale.  
Barbara Etchamendy-Alpha Kappa-candle lit by Terrie Rust.  
Brenda Meyers-I.C. President-candle lit by Lynda Edwards.  
Glasses of water were used to toast our Veterans and our lost members. "We will remember"

Meeting reconvened at 9:13am.

Laury, Registrar updated the register call to 35 attendees and asked members to place name tags in the baskets on the tables before leaving. Laury advised some happy news: Shari Stapleton-Smith celebrates her birthday this weekend and Terence and Yolanda Chislon are celebrating their seventeenth wedding anniversary.

Patricia Gale, Eta Pi moved that we dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the first General Assembly. Terrie Rust, Alpha Omicron seconded. Motion carried.

No correspondence was received.

Service awards:

**Terrie Rust: 45 years** presented by Coralee Stanley. Terrie joined in 1979 and was State President in 2008-2009.

**Carolyn Carter: 50 years** presented by Nelle Athougia. She was pledged in 1974 and was in Gamma Iota for 49 years until ill health forced the chapter to disband this year.

**Fran Gale: 60 years** presented by Patricia Gale. Fran has only missed a few Council meetings and attended at least twenty I.C. Conventions.

President Deana read a letter from Secretary Jenny Young advising that she will be inactive after this chapter year. She has been honored to be a part of ESA, thanked everyone for the memories and friendship during the last ten years and is reluctantly stepping down due to time and financial constraints after losing her husband. She wishes everyone well in the future and will share the hundreds of ESA photographs taken since 2015 in the coming months.



**Announcement for the Executive Board 2024-2025:**

**Past President/Disaster Fund Chair/Parliamentarian:** Patricia Gale will retain this Office.

**First Vice President/President Elect:** Terrie Rust will retain this office.

**Secretary:** Paula Fisher has kindly agreed to take this office. Jenny thanked Paula for undertaking this and will assist her as much as possible.

**Treasurer:** Connie Cole will retain this office.

**President:** Deana Walters will retain this office.

**Appointed Board 2024-25:**

Auditor- Jacqui Smith

Awards- Colleen Luger

Arizona Council Connector- Liz Montgomery

Bulletin Editor- April Aguinaga

Chaplain- Rosa Villafane

Convention Chairman, temporarily- Stacy Vitz

Easterseals Phoenix- Kelly Kringen

Easterseals Tucson- Terry Smith

Easterseals Advisor- Karen Madrid

Educational Workshop- Hosting chapter will be responsible.

Educational Advisor- Terrie Rust

ESA Foundation-Kathy Riebock

Financial Secretary- Jacqui Smith

Hope for Heroes Co-Chair- Pam Wojtkun

Hope for Heroes Co-Chair- Paula Fisher

Hope for Heroes Co-Chair -Yolanda Chislon

Ocotillo Express- Shari Stapleton-Smith

Properties Chair- Suzanne Godard

Registrar- Laury Watson

Registrar Co-Chairman- Pam Wojtkun

Roster Chairman- Terrie Rust

Roster Co-Chair-Tammy DeVeau

St Jude Coordinator, Senior- John Vitt

St Jude Coordinator, Junior- Karen Madrid

Website/Social Media-April Aguniaga

Membership Committee Chairman- Terrie Rust

Philanthropic/Ways and Means Chairman-Roxanne Vitt

Deana thanked everyone for stepping up again for a second year and is grateful.

Advisory Board- Suzanne Godard on behalf of Sherry Day, State Director of the Advisory Board.

Suzanne read the report, advised the new members who may not know what the Advisory Board is and talked about the last year including the loss of both Carol Caldwell and Brenda Meyers. Suzanne announced the **Advisory Board Officers for 2024-2025:**

State Director-Suzanne Godard  
Membership Advisor- Shari Stapleton-Smith  
Philanthropic Advisor- Cindy Sklad  
Jonquil Lady- Donna Ort  
Financial Secretary- Jacqui Smith  
Auditor- Sherry Day

Suzanne recognized Past State Presidents/Advisory Board members present: Patricia Gale, Nelle Athouguia , Terrie Rust, Jacqui Smith, Shari Stapleton-Smith, Coralee Stanley, Donna Ort and herself!

**Unfinished Business:**

A message from April- Bulletin articles are due by June 9<sup>th</sup> if not before.

**New Business:** Present the calendar for next year and vote:

**Bids for Council meetings:**

Alpha Kappa- September, Eta Pi- November, Omega Alpha- January, Beta Gama for April. Deana has asked for dates from these chapters and is waiting for some. As soon as dates are finalized these will be published in Ocotillo Express. Patricia Gale, State Parliamentarian moved that we accept the calendar of Council meetings as presented. John Vitt, Alpha Omicron seconded the motion. There were no objections and none opposed. The motion was passed.

## **Closing remarks: Lynda Edwards**

Brenda Meyers chose to present an award in each State to a person who has given outstanding service making powerful connections. Lynda is pleased to announce that Terry Smith is the recipient and was given a certificate. Lynda was thrilled to join us this weekend and is very impressed with the Council and its members. She presented a bee bag as a token of appreciation to Deana as she will be a Queen bee. Bees are Lynd's theme this year and she has made a donation to St Jude in Deana's honor. Lynda read a short piece, author unknown:

"One tree can start a forest, One smile can begin a friendship, one hand can lift a soul, one word can frame the goal, one candle can wipe out darkness, one life can conquer gloom, one touch can show that you care, one life can make a difference: Be that one today."

President Deana presented Lynda with some bee themed gifts.

## **Retiring of the flags- Suzanne Godard.**

The flags were retired in the same order by the same flag bearers.



**Closing remarks:** President Deana asked members to complete the short survey regarding the convention.

The closing ritual was led by President Deana Walters.

The Convention was adjourned at 9:52am.

Date	Event & Location
<b>September 2024</b>	Alpha Kappa – details coming via Ocotillo Express
<b>St. Jude Walk Sept. 28, 2024</b>	<a href="https://www.stjude.org/get-involved/fitness-fundraisers/5k-walk-run.html">https://www.stjude.org/get-involved/fitness-fundraisers/5k-walk-run.html</a>
<b>November 2024</b>	Eta Pi – details coming via Ocotillo Express
<b>April 6, 2025</b>	Beta Gamma – details coming via Ocotillo Express
<b>Arizona Convention</b> May 30-June 1, 2025	Details coming via Ocotillo Express
<b>IC Convention</b> <b>July 2025</b>	<a href="https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/events">https://www.epsilonsigmaalpha.org/events</a>

<http://www.facebook.com/ArizonaESA>

You do need to have your own Facebook page to view ours. If you are using Facebook, **Like** us so you will keep updated that is happening in ESA as well as the Arizona Council.

Here is the Arizona Council website <http://azcouncilesa.com> If you need a login and password please reach out to me.

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