

Arizona Elks News

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"Elks are Patriotic Americans"

My Fellow Arizona Elks,



Welcome to May, the closing of another AEA year and our last visit as your State President!! In musing over that reality, I'm reminded of the words of an Irish gentleman after witnessing his mother-in-law going over the cliff in his new Lexus said "I have mixed emotions. "

Seriously, because of the efforts and contributions of so many of you it has been a great year to be an Arizona Elk. While we set some lofty goals to start the year, it was heartwarming to see all lodges and members work so hard to achieve the same. So many of you have done so much time and space will not allow us to capture it all, but we need to capture a few.

First, based on reports from our District Deputies, my State Vice Presidents, and my own experience I complement all lodges on an increased focus on protocol. This is an important area for all our lodges and my compliments to our State Chair Ira Cohen and his committee for their communications in helping this happen.

Next, the generosity of all of you to the Elks National Foundation created a banner year in our donations. While final figures are not yet available, it appears we may have set an Arizona record for per capita donations. My compliments and thanks to State Chair Jack Baillargeon and his committee for all their work in keeping us focused in this area.

For the 3rd straight year Arizona Elks have contributed a plus membership gain to our Grand Lodge. As a result of the impact of coronavirus, final figures are yet to be determined, however at this point Arizona has contributed a 465-member increase. A great accomplishment for all our lodges and a special thanks to Dianna Adams and her committee for all their hard work in keeping us focused on membership.

Again, so many of you have done so much it is impossible to cover It all here. From the increased participation in Elks Training, to the great job done by our 1st year editor of the Arizona Elks News, Shawnee Carlile, to the continued work of her husband as master of our five-star website, to the great job done by Lee Schwein and his meetings committee working so hard behind the scenes to make our convention meetings happen, so many have done so much. For those we haven't mentioned, please know that we do not feel any less pride for your contributions.

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"Elks are Patriotic Americans"

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In closing, it has been an honor, privilege, and a pleasure to have served as the President of this great Association. I am confident that you will continue your support for Rich and Joann Botkin as they begin their tenure as our President and First Lady this month.

If you would indulge one last sincere and heartfelt thank you it would be from Mary and I for giving us one of the most memorable years of our lives.

Let us never forget that ***Elks are Patriotic Americans*** and again many thanks to all for all that you do.

Sincerely, and Fraternally,

Dan Snyder
AEA President

"AEA First Lady Mary's Thank You Message"



I am saddened I will not be able to see you all in May. We will miss telling you in person **thank you** and what a great time we had representing the State this year. Your lodges have been so gracious and kind to us during our visits. The wonderful things you are doing for Elkdom is fabulous. You all are the Best People On Earth!

Wishing the incoming President Rich and his First Lady, Joann, Godspeed as you start your year. Enjoy the journey!

Thanks again everyone for a fantastic year!

Mary Snyder
(Soon to be Past) First Lady

“Buckeye Elks #2686 Use Spotlight Grant to Help Veterans”

The Buckeye Elks Lodge #2686 with the help of the Spotlight Grant, the city of Buckeye, the VA administration, and local businesses helped Veterans on February 22, 2020. The event was held at Odyssey Jr. High School. Over 300 Veterans attended and benefitted from the event. The VA Administration helped with questions Veterans had regarding benefits and assistance, local businesses provided was to save money or buy a house, even dogfood for the pets of veterans. Buckeye Elks lodge provided 2 pair socks and a men's or women's toiletry kit. Many Veterans learned about the Elks Organization and what the Elks does for the community, youth and veterans. Buckeye Elks lodge is always there for Veterans. It is our way of giving back to the ones who gave so much for our freedom.

