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"Be An Elk Everyday"

The first of the Clinics hosted by the District Deputies were held in August and the Vice Presidents and I are conducting Official Visits to each Lodge. Exalted Rulers, Lodge Secretaries and members of the Lodges within the Arizona Elks Association have had the opportunity to meet with the DDs, VPs and me to share the good work they are doing and to learn of important news within the State and from Grand Lodge. I hope these meetings are informative and they assist Lodges with mapping out plans for their local and community programs.



The AEA has grown into a great ambassador of our Programs because members do what is needed in our lodges and local communities to help them thrive. We will remain great ambassadors as long as we continue to demonstrate our commitment to community responsibility. I applaud your hard work and am confident you will keep the spirit of community engagement as one your highest priorities.

It's hard for me to believe that October is here and our mid-year convention is only a few weeks away. I look forward to seeing you then and to sharing our successes so far this fraternal year. As we move into the last quarter of 2018 I ask you to make a special commitment to activities that are coming up that are important to the programs we support that are part of the cornerstones of our Order. Just a quick reminder to drop off your donations to the Social Welfare room early so that everyone can get an early look at the interesting and unique baskets that are donated to support our Social Welfare Programs.

Veterans Day is just around the corner and I am proud that our local veterans programs will be high on our priority list as each of us celebrate our Veteran's service and sacrifice on November 1, 2018. Just a bit of history about Veterans Day - Veterans Day originated as "Armistice Day" on the anniversary of the end of WWI on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in the year 1918. Veterans Day honors all American veterans (living or dead) but is especially intended to give thanks to living veterans who served their country honorably during war or peacetime. I am proud that we uphold our promise that so long as there are Veterans the Elks will not forget them.

Quote of the Month "As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them". John F. Kennedy

Another of our customs is fast approaching. On the first Sunday of December we will honor all members of our order who have died. Although in many lodges the practice has become more general, on this day we remember those who have passed and honor their contributions to our lodges and commemorate their good deeds. Early in our history the remembrance was a voluntary custom among Elks for the Subordinate Lodges to conduct a formal service in tribute to a brother who had died. With the growth of the Order this is a mandated program rather than a custom. The program remains an appealing sentiment of tribute to both service and tradition. The Memorial Service may be conducted in the Lodge room for members only; but it is often observed as a public ceremony with a program of special music and other appropriate features as a living tribute to individuals who are linked to each of us who now carry on our in their absence. I encourage each of you to participate.

Quiz of the month - My wife has found that cookbooks often contain a hidden treasure. She found a treasure in a cookbook on one of our official visits this month. The question is: What Arizona Lodge has a recipe involving elephant and rabbit meat? Answer to come in the November State Newsletter - if you are from this Lodge - mum is the word for you.
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Labor Day BBQ



We Care Cancer center here in Bullhead City. On the new BBQ, hamburgers and hot dogs were cooked and lots of side dishes brought in for all to enjoy.

Bullhead City Lodge and Labor Day BBQ. It was a great big party for the members and a fabulous fund raiser for the local



Article and photos submitted by Terri Frear, Public Relations Chair

Elks Country Dancers donation HAVEN Food 4 kids

The Elks Country Dancers donated \$300 to HAVEN's Food for Kids. HAVEN is a fully accredited family advocacy center serving all people in crisis situations.

Pictured from Left to Right Julia Cameron – Elks Country Dancer, Kristen Langstaff – Food for Kids volunteer, Nancy Reynolds – Elks Country Dancer
Article and photo submitted by H.R. Radtke



Be An Elk Everyday (Continued from page 1)

I thank you for supporting the 1st Lady's fall fundraiser to honor Arizona Veterans. Continued donations are welcome through October. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated. Deb will be providing an update at the mid-year convention that you will be interested in hearing.

Now the broken record part - as usual I remind us of our goals for the coming year are – 1. Growth in Membership – last year you got us committed to +1 so my goal for each Lodge this year is +2. I am counting on you to see that we get this done, 2. Supporting our Lodges – we are in the business of growing our Lodges and strengthening support to local communities and, 3. Increasing support to the Elks National Foundation to \$10.00 per member.

In closing, I continue to be thankful for your individual service to our Order and for your continuing commitment to the tenants of our Order in Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. We still have lot of work to do and I am proud to be working beside and for you.

Remember that the General Election Day is November 6, 2018.

