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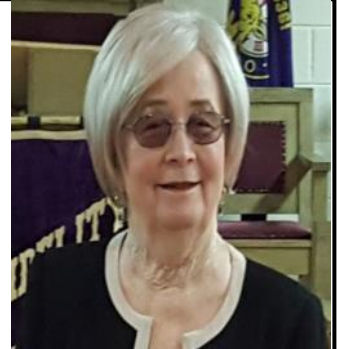
May 2022



"Be Proud of Elkdom"

Members All:

Hard to believe, but another AEA year is coming to an end. One of our last official functions prior to the May Convention will be visiting Chicago for the National Hoop Shoot finals, and cheering on Jaida Bosch, our winner in the girls 12-13 year old category, from Yuma Lodge #476.



This will be my last article as your President, and Mike Weishan will be taking over at the end of the May Convention. Please give him your support as I know he'll do a great job.

I would like to congratulate all the new officers for the 2022-2023 lodge year – thanks to all of you for stepping up and helping your lodges continue their great work in your communities. All new Exalted Rulers, Leading Knights and Lodge Secretaries are required to attend the AEA Annual Convention held in Tempe on May 11-14, 2022 so I look forward to seeing all of you there. There will be lots of great information presented at the convention, and there will also be several seminars, including Drug Awareness hosted by our National Director Kent Gade, as well as an FRS Seminar that I understand will cover multiple topics.

Thanks to all of you for working on obtaining new members so that Arizona experienced the substantial membership gain this past lodge year – 4th Place in the nation – how great is that. And again, for anyone attending the Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta, GA we should have a seating area close to the front based on this membership gain.

This has been a banner year for Elkdom in Arizona, thanks to the efforts of all of our great Arizona Elks. I want to give you all a heartfelt thanks for your support throughout this year.

Any lodge that wishes to can participate in this year's Ritual Contest or a Past or current Exalted Ruler may participate in the new Eleven O'clock Toast Contest or the Flag Presentation Contest. Please contact your District Ritual Chairman if you wish to participate. Remember – Ritual can be fun, and it promotes camaraderie among your officers, and also helps to maintain officer progression. The winners of these contests will travel to Atlanta to represent Arizona in the National finals.

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25 May 2022



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2021-2022
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"Be Proud of Elkdom"

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I hope all of you are receiving our AEA Newsletter via email – for anyone who wants it but is not receiving it, please contact me at charyll@ctmckean.com and I will see if I can help.

Remember – photos from all of our events are available to all Elk Members by logging on to the Arizona Elks website and clicking on "Members Documents & Manuals" and then "AEA Photographs 2021-2022". This link is also at the very bottom of the "Committees" page as well.

I hope all of you stay safe, both health wise and in your travels.

From Tim and I, best wishes to each and every Arizona Elk – and we are very proud to have served as AEA President and First Gent!

Remember — Be Proud of Elkdom

God bless everyone – until next month – — — — —

"BE PROUD OF ELKDOM"

Faternally,



Charyll McKean, President
Arizona Elks Association



AEA Annual Convention 11-14 May 2022 in Tempe, AZ



July 3 - 6, 2022

*****Please submit articles to: aeaneewsletter@arizonaelks.org**

“Sun City Elks #2599 Provides Supplies for HART”

The Sun City Elks Lodge #2599 formed a partnership with “Helping at Risk Teens” (HART) Pantry to provide much needed necessities to homeless teenagers among 25 schools, and teen centers across the area. PER Vickie Way was alerted to the issue and sprung into action with the help of the Elks Lodge. The Sun City Elks joined HART in its association with Women4Women filling toiletry kits.

With April’s passing of Sun City Elks leadership to newly installed Exalted Ruler Bruce Kather, HART Pantry continues to be among the Lodge’s many community activities and charitable awards from its fundraising events.

