

# Arizona Elks News

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## *"Elks are Patriotic Americans"*

### WOW



The first month as your President has been a whirlwind of activity. The first three weeks saw us on the convention trail attending not only our own Arizona Elks Association convention but also participating in the Nevada Elks Association and California Hawaii Elks Association conventions.

As I shared with attendees at both the Nevada and California Hawaii conventions it is interesting that Elks often learn best from other Elks attempting to do similar or the same things. That was certainly my experience in traveling to Nevada and California as we attended both conventions in time to participate in their pre-convention meetings as well as their General Sessions. Both associations are attempting to accomplish similar if not the same goals as do we in the Arizona Elks Association. It was certainly educational to hear how they both approach their challenges. It broadens perspective and left me with thoughts and ideas to share with our own officers and committee chairs.

After returning we participated with your officers, committee chairs, and district vice chairs in our Organizational Meeting. I was extremely pleased with the way our officers and committee members approached their caucus sessions and the meaningful goals that were developed as a result. I am very much honored to serve with this group of quality leaders and look forward to working with them as we move our Association forward. Also, my thanks to Phoenix Lodge # 335 for hosting our session.

By now our lodges should've heard from either me or one of our vice presidents concerning our official Association visitations. I need a favor. Please reply to these communications in a timely manner as the visitations are important in managing our Association in general and helping our lodges in particular.

Also, since we visited last the Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee announced the All-American Lodge winners. As Arizona Elks we should be proud of the dominance displayed by several of our lodges again this year. There are only six lodges recognized for this award nationally. Three of those six awards were achieved by Arizona lodges. And three other Arizona lodges finished either second or third in their respective divisions. My congratulations to first place winners Raceway Lodge # 2852, Phoenix Lodge # 335, and Sun City Lodge # 2559. Also, my complements to Sierra Vista Lodge # 2065 and Yuma Lodge # 476 for their second-place awards and further to Apache Junction Lodge # 2349 for their third-place finish.

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## *"Elks are Patriotic Americans"*

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While these results indicate an impressive participation rate among our Arizona lodges, I would still encourage all of you to take the time to complete the form and participate in the contest. Completion of the All-American Lodge form as well as the AEA Lodge of the Year form may surprise your Lodge and your members with the point accumulations you have already achieved.

While I regret the need to end our visit this month on a solemn note, I would be remiss if we didn't recognize the passing of Brother Gene Boysen from Sun City Lodge #2559. Brother Gene was well known to most of you as a Past State VP, a Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler and most recently our State Government Relations chairman. Brother Gene was similarly involved in Sun City Lodge serving as its Treasurer at the time of his passing. I'm sure we extend all our prayers to his wife Linda and, as Elks, we chisel his virtues on tablets of stone in our memory and we have long since written his faults in the sand. Rest in peace Brother Gene.

Fraternally,

Dan Snyder, President  
Arizona Elks Association

### *In Memoriam*



#### **Announcing the Deaths of our Members**

*"We shall meet, but we shall miss them, there will  
be a vacant Chair"*

**Gene Boysen**

**George Mezei**



*The clock of their days has stopped.  
Upon its dial the motionless shadows mark eleven,  
with us the Golden Hour of Remembrance."*

## ***“Green Valley Elks #2592 Writing Project Pillows”***

Green Valley Elks #2592 recently presented 38 elementary students with embroidered pillows featuring slogans that encouraged reading and even had book pockets. They were made by Everett Elks # 479 members 92 year old Grace Castle, and eldest daughter Linda Averill after they heard about youngest daughter Annie Currie’s involvement in Green Valley #2593 monthly writing project for students.

**Submitted by:** PDDGER Annie Currie, PR Chair



Pictured (L-R back) PDDGER Annie Currie, Community Activities Chairman Mari Hodges and (L-R front) students Adam, Mirabella and April with their pillows.

