

# Arizona Elks News

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## *"Elks are Patriotic Americans"*

My Fellow Arizona Elks,

Welcome to January and the start of a new calendar year. It is my fondest hope that the holidays brought you a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. It was indeed inspiring to witness all of our lodges participating in the charitable and community endeavors that so define us as Elks. The smiling faces on the children during the shopping sprees, the joy on the faces of the families receiving Christmas baskets, the expression of delight in the faces of our many veterans who had no other family members with whom to share the season, the community celebrations in the hometowns of many of our lodges and the many other activities of which you all engaged make us all feel proud as Elks.



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As we move forward into a new calendar year, there are a couple of areas we want to keep in focus. First, is the prominent display of our individual Lodge charity banners. By now most, if not all, of you should have your individual charity banners delivered. If you have not yet seen the same, please contact your district membership vice chair to ascertain the status of delivery. As I have stressed previously our goal is to have each Lodge prominently display this banner on its building or exterior of its premises. The message these banners carry is both a strong public relations statement and should also be a positive memorandum to inspire interest in membership.

Secondly, as proud Arizona Elks we need to do a much better job in assisting PGER Mike Luhr and Grand Lodge in fundraising for the restoration of our Pearl Harbor Memorial. If you attended last year's Grand Lodge Convention, you will recall Brother Mike Luhr's description of the state of disrepair of this memorial and the need for its restoration. Toward that end, Grand Lodge has established a goal of \$1 per member in an attempt to raise \$783,000 for this effort. To date, Arizona Elks have raised \$175 for this cause. Not only is this far short of the \$1 per member goal, but also, I'm sure you'll agree, is paltry in comparison to the generosity of Arizona Elks.

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## ***"Elks are Patriotic Americans"***

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I urge you all to consider a private donation to the fund and encourage all lodges to consider fundraising endeavors to further the amounts that Arizona Elks can donate to the cause. Further information concerning the details of this program can be obtained at [elks.org](http://elks.org) and donations can be made through the Elks National Foundation at the following link [enf.elks.org/phc](http://enf.elks.org/phc)

In closing this month, let's all of us take a moment now and forward our donation to the fund. Further, let us focus on creative fundraisers within the Lodge and yet again show the generosity for which Arizona Elks are so well known.

Until our visit in February, keep in mind that ***Elks are Patriotic Americans*** and many thanks to all for all that you do.

Fraternally,

Dan Snyder, President AEA

### Pearl Harbor National Memorial on Oahu, Hawaii



**[Make a donation today at enf.elks.org/phc!](http://enf.elks.org/phc)**



## ***“Bullhead City Elks #2408 Hosts Elks Memorial”***

Officers of Bullhead City Elks held the annual Elks Memorial to honor those members who have passed into the light this year.

*Submitted by:* Terri Frear-Frank, Public Relations Chair



Pictured is Lecturing Knight Deb Cyrus, Secretary Dan Baron, Esquire Roy Haddick, Chaplain Mike Carlin, Exalted Ruler Marsha Haddick, Leading Knight Mike Swain and sitting in as Loyal Knight Terri Frank. Lighting a candle for each soul is Esquire Roy Haddick and Chaplain Mike Carlin as well as lighting a single candle for all members resting in the light.

## ***“Casa Grande Elks #1957 Hosts Children’s Shopping Spree”***

Santa paid a visit to Casa Grande Valley, AZ #1957 Elks during their Christmas Shopping Event on December 8, 2019! Twenty children received a gift from Santa, and enjoyed a pizza party. Each child received new clothes, shoes, and jacket for Christmas!

*Submitted by:* Donna Johnson, Secretary



## ***“Casa Grande Elks #1957 Supports Special Olympics with Beacon Grant”***



Casa Grande Valley Elks #1957 used a \$2000 Elks National Foundation Beacon Grant to take Special Olympic Athletes on two fun golf outings this year. Two Elk members paired up with a Special Olympic Athlete and their coach as foursomes for golf. This brought Elks and special needs people together in a fun event. The project created a real sense of comradery among everyone involved.

We had 72 participants this year for our second year of working with Special Olympics for Elks “FUN GOLF” outings. Our members were a little reluctant at first but after the first outing many members were looking forward to the next opportunity to interact with these special needs people, creating another example that “*Elks Care, Elks Share*”.

