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Hello to Everyone,

Hope all of you are doing okay!! The calendar indicates fall but there is still summer in the air and temperature! Enjoy it while it is still here.

Want to say “Congrats” to Arizona on the groundbreaking on their Dream Home for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Very anxious to see it in 2025. I encourage all members in and around the area to please step up to volunteer for the open houses and to help in the ticket office. While at the open houses please wear your ESA gear and have your business card available. Eta Gamma got two new members from the open houses. They are super members. Remember, you never know until you ask them to just visit a meeting or one of your fundraising events or to one of your volunteering events. It may be just what they might be interested in.

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We made our trip back to Indiana! Really enjoyed seeing some old friends and many of our family members. I got to attend the MARC Conference in St. Louis. Had a great time visiting with some old friends and met a couple new ESA members which is always exciting especially when they are in their 30’s and 40’s. Love those young faces! I have a couple of pictures would like to share with you!

Hope everyone enjoyed your trick treaters. We do not have any in our neighborhood as we live in an over fifty-five community. A little sad, but I always enjoyed seeing their cute outfits.

Hoping to see many of you at the November meeting in Tucson this month. Do not forget your pop tabs. We will be making a run to their location prior to the holidays. Hope all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and say a prayer for all our ESA members who may be ill or lost a family member. Say a prayer for all our military and their families. Be thankful for all we have!



Safe travels to Tucson! Looking forward to seeing many of your smiling faces soon.

Hugs 🤗 to all!
Deana

1st Vice President

According to chapter buzz, AZ chapters are rockin' it with rush events, signing up new members, and getting the word out about how fun and rewarding serving as a member of ESA can be. Please be sure to share your new member/transfers/reaffiliate information with me so I can also get the information out for roster updates.

I'm looking forward to sharing the 2025 HQ Membership Campaign information at our Tucson Council meeting. I also have some Ask Me About ESA stickers and ESA Community Membership flyers/forms that I will make available at the meeting.

See you in Tucson!

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Philanthropic

Hello Everyone,

It seems that the outside heater has finally been turned off! Hopefully, for a few months.

I want to thank everyone that brought collectables to the last Council Meeting. Keep up the good work.

I also want to thank the volunteers for taking the collectables to the many Charities we are collecting for.

Council meeting means time to turn in your chapter philanthropic reports to me. If you have no report this time, let me know.

I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season.

I hope your Thanksgiving table is full of your favorite food and surrounded by your favorite people.

“The joy of brightening other lives becomes for us the magic of Christmas.” – W.C. Jones

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Philanthropic Collectibles Projects 2024-2025			
Item	Who Collects	Philanthropic Reporting	Collecting for-
Pop Tabs	Deana Walters	1 cup = 185 tabs @ 1min/each tab	Ronald McDonald House
		1oz = 108tabs @ 1min/each tab	
Postage Stamps	Karen Madrid	1 Minute per stamp	Stamps for the Wounded
		Trim to 1/4 inch around stamp	
New Greeting Cards	Karen Madrid	1 minute per card	Military
Lap Robes	Chris Goldberg	Time spent making item is counted.	Spirit Lutheran Church
Hats for Homeless		Cost of Yarn is a cash donation.	
		Purchased item, amount spent is a cash donation	
Person Hygiene & <u>Femine</u> Hygiene items	Omega Alpha	Cost of Item is a cash donation	Military
Small Toiletries	<u>Kathy Riebock</u>	1 minute per item	St Vincent de Paul
Eyeglasses	Terrie Rust	1 minute per item	Lions Club
School items: Paper pens, Pencils, crayons, colored pencils, markers, sticky notes, notecards, folders, 3 ring binders, notebooks, scissors, glue, rulers Items for crafts: egg cartons, cereal boxes, toilet tubes, paper towel tubes, tissue boxes, etc.	Beta Gamma	1 minute per item or cost of items	Treasures for Teachers
Medicine Bottles (clean, labels removed)	Terrie Rust	1 minute per items	AZ Animal Welfare League
			25 N 40th Street
			Phoenix, AZ 85034
	Shari Stapleton-Smith		602-273-6852
			Pima Animal Care Center
			4000 N <u>Silverbell Rd</u>
		Tucson, AZ 85745	
		520-724-7222	
Manufacturer's Coupons (see write-up for tips)	Each Chapter	Amount of coupon as monetary	Military

Treasurer



Hello All!

Hope everyone had a great time at the September council meeting. I am sorry I missed it though I did have a wonderful time on vacation.