## ***“Bullhead City Elks #2408 Memorial Day Chili Cook-off”***

The Bullhead City Elks Lodge recently held the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Chili Cook Off hosted by Susie Stillabower with Dexter Avila leading us in the pledge of allegiance, what a success! There were 10 cookers with delicious hot and spicy chili and decorated booths in the patriotic theme. There were many raffle prizes and a 50/50 drawing near the end of the day. The band *Arizona Thunder* played all afternoon and we danced to their variety of tunes. The three chili winners are 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Doris Patraw who also won the best Patriotic Booth, Dan Barron took second and 1<sup>st</sup> place went to Martha Lucero and Walt Sawyer, as marked by the coveted aprons. Bill & Candy Mochon were awarded a certificate for best decorated booth and Karen Bouse was the winner of the “Shoot & Holler” contest. All proceeds will go the Veteran programs in our area.

**Submitted by:** Terri Frear, PR Chair





## ***“Bullhead Elks #2592 Writing Project Pillows”***

Mixed Bunco held by the Bullhead City Elks Auxiliary and hosted by Deb Cyrus was a wonderful day. There were 50 present and the pot luck dishes to compliment the chicken were delicious. Auxiliary President Doodie Ave sells 50/50 tickets to a guest while Past President Kathleen Clemens looks on. Past President Christine Moore, Sharon Cunningham and Gary Moore are waiting to play Bunco along with Exalted Ruler Marsha Haddick and DD Roy Haddick. Lots and lots of fun! Proceeds benefit AEMP, Safe House for battered women, and Lodge charities.

**Submitted by:** Terri Frear, PR Chair



## ***“Buckeye Elks #2408 Donates Veterans Medallions”***

The Buckeye Elks Lodge #2686 has donated 300 medallions to the City of Buckeye Fire Department to be placed on the headstones of all the Veterans buried at Louis B. Hazelton Cemetery without a military headstone. The purpose of this project is that once all Veterans headstones are marked with a medallion; the volunteers will know where to place the American flags during patriotic holidays! This was made possible through donations from our Buckeye Elks Lodge members!

**Submitted by:** Deanne Forney, Lodge Secretary



## ***“Sierra Vista Elks #2065 Donates “Feed a Veteran” BBQ”***

The Sierra Vista Elks Lodge Veterans Committee, held a Feed A Veteran BBQ on May 25, 2019, in the Lodge ramada. The event was held in conjunction with the Elks National Freedom Grant that the Lodge applied for, and received on behalf of the committee. Hamburgers, hot dogs, macaroni salad, chips, and cold drinks was served to 41 Veterans and 28 non-veterans.

**Submitted by:** Shawnee Carlile, PR Chair



## *“Raceway Elks #2852 Celebrate AEA President Dan Snyder”*



Raceway Elks Lodge 2852 is proud to have 2019-2020 AEA President as one of our members. Several members participated in the march around the convention hall celebrating with AEA President, Dan Snyder and First Lady Mary. Later that evening the celebration continued at Raceway Lodge with cake served to everyone in attendance.

*Submitted by:* Robin Cox, Newsletter Editor





## *Sun City Elks #2559 Continue Honoring Vets after Memorial*

Memorial Day, and its “hoopla” may be over for some, but for the Sun City Elks, the book is never closed, when it comes to honoring our Vets.

On Wednesday, two days after hosting a Memorial Day event for our Vets, at the Sun City Elks lodge, 10760 W. Union Hills Dr., eleven members of the Sun City Elks Veterans Committee, showed up at the Arizona State Veterans home at 4141 N. S. Herrera drive, Phoenix, to take ten Veterans from the home, out to breakfast. Out to breakfast may be a bit misleading, giving the impression that the Vets were hustled onto their vans and driven to a restaurant location. In this case, the Vets from the home, were picked up in their wheel chairs and “pushed”, from the State Home, to the Veterans Administration Hospital, which is situated a few hundred yards to the South of the home.

Although the hospital looked as if it was in close proximity of the home, when pushing a wheel chair with a grown human in it, down sidewalks, across vast parking lots and through twisting and turning corridors, the trip seemed to be at least a half mile long, and probably was. No one complained of course, especially the vets, as they were being chauffeur driven the entire way, and were having a great time with it. Many of these Vets rarely get an opportunity to leave the home, and when an opportunity arrives, they jump at it.

Such was the case with a resident of the home, Percy Jones. Percy has been at the home for several months and had never had the opportunity to leave it. That situation will certainly be remedied if the Elks have any say in the Matter.