Pictured (L-R) Michael Jones, Tony Kemper, Christina & Pedro Puentes.

*Submitted by:* Donna Johnson, Secretary



## ***“Sun City Elks #2559 Spree Kids Receive Visit from Santa”***

Christmas time in Arizona is still a wondrous time, even without the snow, just ask the 50 children in need from the Arizona Charter Academy and Country Meadows Elementary Schools. On Tuesday, 19 December 2019 the children were treated to a shopping spree at the Penny's store and ended up at the Lodge for more events. Each child was accompanied by two guardians, mostly Elk members, spouses or friends, and allowed to use a gift card of \$100 for clothing, with shoes being the number one requested item. After making their purchases and checking out, the cashier “knocked off” an additional 20%, on the entire purchase, giving the children a possible \$150 in purchases. As soon as the children arrived at the Elks Lodge, they were given a hot meal of hot dogs, fried potatoes, cookies and lemonade. Once lunch was completed, the “Big Guy in the Bright Red Suit” soon appeared, carrying at least two gifts for each child in attendance. The gifts were donated by Elks, friends, and the Auxiliary, after picking names off of an “Angel” tree. The evening ended with, the children and Santa singing, “Jingle Bells”.

**Submitted by:** Val Bianchini, Veterans P.R. Chairman



Pictured 1) 200 Children and guardian at the Shopping Spree Party. 2) Santa (Aka Val Bianchini) and Mrs. Clause (Aka Donna Barr) seated. Standing at the rear, Santa's Elves, Janice Gale and Maryanne Guerrero.

## ***“Sierra Vista Elks #2065 Holds Annual Elks Memorial Service”***

On Sunday, 1 December 2019, the Sierra Vista Elks Lodge held our Annual Elks Memorial Service. As is the tradition of our Order, family members, widows, widowers, and our members, lit a candle for each of our Brother and Sister Elks that we lost over the last year. At the same time, we honored our Brother and Sister Elks that passed long ago, by lighting a remembrance candle signifying their loss over the decades.

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





## ***“Sierra Vista Elks #2065 Hosts Children’s Shopping Spree”***

The Children’s Shopping Spree was held on Saturday, 30 November 2019. Our Lodge Spree kids started the morning off with a light breakfast of biscuits, sausage, donuts and juices. Then off to Wal-Mart where we spent \$150.00 per child. We had a volunteer with each group ensuring that all items went to the child. Upon returning to our Lodge, a pizza lunch was provided for all the children, and their families. Last but not least, our Lodge was visited by the one and only Santa Clause who handed out presents to all the children. The gifts were graciously donated by Toys for Tots. The Children sang Christmas Carols and had their pictures taken with Santa.

**Submitted by:** Shawnee Carlile, Public Relations Chair



## ***“Casa Grande Elks #1957 Soccer Shoot Competition Winners”***

Casa Grande Valley Elks Lodge held a soccer shoot out competition on September 28 at the Grande Sports Complex. The winning contestants represented the Casa Grande Elks at the district competitions to go on to win the State Championship! Taking first place in state for the 8-9 year old category was Vincent Martin; Riley Kwiatkowski placed first in the state for the 10-11 year-old category. Taking the first place State championship in the 12-13 age category was Tyce Washburn. We wish our Casa Grande Youth the best of luck in the national competition!

**Submitted by:** Donna Johnson, Secretary

## ***“Casa Grande Elks #1957 Presents Holiday Gift Cards for Veterans”***

Casa Grande Valley Elks Veterans Committee chair, Bob Anderson, presents gift cards for veterans to Kim Vanderberg, Director of HOHP (Honoring/Hiring/Helping our Heroes of Pinal County). The gift cards will be distributed to needy veterans during the holiday season. Our Lodge works closely with this organization in providing food for their veteran's pantry and assisting with expenses related to "Eagle One," the mobile medical unit that serves Pinal County.

