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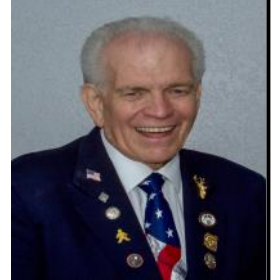
October 2019



"Elks are Patriotic Americans"

My Fellow Arizona Elks,

Welcome to October. The cooling temperatures that we have been looking for appear to be becoming a reality, and the resulting change seems to be calling for the return of our snowbirds. Welcome home to them all.



Also, with the arrival of October comes the scheduling of our Association's Mid-Year Convention. I sincerely invite all of you to attend and I look forward to seeing as many of you that can attend our sessions. Among the many informative workshops and committee reports that will be on display will be the Financial Reporting System workshop conducted by Charyll McKean and her committee. This workshop is a must for any of you that are involved in the conversion process in your lodges and will be very informative for any of you that would simply like to know more about this system.

Our membership challenges continue, however my compliments to the hard work of most of our lodges in working down our delinquent lists. As an Association, our delinquency rate continues to be below the national average, however a few of our lodges are actually above the same and we can do better. Our State Chair Dianna Adams and her vice- chairs continue to communicate with you regularly and stand ready to assist you in any way they can. As concerns new members, many of you have already initiated members to Grand Exalted Ruler Duitsman's GER class. That drive continues through October and let's see if all our lodges can initiate members to that class. I would again refer you to brother Rick Gathen's Membership Corner on Elks.org. You will find many helpful and useful tools in that area.

By now all our lodges should have heard from our first lady concerning her goals for collecting articles and items for the Steel Research Center and the children at the hospital. One of the striking things that she found in visiting the research center is that our efforts have been largely devoted to the infant population. The older children in the hospital are all too often left out. Recognizing this fact and working with our Executive Director Katie Murdoch led to the specific listing of items she is hoping you can bring to the convention in October for delivery to the hospital. All efforts to help in this regard will be sincerely appreciated by the hospital in general and Mary and myself in particular.

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"Elks are Patriotic Americans"

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This having been said, let us move through October. We look forward to our next visit and a report on the results of our convention. Many thanks to all of you for all that you do and until next month always remember:

Elks are Patriotic Americans.

Fraternally

Dan Snyder, President AEA

"AEA First Lady Mary's AEMP Project for 2019-2020"



AEA First Lady Mary Snyder is hosting a Gift Card drive in support of the teen & tween patients at the Kids of Steele, in addition to the books, coloring books, colored pencils, & toys for the little patients. Cards can be dropped off at our Mid-Year Convention (18-20 October 2019), and at the Ladies Luncheon. Cards should not exceed \$5.00-\$10.00. Preferred cards are:

Target, Wal-Mart, and Starbucks.

Please note: The Center cannot accept any books that have cardboard exposed from wear. This means that book spines that are cracked or book corners that have been worn down to expose cardboard underneath will not be accepted. The Infection Prevention Team said that the unsealed cardboard attracts little bugs when they are stored.

Thank you!



“Sun City Elks #2559 Embraces New Charitable Organization”

Sun City Elks Lodge #2559, has again embraced another charitable organization, adding this new one, to the increasingly enlarging number of organizations, that wish to assist the Elks in their charitable endeavors.

The Sun City Elks partners with numerous local merchants, Religious organizations, school administrators and educational groups, city leaders, first responders and private individuals and groups, that wish to serve their communities.

The newest partner is the Apostle Lutheran Church quilters group in Peoria, AZ. Jean Ohlde, an Elk Member and member of the Sun City Elks Veterans Committee, is a member of the Apostle Lutheran Church also and it is through her intercession that the two organizations are now teamed up.

Jean, with approximately fifteen other Elk members and volunteers, put on a monthly bingo party at the Arizona State Veterans Home in Phoenix, AZ. The Apostle Lutheran Church quilters group consist of 8-10 members, depending on the season. The quilters group originally donated 33 lap robes to the Elks, who will store them until Christmas, when they hold their annual Christmas Bingo party and distribute hygiene products, clothes, Christmas Cards, complete with money gifts, pastries and sodas as well as the lap robes.

As generous as those 33 lap robes were, upon hearing that the Elks usually expect 40-45 Vets at the party, the quilters group promised at least 12 more robes, making sure that each Vet is provided with a lap robe. The robes are approximate 3ft. by 5ft. And if sold, would run about \$55 each. Each robe takes approximately eight hours to complete. The quilters group has been in existence for 30-40 years with Pat Bilovesky, being one of its longest working members, at 20 years.

