

# Arizona Elks Electronic News

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## "Good Communication Breeds Success"

### Jim's Jibberish...



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**Arizona Elks Association Annual Convention**

**May 9-12, 2018**

**Double Tree by Hilton  
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As my year comes to a close, we look back to our State visits to Nevada at the Tahoe-Douglas Lodge in Gardnerville, the California-Hawaii convention in Palm Springs and the Utah convention at the Dixie Lodge in St. George. Along with our trip to the National Convention in Reno July, and our trip to Chicago this past week in support of our Arizona State Champions, Mylee DeMuth, from Holbrook and Kenadi Stuart from Show Low. What great young ladies representing our state.

At the National Convention in Reno, I represented the Arizona Elks Association and had the honor of carrying the Arizona flag up onto the stage with the roar of support from our members, a thrill I will never forget.

As the able mariner, steadies his vessel as calmly in a storm as in fair weather, I could not have completed my year without a great core of dedicated officers, the State and District Chairs who led their committees with distinction. And of course, the help provided by the Grand Lodge and the four dedicated District Deputies, who worked with the Lodges. Their help was invaluable to keeping the Lodges on track.

A special kudo goes out to the Meetings Committee, the unsung group of Elks who work tirelessly to make our conventions the success they always are. And again, our Escorts who let all know that our "Arizona Hospitality" is outstanding.

Thanks, also, to the Past State Presidents who had confidence in me to lead the Arizona Elks Association this past year.

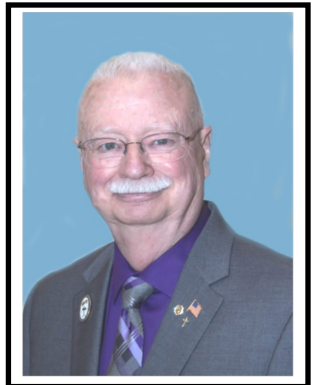
As the leadership of the AEA is turned over to Mike and Deb Murphy, we can feel confident that the Association will grow in numbers and continue to be one we can all be proud of.

And finally, my personal thanks to your First Lady and my partner in life, Jan. Without her hard work and dedication, I could not have completed my task.

Always remember, "Good Communication Breeds Success". Bless our men and women in the military, our First Responders and God Bless America.

Fraternally,  
Jim  
Jim Casacchia  
AEA President

**"GOOD COMMUNICATION BREEDS SUCCESS"**





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## Country Dance Club Donation

The Elks Lake Havasu Country Dance Club donated \$300 to the Meals on Wheels program. Pictured left to right:

Julie Cameron – Country Dance Club, Dick Karl – Meals on Wheels, Nancy Reynolds – Country Dance Club.



## Elks Fundraiser



Prepping their dining hall for Casino Night March 17, marking the 150th anniversary of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and raising \$700 for the Arizona Elks Major Projects and the Elks National Foundation are, from left, Denise Mosher, M.J. Freestone, exalted ruler of Sahuarita Elks Lodge 2851; Kathy Beavers, John and Kathleen Doucett and John Anderson. --

Article and photo submitted by Jerry Schultz

## Elks Donation To Sea Scouts

The Elks Youth Activity program gave \$300 to the Lake Havasu Sea Scouts. The money will be used to help with boat repairs, fuel costs, and boat insurance.

Pictured left to right: HR Radtke – YA chairman, Nick - ??, Ryan Robinson – Sea Scout, Seth Krick – Sea Scout, Jona Silverstein – Sea Scout, Kathy Waydig – Sea Scout president  
Article and photo submitted by HR Radtke.



## Lodge 2399 RV Club Donation



"PER Hank Thonnard (left) accepted a donation of \$500.00 from Vagabonds RV Club President Don Underwood for the annual Veterans' Run For The Wall motorcycle ride."

Article and photo submitted by Jackie Turcotte, 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

## Lodge 2399 Vagabonds Donation

Vagabonds RV Club President Don Underwood (right) presents a check for \$1000.00 to Lake Havasu City VFW Post 9401. Accepting on behalf of the VFW is member Omer Ethier

Article and photo submitted by Jackie Turcotte.





