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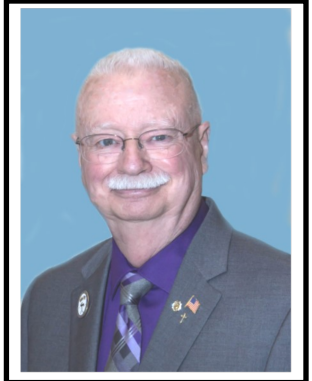
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What a great Mid-year meeting we had this past weekend in Tempe. We were honored to have the Grand Secretary, Bryan Klatt and his wife, Susan, join us and he held an hour long seminar telling us about his area of the Grand Lodge and what is available to our Lodges on a daily basis. We also had the honor of hosting the California-Hawaii Elks Ass'n President, Chuck and Ginger Nolan, as well as the Utah Elks Ass'n President, Brian Lindsay. Our attendance was 350+, which I believe was a good number for our fall meeting. Our State and District Chairs gave their updated reports as to how their goals are coming along for the year.



I believe we are missing out on an opportunity to bring our new members into the fold of the activities of the Arizona Elks Ass'n, by not asking more of the regular members to come and attend a convention. When making visits, it is obvious that the knowledge of Elkdom seems to be centered on only their Lodge, and they do not see the overall accomplishments of the entire state organization. I realize there is an expense involved, but, if they are not asked, their knowledge of Elkdom will not improve. I challenge each Lodge to increase their participation in the upcoming May 9 – 12, 2018 convention.

I would be very remiss if I failed to thank the Vice Presidents this year and the reports they submitted at the convention. I've read all the reports and am very encouraged by the work being performed at each Lodge.

I want to thank the Meetings Committee under the direction of the Chair, Charyl McKean, for the job well done in planning and executing this convention. Her team as in the past, work tirelessly throughout the entire convention days and nights to make this an enjoyable and productive convention. Please thank them when you see them in the halls, meeting rooms and the hospitality area. Again, these are all volunteers and they deserve the credit.

I understand through many voices, that the "Penguin Party" was a success and there's been word of having a repeat performance of the skit, perhaps at the May convention, if I can persuade all the actors to perform again. Stay tuned!

This month is Veteran's month, please remember to thank any veterans that you meet in your community and perhaps make a visit to a VA Hospital or VA Home/Care Center, and that Elks always remember, "So long as there are Veterans, the Elks will never forget them".

Until next issue, I remain
Fraternally,

Jim

Jim Cassachia
AEA President

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Fifties Style

Elks hosted a fifties Style "Sock Hop" recently featuring hot dogs, hamburgers and fries for a nostalgic look back to our teenage years. The Class Act band was there to entertain us and little girls from a local dance studio showed off their acrobatics and tumbling skills. A fun time was had by all. Shown in costume are Artie Todd and Grace Black of the Class Act Band.

Article and photo submitted by Terri Frear Public Relations Chair



Massing Of The Colors



Phoenix Lodge #335, participated in the massing of the colors at Shadow Mountain High School on September 10, 2017. Lodge #335 donated the use of our sixty State, Territorial and Military Flags. Approximately 70 cadets, scouts and also the community were present. This event is organized by the Military Order of the World Wars and was the 53rd year of massing of the colors. It is held annually on the closest Sunday to September 11th, Patriots Day

Article and photo submitted by Marti Edwards Public Relations Chair.

Remembering Firefighters On 9/11

Members of Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge #2815 prepared and delivered turkey dinners with all the trimmings to ten fire stations in the Golder Ranch Fire District on the 16th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. These dedicated men and women provide service to Catalina, Oro Valley, SaddleBrooke and southern Pinal County. The Lodge has provided dinners for firefighters since the year following September 11, 2001, to express appreciation for the valuable service our first responders provide to the community.



Pictured are ER Steve Asp and First Lady Alane with firefighters at one of the Golder Ranch stations.