Submitted by: Vickie Way PER, PR Chair



Vicki Way, HART Director Ruth Landry, and Bruce Kather presenting HART with a check from the Elk’s Charity Ball

“Casa Grande Valley Elks #1957 Student of the Month Awards ”



Cole Hawker, 6, is the son of Niles and Cammi Hawker of Coolidge and is a first grader at Mary C. O’Brien Elementary School and an honor roll recipient.



Natalie Schultz, 9, is the daughter of Brian and Amanda Schultz of Casa Grande and is a fourth grader at Mary C. O’Brien Elementary School.



Joseph Tristan Wheeler, 10, is the son of Matthew and Kathryn Wheeler of Casa Grande, and is a fourth grader at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School.



Elaina McCullough, 7, is the daughter of Miles Butler and Sara McCullough of Casa Grande, and is a first grader at Mary C. O’Brien Elementary School. Elaina is an honor roll recipient.

Submitted by: Donna Johnson, Lodge Secretary

"Lake Havasu City Elks #2408 Hosts Special Olympics Dinner"

On Sunday March 27th the Elks Lodge # 2399 in Lake Havasu City hosted their annual Special Olympics meal. Serving yummy Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes with Gravy and green beans followed with a special cake and Ice Cream.

Many volunteers came out to help to include the outgoing and incoming Exalted Rulers

Submitted by: Eva Fox, Lodge News Team



"Casa Grande Valley Elks #1957 Officer Installation"



On Saturday, March 26, 2022, the 2022-2023 Officers for the Casa Grande Valley Elks Lodge, #1957 were installed. Front Row (LtoR): Ken Conway, Tiler; Kate Schmidbauer, Chaplain; Loretta Lynn Gemmell, Inner Guard, Donna Pearce Johnson, Secretary. Second Row (LtoR): Kary Kerr, Esquire; Grover Ramsey, Trustee; Bob Buie, Treasurer; Chris Repass, Exalted Ruler; JeRay Bellon, Leading Knight; Larry Schmidbaue, Trustee; and George Ferguson, Loyal Knight; and Mike Oldham, Lecturing Knight.

Submitted by: Donna Johnson, Lodge Secretary

"Bullhead City Elks #2408 Participates at the Kiwanis Kids Expo"

The Bullhead City Elks participated in the Kiwanis Kids Expo held recently. One street was blocked off with over 65 easy-ups lining both sides of the street. Approximately 750 kids were there and the Elks Drug Awareness booth was there reminding kids not to do drugs and handing out red ribbons and coloring books with the message, "Hugs are Better than Drugs" to each child. Shown in a purple shirt is Exalted Ruler Mike Swain, in red shirts are volunteer Casie Wheaton and Loyle Knight Rick Tomer.

Submitted by: Terri Frear, PR Chair



“Coolidge-Florence Elks #2350 Students of the Quarter”



The Coolidge-Florence Elks awarded the following students with Student of the Quarter Awards. Congratulations to our 3rd Quarter District Scholars!! These high school juniors excelled in their academics and extracurricular activities for the 2nd quarter of the 2021-22 school year. Each student received a certificate and a check for \$50.

Submitted by: Angela Shenk, Secretary

Pictured left to right: Carlos Carmona (Coolidge High School), Wanda Smith Exalted Ruler, and Tyler Potter (Florence High School)

“Coolidge-Florence Elks #2350 Drug Awareness Winners”

Congratulations to our Drug Awareness 7th and 8th Grade Essay winners!! Each student received a certificate and a gift certificate.

Submitted by: Angela Shenk, Secretary

Pictured left to right: 1st Place Lorilai Migliore, 2nd Place Riley Mitchell and Wanda Smith Exalted Ruler



Pictured left to right: 1st Place Johnny Bia, 2nd Place Damien Robles, 3rd Place Chloe Harris and Wanda Smith Exalted Ruler



“Coolidge-Florence Elks #2350 Raises Charitable Funds”

Lodge held its annual Bullets and Balls children's fundraiser event. Golfing, Target Shooting, and raffles helped raise nearly \$9,000. This will be used for the annual Christmas shopping spree, scholarships, and various other.