**Submitted by:** Donna Johnson, Secretary



## ***“Sun City Elks #2559 Queen of Hearts Support for Charities”***

Tis the Christmas Season and Sun City Elks Lodge # 2559 extends their charitable giving through raising funds by hosting the “Queen of Hearts” game for members. The Queen of Hearts endeavor allowed the Lodge to provide \$1,190 to three charitable organizations; The Foundation for Blind Children”, donation accepted by Steve Pawlowski, Director for Communication and Development, the “Sunshine Service organization”, assisting seniors in the Sun City area, donation was accepted by Mr. Jim Sinclair, Executive Director, and “Eves Place Community Services”, which assists battered women. Accepting the donation for Eves Place was Laura Horsley, Executive Director. Also in attendance was Mr. Steve Tepper, Executive Director of the “American Diabetes Association”. Mr. Tepper whom had previously accepted a donation, of \$5,000 from our Lodge’s “Lounge Bingo.

**Submitted by:** Val Bianchini, Veterans P.R. Chairman



Pictured: 1) Standing left to right as viewed-John McConnell and Vicky Hayden, “QoH” Committee; Mr. Steve Pawlowski, “Foundation for Blind Children”; Bill Hudson, Exalted Ruler, and Derek Collins, committee member. 2) left to right- John McConnell and Vicky Hayden, “QoH”, Committee; Jim Sinclair, “Sunshine Service”; Bill Hudson Exalted Ruler, and Derek Collins, committee member. 3) John McConnell “Queen of Hearts” committee member; Laura Horsley “Eves Place Community Services”, Bill Hudson Exalted Ruler, Vicky Hayden, and Derek Collins, committee members. 4) Mary Stokes, “American Diabetes Association” and Bill Hudson, Exalted Ruler.

## ***“Payson Elks #2154 Hosts 17th Annual Free Thanksgiving Dinner”***

Payson Elks Lodge #2154 has been serving free Thanksgiving Dinner for the community for 17 years. This year we served over 400 meals which included 85 to the home bound (many thanks to the realtors for delivering them) and 96 volunteers (many of them were non-members from the community and come every year to help). We use the Beacon Grant to accomplish this.

**Submitted by:** Beverly Cunningham, Exalted Ruler





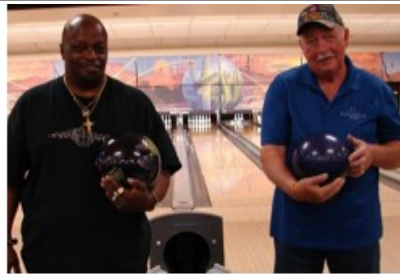
## ***“Bullhead City Elks #2408 Hosts Annual Shop with a Cop Breakfast”***

The Bullhead City Elks, once again hosted breakfast for the kids & cops before going shopping. There were breakfast burritos for the 200 a some and then it was time to take ride in a cop car to begin their shopping at Walmart. What a sight!

*Submitted by:* Terri Frear-Frank, Public Relations Chair



## ***“Sun City Elks #2559 6th Annual Christmas Bowling Party for Vets”***



The Sun City Elks Lodge #2559 held their sixth annual Christmas / bowling party for 51 local Veteran, where they received, a hot lunch, and a table full of toiletries, clothes, lap robes along with a special gift from Santa. Just as the Veterans committee was ready to call for the entrance of Santa, two old faithful members, Ginny Shick and Jan Bachkowski, arrived with packages containing dozens of pairs of socks.



Finally, Santa (aka Val Bianchini) arrived and presented each Vet with a Christmas card, with sentiments specifically for them, and containing a cash gift.

Pictured: 1) Vets posing at the bowling alley prior to starting their bowling fun. 2) Patricia Vanderwerken, Terry Hunt, Bill Hudson, Exalted Ruler, Claire Hudson, Jackie Drumheller, Rosemarie Valentine and John McConnell, all part of the Sun City Elks Veterans Committee. 3) Horace “Ace” Carter, case mgr. For M.A.N.A. house and Gary Drumheller. 4) Sue King and Rosemarie Vanderwerken assist Veterans Charlie Wolfe with his selections from the table of goodies. 4) Members of the Sun City Elks Veterans Committee pose with Santa; John McConnell, John Valentine Bill Hudson, Gary Drumheller, “Ace” Carter, Merle King,

*Submitted by:* Val Bianchini, Veterans P.R. Chairman

## ***“Green Valley Elks #2592 Spread Christmas Cheer to the Tucson VA”***

The Christmas spirit was shining brightly at the Green Valley #2592 Elks throughout the month of December. Lodge Elves helped shop for presents on the wish lists of Veterans at the Tucson VA Home and baked cookies for the Elks Party there. They enjoyed socializing too.