Submitted by; Rose Hendricks, Buckeye Elks Lodge

“Buckeye Elks #2686 Veterans Shopping Spree”

The Buckeye Elks Lodge #2686, with the help of the Beacon Grant, helped 20 Veterans by giving each Veteran a \$125.00 shopping spree to JCPenney. The day started with all veterans meeting at the Buckeye Elks Lodge #2686 for coffee. After coffee the Veterans and shopper helpers boarded a bus provided by the Buckeye Union High School and all traveled to JCPenney. JCPenney open the store early as a tribute to the Veterans and provided coffee and donuts for all involved. The Veterans and shopper helpers shopped for things for the veterans and the amount of \$125.00. Veterans got such things as shoes, pants, shirts, dresses and under garments. Upon checkout JCPenney stepped up and gave each Veteran 40% off so many of the Veterans had to go back and do more shopping to spend the whole \$125.00.

After completing the shopping spree all Veterans and helpers had breakfast at the Lodge.

All Veterans were very appreciative of the shopping spree and expressed their gratitude. Applications for membership were given to all Veterans and all Veterans were invited to come back to lodge events coming up in March.

Submitted by; Rose Hendricks, Buckeye Elks Lodge

“Lake Havasu City Elks #2399 Donates to the Police Explorers”

The Lake Havasu Elks PER Mike Vail and ER Debra Herd with Police Officers Dwain Fernandez and Michael Thornhill accepting a check for \$1000.00 for the police explorers in March of 2020.

Submitted by: Eva Fox, #2399 News Team



“Casa Grande Elks #1957 Host Drive Through Meals for Members”

A “drive thru” was established at Casa Grande Valley, AZ #1957 to provide meals to members during the corona virus outbreak in March, 2020. Keeping with social distancing, the volunteers raised over \$285 through donations from our “drive thru” members which will be passed on to a local charity for donation to the food needs of our community.

Special thanks is given to Deborah and Grover Ramsey for their hard work in shopping and preparing the meals as well as the volunteers who helped serve!

Submitted by; Donna Johnson, Lodge Secretary



“Lake Havasu City Elks #2399 Sponsors Free Swim for Kids”

The Lake Havasu Elks sponsored their third Free Family Swim for the year at the Aquatic Center in February 2020. The first 400 members of our community entered free and the Elks served pizza, chips, and soda and distributed Drug Awareness Activity Books. Far right is Elk Exalted Ruler Debra Herd with fellow Elk youth activity volunteers.



Submitted by: Eva Fox, #2399 News Team

“Lake Havasu City Elks #2399 Donate to Veterans Thrift Shop”



In February 2020 the Elkettes (pie sales) and the Elks Senior bowlers donated \$500 each to the Veterans thrift store to help complete the security fencing around the store. From Left to right is Senior Bowler rep Jerry Gillen, Veterans Thrift President Roberta Areola, Elkettes President Eva D. Fox and Elks PER George Brouillard who was instrumental in acquiring donations for the Veterans thrift store.

Submitted by: Eva Fox, #2399 News Team

“Lake Havasu City Elks #2399 Donate to St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank”

In April 2020 Food bank manager from St Vincent de Paul, Kathy Hayes accepting Elks 2399 donation of \$2000. A check is mailed and recipient, who was then asked to send in a photo. We are not presenting checks during this time due to social distancing.



Submitted by: Eva Fox, #2399 News Team

“Catalina Mountain Elks # 2815 Donate to Elementary School Food Bank”

Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge #2815 used money that was intended for the Easter Shopping Spree for Roadrunner Elementary School students to make a \$3,000 donation to their food bank. The annual shopping spree for clothing was unable to take place this year due to the Coronavirus closure of schools.

Roadrunner School nurse, Mary Butler, requested a donation to the food bank for their students and families because so many are in need. Lodge Clothe-a-Child Coordinator, Joyce Garcia, thought it was a great idea and received additional funds from the Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge Past Exalted Rulers Association to donate to the food bank. Roadrunner School Principal Kristina Brewer, school nurse Mary Butler, staff members Amy Moore and Nichole Kaiser will purchase groceries and household products with the donation.

Submitted by: Pat Cox, Public Relations Coordinator

“Catalina Mountain Elks #2815 Donate to IMPACT Food Bank”

Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge #2815 presented a \$2,500 check to IMPACT of Southern Arizona's food bank to provide meals for home-bound seniors. The food bank will be able to deliver more than 700 meals to these seniors, instead of the 468 monthly allotment. The donation was made possible by a Gratitude Grant received from the BPOE Grand Lodge. Lodge Community Activities Coordinator, Jan Trudeau, said that this will help our community during these difficult times.