Faternally,

Mike Murphy
AEA President

Elks had a busy day with Vets



Monday, August 27, 2018, was a long, but rewarding day for Sun City Elk Lodge Members.

The day began, as usual, with the Sun City Elks picking up furniture, from gracious Elk members, who greatly donate, to the welfare of our veterans.

After spending the morning, defying the summer heat in Arizona, the Sun City Elks made a trek to the Arizona State Veterans home, to put on their monthly bingo event there.

Twenty one (21) vets (a smaller number than usual), thirteen Elk members and Two (2) volunteers attended the bingo party, which is put on in an effort to bring some cheer to the residents there.

As usual, every vet won and every vet left with a little more money in his/her pocket, to spend at the facilities commissary.

In addition to the bingo party, for the second month in a row, the "Quilts of Love" group, based in the Arizona Traditions community in Surprise, Arizona, donated "Quilts of Love", to those vets unable to attend the bingo event. Needless to say, it was a great day thus far, but far from over.

Following the bingo event, three of the Sun City Elks headed over to the Vets for Vets facility on Grand Ave. in Phoenix, Az. to pick up vets there and take them to the Sun City Elks Lodge, for an "all you can eat" spaghetti dinner. The spaghetti dinner is a regular event at the Elks Lodge, but picking up the vets is not, normally, the vets have their own transportation.

Twelve (12) vets from the facility were scheduled to make the trip from the Veterans facility, to the Elks Lodge, but unfortunately, the driver for the vets became ill, leaving the vets stranded, with no transportation.

Not a problem, the three Elk members drove their personal vehicles, to the veterans facility, loaded up the vets, and defying the absurd traffic in Phoenix, snailed their way to the Elks Lodge in Sun City, Arizona. Fortunately, the traffic was much better on the return trip.

Once there, the "Vets for Vets" group, were joined by eight (8) members of the M.A.N.A. House facility (Marine, Army, Navy, Air Force), located at 2422 W. Holly St. in Phoenix, and six other vets, who are Elk members.

Twenty six (26) vets ate their fill of spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, pie and ice cream.

The pies were "homemade" and donated by an Elks supporter, Linda Bannon, wife of an Elk member and Viet Nam Vet, and were delicious, as was everything else.

The day was long, the day was hot, the vets were happy. End of story.

Picture Captions:

At veterans bingo event: (left to right as viewed) Chauncey Milbrandt, Recreational therapist; Tammy McDowell, Social Worker (grape colored blouse); resident vet in wheel chair (name not permitted); and Gary Drumheller, Az. State Elks Veterans Chairman. On the table display are some of the donated "Quilts of Love"

Elks Lodge Spaghetti dinner: (left to right) Theresa Schmitt, Navy Vet; Monique O'Brian, Navy Vet; Todd Willoughby, Army vet; Bruce Braden, Army Vet and John McDonell, Army vet and Elk Member.

Picture of pickup truck the Sun City Elks helped to purchase. The truck is equipped with a towing hitch and will be used to pick up furniture, appliances, clothing, etc. to outfit veterans living quarters.

Choosing a Continuing-Care Retirement Community

Can you give me some tips on picking an all-inclusive residential retirement community that offers independent housing, along with assisted living and nursing care? My husband and I are looking to downsize and simplify, but we want our next move to be our last.

If you want your next move to be your final one, an all-inclusive retirement community — also known as a continuing-care retirement community (CCRC) — is a great option to consider.

CCRCs are different from other types of senior housing because they provide all levels of housing, services and care in one convenient location. While they vary greatly in appearance and services, most CCRCs offer apartments or single-family homes for active independent seniors. They also offer onsite assisted living for seniors who require help with basic living tasks like bathing, dressing or going to the bathroom and nursing home care for residents who are in declining health.

CCRCs also provide a bevy of resort-style amenities and services that include community dining halls, exercise facilities, housekeeping and transportation, as well as many social and recreational activities. Be aware that these services often come at a hefty price. Most communities have entry fees that range from the low to mid-six figures plus ongoing monthly fees that can range from around \$2,000 to over \$4,000 depending on the facility, services and the contract option you choose.

With more than 2,000 CCRCs in operation throughout the U.S., finding a facility that fits your lifestyle, needs and budget will require some legwork. Here are some steps to help you proceed.