*Submitted by:* Annie Hall, PDDGER



Pictured (L-R) WWII Veteran Edward Zahm recognized old friend Geri Honeycutt, Green Valley Elks Veterans Chair and visited with her as well as Loyal Knight Bill Johnstone.

## ***“Phoenix Elks #335 Purple Heart Veterans Treated to Steak Fry”***

Every Wednesday the Phoenix Elks Lodge 335 has a steak fry. Twenty of the Purple Hearts Veterans were invited to join us for dinner this week. The dinner choice is steak or chicken along with soup, salad, rolls, vegetables and a baked potato plus a special cake for them. The Bar BQ is set up and the members grill their own steak or chicken.

Dennis Warden, a member of the House Committee grilled the steaks for the Veterans. We can only do this in the cooler weather because they are transported by mini-bus and it takes a while to get these handicapped heroes to load and unload. Summer in Phoenix is just too hot. Dinner was enjoyed by all along with their care givers traveling with them. Our members also enjoyed visiting with them in our Lodge.

*Submitted by:* Nancy Baker, Tiler



## ***“Sun City Elks #2559 Delivers Christmas Cheer to Family in Need”***

On Sunday, 15 December 2019, the members of the Sun City Elks Lodge, along with members of a Veterans service organization, and an owner of a local restaurant, made a visit to a family in need.

Louis and Anita Cox adopted five (5) children and were providing the best they could for their family, but with an additional five mouths to feed, things were tough. Anita Cox did not complain however, as she was accustomed to living with a large family, she had already raised six (6) children, all of whom are grown and now on their own. Anita is a home health provider, working with Veterans and their families, while Louis works in the telecommunications field, but they both agree that help is always appreciated. The plight of the Cox family was presented to the Elks by Horace (Ace) Carter, a minister and case worker for Veterans, at the M.A.N.A. House. Ace, approached AEA State Veterans chairman, Gary Drumheller, about how to assist the Cox family, Gary did not hesitate, and with the help of the Elks, they were able to provide a king size bed, two twin beds, linen, a new dresser and a sundry of other household items and a \$300 gift card for Target and a Wal-Mart gift card provided by and “Brenda’s Kitchen” owner, Richard Elder. All items were delivered to the Cox family by Army Veteran and Elk Member, Dave Wimmer and, Richard Elder.

*Submitted by:* Val Bianchini, Veterans P.R. Chairman



Pictured: 1) Presentation of gift cards. 2) Elks, Vets and volunteers unloading furniture 3) Brianna and Serrina Cox, helping to carry bedding for their new beds. 4) Kimberlyn Tietjen, Anita Cox, Gary Drumheller, “Ace” Carter, Dave Wimmer, Serrina, Jessica, Jeffry, Trinity, Louis and Brianna Cox.



## ***“Catalina Mountain Elks #2815 Sponsors Children’s Shopping Spree”***

Christmas came early for students from Roadrunner Elementary School in the Marana Unified School District. On Saturday, December 7, thirty-five students had the unique opportunity to be treated to a shopping spree and holiday luncheon sponsored by Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge #2815.

Lodge members and community volunteers greeted the students, grades K-6, and personally assisted each child with their clothing and shoe purchases at Oro Valley Marketplace Walmart Supercenter. The students were allowed to spend \$140 each. Following the shopping spree, students attended a holiday luncheon party at the Lodge. After the luncheon, students were visited by Santa and Mrs. Claus (Tom Teal and Gail Markwell), who arrived in a Golder Ranch Fire District fire truck. Each child received a toy from Santa and a stocking full of school supplies and snacks.

Chairperson Joyce Garcia said, “This is the thirteenth year our Lodge has hosted this wonderful event for Roadrunner students, and it is one of our favorite times of the year.”

