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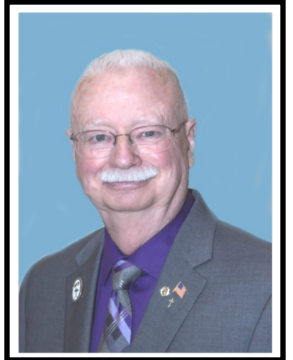
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Jim's Jibberish

As we come to the close of March, we attended the Area 7 Golf Tournament in Mesquite, NV, where we met Elks from all four Area 7 states. Then it was off to Las Vegas for the Regional Hoop Shoot Finals...we rode the "Junk Food Express". This was our eighth coach trip. As always, the kids and their parents and families had a ball. At the competition we had 6 great kids, who all Arizonans can be proud of as they represented us all. Remember, whether they win or lose in Las Vegas, they are always our State Champions.

We had two winners who will represent us in Chicago on April 21st at the National Hoop Shoot. Kenadi Stewart, 10-11 girl, from Show Low Lodge #2090 and Mylee Demuth, 12-13 girl, from Holbrook Lodge #2450. Along with their parents and families, Gregg and Jeanne, and Jan and myself, we will be in Chicago to root them on.



As the final membership numbers are being counted, it looks like a banner year for Arizona and the nation. After 29 years of membership drop, we have turned the corner and can now look forward to better numbers and a stronger BPOE.

As you read this letter, we will have new leaders for the 2018-2019 Lodge year. As our officers progress to the station of the Exalted Ruler, faster than in the past, it is important that officer meetings become a part of your schedule. Also, don't forget that you need to appoint your committee chairs. Remember, when there is no name for a committee, the ER automatically assumes that chair! Be aware that the busiest time of the year is usually in the fall. Be ready for your Lodge's progress and assume your duties as required.

One more thing, I have been mentioning most of this year, that I would like to see more of our regular members attend the Annual and Mid-year Meetings. I'm hoping that we will see an increase in our attendance in May. It's important that members see what happens at the State level, I believe that it will increase in them an awareness of just how important their programs at the Lodge level are. You have until April 16th to register for the convention, the forms are available on the arizonaelksassociation.org website.

In May, we will have our Grand Exalted Ruler and the First Lady with us at our convention meeting. Jan and I had the opportunity to meet them at the Utah Spring Meeting just last week, they are very pleasant, approachable, and fun.

Also, due this month, are the Secretary's Report to the Lodge, the Trustees' Report and Budget to the Lodge and the Annual Report is due May 1st, \$100 fine, if late to Grand Lodge.

Just a reminder also, that Jan, our First Lady, is still building that "Mountain of Undies" for our Veterans around the state. See the flyer in your Lodge...the ER's spouse received one.

I'll close by saying that I'm hoping to see more of our members attend the Annual Convention in Tempe on May 9-12, 2018.

Fraternally,
Jim
Jim Casacchia
AEA President

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Elks Youth Camp

The Elks Youth Camp, located just south of Young, AZ is looking for volunteers to help get the camp ready for the kids this summer. Dates are 17-22 April and you can help whichever days are best for you. Bring your RV, tent, or stay at one of the cabins, but bring your own sheets and blankets or sleeping bag. Water, electricity and food will be provided.

If interested call Lynn or Peti at 928.468.2306.

Reginal Hoop Shoot



On March 3rd, 2018 the Junk Food Express rolled into Las Vegas, NV. with the Arizona State Hoop Shoot Champions. All were ready to take on the winners from the Region 7 States. Although not all were Champions of this competition they all are our Champions forever. We were successful to have two that will now go on to the National Hoop Shoot competition in Chicago Ill. on April 21st, 2018. They are Kenadi Stuart the 10-11 year old girl competitor from Show Low Lodge #2090 and Mylee Demuth the 12-13 year old girl competitor from Holbrook Lodge #2450. This is Kenadi's second year in a row to advance to Nationals and she is a three year State Champion. Mylee is on her third year in a row to Nationals and a five time State Champion. Mylee also took home the award for the most shots made of all the girls in the Shoot. (22) Arizona will be well represented at the Nationals. Also pictured with the two Champions are Gregg Boyce, DDGER, AEA Hoop Shoot Director and James Casacchia AEA State President.