Submitted by: Angela Shenk, Secretary

“Lake Havasu Elks #2399 Citizen of the Year”



Lake Havasu Elks named Judge Mitchell Kalauli II as the "Citizen of the Year" at the Awards Ceremony recently held at the Elks Lodge. Judge Kalauli was instrumental in establishing the first rural Veterans Treatment Court in Arizona and mentoring officials in Kingman, Bullhead City and La Paz County to establish Veterans Courts in those areas. He helped establish the Lake Havasu City Veterans Resource Team which is now used as a model for Veterans organization collaboration in rural Arizona communities.

Submitted by: Eva Fox, News Team

“Prescott Elks #330 Donates to Tennes for Tots”



Diana Ramsey of Prescott Elks Lodge #330 presented a check for \$300 to Tennes for Tots on April 7, 2022. The program was started by Paula Sedillo Wise in 2018 to provide shoes, socks, and other needs to preschool age children. Her organization distributes over 3,000 pairs of new shoes and socks through Head Start, Firefighter Angel Foundation, schools and shelters throughout northern and central Arizona.

Submitted by; Diana Ramsey

Pictured: Paula Sedillo and Diana Ramsey

“Yuma Elks #476 Hoop Shoot Winner”

Jaida Bosch will be competing in Chicago, Illinois at the end of this month for the Elks National Hoop Shoot championship. She placed first in the local, district, state, and in the regional in Las Vegas, Nevada she completed 24 of 25 shots from the free throw line. Jaida will be going against 7 other 12-13 year olds from around the country.

Submitted by: John Fuller

Pictured from left; Past Exalted Ruler Pat Riley, Jaida, Elks Hoop Shoot chairman Carol Riley, and PER Joan Cendejas.



“Casa Grande Valley Elks #1957 Hosts Easter for Kids”



On April 8, the Casa Grande Valley Elks gave away 215 Easter baskets to local children in a drive through event. The baskets were filled with donated wrapped candy and a Drug Awareness Coloring Book and a box of crayons. Elroy the Elk and the Easter Bunny were special guests and all the kids and adults had a great time!

Submitted by; Donna Johnson, Secretary

Pictured is Elroy the Elk (Lecturing Knight, Mike Oldham) and the Easter Bunny (Exalted Ruler; Chris Repass).

“Tempe Elks #2551 Donates to Lily Pad Organization for Kids”

The Tempe Elks Lodge 2251's annual Charity Ball and Silent Auction was such a success that we were able to present a check for \$8,895.00 to Lily's Pad. Lily's Pad is dedicated to providing a hyper-clean play space for immuno-compromised children allowing them the opportunity to play safely during very challenging times in their young lives. Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and members, we had a great variety of auction items; and because of the generosity of the attendees, we were able to raise the above-mentioned funds for a very deserving charity.

Submitted by: Connie Schultejeans, Newsletter Editor



Picture 2: ER Marty Laird, Brad Taylor, Lily Taylor (front), Dawn Garza, Kathy Laird, DDGER Dennis Appel
Picture 1: Back row: ER Marty Laird, DDGER Dennis Appel, Kathy Laird. Front row: Dawn Garza, Lily Taylor, Brad Taylor

“Catalina Mountain Elks #2815 Host Easter Shopping for Kids”

Catalina Mountain Elks on April 9th took 25 children shopping for Easter and school clothes. We were able to purchase \$140 per child in clothes plus they each received an Easter basket, toys, school supplies, and chocolate bunnies. On their way back to school each child received a fruit drink and animal crackers to tide them over till lunch. At their school, Roadrunner Elementary, we provided them with lunch and drinks that day.

Submitted by: Jim Beregi

Pictures include Lodge volunteers, all the kids, Mary Aldrich and guest, Danny Letchford and guest.