Pictured are (from left) Exalted Ruler Monty Derting, IMPACT Program Director Michelle Santorelli, Community Activities Coordinator Jan Trudeau and Past District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Jack Baillargeon.

Submitted by: Pat Cox, Public Relations Coordinator

“Sierra Vista Elks #2065 Donates Gratitude Grant to Food Bank”

The Sierra Vista Elks Lodge #2065, in coordination with ENF, reallocated our Lodge Gratitude Grant of \$2,500 to Peach's Pantry Incorporated Food Bank. Peach's provides weekend meals to children that are on the school lunch program. Due to the current COVID-19 crisis, the initial recipient of the grant, Project Graduation, was cancelled and could not use the funding. Peach's feeds over 200 families in the Cochise County area. A check presentation was not conducted due to the current requirements for social distancing.

Submitted by: Shawnee Carlile, Grants Coordinator

“Lake Havasu Elks #2339 Makes Donation to Knox Box”

Due to social distancing the Lake Havasu Elks Lodge #2399 mailed a donation for the Knox Box program. Knox Box allows first responders rapid access into homes and structures when responding to emergency calls.

Submitted by: Eva Fox, #2399 News Team

Pictured from Left to right accepting the check: John Boone, Brian Springer, Fire Marshal Scott Hartman Interim Fire Chief Paul Adams.



“Casa Grande Elks # 1957 Provides Meals to First Responders”

Casa Grande Valley Elks provided chicken fried steak dinners to the Casa Grande Police Department, Casa Grande Fire Department and Banner Hospital Staff on Wednesday, April 22, 2012. We are proud to be able to assist our first responders during these uncertain times. Drive thru meals for members are still being provided on Friday evenings from 5-6 PM, and Sunday mornings from 10-11 AM. All donations received for meals are being given to the Casa Grande Food Bank.

Submitted by; Donna Johnson, Lodge Secretary



“Buckeye Elks Lodge #2686 Provides Meals to ER Center”

On April 22, the Buckeye Elks Lodge #2686 had the pleasure of cooking 25 steak dinners for the doctors and nurses at Abrazo Buckeye Emergency Center during their shift change. Dinner was funded by an anonymous donor and included steak, beans, salad, potato, roll, and dessert. One of the doctors said that in his 30+ years in the healthcare industry, he had never been honored in this way. A huge thank you to the Lodge members that helped put this together: And special thanks to the generous donor for coming up with this idea and funding the food supplies. It was an honor to serve these individuals who are assisting our community every day, especially during this pandemic.

Submitted by; Leatta McLaughlin, Trustee

“Sun City Elks # Donates Car to Veteran in Need”

On Thursday, April 13, 2020, Ana Ralston, 90 years young, and now residing in an assisted living unit, had a pick-up truck, that she no longer had need of. A Vietnam Veteran by the name of Gerry Jones

On this day, a Vietnam Veteran named Gerry Jones (not of Dallas Cowboys fame), was presented with a 1994 blue, Chevy pick-up truck. But before the donation, knowing that the truck would be going to a needy Vet, Ana replaced all four tires and repaired the A/C and radiator. She did not want to burden a vet with mechanical problems. Mr. Jones currently resides at M.A.N.A (Marine, Army, Navy, Airforce) House Veterans Facility, located in Phoenix.

Submitted by; Val Bianchini, Veterans Public Relations Chair

“Raceway Elks # 1957 Donate Grant to Food Pantry”

Raceway Elks Lodge #2852 submitted a Gratitude Grant to our National Elks Association asking for financial support for our local food pantry needs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Exalted Ruler Gail Kragh presented Veterans First, Ltd. and the City of Avondale each with a check in the amount of \$1,250 to be used to combat family hunger crises during this pandemic.