It is always an honor to welcome any person or group, that is willing to assist the Sun City Elks, in their efforts in providing assistance to our local veterans. Bless them all.

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



Picture Caption: Apostle Lutheran Church quilters group and Sun City Elks Veterans Committee members pose in front of some of the donated robes. (Left to right as viewed) Pat Bilovesky, Carol Kitchen, Mary Otte, Gary Drumheller, AZ. State Elks Veterans Chairman, Christy Danner, Joan McConnell, Elk Veterans member, Rosetta Bedeiney and Jean Ohlde.

“Bullhead City Elks #2408 Honor Students of the Month ”

The Bullhead City Elks Lodge #2408 is proud to recognize “students of the month” again this year.

Kyle Brooks and Mallory Moss are both seniors at River Valley High School.

Brooks wants to become a Marine and serve his country, while Moss will attend Barrett Honors College to become a math teacher.

Submitted by: Terri Frear-Freak, Public Relations Chair



“Sedona Elks #2291 Hosts Veteran as He Treks Across America ”



photo by Verde Independent news

SEDONA ELKS WELCOMES WILLIAM SHUTTLEWORTH!

William Shuttleworth, a 71-year old retired college professor and U.S. Air Force veteran, is currently walking from Massachusetts to the USS Midway in San Diego to raise awareness for American Service Veterans and their struggle with employment, addiction, homelessness and a litany of other challenges they face.

The Sedona Elks Lodge was a dinner stopover for Mr. Shuttleworth on Friday, August 16. His account of the evening follows:

THANK YOU, SEDONA ELKS!

I was invited to have dinner at the Elks Club and was escorted there by Martin Ebel, Assistant General at the Sedona Springs Resort. They made a special vegetarian dinner for me, which was excellent with delicious berry pie and a surprise chocolate cake for one of the Elks members who turned 61 that evening. I was asked to give a talk about my walk across the country, and I was speaking to many people who were veterans. The story and effort that I've undertaken seem to touch their hearts because they were most generous and gracious and supportive of my walk. Thank you, Elks! It should be noted that the Elks club actually created the first Veterans Hospital outside of Boston after World War I. It has a long and proud history of supporting veterans' causes of all kinds. The Elks Club has raised over 7 million dollars to support a Veterans Hospital in Arizona and continues to give unselfishly to are causes for people in greatest need.

For more information on Mr. Shuttleworth's remarkable trek across America, please see his blogsite at <https://vetsdontforgetvets.com/>



“Sun City Elks #2559 Memory Care Use Beacon Grant for Alzheimer Patients”

The Sun City Elks Memory Care Meet and Greet volunteers started off their fall visit schedule with a visit to Brookdale Trail Ridge! Brookdale was also the recipient of activity items bought with a Beacon Grant from The Elks Grand Lodge. The Memory Care Program applied for and received these grant funds to supply Alzheimer facilities with much needed activity items such as games, gardening supplies, puzzles, paints etc. designed to preserve the mobility and skills of the residents.

The Elk volunteers visit facilities with dementia/Alzheimer's units within about a 12-mile radius of their Lodge. This program was started in 2011 by Ed McDonnell when he realized that residents in these facilities needed some attention and love. This program now reaches about 25 plus facilities twice a year, visiting a different one each Friday. When Ed passed on suddenly in 2015, this program at the urging of his wife, Lori, was continued by the Sun City Elks Lodge and with the help of Mary Stokes, Chairperson, and her husband, John and it has continued to grow over the years. The many program volunteers from the Lodge bring smiles to residents singing songs to the accompaniment of their retired music teacher, Duane Moore, visiting with Ken and Alice Greely and their two service dogs. All military veterans at each facility are recognized giving each a flag pin.

All birthdays in the month of the visit are celebrated giving handmade corsages and birthday cards made by Pat Knight. Additionally, lap robes, made by volunteer quilters and crocheters from Willowbrook Kris Krafters and lodge members, are given to each birthday person. Every resident is given a cuddly stuffed animal during the visit with one of our volunteers. The program is ended by giving out a small flag to everyone and after saying The Pledge of Allegiance, and we sing “God Bless America”.