**Submitted by:** Pat Cox, Public Relations Chair



Pictured are Program Chairperson Joyce Garcia, ER Gloria Cisneros, Santa and Mrs. Claus (Tom Teal and Gail Markwell).

## ***“Catalina Mountain Elks #2815 Adopt-a-Family Program”***

Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge #2815 made the holiday season brighter for 22 children in need from families in the Catalina area through its Adopt-a-Family program. The program was funded by generous donations from Lodge members. Lodge Community Activities Coordinator Jan Trudeau and her team of volunteers purchased clothing, toys, and art supplies worth \$75 for each child and delivered them to IMPACT of Southern Arizona for distribution.

**Submitted by:** Pat Cox, Public Relations Chair



Pictured are (from left) ER Gloria Cisneros, Community Activities Coordinator Jan Trudeau and IMPACT Youth Program Manager Michelle Santorelli.

## ***“Phoenix Elks #335 Children’s Shopping Spree Day”***

Phoenix Lodge 335 sponsored its Annual Children’s Spree at the J C Penney’s store in the Paradise Valley Mall. We had more than 100 children receiving much needed clothing and apparel this year. The children were selected from Military Families, School Districts and those identified by our Lodge as being in need. Transportation from the schools involved was provided by Paradise Valley Unified District Busses and coordinated by teachers and their aides from the District. Each of the children had a “wish list” tailored to their specific needs including sizes and other preferences which aided the Elks Chaperones who took one (or in some cases more than one) child on their individual shopping excursion. The activity of more than 200 people all going shopping at once.

The J.C. Penney store provided a 25% discount on top of the regular sales prices for all purchases made. Each child received a total of \$165 in goods prior to the J.C. Penney discount that afternoon.

At the conclusion of the Shopping Spree the excited children were whisked away the Lodge 335 “North Pole” where they were greeted by Old Saint Nick and his many helpers and treated to a Christmas Dinner prepared by Elks Lodge Volunteers. Following dinner all of the children received a personal gift in the Lodge room as their names were called. Our Children’s Shopping Committee extended very heartfelt gratitude to Jesse Pekarek and Brian Myers of the “Your Someday is Today” Charity Organization who provided a check for \$1,000 allowing many children to participate. Thanks to the efforts of so many Volunteers: Elks, Parents, Teachers, Administrators and all of those who spent so much time and effort to these children’s Christmas wishes come true.

The event is a true embodiment of our motto: Elks Care-Elks Share.

*Submitted by:* Nancy Baker, Tiler

## ***“Jerome Elks #1361 Student of the Month Awards”***

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the Jerome Elks Lodge #1361 presented Student of the Month Awards to two 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from Clarkdale-Jerome School. These students were chosen by the teachers of the school to be the December recipients of these awards. Each student was provided a free dinner at the lodge for themselves and their families, and immediately following dinner, the students were honored with their awards.

*Submitted by:* Charyll McKean, Public Relations Chair

Pictured (L-R): Exalted Ruler Janet Leuer, 6<sup>th</sup> grade student Jordan Watson, 6<sup>th</sup> grade student Tasha Morgan-Andrus, and Youth Activities Co-Chair Ray Stock.



## ***“Payson Elks #2154 Delivers Much Needed Items to Prescott VA”***



Payson Lodge #2154 donated items worth \$4800 to the Prescott VA Hospital. Thanks to our members and others who donated many items such as socks, underwear, sweats, shirts, slippers, lap blankets and personal hygiene items for men & women.

*Submitted by:* Beverly Cunningham, Exalted Ruler

Pictured: Art Schaier, Veterans Chairperson:



## ***“Phoenix Elks #335 Rings the Bells to Raise Funds for Salvation Army”***

A special thank you to the 26 volunteers who worked in pairs for a 2 hour shift at Paradise Valley Mall in Phoenix. Many of the volunteers have participated at this event for many years and after their shift said “see you next year for Bell Ringing”. Every year we at Phoenix Elks volunteer to “ring bells” for the Salvation Army at three locations at the mall. Macy’s, Dillard’s and Penney’s. It has become a competition for the volunteers to collect the most donations at their store location.

This year Dillard’s volunteers collected \$5 more than Macy’s.