Make a list: Start by calling the Area Agency on Aging (call 800-677-1116 for contact information) in the area you want to live for a list of CCRCs.

Call the facilities: Once you have located a few local facilities, call them to find out if they have any vacancies, what they charge and if they provide the types of services you want or need.

Take a tour: Many CCRCs encourage potential residents to stay overnight and have a few meals in their dining hall. During your visit, notice the upkeep of the facility and talk to the current residents to see how they like living there. Also, check out the assisted living and nursing facilities and find out how decisions are made to move residents from one level of care to another.

To learn more about a facility, call the state long-term care ombudsman (see LTCombudsman.org) who can tell you whether the assisted living and nursing care services within the CCRC have had any complaints or other problems. You can also use Medicare's nursing home compare tool at Medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare.

Review contracts and fees: Most CCRCs offer three types of contracts: Type A, or life-care contracts, which have the highest entry fee but cover all levels of long-term care as needed; Type B, or modified contracts, which have lower entry fees but limit long-term care services in the initial fee; and Type C, or fee-for-service contracts, which offer the lowest entrance fees but require you to pay extra for long-term care if you need it.

You also need to find out what yearly price increases you can expect. You should also inquire as to how much of your entry fee is refundable if you move or die and what happens if you outlive your financial resources.

Research the CCRC: Find out who owns the facility, get a copy of their most recently audited financial statement and a copy of their contract and review these with your lawyer or financial advisor. You should also request information regarding their occupancy rate. Unless it is a newer community filling up, occupancy below 85% could be a red flag that the facility is having financial or management problems.

Any additional questions? Call the Arizona Elks Major Projects Office for more information.

Alfred R. Skorupski, PSP
Planned Giving Coordinator

First Responders Awards Dinner



Yuma 476 presented certificates of appreciation to two local First Responders. Officer of the Year Esmundo Tejeda and Fire Fighter of the Year Captain Paul Evancho were recognized for their outstanding efforts in the Yuma community. Also Arizona Western College Officer Juan Lara was received a commendation for his actions while off duty in making an arrest in San Luis.

Article and photo submitted by John Fuller.

Elks Student of the Month

Bullhead City Elks are proud to honor students of the month again this school year. From Mohave High School are seniors Drew Cook and Brent Moore and Ryann Glenn from River Valley High School. Ms. Cook would like to attend Northern Arizona Univ. to study business and communication to become marketing direct of a company. Moore currently on the football team wants to become a member of the National Football League and will start by attending Arizona State Univ. or NAU. Ms. Glenn intends on becoming a dentist and will attend Creighton Univ. in Omaha, Nebraska. Joshua Castrejon, Sierra Demers and Michael Passons were unable to attend. For immediate release,

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Ajo #1576 , Americanism & AZ Elks Assn President Visit

Ajo #1576 hosted its Annual First Responder Appreciation Dinner. The meal is provided free to all responders and their

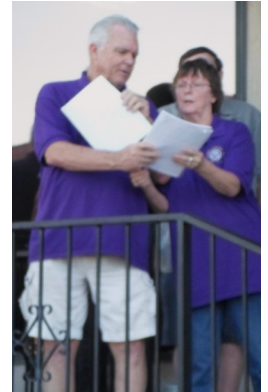
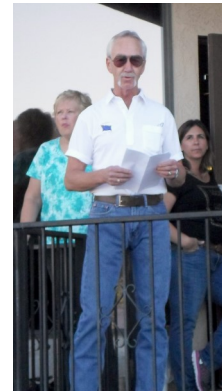


families served by our own High School student volunteers. This year there was a great turn out from Dispatch to Sheriffs and from Border Patrol to the Volunteer Fire Department! Everyone stood and joined in the Pledge of Allegiance after welcoming words from Exalted Ruler



Kord Klinefelter and visiting Arizona State Association President, Mike Murphy & First Lady Deb. Mike's words and his guidance truly warmed our hearts. And Deb's heartfelt words for the First Responders' wives really drove home what a great couple we have at the helm this year!! It was a great evening with our small town local heroes, enjoying small talk, great food, and watching the kids color & play!