Article and photo submitted by Pat Cox, Public Relations Chair

Elks Recognize Students for August

Bullhead City Elks are pleased once again, to recognize high school seniors for their academic excellence by presenting each with a certificate. From left are from Mohave HS Lisa Urban who will attend Univ. of Arizona and major in political science and law with her sights set on contract law and Joe Heath who is looking for a basketball scholarship and will major in physical medicine and therapy. From River Valley HS is Manny Castrellon who will attend No. Arizona Univ. to study language to become an interpreter in Spanish and Arabic and Dalace Beiswenger who want to attend Univ. Montana Western to study police science with the goal to join the LAPD Mounted Police Force. Our best to them all.

Article and photo submitted by Terri Frear, Public Relations Chair.



Country Dance Club Donation



The Elks Country Dance Club donated \$300 to the Havasu Regional Hospital Auxiliary last night. Pictured left to right: Julie Cameron – Dance Club, Carol McQuat – Auxiliary, Carol VerBrugge – Auxiliary, Judy Feuerstein – Auxiliary, Nancy Reynolds – Dance Club. Article and photo submitted by HR Radtke

Dan's Pencil Project

Over the past 5 years, with the help of Casas Adobes Elks Lodge members, Lodge Americanism Chairman Dan Rhoads organized a project to supply school supplies to a local elementary school to assist both teachers and students. In the past, over \$1,000 each year in school supplies have been provided to Laguna Elementary School in Tucson. "We are hoping to have a successful pencil project again this year" commented Dan. "There are boxes for donations placed at the lodge."

Special Olympics Donation

Kathy Aitchison, Casas Adobes Lodge Special Olympics Chair, worked with her committee and voted to donate the net proceeds from the September meatloaf dinner to the Hurricane Harvey Disaster Relief fund in lieu of Special Olympics. Over \$200 was raised to support the Grand Lodge's request for assistance to the relief fund. PER Carolyn Smith, Joe and Sharon Miller, Chris Michaels and others worked to make the event a success.

Casas Adobes Lodge #2663 Receives All ENF Grants

Bruce Van Den Eng, Lodge ENF Chairman, proudly announced that Casas Adobes Lodge has been awarded the Gratitude, Promise, Freedom and Beacon Grants from the Elks National Foundation. Additionally the lodge was awarded the Community Award from the Arizona Elks Major Projects and the Anniversary Grant from the Grand Lodge.

Grants will be used for the Fisher House, Youth on Their Own, holiday food baskets at Christmas, the Childrens' Shopping Spree and the Homeless Veterans Program. ' Articles submitted by Ira Cohen

Ride To Remember

The Flagstaff Lodge 499 Elks Riders were asked to participate in "Ride to Remember," on July 29, 2017, for a 7-year-old boy, Raven. This child, who has Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), a rare and fatal disease, is dying because he has an inoperable brain tumor. Raven and his sister live with their grandmother in Prescott Valley, Arizona. After learning he had less than six months to live, he told his grandmother he wanted to "ride a scooter (Harley motorcycle)." His grandmother contacted a friend, who asked for help on social media, and Raven's wish was brought to the attention of the Flagstaff 499 Elks Riders.

Ten Elks Riders rode from Flagstaff, Arizona to Prescott Valley, Arizona to escort Raven from his home to the Freedom Station in Prescott Valley. Raven had a chance to check out the Elks' motorcycles in front of his home, allowed a hug or two, and even granted a photo op before being escorted to the Freedom Station by the Elks Riders and other local riders and friends. He was greeted by a Yavapai Deputy and his K-9 before going into the Freedom Station to play games with his family.

It was a humbling experience to meet Raven. He may have gotten his wish, but the Elks Riders received a bigger reward: we were honored to help fulfill his special request, to see this beautiful child and his family smile, and to maybe forget their troubles for one day.