A total of \$806.49 was collected as contributions from the shoppers. Another \$246 was saved by the Salvation Army in wages they would have had to pay if we did not volunteer.

The total is \$1,070.49. We wear our Phoenix Elks Lodge 335 Volunteer aprons and there is a sign telling shoppers we are the Phoenix Elks. Major Tim Smith of the Salvation Army is always grateful for our participation and looking forward to next year.



Pictured: Nadine and Bill Lucas

*Submitted by:* Nancy Baker, Tiler

## ***“Bullhead City Elks #2408 Raises Funds for Christmas Food Boxes”***

The Bullhead City Elks recently held the annual Charity Dance to help raise money for the 75 Christmas food boxes to be handed out to the needy. Shown are Tom Miller and Roy Haddick putting in last minute items awaiting folks to pick up their box. Each box contained a spiral cut ham donated by Harrah's casino, along with non perishable items and a can of homemade cookies. There were some who were not able to come to the Lodge so we shipped the remainder to the Salvation Army for easy access. Shown loading food boxes on the Elk trailer are Miller and Charlie Place.

*Submitted by:* Terri Frear-Frank, Public Relations Chair



## ***“Tucson Elks #2532 Hosts Clothe a Child Event”***

On Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup> Tucson East 2532 Elks, family and friends took 55 children to Walmart for our annual “Clothe a Child” event. This year we were able to spend \$120 on per child. We paired each child with an adult utilizing a list providing the child’s name and clothing/shoe size. The children’s excitement while picking out their favorite colors and shoe type not to mention a warm coat was contagious. After everyone had completed their shopping they were greeted by Santa and Mrs. Claus, then it was back on the bus for a short trip to Peter Piper Pizza. The children and adults all felt a little Christmas magic before day’s end. This event was spearheaded by Rich Botkin, 1<sup>st</sup> VP.

**Submitted by:** Mary Shaffer PER, Public Relations Chair



Our happy and chilly volunteers await the children’s arrival.



Walmart set aside two checkouts for our shoppers. After each child’s selections were rung up they were bagged by one of our many volunteers and tagged with the child’s name before being placed on the bus.

## ***“Tucson Elks #2532 Prepares Christmas Boxes for Families in Need”***

On Saturday December 21<sup>st</sup> a large number of Tucson East Elks gathered for the task of filling 60 boxes with all the fixings for a Christmas feast for needy families. Our coordinators had spent the weeks prior to this event fundraising and shopping for the best prices. Approximately \$4000 was spent on these Christmas charities. We also provided 10 food boxes to our local Fire Stations which both surprised and amazed them. Finally we donated 30 turkeys to a neighborhood church for the Christmas dinner they were providing and we were thanked profusely for our generosity. By days end everyone who participated felt the Christmas spirit was indeed alive and well.

**Submitted by:** Mary Shaffer PER, Public Relations Chair



Pictured (top): John Roebuck gives volunteers Lee and Barry Deslatte their turkey assignments . (bottom) Volunteers busily pack Christmas food boxes for delivery



## ***"Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee: Pearl Harbor Campaign"***



At the 2019 Elks National Convention in St. Louis, outgoing Grand Exalted Ruler Mike Luhr issued a challenge to the Elks members to raise funds for the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Hawaii.

*"I ask you then, will your Lodges and Members support the idea of making sure the memories of our veterans, passed and living, are kept with us for the years to come, and make sure the history of that 'Day in Infamy' is recorded so our great great-grandchildren will be able to see where our country has been?"*

During their travels throughout the country, Barbara and Mike Luhr visited the Pearl Harbor National Memorial in Hawaii, in awe of the veterans who were aboard the USS Arizona that fateful day. And yet some of the displays and signage at the memorial were not as expected. They were old, weather-beaten and outdated.

They wondered if the Elks could play a part in helping to improve this memorial. That idea soon became reality, and the Elks are now partnering with the Pacific Historical Parks, a WWII focused 501(c)(3) tax-exempt public benefit organization that oversees the Pearl Harbor National Memorial.

With contributions from Elks across the country, we can preserve, restore and modernize the USS Arizona Memorial.