It gives the Elks great pleasure to see the expressions of gratitude on the faces of these great warriors. Bless them all.

**Submitted by:** Val Bianchini, Sun City Elks Veterans PR Chairman



(L-R) Bill Gonzolez, Army, being pushed to the serving counter by Elk Veterans committee member Bob Vanderwerken; Lyle Bates, Army, being pushed by Exalted Ruler Bill Hudson, Veterans Committee & Army.

6 Veterans (no particular order) having a great breakfast at the VA Hospital in Phoenix. Percy Jones, at far end of table, Tom Bundy, Lyle Bates, Jay Lowenthal, Frank Alexander and Robert “Freeway” Tate. Sitting second from right is Kayla Taft, physical training assistant.



Keenan Lane, Army (front left of page) (L-R) Bob Vanderwerken, Elk Vets member; Bill Gonzolez, Army; Ken Johnson, Army; (R-Rear) Ron Kumelski, USMC and Terry Hunt, Army and Elks Veterans Committee Member.

## ***“Raceway Elks #2852 Flag Day Ceremony”***

In honor of Flag Day, Raceway Elks Lodge No. 2852 Officers held our annual Flag Day Ceremony on June 15, 2019 in the Eagles Nest Ball room at Pebble Creek. The ceremony was open to the public and will begin at 10:00 a.m. This Flag Ceremony is a tradition with the Elks which began in 1907. It is an educational ceremony to benefit all youth, parents, families, veterans and guests.

The history of our great flag was presented in an educational format, complete with era pageantry. Eight flags from different eras were presented and songs of each era were sung.

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks promotes patriotism and Americanism through involvement with youth veterans and other groups. The order contributes time and money to many educational and community-minded programs in Arizona and throughout the nation.

**Submitted by:** William Buttrum, PDDGER Raceway Elks Lodge



## ***“Tucson East and Sun City Elks Lodges Partner to Assist Veterans”***

What could be more appropriate than helping a Vet on Flag Day?

At a recent organizational meeting called by the Elks Arizona State President, The Arizona State’s South District Veterans Home Representative, Mary Shaffer, reached out to the Sun City’s Veterans Chairman, Gary Drumheller, and asked if he could assist her with a transportation problem. Mary worked diligently with her Lodge, Tucson East, in order to secure funds to purchase a golf cart for the Tucson Veterans Home. The hospital consists of five separated buildings with a total of 120 beds.

The Tucson Veterans Hospital is approximately ¼ mile away, and transportation between the homes five buildings and the hospital could sometimes be a daunting task.

Gary contacted Mike Bunker, owner of the Discount Golf Cart Company, on Camino Del Sol road in Sun City West, Az. Mike has been a supporter of the Sun City Elks, and was only too happy to help, and came up with a golf cart, which was perfect for Mary’s needs. Instead of having an area in the rear for golf bags, the cart had an additional two seats and a flat fold down platform, on which to place wheel chairs and walkers or whatever needed to be carried, between the various buildings at the home and the Veterans Hospital.

The golf cart was sold to the Tucson East Lodge for a discounted rate of \$1,800, came from the P.E.R. association and the members of the Tucson East Lodge, due to the efforts of Mary Shaffer. The Sun City Elks picked up and delivered the golf cart, on Flag Day, to the Tucson Vets Home. It was through this dedicated partnership between the two Elks Lodges which proves the phrase “Elks Care, Elks Share”.

**Submitted By:** Val Bianchini, Sun City Elks Veterans P.R. Chairman

Pictured: Mary Shaffer, behind the wheel of the new golf cart; sitting next to Mary is SamNunez, Therapeutic Program Manager. Standing to the rear of the golf cart is Gary Drummheller, U.S. Army and Elks Arizona State Veterans Chairman. At the front of the golf cart are Dale Blomker, U.S. Army and Terry Hunt, U.S. Army and Purple Heart Recipient.