State Dues will be accepted at the November 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. There are still several chapters who have not paid their state dues.

We also have a few chapters who have not paid for their rosters. I will be accepting payment for rosters at the November Council meeting or you can mail the money to the address above.

Chapter International Council dues were due starting on Aug 1, 2024 and must be paid by May 1, 2025 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, Margaret Kramer, 114625 S 4172 Cir, Eufaula, OK 74432. You can find the form on the ESA website.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the November Council meeting!!!

Hugs to all,

Connie Cole
AZ State Treasurer

**Celebrate National Take a Hike Day on
November 17 by taking a hike!**



Hello from the Foundation!

As all of you know, the Foundation has gone to a January through December calendar. This makes record keeping much, much easier. Foundation dues of \$40 are due by the end of December for 2024. This makes you eligible to vote in 2025. If you think you have paid them but are not sure please don't hesitate to contact me. If you know you have not paid them as an individual or as a chapter I would pay them by the middle of December because of the holidays. You may go to your member portal to pay them or send in a check. Many thanks for supporting the Foundation through your dues!

Scholarship "season" is upon us! Thank you to all that have reached out to schools, educators, friends, and family members to apply for our many scholarships and grants. Again, that website is www.epsilonsigmaalphah.org/scholarships. This window closes January 31, 2025.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. 520-559-1944, krie77@cox.net

See you at the November Council Meeting!

-Kathy Riebock
Arizona Foundation Counselor



Did you know that Arizona is home to 22 Indigenous tribes? see more on last page of this bulletin.



Hope for Heroes humbly highlights partnership with Phoenix VA Surgical Services, Southeast VA Healthcare Clinic, Mormon Church and Volunteer Services for second consecutive year. This collaboration is to



provide Veterans families with food boxes and smoked turkey for Thanksgiving holiday. We are collecting non-perishables for food boxes.

Also, our goal is to provide Veterans' children with Christmas presents, gift cards and a Christmas party.

We, the Hope for Heroes Chairs, are asking each chapter to match our donation of three gift cards to enhance families' holiday experience. Preferably Walmart, Target and Amazon gift cards.



The VA's Social Workers will select families to be recipients of these combined efforts. The American Legion will provide gifts from each child's "wish list" and it is our hope that ESA will compliment gifts with gift cards.

Please bring items to the November Council meeting or mail gift cards by December 13, 2024 to: Paula Fisher - 13201 South Wakial Loop #1085, Phoenix, AZ 85044. Or call Paula at 480-653-4722 to arrange pick-up.

In ESA love,
Pam, Paula, and Yolanda





Dear Brothers and Sisters in ESA,

We are off to a great Start! Your ESA Arizona Council has set a goal to raise \$1 million in the months ahead. 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 FUNdrising goal.

If you haven't done so, please create a profile in the St. Jude Volunteer Management System (VMS). Visit: 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 DREAM HOME – LAS VEGAS #8 – 2024

Congratulations and **THANK YOU** to all the volunteers who helped sell an amazing number of raffle tickets for the St. Jude Dream Home-Las Vegas! A record 12, 770 tickets were sold raising a whopping **\$1,277,000*** for the Kids of St. Jude! Congratulations to **Sandra Trzaska of Henderson, NV** as the Dream Home winner and to all for the winners of the Early Bird, Tickets on Sale, Bonus Prize, Last Chance and Open House Prizes. [* That's \$638,500 Credit for ESA – Arizona!]

ST JUDE WALK/RUN – PHOENIX 2024

SEPTEMBER 28, 2024. The St. Jude Walk/Run was a great success. Thank you to all of the Team ESA AZ members who volunteered their time, talents, and energy to make this the trip to Salt River Fields (Scottsdale) in the blistering heat! Final tally of the amounts raised by **Team ESA-AZ** will be available soon.

ST JUDE HANDBAG HAPPY HOUR – Alpha Chi Chapter – Sierra Vista

October 19, 2024. The Alpha Chi Chapter hosted a Handbag Happy Hour in Sierra Vista. The Chapter auctioned 25 handbags and had a 50/50 raffle with all proceeds benefitting St. Jude. Auction tally figures will be shared at a later date, but the \$3,500 raised in the 50/50 were awarded before the event ended. Everyone had a wonderful time and Alpha Chi would like to extend a huge **THANK YOU** to all that participated or donated!