The Sun City Elks Lodge #2559 provides the funds for this program and also currently partners with other local community programs such as the Alzheimer's Association, the Diabetes Association, and funds programs for local schools with a Dictionary Program, hoop shoots, Drug Awareness, Children's Christmas Shopping Spree, school supply collections, scholarships and Christmas food boxes. The Sun City Elks Lodge presence continues to grow in all the west valley community projects.

Submitted by: Mary Stokes, Memory Care Chairperson



Gail Helquist, Lori McDonnell (Elks), Donn Kukuk (Brookdale resident), John Stokes, Marge Paulding, Lorraine Gentile (all Elks), Annie Myers (Brookdale Activity Director), Dottie Habel (Brookdale resident), Mary Stokes (Chairperson for Elks Memory Care Program)

“Payson Elks #2154 Hosts Several Food and School Supply Drives”

Payson Elks #2154 donated \$1000.00 worth of school supplies to Rim Country Middle School, Julia Randall Elementary and Payson Elementary. Pictured Adrienne Troutman, PER and Beverly Cunningham, E.R.

Payson Lodge #2154 donated \$500 to the Arizona Nations of Patriots for Wounded Veterans and their families. The Patriot Tour for 2019 passed through Arizona July 5-11, 2019.

Payson Lodge #2154 - Every year one of our local Doctor's, Joshua Lyons, holds an annual softball tournament in September "Home Run for Vets". All proceeds are donated to local Veterans of Payson. Payson Lodge #2154 donated \$1,000.

Submitted by: Beverly Cunningham, PER



Pictured Left: Supplies for the Wounded Veterans.

Pictured right: Adrienne Troutman, PER and Beverly Cunningham, ER stand next to School Supplies for Julia Randall Elementary School.



“Phoenix Elks #335 Hosts Lodge Blood Drive”

Whole blood is the most flexible type of donation. It can be transfused in its original form, or used to help multiple people when separated into its specific components of red cells, plasma and platelets. Every day, the whole blood donations help save the lives of children and adults fighting to survive cancer, blood disorders, traumatic injuries and more. The latest Phoenix Elks #335 blood drive a great success. We had 37 participants, with 34 units collected, which was 2 units above the Red Cross's goal.

Submitted by: Nancy Baker, Lodge Tiler

Pictured: Karen Seaman, Chairman Veterans Committee and Marty Griffith, Chairman of the Trustees



“Phoenix Elks #335 Donates Big Time with Queen of Hearts”

The Phoenix Elks Lodge was filled to capacity when the Queen of Hearts had one very big winner. A member of our Lodge winning over \$28,000 with one ticket from the drum of about 7,000 tickets. 25% of all proceeds in ticket sales collected to go to our six Elk charities: Arizona Elks Major Projects, Elks National Foundation, Children's Shopping Spree, Thanksgiving Baskets, Scholarships and Veterans Committees which represents a very large donation to those charities.

Submitted by: Nancy Baker, Lodge Tiler

“Sierra Vista Elks #2065 Hosts Blood Drive”

The Sierra Vista Elks Lodge #2065 host our second blood drive of the year, which was held on Saturday, 21 September 2019 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. The Red Cross set up our Lodge room and began collecting whole blood donations as well as power red donations. We had walk ins, and appointments. Exalted Ruler Renee Concodora coordinated and manned the event, which raised 15 units of blood for the Red Cross, including 2 power red blood donations.

Submitted by: Shawnee Carlile, Public Relations Chair



Pictured: Red Cross workers and blood donors

“Sierra Vista Elks #2065 Traveling Karaoke for Residents in Assisted Living”

Friday, September 20, was the 3rd time the Sierra Vista Elks Lodge Entertainment Committee has taken our karaoke show on the road and performed for the residents at Prestige Assisted Living. Even some of the residents joined in to include one of our local Elks widows, Ora Coleman.

Submitted by: Shawnee Carlile, Public Relations Chair



“Phoenix Elks #335 Hosts Military Members of World Wars”

This Massing of the Colors is a patriotic ceremony held to rededicate our faith in the United States, and to present our support to the servicemen and Servicewomen those Colors represent. It combines the colors and color guards of Active Reserve and National Guard military components, and veteran, civic and patriotic organizations. This will be our 55th Annual Meeting and all are welcome to participate. We do it on the Sunday closest to 9/11 to honor those who lost their lives or were injured and especially all the First Responders then and now in our communities. We are proud to recognize all the police, sheriff, fire and EMT personnel as well.