## *Sun City Elks # 2559 Honor the U.S.A. Emblem*

On June 14, 2019, the Sun City Elks paid tribute to our nations Flag, as is mandated by its parent Lodge, the "Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks", located in Chicago, Illinois. The "B.P.O.E. was the first fraternal

organization to observe Flag Day. The "B.P.O.E., has honored Flag Day since 1907. In that year, the Grand Lodge of the Elks Organization, adopted a resolution designating June 14, as Flag Day and urging all Elk Lodges to observe the date with appropriate services.

In 1908, the Elks Grand Lodge adopted a Flag Day service that incorporates the history and development of our Flag. In 1911, the Elks Grand Lodge made it mandatory for all local lodges to observe Flag Day.

In 1916, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Received official recognition as Flag Day. In that year President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation calling for the observance of the anniversary of the adoption of our national ensign.

In 1949. President Harry S. Truman, an Elk member, signed a joint resolution of Congress providing that Flag Day be proclaimed each year as a nationwide observance.

On June 14, 2019, approximately seventy (70) Elk members and guests attended the ceremony that honors all of the flags, since their inception, up to the present 50 star flag, starting with the "Snake Flag", which flew over "Bunker Hill", to the present 50 Star Flag, which we honor today.

Flags were displayed inside and outside of the lodge building, in recognition of this day.

A Lodge Veteran, respectfully carried each flag, according to its date of origin, from a stand at the rear of the lodge room and placed it into another stand at the front of the lodge room, where lodge officers, guest speakers and an honored first responder gave speeches and informed all present the history of the origin of each flag. The first responder, who was recognized, by the lodge, was Mark Garrett, of the Arizona Fire Authority. Mark was recognized for his heroism above and beyond the call of duty and selected him to represent the Sun City Lodge at the recently passed, Elks State Convention this past May. At that convention, Mark competed against First responders, recognized by the other 43 lodges in the state. Mark won recognition as the best of the best in the State competition also. As their representative for the first responders locally, Mark received a \$500.00 check, from the Sun City Elks, made out in his name, to the charity of his choice. Mark received a similar reward when he was announced as the State winner, at the Elks State Convention. Mark belatedly received his awards at the Flag Day celebration, as he was unable to receive his award at the May Convention, due to work commitments.

Each October, the Sun City Elks honor our first responders, including Police, Fire Fighters, EMT, Sheriff's Deputies and Posse members, from each local jurisdiction.

It is with great honor that a representative from the Sun City Elks Lodge, was recognized locally and by the Elks State Organization for his service to his community.



**Submitted by:** Val Bianchini, Sun City Elks Veterans PR Chairman



**Picture # 1:** (top right picture) Dick Bujtas, Navy Vet, carries the "Pine Tree" Flag, first recognized U.S. Flag, which flew over Bunker Hill, escorted by Jose Corderro- Torres, 84, USMC.

**Picture # 2:** Ernie Brothers, 95, WW11, Army Vet, Carrying the 20 Star American Flag; Jose Corderro-Torres, USMC Vet, Honor Guard.

**Picture #3:** Terry Hunt, Army Vet, Purple Heart Recipient, carrying present day 50 Star Flag, Gary Drumheller, Army, Az.Elks State Veterans Chairman, carring POW/MIA Flag, Jose Corderro- Torres, 84, U.S.M.C., color Guard.

**Picture #4:** Elks Lodge members standing for the Pledge of Allegiance as seen through our nations flags.

**Picture #5:** Grover Ramsey (L-R) Presenting plaque from the Az. Elks State Organization to Fire Fighter Mark Garrett, Az. Fire Authority, Bill Hudson, Elks Lodge's President, Dan Snyder, Az. Elks State President.

**Picture #6:** Flag Bearers, (L-R front row): Jose Corderro-Torres, USMC; Holly Bannon, U.S.A.F.; Terry Hunt, Army; Ernie Brothers, Army; Gary Drumheller, Army; Dick Bujtas, Navy; Hal Whitaker Merchant Marine; Ron Hayden, Coast Guard; Matthew Taravelli, U.S.A.F.

(Standing in rear, Elks Officers left to right): Bruce Kather, Lodge third V.P.; Vicki Way, First V.P.; Sid Palmer, Past Lodge President; Bill Hudson, Lodge President; Darrell Smith, Lodge Trustee; Don na Barr, Lodge Second V.P.; Gene Holmes, Treasurer; Roger Eherlich, Tiler. Group is straddled by the Eight (8) recognized U.S. Flags.