## Vagabond Donations



DAV member Frank Blain accepted a quarterly \$250.00 donation from Vagabonds President Don Underwood for maintenance and upkeep on the van used by the DAV to transport veterans to various appointments.

Article and photo submitted by Jacqueline Turcotte, Public Relations Chair.

## After School Meals

The Elks National Foundation awarded to Yuma Elks 476 a Beacon Grant for \$2000.00 that will be used to provide food for children after school. For some children this is the only food available over the weekends. Child friendly food, meaning with very little preparation, will be provided to the Crane Dist. School Nurse who will distribute food packet meals to homeless and other disadvantaged children weekly on Fridays. Ekklesia Yuma and the Yuma Elks Lodge will provide the volunteers to prepare the food packets. Pictured from left; Lodge Chairman John Fuller, Ekklesia Yuma Pastor Augie Clarkson, and Past Exalted Ruler Steve Whitney.

Article and photo submitted by John Fuller.



## Catalina Mountain Americanism Essay Contest



Two hundred and eighty-five students in grades 5 thru 8 from Coronado Middle School in Catalina participated in the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Americanism Essay Contest. Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge #2815 Americanism Coordinator Al Peterson and Assistant Principal Amanda Magelli worked together to encourage student participation in writing this year's theme, "Why Our Veterans Are America's Heroes."

The top three essays from each grade division were judged by the Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge Americanism Committee, Al Peterson and Lucy Suddath. Yiena Cota, Emily Stillwaugh, and Valarie Maynard were selected from the 5th and 6th grade division; Jude Ginther, Landon Hampton, and Julie Lewelling were selected from the 7th and 8th grade. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place national winners in each division will receive plaques from the Elks Grand Lodge. Certificates and medals will be presented at the Youth Luncheon in May.

Pictured are Principal Gerad Ball, Assistant Principal Amanda Magelli, and Americanism Coordinator Al Peterson with contest winners.

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



## Catalina Mountain Supports The Wall That Heals

Twenty-eight Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge members and 450 community volunteers supported Bring the Wall Board members, Dan Bradshaw, Gloria Cisneros, Lisa Chavez, Bob Kielsa, Larry and Mimi Wittenborn, in successfully bringing *The Wall That Heals* to Oro Valley in March. Volunteers worked together with the town of Oro Valley and other groups to raise funds to make this three-day exhibition possible and donated 394 hours of their time to the event.

*The Wall That Heals*, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., was visited by 14,500 people who came to honor more than three million Americans who served in the Vietnam War. *The Wall* bears the names of more than 58,000 men and women who died defending our country.



Pictured (from left) are PER Jim Cox, PER Larry Megahan, PER Ernie Cruce, AEA VP South Lee Cook, PER Tom Wilson, PER Gloria Cisneros, PDDGER Jack Baillargeon, and PER Neal Patronsky.

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

## Fire Department Donation



Ajo Lodge #1576 donated \$500 in support of their local Ajo/Gibson Community Fire Department. Funds were made available from part of the Lodge's Anniversary Grant!

The department relies on donations and fundraisers for its survival and the Lodge is committed to helping their small town heroes!!

Picture: Firefighter & Elk Kattie Allen, Capt. Mark Coyle, Elk's PR Chair Lynn O'Connor, Chief David Tibbit, Elk's Shali Haas, Sara Coyle, Chad Coyle, Jose Yon, Abiam Campa, and Alex Perez.

Article and photo submitted by Shali Haas, PER

## Helping Cancer Patients

The Elks Country Dance Club donated \$300 to the Denise's Day program. *Denise's Day* is a local cancer fundraiser in Lake Havasu City, AZ. They raise money for local families battling cancer since 2010 in remembrance of Denise Madrid.

Pictured left to right:

Julie Cameron – Country Dance Club  
Heather Courneya – Denise's Day member  
Julie Biggs – Denise's Day member  
Nancy Reynolds – Country Dance Club

Article and photo submitted by HR Radtke



## What to Know About the New Medicare Cards

*What can you tell me about the new Medicare cards? I've heard there are a lot of scams associated with these new cards and I want to make sure I protect myself.*

The government will soon be sending out brand new Medicare cards to 59 million Medicare beneficiaries. Here is what you should know about your new card along with some tips to help you guard against potential scams.