Veterans First, Ltd. has been working with veteran families in the area who are suffering extreme hardship. The City of Avondale works with food pantries and families in the area who are suffering from hunger issues. Both organizations will use this monetary donation to reach those in need.

Submitted by; Robin Cox, Newsletter Editor

“Buckeye Elks Lodge #2686 Provides Meals to ER Center”

Tucson East 2532 held a short form Lodge Officer Installation Ceremony March 28th at 3 pm. Due to COVID 19 and in accordance with Grand Lodge and Local guidance the incoming Officers were given the oath of office without members, family or friends in attendance. We will have a reception after restrictions have been lifted.

Submitted by; Mary Shaffer PER, Public Relations Chair



Lodge Year 2020-2021 Officers are:

Exalted Ruler - Maynard Stout, PER Leading Knight - Charles Thomke
Loyal Knight - Megin Goetz Lecturing Knight - Sally Frankel
Secretary- Sandy Benoist, PER Treasurer - LeRoy Zaugra, PER
Inner Guard - Rocky Davis, PER Tiler - Joyce Foutch, PER
Five Year Trustee - Tony Goetz Organist - Jeanne Walsh (not pictured)

“News from the AEA Elks Training Chairmen, William Buttram”

To All Arizona Elk Members

In this time of need when we are doing our part to keep everyone safe and staying home why not take a few minutes and take the new #9 Elk Training Quiz. Just follow the instruction below.

INSTRUCTIONS

In your Browser put in arizonaelksassociation.org, once it opens scroll down to Elks Training - click on the blue training Elks quiz #9, when it opens scroll down to Quiz #9 and click on your district. Fill in the information and take the quiz, when you finish question 10 click on submit. And you are done.

You might just be surprised to see how much you know and learn something at the same time. This is the new quiz that came out April 1, 2020. Yes there is a new Quiz each year. This is a great Training Tool for your Officers and members of your Lodge.

Fraternally,

William Buttram, PDDGER
AEA Elks Training State Chair



“News from the AEA Newsletter Editor, Shawnee Carlile”

A Big thank you to all of our Arizona Lodges for your contributions over the last year. All of the events, fundraisers, and community projects, resulted in a FIVE STAR rating for our AEA Newsletter from Grand Lodge.

Thank you for all that you do, and please keep up the great work that you do! I am also happy to announce that I will continue to serve as the AEA Editor for the 2020-2021 Elk Year.

Fraternally,

Shawnee Carlile



“AEA Exalted Ruler’s March”

Arizona Elks Association

Dan Snyder, P.D.DGER
President



Friday, April 3, 2020

To: All Arizona Elks Lodges
From: Dan Snyder, AEA President
Re: AEA May Convention – ER March

My fellow Arizona Elks,

In these unprecedented times I am deeply aware of the challenges presented to all of our lodges. While I am confident the situation is temporary, it still presents financial stress when our business operations are closed.

However, the current situation notwithstanding, the required cancellation of our May convention has created a significant impact on our AEMP operation. As you may be aware, the Exalted Rulers' March at the convention is one of the few ways our Major Project raises funds. The absence of these funds together with the significant drop in our AEMP investments due to the impact of the virus on our stock market have created an austere environment as we go forward in the near future.

As a result, I have a favor to ask all of our lodges. To the extent possible, I am asking that each Lodge forward the funds they had earmarked for the ER March directly to AEMP. This will help defray one of the conditions that creates the financial difficulty. I believe we are all aware of the noble work to which AEMP is dedicated, and all the help you can give will be deeply appreciated.

The address to forward your checks is captured below

4545 E 5th St
Tucson, AZ 85711

I thank you in advance for your cooperation.
In the meantime, stay healthy and stay safe.

Fraternally,

Dan Snyder, PDDGER,
President, Arizona Elks Ass'n

"AEMP News"



THIS COULD BE YOURS!

