

**Take an Idea Home...**



**Pay It Forward!**  
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**PURPOSE OF THEME**  
**“TAKE AN IDEA HOME...PAY IT FORWARD”**

I wanted ESA members to be able to leave a meeting with an idea (something they create with their own hands) which they could use—either in their home or for use by the chapter as a ways & means project, a philanthropic idea, a gift for a secret sister, or a gift to a prospective member (Pay It Forward). I wanted to cover all aspects of ESA with these hands-on projects at the State and District meetings: Education, Service, and Association.

I’ve planned simple projects to use throughout the year that anyone can do. You don’t even have to be “crafty!” To carry on the theme at the chapter level, there are a myriad of ideas from the Internet, creative craft books, or self-help books that would be useful to our members. For example, at the state convention I handed out a business card with a packet of salt attached with these words imprinted on the card: “Make a paste of lemon juice and salt. Apply paste to rusted object, and rub with a dry, soft cloth.” If you tried this trick, you know the rust magically was wiped away!

I hope our members have fun with this theme this year by participating at the State and District meetings, by inviting me to a chapter meeting, and by reading the monthly Take An Idea Home...Pay It Forward tip I’ll be sending each member via e-mail. Have fun!