### New Medicare Cards

Starting this month (April 2018), Medicare will begin mailing new Medicare cards to everyone who receives Medicare benefits. These new Medicare cards will no longer include Social Security numbers. The reason for this change is to help protect your identity and to reduce medical and financial fraud. The new cards will have a randomly generated 11-character Medicare Number. The issuance of these cards will occur automatically. You will not need to do anything or pay a fee to obtain your new card.

Medicare will mail your card—at no cost—to the address you have on file with the Social Security Administration. If you need to update your official mailing address, visit your online Social Security account at [SSA.gov/myaccount](https://www.ssa.gov/myaccount) or call 800-772-1213. Your Medicare coverage and benefits will stay the same.

If you have relatives or friends who live in other states who receive their cards before you, do not fret. The cards will be mailed in waves to various parts of the country over a 12-month period starting in April 2018 and ending in April 2019.

Medicare beneficiaries in Alaska, California, Delaware, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia will be the first to receive their new cards sometime between April and June. The last wave of states will be Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio and Tennessee, along with Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

When you receive your new Medicare card, do not simply throw your old one in the trash. Instead, put it through a shredder or cut it up with a pair of scissors to ensure that the section that shows your Social Security number is destroyed. If you have a separate Medicare Advantage card, keep it because you will still need it for treatment.

### Watch Out For Scams

With the issuance of these new Medicare cards, be on the lookout for Medicare scams. Here are some tips:

- Do not pay for your new card. It is yours for free. If anyone calls and says you need to pay for it, it is likely a scammer.
- Do not give out your personal information. If someone calls claiming to be a Medicare representative and asks for your Social Security number or bank information, that is a scam and you should hang up. Medicare will never require you to provide your personal information to get your new number and card.
- Guard your card. When you get your new card, safeguard it like you would any other health insurance card or credit card. While removing the Social Security number cuts down on many types of identity theft, you will still want to protect your new card because identity thieves could use it to obtain medical services.

For more information about changes to your Medicare card, visit [go.medicare.gov/newcard](https://www.go.medicare.gov/newcard). If you suspect fraud, report it to the FTC ([FTCcomplaintassistant.gov](https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov)), AARP's fraud help line at 877-908-3360 or your local Senior Medicare Patrol program. Go to [SMPresource.org](https://www.smpresource.org) for contact information.

Faternally,  
Alfred Skorupski, PSP  
Planned Giving Program  
Arizona Elks Major Projects

## Horseshoe Tournament For Charity

Members of the Go Getters held their 7<sup>th</sup> annual Horseshoe Tournament on April 21<sup>st</sup> with the help of the Tucson East Elks Riders to raise money for our annual Children's shopping spree in December. The event raised \$1000 for this worthwhile cause; Tucson East #2532 traditionally clothes 75 or more children during the spree and finishes with a pizza party at Peter Piper Pizza. Tucson East #2532 Go Getters and Elks Riders



Pictured left to right: Barry & Lee Deslatte, Danielle & Rocky Shamburg, Jen & John Roebuck, Ken Shrensel, Carmine Tilghman and Kristi Heppler.

Article and photo submitted by Mary Shaffer, Public Relations Chair Tucson East #2532



## Elks Honor Students

Five seniors were honored at the Bullhead City Elks Lodge recently for their academic excellence. From left representing River Valley HS are John Lambert who will study computer science at ASU and Hayley Cunningham who will attend NAU to become a psychologist. From Mohave HS is Jacob Callies wants to become an economist and study at ASU. From Mohave Accelerated Learning Center are Kimberley Sneed who will attend a Texas film school to eventually become a director and Ian Young will start his studies at MCC to become an EMT with the fire department with a minor in fashion design on t-shirts.AC

Article and photo submitted by Terri Frear, Public Relations Chair



## Elks Care, Elks Share!



Ajo Elks donated \$500 to Sheltering Ajo. They are the only local non-profit that addresses the homeless and helps provide temporary assistance to those in need in the Ajo area. The group plans on using these funds to help secure another facility for temporary housing.

