

Arizona Elks News

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“ELKDOM” it is in Giving, that We Receive”

Members All:

I promise not to talk weather in any way shape or form.... But boy is it hot out there! There, I got that out of my system.



Well after the first month and a half, everything is up and running and so far so good. I want to give a big thank you to Phoenix Lodge # 335 for hosting the State organizational meeting that was held on June 11th. Their PER Association is to be commended for preparing both the breakfast goodies and the lunch menu that everyone enjoyed after the meeting. The meeting itself went very smooth and was very informative. We had a good turnout with almost every State Chairperson in attendance. Thank you to everyone who attended and for the progress reports and future committee plans that were announced.

This years 4 Vice Presidents as well as myself, have contacted our assigned lodges to set a date for our required visitations. While most Exalted Rulers have responded, there are a few that have not as of this writing. I would ask that any Lodge that has not answered their visit request please do so immediately. We would appreciate it.

The Grand Lodge Convention is July 3rd - 6th in Atlanta. As usual, Arizona will have a large attendance on hand. While there, Past State President Charyll McKean will be accepting an award on behalf of the Arizona Elks Association for our National fourth place finish in membership gain. That is one heck of an accomplishment for a state that has but 43 lodges. A great job done by state membership chairman Jerry Ingram as well as his district and Lodge chairman. It was a total team effort. Now, can you repeat your performance again this year? I think you can! Wait.. I KNOW YOU CAN.

And finally, a hearty thank you and congratulations to our 4 outgoing District Deputy's for a job well done this past year. It is a demanding and sometimes frustrating job, however as you all know now, it is a rewarding one as well. You now have and earned the prestigious title of PDDGER.

Dennis Appel - EAST
Adrienne Troutman - NORTH
Ken Adams - South
Joan Cendejas - WEST

Again congratulations and thank you!

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Submission deadline:
25 July 2022



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"ELKDOM" it is in Giving, that We Receive"

Having said that, we are pleased to say congratulations and welcome to our 4 new District Deputies for the year 2022-2023. They are:

EAST-Mari Slocum - Tempe Lodge #2251

NORTH-Marsha Haddick- Bullhead City Lodge #2408

SOUTH-Steven Asp - Catalina Mountain Lodge #2815

WEST-Gary Gist - Yuma Lodge #476

Thank you all for stepping up and taking on this honorable and exciting position. I assure all of you that you have the full support of the entire Arizona Elks Association behind you.

Well I hope all of you stay cool in this heat... (Oops I did it again)

Safe travels to all going to Atlanta. We look forward to hearing your stories and reports when you return.

*** God Bless ***

Fraternally,

Mike Weishan - President
Arizona Elks Association.

"AEA Secretary Message "

Members All:

As the new AEA Secretary, just a few things for all Members to know. The new email address for the AEA Secretary/Executive Director is secretary@arizonaelks.org and the phone number is 928-450-7139.

A new updated listing of all Members information will be sent to our webmaster monthly with any corrections received. This Member listing can be downloaded. Please check if you have submitted any changes to make sure they have been recorded. If you have any information that needs updating, please send an email to the above email address and it will be in the next month's Member listing.

If you need anything such as flyers, notices of upcoming events, etc. sent out to the membership please send it to me and we'll get it emailed.

Just to notify all those who will be submitting vouchers with mileage expenses on them – the new rate per mile voted by our AEA Trustees will be 40¢ effective June 1st, 2022.

Any questions or concerns please let me know. Stay healthy and travel safely.

Regards



Charyll McKean
AEA Secretary/Executive Director
Arizona Elks Association

“Holbrook Elks #2450 Honors Special Olympics Athletes”

Exalted Ruler Phil Cobb recognized the Holbrook Special Olympians at our annual Youth Awards dinner. They are headed to compete at the State games in Phoenix. Volunteer teachers are Cary Simpson and Linda McMahon. Phil Cobb also went along as a chaperon. They did a great job and we are very proud of them.

Submitted by: Bev Goodnight, Lodge Secretary



“Holbrook Elks #2450 Hosts Youth Awards Night ”

Holbrook Elks hosted a Youth Awards Night in May 2022.

Submitted by: Bev Goodnight, Lodge Secretary



“Lake Havasu City Elks #2399 Drug Awareness Essay Award”

Macy Sautner, from Starline Elementary, was honored with a plaque for winning 1st Place in the Arizona Elks Association portion of the Elks Drug Awareness Essay Contest for 6th grade. Macy won 1st Place for her essay at the Lake Havasu City Elks Lodge which was then forwarded to the AEA for state honors. Along with the plaque she was given a monetary award and a gift bag.