article and pictures submitted by Gregg Boyce, DDGER, AEA Hoop Shoot Director

Gregg Boyce, DDGER

Ajo, AZ #1576 150th Celebration



Ajo Elks welcomed the community into the Lodge this February for it's 150th celebration with an Open House. The theme was "How Sweet It Is" -- To Turn 150, To Help Those in Need, To Be a Member of the Community. Along with great desserts & coffee, it focused on demonstrating what we do, showing exactly how Elks Care, Elks Share! It showcased the many programs in the community with pictures of local Elks over the years. There were displays and informational handouts available and many cheery Elks available to talk. The flocked hats that were found as a nod to days of old and the Jolly Corks started up some great con-

versions about our history and our 150th Anniversary. Flags plus other items were given as handouts to all and there were raffles for some great 150th gear. It was a great event for everyone involved!

Article and photo submitted by Shali Haas, Public Relations Chair

Making A Planned Gift to the Arizona Elks Major Project – Things to Think About Did you Know:

1. Bequests (Wills, Trusts) are the most common form of planned gift.
2. Almost everyone has the ability to make a planned gift.
3. Bequests are the major gift of the middle class.
4. The average age of someone who makes their first charitable bequest is 40-50.
5. High-income women are more likely than men to use complex gift planning tools.
6. Women are more likely to give a bequest to religious, fraternal, health, human services, and environmental organizations than men.
7. Those without children are far more likely to make a planned gift.
8. Only **5.3% of those over 50** have made a charitable bequest commitment.
9. **33% of Americans** are willing to consider a charitable bequest.
10. While 1% of Americans have created a Charitable Remainder Trust, 5% are willing to consider one.
11. Once donors name a charity in their will, they almost never remove it.
12. Only **37% of those over 30** are familiar with the term “planned giving.”
13. Among those over 30, **only 22%** say they have been asked for a planned gift.
14. Real donor stories work much better than fictional, composite stories.
15. For ads and letters to those over 40, a larger font is needed to get them read.
16. Using a challenge grant for a planned gift appeal can create urgency leading to action.
17. Donors usually give to **things or causes that are important to them**, not for the benefits.
18. The best source for information about a prospect is the prospect.
19. Tax avoidance is NOT a powerful motivator for planned giving.
20. Organizations will not usually get the gift unless they ask for it. So, the Arizona Elks Major Projects asks that you consider making a Planned Gift to be used to assist the annual funding the Arizona Elks Commitment to support The Jack Warner Youth Camp or the Steele Children’s Research Center.

Alfred R. Skorupski PSP
Planned Giving coordinator

Ajo #1576- PER Chicken Fest

The Ajo Past Exalted Rulers held their 2nd Annual BBQ Chicken Fest. They sold out in an hour and half this time and plan on making double next year. Chuck Johnson provided the smoker to cook the chicken and the PERs made the sides, plated. The money will go towards future community support

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Yuma Elks Hoop Shoot

The Yuma Elks Lodge was represented at the Elks State Championship free throw contest, held in Apache Junction, by Taj Deloney. Taj placed first with 25 out of 25 attempts and went on to the regional championship in Las Vegas where placed second. Pictured from left; Arizona Elks Hoop Shoot Chairman Gregg Boyce, Taj Deloney, and Elks State President Jim Casacchia

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Elks Honor Student



Elks honor one student of the month from Mohave High school for her academic prowess in February. Lindsey Clark a senior accepted a certificate acknowledging her accomplishments from the Bullhead City Elks at the Wednesday night tacos feed. Miss Clark will be attending BYU to study early childhood education. Standing proudly with their daughter are

Mom and Dad, Mr. & Mrs. Christian Clark.

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