Kingman, AZ Has 1st Time Flag Retirement Ritual



September 15, 2018 Elks Lodge presented Flag Retirement Ritual - Burning One Stripe at a Time! First Ever Flag Retirement Ritual at Elks Lodge #468

ER, Bill Riehle and Leading Knight, John Lawson spoke about the Flag when it has to be retired and properly burned with respect. Dianne Riehle chaired this event and Dale Stites, PER of Eagle River Lodge #2682 of Eagle River, Alaska, also read the story of Old Glory! Robert Paletsky, Tiler and Bill Riehle, ER attended the fire bucket after each piece was entered. Lion Color Guard named Corvin held onto the folded Flag all during the ritual and scouts named the 13 original colonies that became states as they presented their stripe for burning – one stripe at a time. The BSA Venturing Crew was present as well. Pictured are: ER Bill Riehle & leading Knight John Lawson, R & Wife, Dianne, Dale Stites and lineup of Scouts #468 starting with brand new lady scout is Zoe (Lion), Lillian (Tiger), Lucas (Tiger), Brayden (Wolf), Malakai (Wolf), Dylan (Wolf), Jovani (Bear), Isabell (Webelo), Samuel, their den chief (Star), The remaining 5 are The Venturing Crew and the first one is Jonathon. (last four not named). This was our first Flag Retirement Ritual and the public came to see it at our Kingman Elks Lodge #468 at 900 Gates Ave, Kingman, AZ! Thanks go out to all who volunteered.

Article and photos submitted by Sarah Pleth, Elks Editor #468

Lunch For The Tucson Police Officers

Tucson East Axillary members provide lunch to local Tucson Police Officers on September 11th as a small token of their appreciation for all they do for our community. They also provided lunch for the local Fire Station.

Pictured from left to right: JoAnn Botkin, Kathy Zaugra and Nancy Drezdon with members of the Tucson Police Department

Article and photo submitted by Mary Shaffer PER, Public Relations



BBQ For the Veterans

September 1st Tucson East hosted a BBQ at the Arizona State Veteran Home-Tucson. While there they had a chance to speak to Edward Johnson who is President of the Residential Council there. Edward was last stationed at Sierra Vista and served in Vietnam as an Army Lieutenant. He is the proud father of nine, grandfather of eight and great-grandfather of two. Edward is quite the jokester and enjoyed teasing our visiting ladies.

Article and photo submitted by Mary Shaffer PER, Public Relations Chair



Auxiliary Mex Fiesta



Auxiliary's Mexican Fiesta "Ole." It was a wonderful evening had by all and authentic Mexican food that was prepared by Al Luna & Roxanne, so delicious. We dance to the music of Christine and Dave all evening long. Shown are the Luna's in the kitchen, Christine Moore & Dave and Lorrain Upton who was the lucky winner of the 50/50 as Mary O'Keefe looks on.

Article and photos submitted by Terri Trear, Public Relations Chair.

Sierra Vista Elks Lodge #2065 POW/MIA Ceremony



On Friday, 21 September 2018, our Lodge held our first annual POW / MIA Ceremony in order to honor those that were / are Prisoners of War, or are Missing in Action. Organizations recognized and in attendance at the ceremony included; Vietnam Veterans of America, Disabled Veterans of America, Sierra Vista Elks Lodge Veterans Committee, Korean War POWs, Vietnam POWs, Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, Gold Star Families, and the Order of the Purple Heart. In the solemn ceremony, the Missing Man table was set by our Lodge Officers in honor of those that are

not with us.

Article and Photos submitted by Shawnee Carlile, Public Relations Chair

Tucson East Supports Homeless



Tucson East Lodge 2532 members visited Bravo Base-Camp Conklin on September 15th. Bravo Base is a homeless veteran camp in the Tucson area. Members brought, food, water, blankets, toiletry items and used clothing for those living there. During their visit they were given a tour of the camp and a list of needed items. Our Veteran Committee is working with the Camp to improve the lives of those living there by providing needed supplies.

Pictured from left to right: Brigid Sherbo, Sally Frankel, M.J. Sirota, Maynard Stout/ER, Dave Sherbo and Steve Ellis.
Article and photo submitted by Mary Shaffer PER, Public Relations

Aretha Franklin's Estate Faces Challenges

On August 31, 2018, musicians, actors, religious leaders and politicians gathered at Detroit's Greater Grace Temple to remember and celebrate the life of Aretha Franklin. Ms. Franklin passed away at age 76 **without a will**.

Los Angeles attorney Don Wilson represented Franklin throughout her music career. On several occasions, he urged her to complete a will and living trust but she did not create an estate plan.