Submitted by; Eva Fox, Lodge News Team

Pictured with Macy (center) are: Exalted Ruler Paulette Nanteau, Macy's dad Chris Sautner, Elks Lodge Drug Awareness Chair Pam Depweg and Elks Lodge Youth Activities Chair PER Debbie Herd. Macy's mother, Ginny could not be present for the photo.



Brianna Maltos, from Thunderbolt middle school, was honored with a plaque for winning 1st Place in the Arizona Elks Association portion of the Elks Drug Awareness Essay Contest for 8th grade. Brianna's Essay won 1st Place at the Lake Havasu City Elks Lodge # 2399 and was then forwarded to the Arizona Elks Assoc for state competition. Along with the plaque she was given a monetary award and a gift bag.



Pictured with Brianna (center) are: Thunderbolt Middle School Principal Gordy Liall, Brianna's dad Harvey Maltos, Brianna's mom Amanda Maltos and Elks Lodge Drug Awareness Chair Pam Depweg

“Lake Havasu Elks #2399 Dancers Donate to Cancer Association”

The Lake Havasu City Elks Lodge # 2399's Monday Night Dancers donated \$250.00 to the Cancer Association of Havasu for their cancer prevention and support programs.

Submitted by; Eva Fox, Lodge News Team

Pictured: Presenting the check- Dancer Cheryl Lomeli is Cancer Association Committee Member Mona Robinson along with Committee Member Margie Snyder and Volunteer Jo



“Phoenix Elks #335 Host Multiple Events”

We had a Youth Awards and Ice cream social in May awarding Antlers, Scouts, and Cadets, and providing lunch and treats.

The Antlers volunteers from Phoenix Lodge 335 made meals and donated them to the homeless.

Celebrating Youth Week, we had a banquet on May 1 to honor Americanism Essay Award Winners and Scholarship recipients. This year we presented \$32,000 in total scholarships. Winners were Jack Miller, Maggie Mae Dethlefsen, Abhinav Vishnuvajhala, Dyle Walia, Emma Claus, Jordan Davis-Wiley, Madison Kalinowski. Legacy scholarships were presented to Elks' family members Tyson Speck and Aiden Paul. The essay winners were in order, Sienna Esposito, Tita Na'a, and Ava Pascu. The Drug Awareness Committee also presented poster winners Max Krich and Dylan Herman with awards and handed out information for the attendees. The Youth Volunteer of the Year was presented to Claire Miller who was trustee of the Antler Lodge #335 in charge of community service. She led the Antlers to distribute over 100 care packages for the homeless at Christmas.

Submitted by: Linda Thompson

“Tucson Elks #385 Hosts Dinner for Blind Veterans”

On May 25th, 2022, the Tucson AZ Elks Lodge #385 had 17 veterans arrive from the Tucson VA Blind Rehab Center for an amazing dinner of Country Fried Steak, mash potatoes, chocolate cake brownies for dessert.

Submitted by: John Aceves

In photo at table and standing are members M. Megerle, W. Thompson and L. Ruiz



“Raceway Elks #2852 Hosts Memorial Day Veterans Dinner”

On May 28, 2022, Raceway Elks Lodge held a Memorial Day Veterans Dinner and Raffle to honor our Veterans and Military Personal and to help raise money for our Veterans programs. There were 25 in attendance with 8 Veterans, and 4 non-Elks. There was no charge for Veterans or Military Personal. There was music by the Tune Twisters, the Raffle raised \$210.00 for Raceway Lodge Veterans Programs, this is one of the ways that Raceway Elks show our Veterans and Military that we care and thank them for all that they do for us and our Country.

Submitted by: PDDGER William Buttram, PR Chairman

“Chandler Elks #2429 Hosts GER Mills at President Mike’s Welcome Party”



Chandler Lodge #2429 was Honored to have our Grand Exalted Ruler T. Keith Mills and first lady Amy attend our welcoming party for our 2022-2023 AEA State President Mike Weishan and first lady Kathy. We are so proud to have our own member as AEA State President. Congratulations Mike!

Submitted by: Karen Koble, Lodge Secretary

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

As in the past years, there was enormous support from the Sierra Vista community organizations. A variety of games were conducted, and community businesses provided plenty of food for the 400 plus Graduates throughout the evening of 26 May 2022 and morning of 27 May 2022.