## ***“Phoenix Elks #335 Veterans Committee Donates \$1,000”***

The Veterans Committee presented a \$1,000 check to Michele DiMuro, Executive Director of the Veterans Heritage Project, an organization dedicated to connecting students with Veterans in order to honor veterans preserve America’s heritage and develop future leaders. It enables them to achieve a new sense of purpose, whether in their daily school activities, pursuit of higher education and choices in careers. The Veterans Heritage is one of many Organizations supported by the Phoenix Elks Lodge #335.

*Submitted by:* Nancy Baker, Phoenix Elks Lodge Tiler

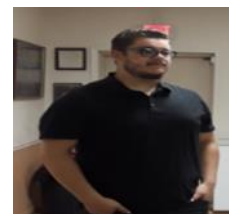


Pictured Michele DiMuro, and Peter Haas, Lodge Veterans Committee

## ***“Sierra Vista Elks #2065 Auxiliary Scholarship”***

Jacobe Wade Phillips was selected by the Sierra Vista Elks Lodge Auxiliary Scholarship Committee for the Auxiliary's \$1,000 award. Jacob is a highly motivated young man. He is pursuing a long-held goal to become a certified automotive diesel mechanic and licensed automotive welder. To that end he completed automotive training during his years at Buena and achieved two automotive certifications. Accepted by Universal Technical Institute in Avondale, Jacobe will begin his training in July. He credits his mother with instilling in him the importance of education and an outstanding work ethic.

*Submitted by:* Shawnee Carlile, PR Chair



## ***“Phoenix Elks #335 Veterans Donation”***

The Phoenix Elks #335 Veterans Committee was delighted to deliver a \$500 donation check to the Phoenix Veteran’s Health Center for Phoenix Health Services. The committee raised the money from several fundraising events. The Veterans Health Center was absolutely thrilled to receive the donation

*Submitted by:* Nancy Baker, Lodge Tiler

Henry Brown, Mike Herbert, Karen Seaman, Sheila Mazzeo, Janet Smith



## *“Green Valley Elks #2592 Hosts Tucson VA Lunch”*

Green Valley Elks #2592 recently hosted 5 Veterans, accompanied by 5 staff members, from the Tucson VA. After enjoying sandwiches, desserts and soft drinks with Lodge members, the Veterans who had recently received housing, were each presented with \$100. worth of food items thanks to generous members as well as an Elks National Foundation Freedom Grant. They also each received a \$50. gift card. Five other Veterans unable to attend received food and gift cards too.

**Submitted by:** PDDGER Annie Currie, PR Chair



Shown (L-R) Lodge Esquire and Veterans Chairman Geri Honeycutt talks with Veterans Ron Smith and Dale Hewin about the contents of the food bags and boxes.

## *“Phoenix Elks #335 Hosts Drug Awareness Seminar”*

Phoenix Elks Lodge#335 sponsored a four hour seminar on Opioids and Fentanyl for approximately 75 Love House Kids and 15 Antler members. It was powerful with information from top professionals, testimonies from young people from Teen Challenge that have been the addition route and in recovery. Their presentation was so deep, so real. Our teens really listened to what they had to say. They asked questions and were engaged. A room was provided for the event and hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, side dishes, chips and drinks was served to everyone. The Antlers helped set up and had a brochure table with Elks Drug Awareness pamphlets for everyone.

**Submitted by:** Nancy Baker, Lodge Tiler



Drug Awareness Table: Rebecca Havertine, Maverick Courtney, Thomas Rotchford



Brandon Greenaway, Zach Weigele, Miranda Courtney – serving food



## *“Sierra Vista Elks #2065 Hosts Bingo at Project Graduation”*

There was enormous support from the community organizations conducting a variety of games, and community businesses providing plenty of food for the 400 plus Graduates throughout the evening. Project Graduation was held at the Buena High School from 10pm-6am on 23-24 May 2019. The Sierra Vista Elks Volunteers has conducted Bingo Games for the past 15 years at Project Graduation and 2019 was no exception. We had fifteen Elks and Non-Elk volunteers, participating in running the Bingo games. Many other activities conducted by various community organizations, provided the Graduates a safe and fun environment to celebrate this major life achievement.