Wilson stated, "It would have expedited things and kept them out of probate and kept things private. I just hope her estate doesn't end up getting so hotly contested. Any time they do not leave a trust or will, there always ends up being a fight."

Franklin's four sons filed documents with the Oakland County probate court and indicated they were "interested persons." One of her sons, Kecal Cunningham, noted in the filing that Aretha Franklin "died intestate."

The probate process is now proceeding in Oakland County, Michigan. Franklin owned three homes in Bloomfield Township, Michigan and one home in Detroit. However, the primary value of her estate is her intellectual property. This property includes many recordings, musical compositions and her likeness.

Franklin was extremely successful and was called the "Queen of Soul." She had over 100 single recordings on the Billboard charts and received 18 Grammy Awards. Her estate property value could be in the tens, or even hundreds, of millions of dollars.

When Michael Jackson passed away, his estate executors claimed that the estate was only worth a few thousand dollars. However, IRS appraisers valued the estate at \$1.1 billion. Understandably, the estate is interested in keeping the valuation low to reduce estate tax while the IRS seeks a large value in order to increase the estate tax.

Because the Franklin estate is likely valued over the 2018 exemption of \$11.18 million and valuation of intellectual property is quite difficult, the four sons are likely to be in a contentious dispute over valuation with the IRS. The valuation contest with the IRS can proceed through the tax and appellate courts for a decade or longer.

Editor's Note: Franklin's four sons will likely receive creditor claims, contest the estate value with the IRS and negotiate multiple contracts and licenses for Franklin's intellectual property. This process is particularly difficult because there is no will and the property will pass to heirs under Michigan law. Therefore, it may be several years before the Oakland County Probate Court determines the specific shares of ownership for the four sons or other family members. With many millions of dollars in estate value, and millions more owed to the IRS for estate taxes, the potential for intense and protracted conflict is great. A will and living trust by Ms. Franklin could have saved enormous costs and enhanced family harmony.

Sierra Vista Elks Lodge #2065 Law and Fire Awards Dinner

On Saturday, 22 September 2018, the Sierra Vista Elks Lodge #2065 hosted our Annual Law Enforcement and Fire Fighter of the Year Awards dinner. The ceremony began with Amazing Grace played on bagpipes by Peter Criscuolo, and posting of the Colors by the Law Enforcement Joint Honor Guard. Our Guest Speaker, Cochise County Sheriff Mark Dannels regaled the crowd with humor, stories of his experiences, and his pride for our Country, Law Enforcement and our wonderful county. Nominees for Firefighter of the Year included:

Shawn Mott, Sierra Vista Fire Department, and Paramedic Jared Haros, Fry Fire District. Nominees for Officer of the Year included: Trooper Taron Maddox, DPS, Officer Paul Youman, Sierra Vista Police Department, and Deputy Ray McNeely, Cochise County Sheriff's Office. Congratulations to Paramedic Jared Haros, and Trooper Taron Maddox for winning the Fire Fighter, and Officer of the Year awards!

Pictured from Left to Right:

ER Ken Todd, Nominee: Officer Paul Youman, Officer of the Year: Trooper Taron Maddox, Nominee Deputy Ray McNeely, Paramedic of the Year: Jared Haros, and Law & Fire Chair: Sally Applegate (Esteemed Lecturing Knight)
Article and Photos submitted by Shawnee Carlile, Public Relations Chair



Sierra Vista Elks Lodge #2065 Blood Drive



On Wednesday, 19 September 2018, the Sierra Vista Elks Lodge sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive Event from 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm. With more than 20 people signed up, many volunteers, and a great staff from the Red Cross, we were able to contribute 16 pints of blood in support of the Red Cross donation program.

Article and Photos submitted by Shawnee Carlile, Public Relations Chair

Children's Christmas Shopping Spree Yard Sale

On Saturday, 8 September 2018, our Lodge hosted our biggest Children's Shopping Spree Fundraiser of the year. Our yard sale brought in just under \$1900 and to date, we have raised \$6,800 for our event- that's going to make a lot of families happy! The Annual Lodge Children's Shopping Spree will take place on Saturday, 24 November 2018. The day will begin with a hot breakfast, followed by a trip to Wal-Mart. Upon our return Children are treated to an afternoon with Santa, and a hot lunch will be served. Children are selected, based on need, through our local Salvation Army, and Fort Huachuca Chaplain's office.



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