Through the Elks National Foundation (ENF) Grant efforts of Exalted Ruler, Shawnee Carlile, our Elks Lodge was able to donate \$3000 to the Buena High School (BHS) Project Graduation, and \$500 to the Tombstone High School (THS) Project Graduation. Additional funds were added to the ENF grant from the Elks Lodge committees for a total of \$4000 to BHS and \$1000 to THS.

The Sierra Vista Elks Lodge No. 2065, once again conducted Bingo games for the 2022 BHS Graduates. There were 12 Elks and 5 Non-Elk volunteers, participating in running the Bingo games. Many other activities conducted by various community organizations, provided the Graduates a safe and fun environment to celebrate this major life achievement. There were two raffles conducted during the evening where the Graduates received gifts that were purchased with funds donated from the community, which of course included the ENF and Sierra Vista Elk donations.

A HUGE shout out to all our Elk volunteers that made this year’s Project Graduation a huge success.

Submitted by: PER Harry Brown, Project Graduation Co-Chairman



“Catalina Mountain Elks #2815 Veterans Charities”



Bob Kielsa and Belinda Waller have done a miraculous job of fundraising for Veterans. The results of their efforts: Total Veterans donations for our Lodge year 2021-22 reached the highest level “ever” at \$170,033!

The Veterans Services for the Homeless also accept new toiletries and unopened home cleaning supplies. As an FYI, the donations we make on the VA Campus may be used by Homeless Veterans as well as Veteran families transitioning into housing. For our one pickup this month, which was huge, we amassed \$22,225 of used clothing for our Homeless Veterans. This brings our total for the year to \$47,275!

We have recently pledged \$5,000 to our Veterans participating in the Paralyzed Veterans Annual Games. The games are going to be held in Phoenix this year, and we are supporting 10 participants for this year’s event.

Submitted by: Jim Beregi, PR Chairman

“Scottsdale Elks #2148 Holds Multiple Events”

Scottsdale Arizona Lodge 2148 provided brunch on Mothers Day, May 8, 2022, where Moms ate free. We served 127 meals and raised \$300.00 for a local charity, Movers for Mom. They provide hygiene products, clothing, and other household items for homeless mothers.

Scottsdale Arizona Lodge 2148 held a blood drive with the American Red Cross at our facility on May 15, 2022. 52 people attempted with 47 actually able to donate.

Scottsdale Arizona Lodge 2148 in conjunction with American Legion Post 44, VFW Post 3513, Marine Corps 1479, Knights of Columbus Assembly #2824, and Boy Scout Troop 440 held Memorial Day Services downtown Scottsdale at the Civic Center Plaza. There were over 60 in attendance. Exalted Ruler, Anna Mineer, P.E.R. gave a Eulogy, Lynn Youngs, P.E.R. provided flowers from the Lodge. Program attached.

Scottsdale Arizona Lodge 2148 held a Memorial Day Barbecue on May 30, 2022 to honor our fallen heroes. Over 100 people attended, 20 vets were served free meals. \$1533.00 was raised for Americas Might Warriors.

Submitted by: Debra Clark, Lodge Secretary

“Sierra Vista Elks #2065 Presents Awards at Scholarship Night”

The Sierra Vista Elks Lodge #2065 Awarded three students with Scholarships on Monday, 23 May 2022 at the Buena Scholarship Night. We awarded Bianca Garcia with a \$2000 Most Valuable Student Award, Austin Cox, with a \$1,500 AEA MCS Award, and Miranda Ruiz with a \$2000 Award from the Lodge Past Exalted Ruler’s Association.



Submitted by: Shawnee Carlile, Exalted Ruler

“Sierra Vista Elks #2065 Flag Day Ceremony”

On Sunday, 12 June 2022, the Sierra Vista Elks Lodge honored and celebrated our Nations Flag. Scout Troop #444 presented the History of our Flag as read by South District Vice President Barry “Bear” Carlile Jr., our Guest Speaker and Loyal Knight Ed Mealy Jr. led the crowd in an inspiring song, and speech, and our Leading Knight Laura S. Davis read the response to the history. Other dignitaries included– Cochise County Sheriff Mark Dannels, and Sierra Vista Mayor Richard “Rick” Mueller who delivered the Flag Day Proclamation.