Article and photo submitted by Shali Haas, Public Relations Chair

## Elks Lodge 2399 donation

"Proceeds from the recent Elkettes Crazy Auction, in the amount of \$750.00, were donated to the Lake Havasu City High School Basketball program for the purchase of new uniforms. Pictured are from left: Basketball player Cole Wade, Crazy Auction co-chair Janet Schutte, Basketball Team Coach Ted Darnell and basketball player Noah Boyd."

Article and photo submitted by Jackie Turcotte, Public Relations Chair.





## Vets Night Out



On April 21, 2018, Eleven (11) Veterans from the Arizona State Veterans Home were hosted by Sun City Elks lodge #2559 to a dinner at the lodge. This dinner was the first provided by the Elks for the new fiscal year, which runs from April 1st. 2018 to March 31st. 2019, but rest assured it will not be the last as several more are already in the drawing board. The dates of military service for these particular vets ranged from WW11 down to the Gulf war. Elks never forget our Vets. On April 4, 2018 about 13 Vets were taken to a Diamond Backs baseball game and on this coming Sunday April 22, about 30-40 Vets from three different Veterans facilities will be treated to a bowling outing at a local bowling establishment. In addition to the three games of bowling, the Vets will be treated to a luncheon, soft drinks and snacks.

Upon entering the lounge area, the Vets were introduced to all members present at which time they were given a rousing applause. When the applause subsided somewhat, one member present rose and stated, "if it were not for these Vets, none of us would be here", which caused an even louder and more sustained round of applause.

God Bless our Veterans and God Bless America.

### Picture captions:

(1) Deb Stripley, (in blue blouse) Army Master Sgt., being wheeled into the Sun City Elks Lodge by Bill Hudson an officer of the lodge.

(2) Tony Gonzalez, Marine WW11 vet, being Lowered from the Az. State Veterans Home Van with the assistance of John McConnell, Viet Nam Vet and member of the lodges veterans committee (on left) and Veterans Home aide, Maria Rincone (right)

(3) Susan Roberson (in wheel chair on left) holds hands with her husband Curtis Robertson (in wheel chair on the right), both are Army vets, Susan a nurse and Curtis a soldier, fell in love and were married while both are residents at the Veterans Home.

Val Bianchini, Elks Lodge Veterans P.R. Vice Chairman,

## Generosity Feeds

Several members of Tucson East #2532, Rocky & Danielle Shamburg, and Krisiti Hepple along with friend Elena Wright participated in the Generosity Feeds event held April 22 at Catalina High School. Generosity Feeds is working to feed hungry children in every county across America so all children have the opportunity to thrive. The event on Sunday made and packaged 20,000 meals in 2 hours and those meals will be given to children in Pima County who struggle with hunger. This is a great way to be more involved with your community.

Article and picture submitted by Mary I. Shaffer/PER, Public Relations Chair.



## Tucson East Delivers Donations



Lodge officers from Tucson East Lodge #2532 delivered donations to four different veteran's organization's on March 30<sup>th</sup> for a total of \$2000. First stop was Esperanza En Escalante (EEE) Transitional Housing for Veterans where a check for \$500 and a Wii game system were presented by Lodge Veterans Chairman, Maynard Stout. Next stop was the Arizona State Veteran Home where Therapeutic Program Manager, Sam Nanez, was presented with \$500 worth of movie certificates for Century Theatres. The Veteran's Committee members also delivered a \$500 check to SAVAHCS Fisher House and another \$500 to the Southwestern Blind Rehabilitation Center. The Veterans Committee held several fundraisers during the year which allowed them to make these donations. Sam Nanez receives \$500 worth of movie tickets for use by residents at the Arizona State Veteran Home – Tucson

Pictured left to right: Exalter Ruler Sandy Benoist, Leading Knight Maynard Stout, Sam Nanez (AZ State Veteran Home Therapeutic Program Manager) and Brigid Sherbo  
Article and photo submitted by Mary I. Shaffer/PER, 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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