Article submitted by Debra Wheelis

Honor Flight Luncheon

Phoenix Elks lodge #335 was privileged to set up and host, the September Honor Flight luncheon. About one hundred WWII and Korean Veterans and their guardians attended. They were served lunch by Major Winfield Scott DAR chapter members and entertained by the Hugabears children's group. They sang songs from the WWII and Korean era. Letters from school children thanking them for their services were placed at each place setting. The vets

were touched by their kind words. Many pictures of Honor Flight were shared at the tables. A quilt was given as a door prize to a lucky vet. The lunch ended with much flag waving to the song, "God Bless the U.S.A." by Lee Greenwood. One Vet remarked that "Events like this make grown men cry."

Article and photos submitted by Larry Bodwell, Exalted Ruler.



Pictured L to R: Larry Bodwell Exalted Ruler, Dennis Wardon, Barbra McDonald, Gerry Dillingham.



Dictionary Program

Our Chino Valley Elks Lodge presented all of our 3rd graders with their very own dictionaries. All the 3rd graders from Williams, Ashfork, Paulden and Chino each received one. Our teachers were just as excited as our students.



Article and photos submitted by Norman Swanty.

Horses With Heart

The Chino Valley Elks Lodge also presented a check to horses with heart for all the great things that they do in our community. Chino Elks donated \$100 to horses with hearts. This group helps special needs kids and adults. Some of them have gone on to Special Olympics and won gold.

Article and photo submitted by Norman Swanty.



Outreach Program Earns Support Of Elks



You've already heard so much about James D Gish, alum of Mohave HS, but if you weren't at his concert on Thursday last you just can't fathom his talent. The Outreach program sponsored by the Bullhead City Concert Series each year insures that our youth are exposed to the arts and given a chance to interact with professionals. While Gish was in his senior year he was at an "Outreach" performance and was given life changing encouragement from a professional who was to perform at the concert that evening. The Bullhead City Elks deemed Outreach Program worthy of support and gave a \$1,000 donation which was earned by the members of the Lodge, to give a special award from Arizona Elks Major Projects. AEMP supports Steele Children's Research center and the Elks Youth Camp. Shown are Exalted Ruler Pat Kelly, Concert Series Coordinator Julie Hassett, AEMP Board of Director Roy Haddick and JD Gish.

Article and photo submitted by Terri Frear, Public Relations Chair.

Elks Auxiliary Fund Raiser

The Elks Auxiliary hosted "A Day at the Races" recently at *Emerald Downs* (Elks Lodge) to a packed house for a fun day of a pot luck luncheon and cheering the racers on. Betting was fast and furious over the six races and the big race, the Triple Crown capped off the day. Entries in the last race are Bald Eagle ridden by Christine Moore, Mad Rush ridden by Terri Frear, Lazy Laura ridden by John Foster, Yellow Submarine ridden by Jo Stark, The Differ ridden by Mike Meyer and Galloping Gourmet ridden by Barbara Schwab. The race caller in the striped shirt is Joyce Frank declared Mike Meyer (center) atop The Differ to take the crown. Proceeds from the day will go to the various Auxiliary charities.

Article and photo submitted by Terri Frear, Public Relations Chair.



Elks Lodge 2399 Donation



The Elks Country Dancers donated \$300 to the Clothe-A-Child program. The program shops for clothes and shoes for unprivileged children in our community.

Pictured left to right: Julie Cameron – Country Dancer, Debbie Herd – elks Clothe a Child chairman, Nancy Reynolds – Country Dancer

Article and photo submitted by

Casas Adobes Soccer Shoot

Casas Adobes Lodge held a soccer shoot on Oct. 2, 3 & 4 at Laguna elementary School. 205 children from the 4th, 5th and 6th grades from age 8 to 11 participated. The boys had scores as high as 40 and girls as high as 36.

Lodge Soccer Chairman Allen Turner extends thanks to Dave Turner, Kellie Smith, Angel and Carolyn Lopez, Don and Kay Baker, Marvin Thompson, Tom Waites, Gene Benevenia, Renee Hightower, Rosie and Rudy Swecker and school Principal Jackie Camacho for all their help. Thanks also to Coach Lee for getting the kickers organized and ready.

“We all had fun and look forward to next year,” commented Allen. Awards for the participants and winners will be scheduled for a school assembly at a date to be determined later in the school year.