ST JUDE DREAM HOME – PHOENIX – 2025

Yes, as previously announced the St. Jude Dream Home slated for Queen Creek, Arizona is becoming a reality. Some specifics are listed below and updates will be announced in the months ahead, but mark your calendars for the months in early 2025. This is a huge undertaking and very lucrative FUNdraising opportunity for St. Jude and ESA Arizona. Volunteer Opportunities will be loaded in VMS soon.

Dream Home Updates

- **Address: Ironwood Villages at North Creek (Woodside Homes)**
1199 West Sparrow Drive, Queen Creek, AZ 85140
- **Groundbreaking: October 25th** (See pictures & video of this event below)
- **Floor Signing: January 2025**
- **Media Launch/Tickets on Sale: February 26, 2025**
- **Sneak Peek: April 3, 2025**
- **Open House Weekends: April 5 – May 4, 2025**
- **Giveaway: May 7th, 2025**

To see a video of the groundbreaking, visit:
[3TV Groundbreaking Ceremony-St Jude Dream Home](#)



KMLE 107.9 Country Cares for St. Jude Kids Radiothon

December 11-12, 2024

- The Phoenix radio station will host a radiothon for two days to secure Partner in Hope monthly donors in support of St. Jude. (This event may not have volunteers – stay tuned.)

Oasis of Hope – A Night in Vintage Vegas The Vault, Scottsdale

April 5, 2025

- This event will be one to remember and in the theme of Havannah, the evening will include cocktails, dinner, gaming, silent/live auctions and dueling piano entertainers all in support of the St. Jude mission.
- Sponsorship and volunteer opportunities available.

St. Jude Heroes

Various dates—see featured races below

- 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, and you can earn a VIP race weekend experience, free race entry and more! To search the full list of partner races and view fundraising incentive levels, please visit stjudeheroes.org.

Featured Races

St. Jude Memphis Marathon Weekend—December 7, 2024

Rock ‘n’ Roll Arizona - Half, 10k, and 5k—January 18-19, 2025

Rock ‘n’ Roll Las Vegas - Half, 10k, and 5k—February 22-23, 2025

All of these events will be loaded into VMS in the coming weeks!

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

ST JUDE DREAM HOME – PHOENIX – 2025 Groundbreaking

Thank you to our Arizona ESA Members that were on hand for the groundbreaking ceremony of the first St. Jude Dream Home in Queen Creek on Friday, October 25th. The construction of the 3 bedroom, 2½ bath, two story home will begin next week and will be done when tickets go on sale February 26, 2025. Woodside Homes, 3TV and other trades contractors are donating their

labor and materials so that 100% of the tickets sold will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



Groundbreaking Ceremony - Visit: [3TV Groundbreaking Ceremony-St Jude Dream Home](#)



ESA LOVE TO ALL, John & Karen



Easterseals- Terry Smith (Blake Foundation)/Kelly Kringen (SWHD)

It was great seeing you all at the September Council meeting. Thank you to those who purchased raffle tickets and purchased craft items. Also thank you to those who donated monies to Easterseals Maui Relief.

Easterseals Maui Relief is a great cause. Monies raised will help with Easterseals programs as Maui recovers from the terrible fires. You can send donations to Terry Smith. Please make checks payable to: Arizona Council of ESA. There will be Maui Relief collection boxes on the tables at each Council meeting. Every dollar helps the cause.

Consider hosting a bunco or bingo or trivia event to benefit Easterseals. It is a lot of fun; you can raise money for Easterseals and maybe even get a new member into ESA chapter. Contact Kelly or Terry if you are interested in hosting an event.

Upcoming Volunteer and donation opportunities

Year-Round Diaper drive of Central Arizona.

Southwest Human Development supports this drive that benefits many families.

October – December 2024 (Gingerbread Kids Holiday Gift Drive)

For Southwest Human Development. Southwest Human Development's annual Gingerbread Kids Holiday Gift Drive started with only one corporate sponsor and gifts for 50-100 children in our Kinship Care and Adoption program.

Now in its ninth year, the drive has the support of 25 partners and will provide gifts for 968 children in 11 of our programs! Contact Tay Wright at (602) 545-0015 or email twright@swhd.org

You can to this link to receive more information:

<https://www.swhd.org/gingerbread-kids-holiday-giving-campaign-shopping-cart/>

11/8/2024 10th Annual Golf Classic event

For Southwest Human Development

Location – Talking Stick Golf Club at 9998 Talking Stick Way Scottsdale, AZ

Volunteer at this event.