All funds raised will be used to:

- Replace old, faded and peeling outdoor exhibits along Pearl Harbor National Memorial's perimeter.
- Upgrade current static displays with digital exhibits, build new interactive displays to engage children, and modernize the Pearl Harbor museums with iPads and touch screens.
- Fabricate and install new exhibits, displays, programs, and software to better educate and serve all museum visitors.

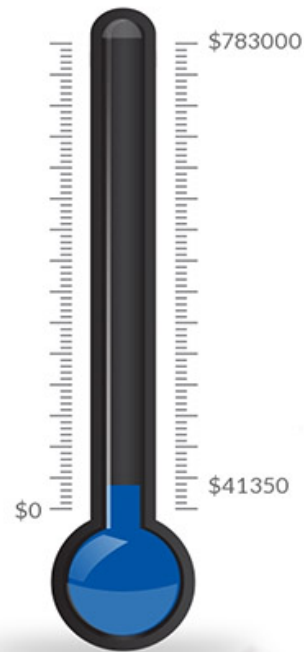
Our ultimate goal is to raise \$783,000, or a dollar per member, to truly help preserve history, perpetuate peace and reconciliation and ensure that the memories of our veterans, passed and living, are never forgotten.

**As of December 20, Elks have donated \$80,970 for this cause!**

Donation totals will be updated the first week of every month. Stay tuned to the blue thermometer for the latest totals!

These contributions will help honor the service and dedication of Americans whose profound contributions to our nation should never be forgotten, so that generations to come will know and appreciate the enormous sacrifices of the Greatest Generation.

Together, the Elks can accomplish this goal. **Will you help?**



**[Make a donation today at enf.elks.org/phc/](https://enf.elks.org/phc/)**

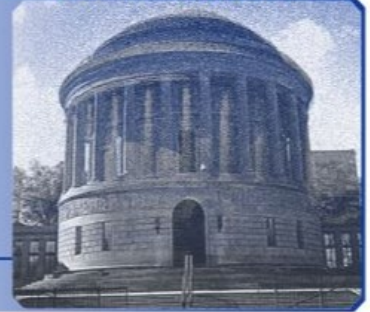
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# Grand Lodge NEWSLETTER

*Elks Care — Elks Share*



## New year starts with awards, scholarships

**Welcome to 2020!** Beth and I extend our best wishes to everyone for a happy and successful year.

January is a time to wind down the affairs of the year gone by and plan for the year to come. The efforts of our Members too often go unrecognized. While many Members serve in varying capacities just for the love of the organization, an expression of gratitude and recognition is always appreciated.

Also to be recognized are those Lodges that distinguish themselves through their dedication to working the programs of the Order and serving the needs of their communities. Awards for Elk of the Year and Officer of the Year are available from Grand Lodge, and there is nothing to prevent things like Exalted Ruler Special Citations from being prepared to express appreciation to those who make our Lodges successful.

In January, all Lodges will be



### Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

**ROBERT L.  
DUITSMAN**

receiving an application form to enter the All American Lodge Contest. It is a tremendous opportunity for a Lodge to receive recognition for its efforts during the year. Receiving such an award will inspire Members to continue their efforts with the knowledge that they are important and are being recognized. Something to consider.

While many of us were focused on the Most Valuable Student scholarships that had a November close date for applications, there is also the Legacy Scholarship that is available until January 31. It provides \$4,000 scholarships to the children and

grandchildren of Elks Members. The Elks are doing their part to try to give deserving individuals the opportunity to further their education without allowing a lack of financial resources to be a barrier. More information on these and other opportunities can be found on the Grand Lodge website.

Some may not be aware, but in the Ritual there is provision for a Past Exalted Rulers' Night. On the first Lodge meeting in February the Exalted Ruler can appoint Past Exalted Rulers to fill the four chair positions as well as Esquire and Chaplain. This is a good opportunity to give special recognition to those who have served in the highest office in their Lodge over the years, and keep them involved in the life of your Lodge. In some cases Past Exalted Rulers are called on to conduct an initiation, which would be a special treat that generates interest among the membership.

## Arizona Elks Association



For all the latest news, please check out the Arizona Elks Association webpage

<https://arizonaelksassociation.org/>

or our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/ArizonaElksAssociation/>

## Arizona Elks Major Projects

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