Sun City Elks Never Stop Giving

Korean War Veterans are no longer members of that “Forgotten War”. On Tuesday October 10, 2017, 4 WWII and 25 Korean War Vets made that historic “Honor Flight to Washington D.C. to visit the memorials that were built to honor them.

Six of those vets making the trip were members of Sun City Elks Lodge #2559.

The Sun City Elks feel it is an Honor and privilege to be able to pay back a little to those who have given so much.

Pictured in back row: Gary Drumheller, Conrad Moller ; Darrel Nelson, : Gordon Langer,; Lloyd Juhlin,; Dale Blomker. Kneeling is Terry Hunt, Purple heart recipient.

Article and photo submitted by Val Bianchini, Public Relations Chair.



Community Award



Casas Adobes Exalted Ruler Charles White and Leading Knight Bruce Van Den Eng (right) present \$1,000 AEMP Community Award check to Matthew Palmer, Director of Finance and Operations of **Youth on Their Own (YOTO)**. Also pictured are Nicole Miller, Development and Grants Associate and Ira Cohen, President of Arizona Elks Major Projects. Youth on Their Own helps homeless or otherwise needy children from middle school through high school with food, clothing, schoolwork, counseling and housing.

Article and photo submitted by Ira Cohen, Public Relations Chair

Elks Never Rest When It Comes To Helping Our Vets

On Wednesday, September 27, 2017, members of the Sun City Vetrans Committee took 14 members and 4 aides from the Arizona State Veterans Home to the Arizona Diamondbacks last regular season baseball game. This was the second baseball game of the year that the vets from the home attended and thankfully they won.

The vets are not allowed to visit a game during the hot summer months, so as soon as it cools off a little, the Sun City Elks are ready to respond. Spring and fall are the only allowable times for participation.

It gave the Elks great pleasure to participate with the vets in singing the old favorite "Take Me Out To The Ball Game". It was great fun for all, including the 14 Elk Guardians. Pictured: Roman Cordero, Gary Hein, Standing: Tom Gugliotta, Kalia Upcain, Shauncy Milbrandt, and Roy Olson.



Article and photo submitted by Val Bianchini, Public Relations Chair.

Elks Honor Students



Four seniors were honored for their academic achievements with a certificate by the Bullhead City Elks Youth Activities Chair Carol Crough, right. From Mohave Accelerated Learning Center is Austin Hayes who wants to become a personal trainer and nutritionist and will start his studies at Mohave Community College. Elizabeth Barton of Mohave H.S. will attend So. Utah Univ. to become a dietitian. River Valley H.S. is represented by Evin Celzo who will attend Pomona College to become a trauma surgeon and Samantha Rain who wants to attend Univ. of Arizona to be a flight nurse. Rain was inspired by the M.A.S.H. program that she was a participant.

Article and photo submitted by Terri Frear, Public Relations Chair

AEMP Donations

Phoenix Lodge #335 presented a check for \$1,000. to the Paradise Valley Unified School District Palomino School. Presented on October 7th as part of the Arizona Elks Major Projects (AEMP) Community Investment Program. The check presented to the Palomino Elementary School is for robotic equipment used in the classrooms. The check was presented to Tony Pantera, a teacher at Palomino Elementary School by Larry Bodwell, Exalted Ruler, Al Kayal, Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler & Lee Cook, Arizona Elks Association South District Vice President. Tony is a member of Phoenix Elks Lodge #335. The money awarded to our Lodge by the AEMP is based on last year's contributions to AEMP which allows us to donate to a program devoted to children in our community.

Photo From Left: Al Kayal Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, Tony Pantera Palomino School, Lee Cook Arizona Elks Association South District Vice President, Larry Bodwell Exalted Ruler.



Catalina Mountain Donates Dictionaries to Schools



Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge #2815 Dictionary Project Chairperson Joyce Garcia, with the help of Lodge members, distributed dictionaries to third-grade students at Casa Christian, Copper Creek, Immaculate Heart, and Mesa Verde elementary schools in Oro Valley in October. Joyce personally purchased 200 dictionaries for these students because she says it is one of her favorite lodge activities. The Lodge has provided dictionaries to local schools for the past fourteen years.