The Naval Sea Cadets provide the Lead Color Guard and the POW/MIA Table again this year. Veteran Service Organizations, Civic Organizations, Young men and women of all organizations like the Phoenix Elks Antlers, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Naval Air Cadets, JROTC, ROTC, Veterans Heritage Project, bring their Colors Guards to participate in the ceremony, especially the actual Massing of the Colors.

Phoenix Elks Lodge #335 is proud to host this wonderful event again this year.

Submitted by: Nancy Baker, Lodge Tiler

“Yuma Elks #476 is Presented with Rare Vietnam Wall Portrait”

Retired Veteran, John Dalton, presented a rare copy of a picture of the Vietnam Memorial Wall that was taken in 1988 to the Yuma Elks Lodge 476. There were on 400 copies made and are considered extremely rare.

Submitted by: John Fuller, PER

Pictured from left; Exalted Ruler Gary Gist, John Dalton, and PER Lonny Cline.



“Yuma Elks #476 Mayoral Proclamation for Patriotism Week”



Asst. Mayor Gary Knight read a proclamation declaring the week of September 9th "Patriotism Week" at the Yuma Elks Lodge #476. Sitting in for Mayor Nicoles, who was in Wash. D.C., the presentation was made in conjunction with the flag appreciation presentations.

Submitted by: John Fuller, PER

From left; Sheryl Christiansen Lecturing Knight, Asst. Mayor Gary Knight, and Exalted Ruler Gary Gist

“Bullhead City Elks #2408 Receives Grand Lodge Recognition on 50th Anniversary”

Elks Grand Lodge sent the Bullhead City Elks Lodge #2408 a Special Citation commemorating 50 years. Marsha Haddick Exalted Ruler with Husband Roy stand behind the noted citation. The receiving of this "Special Citation" was showcased at the Elks Sock Hop which featured 50's music so authentically sung by the group "Three Sheets to the Wind" from Boulder City, Nevada Elks.

Submitted by: Terri Frear-Freak, Public Relations Chair



“Yuma Elks #476 Recognizes Business for Proper Flag Display”

The Yuma Elks Lodge 476 presented certificates of appreciation to 14 businesses and organizations including the City of Yuma, for their displaying the American flag in the proper manner. Asst. Mayor Gary Knight read a proclamation marking the week of September 8th as Patriotism Week before the presentations. The local businesses were recognized for making sure the flag was lighted at night and replaced when tattered.

Submitted by: John Fuller, PER



Pictured from front left; Exalted Ruler Gary Gist, Sal Penna Fisher Automotive, Joan Cendejas JSA Company, Sally Lubetak Funeraria del Angel, Assistant Mayor Gary Knight, Anna Wilson Yuma Senior Living, and Tracy Salomon Desert Lawn Memorial Park. From left back; George Waite Storage Max, Roy Ochoa Academy Mortgage, Rod Kepler Fisher Chevrolet, Richard Sprague Sprague's Sports, David (Flash) Sharrar Team Ramco, and Lecturing Knight Sheryl Christiansen.

“Phoenix Elks #335 School Backpack Program”

This year we distributed more than 150 School Backpacks to organizations and families who needed assistance with backpacks and supplies for their children starting school this year. The “Love House Kids Program” received 55 of these backpacks. This is the second year that the Elks have provided for one group of kids in the “Love House Program” that are extremely poor and usually live with one family member, Grandma. Nicole Beach, Elks Kids Committee Chair does a great job of organizing it, holding fund raisers throughout the year in preparation of school starting and running with it. The youth group of the Elks, the Antlers, help put the backpacks together with all the school supplies.

Submitted by: Nancy Baker, Lodge Tiler



Pictured: Chrissy Bos, Tammy Konkol, Maureen Karpinski, Nicole Beach

“Payson Elks #2154 Recognizes Local MVS Winner”

The Payson Elks Lodge is proud to say that Rim Country's Hailey Roberson received an award from the Arizona Elks Most Valuable Student Program worth \$1500. The Payson Elks Lodge also awards two Lodge scholarships of \$1000 to Kajal Daya, and Hailey Roberson.

Submitted by: Beverly Cunningham, Exalted Ruler

“Raceway Elks #2852 Honors Student of the Month”

On Friday the 13th of September, 2019, Chuck Waugh, Exalted Ruler was honored to present a Grand Lodge Elks Certificate for “STUDENT OF THE MONTH” on behalf of Raceway Elks Lodge #2852 to Mabel Padgett Elementary 5th grade student Lily Rife.