The link to sign up to volunteer will be sent out as soon as its available.
Upcoming Volunteer and donation opportunities

El Tour de Tucson to benefit Easterseals Blake Foundation -
11/23/2023 – 7am to 5pm at the Tucson Convention Center and surrounding areas.

Located at 260 S. Church Avenue Tucson, AZ 85701. Sign up link will be available soon to sign up to volunteer for this event.

Aviva / Easterseals Blake Foundation Foster Kids Holiday Toy Drive

Let ensure that every child in the Aviva foster system received a holiday gift.

Sign-up to volunteer at <https://bit.ly/2024holidayvolunteer>

You can also go to <https://bit.ly/Avivatoydrive> to see what items are needed for this event.

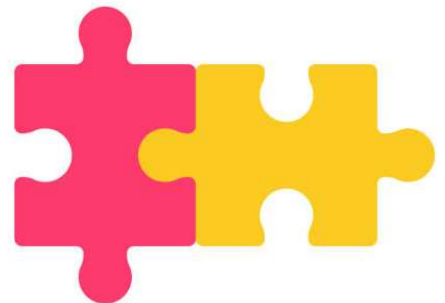
Looking forward to seeing you at the November Council Meeting.

Please fee to contact Terry Smith or Kelly Kringen with any questions.

Play free online jigsaw puzzles here

<https://www.jigsawplanet.com/>

Celebrate National Game & Puzzle week!
Nov. 20-26



Western States Fling

Greetings! I'm excited to share that we have 37 people registered for the Western States Fling. If you think you might like to come and missed the initial deadline to make a deposit, contact me and we'll see what we can work out! If you live in the state and want to participate but don't want to stay at the hotel, we have a discounted rate. Come meet ESA members from Washington, California, Oregon, Indiana, Oklahoma, Missouri, Idaho and Alabama! It's more about the getting together than it is about the destinations.



NOVEMBER 17, 2024

ESA Arizona
State Council Meeting

**5049 E BROADWAY BLVD. -
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION CAMPUS**

Room Available at 8:30
Meeting starts at 10:00

RSVP to Jacqui Smith - One check per chapter, please make checks to Eta Pi Chapter 5575. \$30 per person - Please include a list of attendees and include your table request for your fundraising.
7774 E Marquise Dr. | Tucson, AZ | 85715

**JOIN US SATURDAY EVENING FOR A SOCIAL
GATHERING AT THE VISCOUNT IN WILBURS
GRILL
5:30 - UNTIL WE'RE DONE**

There are two hotels very close to the campus:

Ramada by Wyndham - Viscount Suites
4855 E Broadway Blvd, Tucson, AZ, 85711
520 745-6500

DoubleTree Tucson Williams Center
5335 E Broadway Blvd, Tucson AZ 85711
520 745-2700

**We DO NOT have room blocks
at these hotels**



**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**

Beta Gamma is also collecting for these 2 organizations

Treasures 4 Teachers <https://Treasurers4teachers.org>

Child Crisis of AZ. We are collecting toys that will be distributed for Christmas. The age range for these toys are 2- 10 years old.

<https://childcrisisaz.org/>



Deana attended MARC – here are her fun pictures with her Indiana members



Gamma Pi members and me. My chapter in Indy.

Incoming MARC officers



Date	Event & Location
November Council Meeting November 17, 2024 Hosted by Eta Pi	Tucson, AZ Details above
January Council Meeting January 18-19, 2025 Hosted by Omega Alpha & Omega Mu	Details in Ocotillo Express
April Council Meeting Hosted by Beta Gamma April 6, 2025	Mesa, AZ Details in Ocotillo Express
Arizona Convention May 30-June 1, 2025 Arizona Council State Convention Hosted by Eta Gamma	Henderson, NV Details in Ocotillo Express
IC Convention July 13-20, 2025 Cary, North Carolina	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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ARIZONA

Home to 22 Sovereign Native Nations



- Statehood:** February 14, 1912
- Population:** 7 Million +
- State Flag:** Alternating red and yellow rays represent the 13 original colonies and the western setting sun. The copper star identifies Arizona as the largest copper producing state in the nation.
- State Flower:** Saguaro Cactus Blossom
- State Gem:** Turquoise
- State Tree:** Palo Verde
- State Bird:** Cactus Wren
- State Colors:** Blue & Gold



<https://www.azed.gov/oie/22-federally-recognized-tribes-arizona>