*Submitted by:* Shawnee Carlile, PR Chair



## *“Raceway Elks #2852 Hosts AEA President’s Celebration”*

Raceway Elks Lodge #2852 was honored to host a Celebration for our new AEA State President, Daniel Snyder and the First Lady of Arizona, Mary Snyder. The celebration was held at the Raceway Lodge in Avondale, Arizona on Saturday, June 22, 2019.

Attending the event was an array of Past State Presidents, Vice-Presidents, PDDGERS, DDGERS, DDGER Designates and current officers as well as members of Raceway Lodge. The guests took turns signing a banner that is hung in the lodge for our guests and members to document their good wishes and congratulations to Dan and Mary. The Tune Twisters provided atmosphere with lovely music.

After the dinner, Exalted Ruler Chuck Waugh, gave a tribute to President Dan for all the fine work he has done and the continued support he shows to his home lodge. Lady Mary was recognized for her wonderful work around the lodge, always with a smile and a kind word. ER Chuck presented President Dan with an elk topped water globe filled with gold shavings. First Lady Carrie Waugh presented First Lady Mary with flowers.

A big thanks goes out from Dan and Mary and all of Raceway Lodge to all those who were able to attend and share in the celebration.

*Submitted by:* Carrie Waugh, PER



## *“District Leader News”*

### **East Always Stands Tall**

I want to convey a message to all the Lodges in the East District. “YOU ARE NOT ALONE! Please understand that there are no problems we cannot, sit in conference, and solve. So many times, an issue, presents itself within the Lodge and the adverse affect it has, seems to pull the Lodge in multiple directions. As we attempt to solve the problem, sometimes our ego gets in front of our common sense, and we either compound the problem, or lay it over for another time. The real solutions to problems, comes from a face to face dialogue, rather than a shouting match. On an issue, there needs to be an understanding that we can agree to disagree, and at some point there may be areas of compromise that need to be considered. No one of us knows as much as all of us, and we need to be ready to explore alternate ideas. I stand ready to be a facilitator if you need, to come together as brothers and find equitable solutions that will satisfy all parties. Let us work to define the East District as one of the premiere Districts in the Arizona Elks Association. Fraternally,

Jimmy S. Davis  
East District Leader





## *“Arizona Elks Major Projects News”*

First and foremost, I would like to thank each and every one of you for your generous contributions to AEMP during May convention. The amount of joy and gratitude felt during the ER March is unlike any other. It reminds us all of what it truly means to be an Elk and for that, I am so very proud.

I would also like to showcase a longtime Elk who is going the distance for Major Projects, both literally and figuratively. 89-year-old Vince Kopec has been a member of Sierra Vista Elks Lodge for over 50 years and is embarking on a 427-mile bike race across Iowa to raise money for AEMP. The race is July 21<sup>st</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup> with each day more challenging than the last. You may remember Vince from a few years back when he did the Bisbee 1000 Stair Climb while carrying his walker on his back. In true Elk fashion, Vince will be donating 100% of the monies raised to AEMP. He exemplifies the true meaning of charitable giving and I am honored to have the privilege of assisting him in his efforts to raise money for the children of Arizona, so I challenge each and every one of you and your lodges to help me, help Vince. Hats off to Vince and being an inspiration to us all!

To donate, head to our website at [www.azelksmp.com](http://www.azelksmp.com) and click on his picture under the “events” section or send checks to our office (4545 E 5<sup>th</sup> St, Tucson, AZ, 85711) specifying that it is for Vince’s fundraiser. You can also see Vince featured in the following news story: <https://www.kgun9.com/news/local-news/89-year-old-sierra-vista-man-riding-across-iowa>

Fraternally,

Katie Murdoch

AEMP Executive Director



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## *“AEA Committee News”*

### Spotlight on Public Relations



#### State Chairperson

Mary Shaffer Tucson East # 2532

#### District Chairperson

**East:** Ralph Henderson, Apache Junction # 2349

**North:** Terri Frear, Bullhead City # 2408

**South:** Shalimar Haas, Ajo # 1576

**West:** William "Bill" Hudson, Sun City # 2559

**Local Lodge Public Relations Chairpersons:** Please turn in Public Relations reports by the **5<sup>th</sup> of each month** to your respective District PR Chair listed above. This will enable the District to submit to the State and ultimately to the Grand Lodge.