Submitted by: Robin Cox, Raceway Newsletter Editor

Pictured from left to right, Mabel Padgett Principal, Leslie Willis, Student of the month, Lily Rife, Exalted Ruler Chuck Waugh



“Catalina Mountain Elks #2815 Remembers 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 18th anniversary of the September 11th 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 to express appreciation for the valuable service first responders provide to the community since the year following September 11, 2001.

Submitted by: Pat Cox, Public Relations Coordinator



Pictured are Exalted Ruler Gloria Cisneros and firefighters from one of the 10 stations remembered on 9/11.

“Green Valley Elks #2592 Enlists Students to Make Cards for Veterans”

Students and volunteers all had fun when Green Valley Elks made their monthly visit to Sopori School in September to help children make cards for 90 local Veterans. The volunteers bring markers, stickers and blank cards for second, third and fifth graders to decorate after writing a short greeting. Each child makes two cards and then the class enjoys juice and cookies. During the first visit in August, volunteers talked about the definition of a Veteran and why we are grateful to them. Volunteers were surprised when they asked students about Veterans Day that one child actually knew the date. Turns out that is his birthday too! When the volunteers are preparing to leave, they receive lots of hugs from the students. One student summed up their feelings, saying succinctly, “I just love the Elks!” Funding this project comes from an Elks National Foundation Grant, for that, the Green Valley Elks are truly grateful!

Submitted by: Annie Curie, PDDGER Public Relations Chair



Pictured, Green Valley #2592 Elks member Marie Rogers helps a small group of second grade students make cards for Veterans

“Tucson East Elks #2532 Host BBQ at Arizona State Veterans Home in Tucson”

September 7th Tucson East hosted a BBQ at the Arizona State Veteran Home – Tucson. Members cooked and served a BBQ lunch consisting of hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, potato salad and beans to 85 residents. In addition, there were a variety of sodas and desserts for their enjoyment. We were joined by several Scouts from Troop 739 who helped with set up, serving and clean up. The residents had a good time and several asked for a second helping. Prior to serving lunch we spent time conversing with the veterans about their families and military service.

Submitted by: Mary I. Shaffer, PER, Tucson East Elks Public Relations Chair



“Tucson East Elks #2532 Celebrates Patriot’s Day”

As part of our commemoration of Patriot Day, September 11th, members of Tucson East Lodge #2532 and the Auxiliary traveled to Fire Station 16 and also to the East Side Police Department where they provided lunch as a thank you to our First Responders. The Auxiliary has coordinated and delivered these meals every year as part of our Patriots Day observance and always receive a warm welcome from these brave and heroic public servants.

Submitted by: Mary I. Shaffer, PER, Tucson East Elks Public Relations Chair



Pictured L to R: Police Officers assigned to the East Side Police Station, Nancy Drezdon, Auxiliary President, Allen Swope, PER and Joann Weinstein



Pictured L to R: Firefighters assigned to Fire Station 16, Allen Swope, PER, Tina Swope, Joann Weinstein, and Nancy Drezdon, Auxiliary President.

“Tucson East Elks #2532 Host Scout’s Pancake Breakfast”

Scouts from Troop 739 and Pack 739 held a pancake breakfast at the Lodge on September 14. It was a very successful event with adults in the kitchen prepping and cooking while the scouts took orders and ran the food out to the hungry patrons. The hardworking Scouts raised \$520 for camp outs and events at Lodge.

Submitted by: Mary I. Shaffer, PER, Tucson East Elks Public Relations Chair

Pictured L to R: Tina Swope and her granddaughter



“Catalina Mountain Elks #2815 Hosts AEA Vice President Dennis Appel”

Dennis Appel, Arizona Elks Association Vice President East District, and his Lady Deb, were honored guests at Catalina Mountain Lodge on September 21. Lodge members attended the business meeting, participated in a poker run during the day, and dinner dance that evening. Lady Deb Appel was the winner of the poker run, but she generously donated her winnings to the Elks National Foundation (ENF). All the proceeds collected for the poker run were also donated to ENF. Vice President Dennis Appel gave the officers and committee members some excellent suggestions for meeting the requirements of the AEA, and congratulated the lodge for a job well done.