“Raceway Elks #2852 Officer Installation”

On April 15, 2022, Raceway Lodge #2852 had the honor of District Deputy Joan Cendejas, of the West District, Installing the Officers of Raceway Lodge, Exalted Ruler Steven Cox, Leading Knight Tim Barrett, Loyal Knight Judi Melott, Lecturing Knight Judy Radl, Secretary Robin Cox, Treasure Rose Hendricks, Chaplain Melanie Jacobs, Tiler Bonnie Trader, Trustee's John Sears and Nick Steckler, and Esquire John Stergulz. There were 36 Elks and Guest in attendance with a desert table after the Installation for all to enjoy.

Submitted by: PDDGER Willie Buttram

“Casas Adobes Elks #2663 Hosts Veterans from Blind Rehab Program”



We were excited to host our first Blind Veterans dinner in over two years. The VA had discontinued lodge visits due to the COVID pandemic. On April 7, 2022, our veteran's chairperson, Linda Seggie-Saunders greeted 14 blind veterans and their companions upon their arrival at the Lodge. We served everyone their choice of hamburgers or hot dogs with fries. Afterwards we had a free raffle for them. The lucky winner left with an American Eagle throw blanket. The veterans really appreciated the food, conversation, and love that fills our lodge.

Submitted by: Mary Shaffer, AEA ENVSC

Pictured: Veterans Enjoying their meal

“Elks Voluntary Service Representative to the AZ State Veterans Home Needed”

We are looking for someone to assume the duties of Elks Voluntary Service Representative to the **Arizona State Veteran Home Phoenix (ASVH-PHX)**. ASVH-PHX is a 200-bed Medicare-certified, skilled-nursing care facility for eligible Arizona veterans, located in central Phoenix, near Indian School Rd and 3rd Street, at: 4141 North Silvestre Herrera Way, Phoenix, AZ 85012, Telephone: 602-248-1550. Representatives take the lead in planning activities and organizing events. Representatives also:

- Visit at least once a month
- Represent the Elks at the facility
- Recruit volunteers to help
- Share regular updates with State Veterans Chair
- File monthly reports online
- Manage the monthly allocation and the corresponding bank account
- Save all program receipts for three full years

Elks Voluntary Service Representatives receive funding from the ENVSC office each month and are accountable to their State Veterans Chairs and to the ENVSC. This funding is intended to serve veterans at the facility where the Representative is assigned. They also receive funding from the Arizona Elks Association (AEA).

If you are interested in this position email me at mitseazelk@gmail.com please include your name, Lodge, email, phone number and previous veteran experience.

Submitted by: Mary Shaffer, AEA ENVSC



“Lake Havasu Elks #2559 Elkettes Donate to Police K-9 Unit”

Officer Brent Skancke, along with Rocky, accepted a check for \$1000.00 from the Elkettes with Elks Lodge #2399 in Lake Havasu City. Craft Fair Chair Connie Jones presented the check. Donation is to be used for training, care and food for Rocky. Brent Skancke and Rocky are with the LHCPD. Proceeds of \$400 from the Elkettes Crazy Auction were donated to the K-9 unit with the LHCPD. Rocky the K-9 and Officer Brent Skancke were happy to accept this donation for training, care and food for the Drug Sniffing dog s. In the photo with the Officer and his dog is Crazy Auction Chair Gabriele Medley.

Additionally, The Elkettes donated \$1800 from the Crazy Auction to the Lake Havasu Search and Rescue Team to upgrade their equipment. Pictured from Left to Right are S&R Captain Mike Beets, S&R LT Dave Quiggle, Crazy Auction Chair Gabriele Medley, S&R LT Dena Mangana, and S&R Sergeant at Arms Todd Sosey.