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AND WE WILL TAKE CARE OF

Every year, Arizona Elks Major Projects raffles off a vehicle as our largest fundraiser. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, in order to ensure the safety and well-being of our community, we are focused on online orders for tickets to win the Honda Pioneer. Purchasing tickets online is safe, secure, and most importantly: **EASY!**

BUY TICKETS

Please don't hesitate to reach out to our offices if you have any questions:

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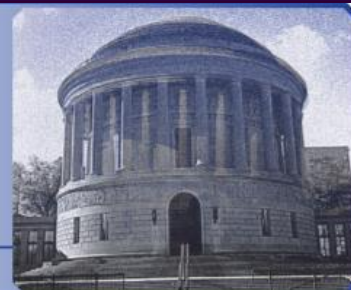
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“Grand Lodge News”



Grand Lodge NEWSLETTER

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Lodges grow under Members' collective effort

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The global COVID-19 pandemic will delay many Lodge functions. GER Duitsman and Grand Lodge hope you, your families, and your Lodges are keeping safe.*

Our Members decide whether their Lodge is a place where they will want to invest their time, talent, and treasure. Many opportunities for good times and good works can be undertaken during the coming summer and fall months.

For May, if conditions allow, please consider having a program for any or all of the special days that fall during the month. They can stimulate interest among the Members and bring something different and refreshing into the Lodge.

Consider a Mother's Day program to honor the wonderful women who



Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

**ROBERT L.
DUITSMAN**

have dedicated themselves to raising their children. It is an opportunity for Lodges to shine, often with a brunch followed by a program. Don't forget the flowers. There is a ritual provided in the Rituals of Special Services available on the Grand Lodge website.

Given our history of support for our military and veterans, consider doing something for Armed Forces Day and

Memorial Day. They are good occasions to pay respect to those who served and to reach into our communities to develop relationships.

I hope the new Financial Reporting System has been implemented in your Lodge. Grand Lodge wants Elksdom to prosper in our communities. The system has been developed and approved by the membership to help identify Lodges having problems and provide opportunities to bring in needed resources.

Looking ahead, in June you might want to start thinking about Father's Day, Flag Day (a mandatory service), and the submission of your audit report. Planning for these events well in advance can make them more enjoyable and better supported by the Members.

GRAND LODGE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Don't just tell them about the BPOE—show them

By **WAYNE D. COTTERLY**
Committee Member

When talking with a non-Member, the question may come up: Who are the Elks and what do they do?

This is often a difficult question to answer on the spot, as the Elks do so many great things. Instead of trying to describe what Elks do, why not bring them to the Lodge and show them?

You might start your tour with the Lodge Room and explain that this is where the important decisions are made for your Lodge. While there, you could point out the American Flag and explain that the Elks are a patriotic organization that promotes Americanism and the love of our country. You can also talk about the many support programs for our veterans including those who are homeless and hospitalized. Include information about your Local Lodge's work on their behalf, and that the Elks have pledged that "so long as there are Veterans, the Elks will

never forget them."

You could show them your Lodge's necrology, and let them know that as a fraternal organization, we believe in the principle of Brotherly Love. We are there to support each other, and we remember our departed Members as "Elks are never forgotten, never forsaken."

Stop by your Elks National Foundation recognition board. Let them know that your Lodge supports its community through charitable giving and through many programs that support our youth. Point out programs such as the Elks Soccer Shoot, Hoop Shoot, Drug Awareness program, scholarships, Dictionary Project, Antlers, essay contests, Junior Golf, Youth Recognition, and the Community Investment Grant program.

Visit your Lodge's function room and tell them about your Lodge's social activities that raise funds for these programs. Your last stop should of course be the lounge, where you can introduce

them to other Members and have them answer any questions they may have. If you don't know the answer, you could try asking an officer or another longtime Member. If none are available, you can always go online and find many answers to questions about our Order on Elks.org.

By this time, you may have piqued their interest in our Order. You could perhaps invite them to be your guest to attend one of the Lodge's functions. Or, if you know them well enough, you could offer them a membership application and propose them for membership.

In any case, by taking the time to show who the Elks are and what we do, your Lodge might just gain a Member. Even if they don't join, there will be one more person in the community who will know more about who we are, and can spread a positive message that the Elks support our country, our youth, our veterans, our communities, and charitable causes.