Submitted by: Pat Cox, Public Relations Coordinator



District News—Featuring: Ronald Wilson DDGER, West District News Chairman

What is volunteering? What is the value of volunteering? In my opinion, volunteering is about giving, contributing and helping others in the Lodge and/or our local communities. Volunteering means people working together to make a meaningful contribution for helping others in need, team work. When I attended the West District Deputy Clinic, I explained one person is not Teamwork. Once a group of members have an idea for a project, they will meet possibly several times to create a plan of attack. This is followed by selling the idea to the Exalted Ruler, club manager. The go ahead is given, date, time, decorating plans begin, possible music contract is set, food is planned and club staff is now involved. Now more members are involved. Advertising within the Lodge and newsletter. Now it is the night of the event, how well did you sell the event to the Membership.

The Chairperson should now write an article for the Lodge media, the Public Relations committee should have been involved along the process. Newsletter Editor is in position to get the article printed in the Lodge Newsletter. The AEA Newsletter committee wishes either the P.R. Chair or Newsletter Chair sends the success story to the State Newsletter editor, so the Arizona members can hear about what your Lodge accomplished, possibly using your idea to help their Lodge. This is just a quick synopsis of an event. The U.S. Government estimates a dollar value on volunteerism, I feel a volunteer's work is priceless. Members volunteer for a variety of reasons.

Every month before the AEA News deadline I send out an email to all the districts newsletter editors, the Public relations chairs and also the Exalted Rulers, just as a reminder. I do read all the newsletters from the District, along with the Lodges that my Lodge receives. I offer any assistance that anyone, my phone is on and my email is always open for help. My AEA News career started back when PSP Al Skorupski was at the News helm. At that time we had a printed version, which we asked for \$4.00 for a subscription, the News budget was \$40,000.00. I was on the committee for 3 years then. Now we are a strictly electronic newsletter. Today, I feel the Exalted Rulers have appointed their best team yet. Positive feedback is my motivator for the Lodge Teams. All I ask of the E.R.'s, P.R and editors is to send success stories about anything the Lodge has done to help someone or the community. The editors send me their newsletters very promptly, some Lodges even give me weekly updates. Today there are some new people in their Lodge and continue to be excited getting out their stories.

The West District people have done a Yeomans job in sending in the articles, but I did raise the stakes. I have offered any Lodge in the West District who submits the most articles to the state newsletter between August and the March issue will receive \$100.00 cash out of my pocket for any charity the Lodge wishes. The most articles submitted within the state in the September Newsletter came from the West District. Congratulations, the West District team works very well together.

Always be positive, give positive feedback and your Team will come through for you.

Ronald R. Wilson, PDDGER
AEA News West District Chair.
Wickenburg #2160

“AEA and Grand Lodge Scholarship Corner”

As we enter into October, High School Seniors are starting to prepare their applications for college, and the search for scholarships and grants has begun. Please take a moment to share the following information with your area schools.

Submitted by: Shawnee Carlile, AEA Newsletter Editor



The Arizona Elks Association offers two scholarships for graduating High School Seniors. The Vocational Scholarship provides scholarship awards for students that wish to enter a trade or craft and graduate with an associates degree, certification or diploma less than a Bachelor's Degree. The Special Needs scholarship will assist a graduating special needs senior, in Arizona, with funds for 1 year at any college, or vocational school. <https://arizonaelksassociation.org/state-committees/scholarships/>

A great way to get the word out about the scholarships is to post them on your Lodge Facebook page, or go to the AEA Facebook page and share it to your Lodge page, <https://www.facebook.com/ArizonaElksAssociation/> you can even tag your area schools to ensure their students see the opportunities that are available for them.



The Most Valuable Student Scholarship Contest is now open. The MVS Scholarship is open to all graduating High School Seniors that are US Citizens. You do not have to be related to an Elk to apply. The top awards of \$50,000, \$40,000 and \$30,000 will be announced in April 2020.

The remaining 14 finalists will receive \$20,000 each. 480 other deserving national finalists will receive \$4,000 scholarships to support their college education. Please go to: <https://www.elks.org/scholars/news.cfm?StoryID=119242>

Arizona Elks Major Projects News

The Jack C. Warter Elks Youth Camp has officially closed for the season! We had an incredibly successful summer



hosting over 1,000 youth. As the season has ended, our beloved camp hosts, Lynn & Peti Maxey, have decided to take the next season off in order to travel the country in their RV. For the past few years, Lynn and Peti have welcomed each and every youth group with open arms and left lasting impressions on them. Their

passion and care for our camp is unlike any other; we often get phone calls and reviews from youth groups who rave about the care they received from the Maxey's. Peti has devoted hours to painting over 400 rocks unique to each group and places them around the premises to be found by campers.