Submitted by: Eva Fox, Lodge News Team



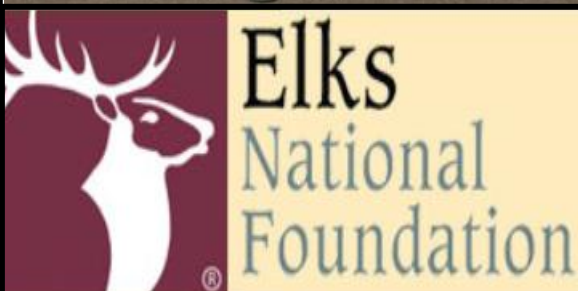
“Jerome Elks #1361 April Student of the Month Awards”



On April 21st, 2022 the Jerome Elks Lodge #1361 presented Student of the Month Awards to two seventh grade students from Clarkdale-Jerome School. These students were chosen by the teachers of the school to be the April recipients of these awards. Each student was provided a free dinner at the lodge for themselves and their families, as well as a \$10.00 Wal-Mart Gift Card. Immediately following dinner, the students were honored with their awards.

Submitted by: AEA President Charyll McKean,

Photo of the two 7th grade winners and Elks Past Exalted Ruler. Pictured from left to right are 7th grade girl from Clarkdale-Jerome School Meisha Jackson, Jim Plas, Past Exalted Ruler of Jerome Elks Lodge and 7th grade boy from Clarkdale-Jerome School Danner Carroll.



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Help Elks build stronger communities with a tax-deductible donation to the Elks National Foundation, a public, non-profit, tax-exempt corporation as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Tax Reform Act of 1959. Donations are payable by check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card or American Express. You can also make a pledge to donate to the ENF on an annual basis.

“Lake Havasu City Elks #2399 Monday Dancers Donate to Charities”

Monday Night Line Dancers with the Elks Lodge #2399 in Lake Havasu City donated \$250.00 to the Special Olympics. All donations to Special Olympics remain local and are used for programs to benefit local Special Olympians. Accepting a check from all the happy dancers is Lake Havasu City Head of Delegation Jim Winjhamer.

The Monday Night Dancers donated \$250.00 to the Community Health Foundation for general health related programs. Accepting a check from the happy dancers is Suzanne Harnden, Ambassador for CHF.

Submitted by: Eva Fox, Lodge News Team



“Scottsdale Elks # Hosts Multiple Events”



Scottsdale Elks Lodge 2148 hosted a St Patrick's Day celebration with a traditional corned beef and cabbage dinner served to over 100 people on March 17th. Proceeds from this event benefited America's Might Warriors, who were presented with a check for \$2500.00

Scottsdale Elks Lodge 2148 hosted the Korean War Veteran's annual picnic on our patio April 2, 2022. We had 38 Vets and their companions enjoy burgers and brats that were provided by the Lodge.

Scottsdale Elks Lodge 2148 hosted a fundraising BBQ on April 9th to help Horsense raise monies for their new facility. Horsense provides therapy horses for children and adults with disabilities. The event was enjoyed by more than 150 people and raised over \$2000.00 for the charity. Luke Wilson won the

\$50/50 and donated it all back to the charity. (photo attached) Julie Sorenson presenting Luke Wilson with 50/50 winnings.

Scottsdale Elks Lodge 2148 hosted and Easter Brunch and Easter Egg hunt on April 17th. We served 138 meals and 32 children participated in the egg hunt. The Easter bunny stopped by for a visit (picture attached) Easter Bunny was played by Terry Youngs and the fascinated baby was our bartender's great granddaughter Alexis.



Submitted by: Debra Jo Clark, Secretary

“AEMP NEWS”

The Arizona Elks Major Projects has embarked on a sustainable jewelry collection program for pediatric patients of the Steele Center.

We are asking for the donations of costume jewelry that we will have professionally cleaned. The children at the Steele center will then be able to pick out a beautiful piece of jewelry to give to their mom / caregiver as presents for holidays, especially Mother's Day.

For more information, please contact your Lodge ER / Secretary. Donations will also be accepted at the AEA Annual Convention.