For Grand Lodge Committee Information please visit: <https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/pr/default.cfm?>

### Spotlight on Accident and Prevention



#### State Chairperson

Wayne Noel Page # 2498

#### District Chairpersons

**East:** Bill Lawson, Mesa-Buckhorn # 2656

**North:** Thomas C. DiSisto, Jerome # 1361

**South:** Shawnee Carlile, Sierra Vista # 2065

**West:** Keith Christensen, Phoenix # 335

**Local Lodge Accident and Prevention Chairpersons:** Please turn in Self Inspection reports each month to your respective District PR Chair listed above. This will enable the District to submit to the State and ultimately to the Grand Lodge, and keep us in compliance.

To download Self Inspection forms and to, please go to: <https://arizonaelksassociation.org/state-committees/business-practices/accident-prevention/>

Forms can be **submitted online** by using the link above and scrolling to the bottom of the page and clicking on your District.





# Grand Lodge NEWSLETTER

*Elks Care – Elks Share*



## Teamwork will reverse membership trend

*Working Together To Make A Difference* was what we were hanging our hat on when this year began. A huge difference has been made thanks to everyone who pitched in.

It has been a fantastic voyage these past 12 months. Barb and I have toured the country and have seen the tremendous efforts put forth by our Local Lodge and state leaders.

Together, while making the difference, you have reversed the membership trend and led us down a path that needs to be followed. The books have been locked for 2018-2019, and it's official: The Elks have added a net total of 94 Members, our first gain in 39 years.



### Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

**MICHAEL T.  
LUHR**

We need to ensure that we don't rest on our laurels. Membership needs to be a focus every day, so keep working and keep the most recent trend intact.

As your Grand Exalted Ruler, I have seen the many programs that you are employing

across our country to aid our youth, military personnel, and veterans. The Elks run camps and schools for those with special needs and have worked to assist those in VA homes and hospitals. Together, you did make a difference.

As this year comes to an end for Barb and I, we can only hope that your efforts continue to keep improving communities across our country. Your hard work and dedication have inspired us. The memories of this year will never leave us and the appreciation we have for those we have met shall not wane. You have inspired us and you have made the Order better and stronger for years to come.

## Lodges should help Scouts achieve

By **MICHAEL T. OHREN**  
Committee Member, Scouting Coordinator

For more than a century, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America have helped shape our youth by combining leadership skills and educational activities, setting them up for a lifetime of success.

Each year, hundreds of our future leaders are honored with either the Boy Scouting Eagle Scout Award or Girl Scout Gold Award. These are the most distinguished awards in Scouting and are the most difficult to earn.

The Scouts Law states "A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent." As Elks, we should be ready to assist troop members in obtaining their goals. Your Lodge can do this by working with your local scouting councils, which can provide you with many ideas to support the troops in your community. This support could be financial assistance or just providing

a safe meeting place.

Lodges can help their local Scouts by donating their facilities for special events such as hosting the Cub Scout Pinewood Derby, Father/Daughter dance, Mother/Daughter brunch, Arrow of Light Ceremony, Eagle Scout Court of Honor, or Girl Scouts Gold and Silver Award Ceremony.

The Grand Lodge provides many Scouting Awards which can be obtained by visiting [elks.org/grandlodge/activities/downloads.cfm](http://elks.org/grandlodge/activities/downloads.cfm). Grand Lodge also provides a special Eagle Scout Award and Gold Award certificate, which is available by contacting Terry Hennings at Grand Lodge at [TerryH@elks.org](mailto:TerryH@elks.org). You will need to provide her with the full name of the Scout, troop number, date the ceremony will be held, and address where the award should be mailed. Each award will be accompanied with a signed letter of congratulations from the Grand Exalted Ruler.