Pictured are (from left) PDDGER Jack Baillargeon, Gail Baillargeon, Exalted Ruler Steve Asp, and Dictionary Project Chairperson Joyce Garcia with staff and students at Mesa Verde School.

Article and photo submitted by Pat Cox, Public Relations Chair.

AEMP Donation

Recently the Wickenburg Elks co sponsored a "baby shower" in conjunction with the American Legion Auxiliary in support of the Steele Research Center. There was over 60 participants raising donations for the Children. Over \$4000.00 in cash and items have been donated to the AEMP for the Cancer Research Center through this afternoon event.

(R to l) E.R Bart Roubal is presenting a \$900.00 check to President Ira Cohan of the AEMP. As Lauren Erdelyi And Lodge AEMP chair, Ronald R. Wilson, PDDGER look on.

event.



Major Projects Dinner Show



That Major Projects Dinner Show starring Clint & Ila was very enjoyable. The dinner prepared by Jerry Taffe and Charlie Place was delicious as well as the cupcakes for dessert. Shown is board of director of the Arizona Elks Major Projects Roy Haddick explaining to Ila the two programs which are supported, Steele Hospital children's research center and the Elks Youth Camp. Here is Clint as Neil Diamond singing to his very pregnant wife, Ila.



Article and photos submitted by Terri Trear, Public Relations Chair

Elk Donation to HCHF

The Elks Youth Activity donated \$1,500 to the Havasu Community Health foundation. The money will be used to continue providing children's health services to the community.

Pictured Left to Right: HR Radtke – Elks Youth Activity Chairman, John Nygren – Havasu Community Health Foundation Chairman of the Board

Article and photo submitted by HR Radtke, Public Relations Chair



Mountain Of Undies Report

I just want to say a big "Thank You" to all the individuals and Lodges that so graciously donated to our Mountain of Undies for the Veteran's this past weekend at the Mid-year meeting.

We will have a final count of all in next month's newsletter, but rest assured that all of the VA Hospitals, the 2 VA Homes in Tucson and Phoenix and any other venues where the Veterans Committee deems needy, will receive the undies that were collected.

I was so impressed by the "Mountain", I could hardly believe my eyes. Thank you again and remember, this campaign will continue through the May convention...

Jan Casacchia

AEA First Lady

Wife of President Jim

Douglas Lodge Donations

Douglas Elks Lodge #955 awarded \$500 to the Douglas Bulldogs Wrestling Club and \$500 to the Boy Scouts Troop #4309. These awards were made possible through the Arizona Elks Major Projects. Such funds have helped many great community programs.

The Elks provide college scholarships for high school seniors, drug awareness programs, hoop shoot, support for law enforcement and fire fighters and much more. Interested persons are invited to come to the lodge on Tuesday for tacos, Wednesday for hamburgers and Friday night dinners. Questions about the lodge, Elks activities, etc., should be directed to the lodge at 520-364-5132 after



Pictured above (L to R) are: lodge Lecturing Knight Nick Chavez, Scout Star Gabriel Verduzco, Marina Montano,



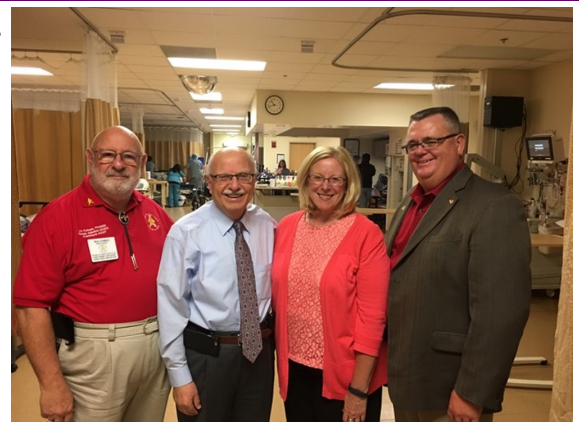
Pictured above (L to R) are: Lecturing Knight Nick Chavez, high school seniors Moises Ramos, Andrea Estrada, Natasha