**Arizona Elks Major Projects-
Breaking News:**

A BIG thank you goes out to all of our wonderful Elks for donating jewelry and boxes to AEMP in support of Operation Mother's Day.

There are 400 beautiful children from the Steele Center that will be able to pick out Jewelry for their Mothers for Mother's Day. YAY!!!!

We're not done yet though- Operation Jewelry will be an ongoing endeavor that will enable little ones at the Steele Center to continue to pick out gifts for their Moms (and Dads) for special occasions. Thank you for your ongoing support.

A Big thanks also goes out to Jimm Krausman PDDGER, and S. District VP Sue Krausman PDDGER, for their wonderful idea and to our many Elks for making the idea a reality.

Team Elks Rocks!

AEMP CAREER OPENINGS

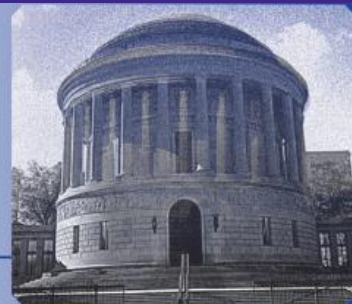
AEMP is looking for an Executive Assistant (Book Keeping, and Data Entry duties). Interested parties should send their resumes to: P.O Box 12668, Tucson, AZ 85732-2668 / 520-326-0556

"Grand Lodge News"



Grand Lodge NEWSLETTER

Elks Care — Elks Share



Spring has sprung; summer right around the corner

Hey, hey it is the first of May. I hope you were able to turn in your Community Project Contest form to get your Lodge some deserved recognition. Remember, the annual charity report is due May 1.

The first week of May is also Elks National Youth Week. I would encourage you to hold an event and honor all those who participated in your Lodge's youth programs over the past year. A variety of participation certificates available online. However, if you cannot find one, make one up. Show our youth that Elks are there for them.

Further, sponsor programs that encourage youth to become outstanding



Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

**T. KEITH
MILLS**

citizens. If so, we will help them with *"Meeting the Challenge."*

Three honorable events take place this month. While only one is mandatory for Elks, the other two need to be recognized as well.

Sunday, May 8 is Mother's Day. This is a mandatory service that needs to be

performed by your Lodge. This event is open to the public and extra attention should be taken to ensure this ceremony is well attended to show the respect all moms deserve. The Special Ritual Manual also requires the use of red and white carnations to honor these mothers. Please perform this service and show that *Elks Care — Elks Share* for moms everywhere.

The second event is Armed Services Day held on Saturday, May 21. In 1949, Defense Secretary Louis Johnson presented an idea to create one single day to celebrate the unification of the armed forces under the Department of Defense, instead of celebrating each

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**Congratulations to the AEA Newsletter for Winning 5-Stars on our
State Association Newsletter**

GRAND LODGE FRATERNAL COMMITTEE

16 states earn awards for keeping Members informed

By JOHN R. HOLBROOK

Committee Member

5 Star ★★★★★ Awards

4 Star ★★★★ Awards

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The State Association bulletin is a traditional form of communication that Members have appreciated for decades. The Contest I — State Bulletin Contest recognizes the best State Association bulletins in the country. Judging is based on four categories: Content, Layout & Typography, Pictorial, and General.

Thank you to the many editors who keep our Members informed. Congratulations to those who entered the contest and earned the coveted 4 Star and 5 Star ratings!

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separately. Schedule an event to honor all active armed services members. Invite them to the Lodge, provide them a meal, and show our support for all they do for us and our country.

Then comes Memorial Day, held on Monday, May 30. This day is for honoring the men and women who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country while in the United States military. In the years following the Civil War, it was originally known as Decoration Day. By the late 1860s, Americans in towns and cities started holding springtime tributes to the countless fallen soldiers from this conflict by decorating their graves with flowers and reciting prayers. It became an official federal holiday in 1971.

We now not only honor our fallen United States service men and women, but also family members who have passed on. We hold family gatherings and parades to unofficially mark the beginning of summer.