This small, but incredibly special gesture has left each group with a personalized experience and memento to take home as a reminder



of their time at our camp. There are no words to describe our gratitude towards this incredible couple who have devoted time, energy and most importantly, love, to our camp and campers alike.

Because of you, our camp is thriving and full of joy! To think that over 1,000 youth have experienced our



beautiful property just this year is an incredible feat. We have already started getting reservations for next year! If you know of a youth

group that would enjoy our camp, refer them to our website (www.azelksmp.com) to book for next year. We are in the process of hiring a new camp host for next

season and are very pleased with our selection. We will keep you up to date as we finalize that process.

Convention is just around the corner so be sure to buy your raffle tickets to win the Polaris RZR XP 4 1000! The drawing will be held on October 19 at the banquet. Tickets can be purchased on our website or through your lodge.

You know what they always say, "you can't win if you don't play!"

Katie Murdoch

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AEMP MID-YEAR RAFFLE 2019

October 19, 2019 TICKETS: \$5.00 / 3 for \$10.00

Enter to win some great prizes for our annual raffle!

1st Prize - Polaris RZR XP 4 1000 with 14' Trailer

**Purchase on Wednesday's and get an extra ticket FOR FREE!



AEMP golf tournament winners:

Glen Klassen, Larry Craver, Red Felt, Bob Boudro

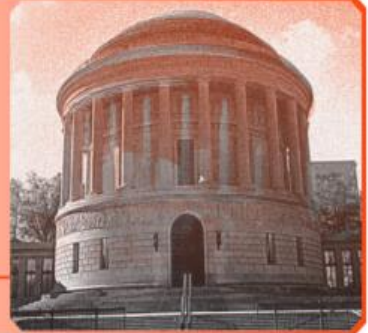
Twenty teams competed in the annual Arizona State Elks L Cedric Austin Memorial golf tournament hosted by the Mesa Buckhorn Elks Lodge #2656, Mesa AZ September 7th and 8th at the Apache Wells Country Club.

All proceeds go directly to AEMP and indirectly to the Steele Children's Research Center and the Jack Warter Youth Camp.



Grand Lodge NEWSLETTER

Elks Care – Elks Share



Don't be shy to publicize charitable efforts

The Lodge year is now more than half over, so it is a good time to review budget and financial matters. Budgets and financial practices can be revised at any time to reflect changes in circumstances. I want each Lodge to make every effort to maintain a sound financial footing in order to be able to sustain itself for years to come. We owe that to our Members and to our communities.

As a matter of fact, the Lodge Auditing and Accounting Committee is required under our Statutes to conduct a review and make a report to the Lodge concerning its financial condition. Its purpose is to generate discussion as to how to plan for a Lodge's future, and should be taken seriously.

I urge you to make sure your charitable efforts are being properly recorded and reported. For too long



**Message from
the Grand
Exalted Ruler**

**ROBERT L.
DUITSMAN**

there has been a philosophy in many quarters that Elks do good works but don't need the recognition. Well, we do. People take note of the charitable work fraternal organizations do. The Elks have long been recognized as a leader in charitable and benevolent efforts, but in order to keep that standing we need to document the time and treasure we are contributing. It is estimated that only a quarter to a third of reportable donations and time spent are

actually reported. It does a disservice to Elkdom to not provide the best information to allow us to promote our brand.

Recognition of those who are at the forefront of civic life is always something to consider. Special events and award ceremonies are wonderful ways to recognize first responders, elected leaders, and others who would likely welcome a pat on the back. Such events are also good ways to introduce our Lodges to the community, and generate interest in others to become Members.

Remember that October is now Red Ribbon Month, during which activities are held to promote the fight against drug abuse. It is a great opportunity for our Lodges to promote our commitment

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to combating the scourge of illicit drug abuse.

The Great Heart of Elkdom, the Elks National Foundation, deserves the support of every Member. It is a tremendous vehicle that provides funding for so many programs of the Order, including Hoop Shoot, scholarships, grant programs, and other important undertakings. Some may not be aware, but there is a way for every Member to support the ENF in a fairly painless way: the ENF Fidelity Club. Through it, you can sign up at elks.org to make automatic recurring donations of as little as \$5 per month, or \$15 per quarter. All of those donations, great or small, will add up to make the ENF even stronger and more capable for the years to come.