Article and photos submitted by Richard Ross, Exalted Ruler

Steele Children's Research Center Visit

Bryan Klatt, Grand Secretary and his wife Sue attended the Arizona Elks Association Mid-year meeting Oct. 20 to 23 in Tempe. A highlight of their visit was a trip to the Steele Children's Research Center in Tucson where they met with Dr. Fayez Ghishan, Director of the Steele Children's Center and Head of the Department of Pediatrics. Joining them on their tour of the center was Ira Cohen, President of Arizona Elks Major Projects.

Article and photo submitted by Ira Cohen



A Word From The Website Chairman

Hello to all my fellow Arizona Elks my Name is Barry “Bear” Carlile Jr. PER from Sierra Vista Lodge # 2065. I am the AEA IT Websites Chairman and Webmaster for the State. If you missed the Mid-Year convention and the official announcement that the Arizona Elks Association Website is up and running. Please check it out at arizonaelksassociation.org, you will have to log in to see member only information. You can do this easily from the menu near the top of the page.

On the site you will be able to see any and all of the State competitions, located on the committee page that is in charge of the competition. There are still some tweaks that we are still trying to accomplish, for example the committee drop down will not scroll with the page and it makes it very difficult to see all the committees. The work around for this is to just click on the word Committees and then scroll through the committees that way.

If you are on any page and want to get back to the home page all that is needed is to click on the header picture and it will be returned to the homepage.

If there is something that is incorrect on the site or needs updating please let us know and we will look into it and get it taken care of.

I hope you enjoy the page and return often, we will keep it up to date with current and updated information from the State Association and Grand Lodge. When planning events, please use the calendar to de-conflict with the District and State Association dates which will allow the Local Lodge’s to have maximum participation. This also, goes right along with President Jim Casachia’s motto “Communication Breeds Success!!”

Fraternally,

Barry “Bear” Carlile Jr., PER

Elementary School Donation

The Elks donated \$300 to Starline Elementary school for assistance in purchasing a year-long subscription to the Scholastic News. This is a weekly magazine that covers all types of Reading and Science current events.

Pictured Left to Right: HR Radtke – Elks Youth Activity Chairman, Marie Kervin – 2nd grade teacher/Science Coordinator.

Article and photo submitted by HR Radtke, Public Relations Chair



Colorado River Concert Outreach Program



Recently the Bullhead City Elks presented the Colorado River Concerts Outreach Program a “big” check for \$1,000. The Outreach Program invites the evening’s performers to give a presentation to the local school children on their profession and give inspiration, advice, and information on how to be a better performer. Shown above is Concert Board of Directors (left) VP Sandy McGuire and (second from right) President Julie Hassett, BHC Elk & Arizona Elks Major Project VP Roy Haddick and on the end is BHC’s Elks National Foundation chair Mike Swain.

Article and photo Submitted by Terri Frear, Public Relations Chair

Casino Night



Three members of Sun City Lodge help put on a fund raiser for the lodges veterans program.

Approximately \$3,500 was raised at the event held at the Elks Lodge on October 2, 2017.

226 members and guests came out for an evening of fun and revelry. All present received a meal of meat loaf, boosted chicken or baked same, all with all of the fixings.

This "Casino Night" event is one of two that the Elks put on to raise money to send our vets on the now famous Honor Flight Program. A silent auction will be held in April in an effort to raise the funds re-

quired to send our vets on that momentous trip, all expenses paid.

Pictured L to R: Dale Blomker, Gene Holmes, Rich Gudgeon, Dan Lewis, George Glas and Hal Whitaker.

Article and photo submitted by Val Bianchini, Public Relations Chair.

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News Timelines:

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To help prevent this use a digital camera set at the highest pixel setting, ("Super Fine" on most cameras). This will give you the sharpest photo and will allow the photos to be edited.

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