Submitted by: Shawnee Carlile, Exalted Ruler



“Prescott Elks #330 Sponsors Sewing Class for Youth”



Prescott Arizona Elks Lodge #330 in conjunction with Mountain Top Quilters Guild sponsors weekly sewing classes at the Lodge for youths ages 9 - 18 years. All supplies, materials and machines are donated and the teachers volunteer their time.

Submitted by: Diana Ramsey, Lodge Editor

Pictured L-R (back row) are: Teacher Janice Zolnierowicz, Anna-beth Roberts, Eliana Ritchie, Audrey Luukkonen, Lily Lukkonen, Teacher Diana Ramsey, (front row) Lola Aiello, Presley Dugan and Rylee Dugan.

“Raceway Elks #2852 Hosts Flag Day Ceremony”

On June 11, 2022, Raceway Lodge #2852 held the Flag Day Service, at pebble Creek Eagle Nest Ball Room, The Lodge Officers performed the service with pride in their hearts. John Stergulz PER gave the History of the Flag and Steve Cox Exalted Ruler doing the Response. Girl Scout Troup #6185 and #484 carried in the flags during the Flag History, the service was opened to the public with 6 Veterans 25 Elks, members of the Pebble Creek Republic club were also in attendance and all who were there said how impressed they were of the service and learning something new about our Flag. All who attended received a Flag lapel pin.

Submitted by: PDDGER William Buttram, Lodge PR Chairman



“Tucson Elks #385 Crafty Critters Sew for AEMP Kids of Steele”



The Tucson Elks Lodge #385 Crafty Critters group sewing items to be donated to Arizona Elks Major Projects Children’s Steele Center located in Tucson AZ

Submitted by: John Aceves, Lodge Secretary

“Lake Havasu City Elks #2399 Donate to Humane Society”

The Elkettes used funds from Pie sales to give the Western Human Society in Lake Havasu City \$500.00

Submitted by: Eva Fox, Lodge News Team

Pictured are Elkettes - Karen Ford & Chris Dukey with Patty Gilmore the WHS Executive Director



“Lake Havasu City Elks #2399 Donates to Food Bank”



The Elkettes used funds from Pie sales to donate \$500 to the Havasu Community Health Foundations Food Bank

Submitted by: Eva Fox, Lodge News Team

Pictured are Elkettes Karen Ford & Chris Dukey and HCHF'S Food Bank Manager Colleen Mattinson

“Page Elks #2498 Hosts Flag Day Ceremony and Flag Presentations ”

Page Elks #2498 celebrated Flag Day with a ceremony on 14 June 2022. At the ceremony, Page extended a thank you to newly chartered Scout Troop 7911, and Girl Scout Troop 6540, for their assistance in the Flag day Ceremony.

Submitted by: April Roush, Secretary



“Tucson Elks #385 ENF Charity Event with S. District VP”

Arizona Elks Association Vice President South Barry "Bear" Carlile Jr., PER and Lady Shawnee (LF) with ER Susan Trecartin (RT) during recent June 18, 2022 Tucson AZ Lodge #385 Laura's annual Hoedown ENF charity event.

Submitted by: John Aceves, PR Chairman



“Chandler Elks #2429 Hosts Father’s Day Ceremony and Meal”



On Sunday June 19th, the Chandler Elks Lodge #2429 had the pleasure of recognizing Dad's at its annual Father's Day Event. The day was planned and put together by the Elks Ladies and began by featuring special pricing on Mimosa's and Bloody Mary's.

The lodge officers, led by Exalted Ruler Taleen Carpenter conducted the Father's Day Ritual. Elks Ladies President Sheri Gorski recited “The Tribute to Fathers” as part of this ceremony.

Each father present received lunch that was prepared and served by the Elks Ladies which consisted of spaghetti and meatballs, salad, and garlic bread. Each dad was also entered into a raffle for Home Depot and Starbucks gift cards. Not to be forgotten was the delicious cookie, and complimentary bar chip that each dad received! Others present were also provided with lunch (with a voluntary donation being accepted).

We were happy to see the members present for this celebration. We were also happy to be able to visit with State President Mike Weishan, First Lady Kathy, and some of their family that were present for this event.



Submitted by: Taleen Carpenter, Exalted Ruler

“Casas Adobes Elks #2663 Flag Day Ceremony”

Lodge Officers performed our Flag Day Ceremony, along with the help of PER's and children, grandchildren of our members. All in attendance received a small American Flag and a Flag pin to wear.

Submitted by: Mary Shaffer PER, Exalted Ruler



“Casas Adobes Elks #2663 Memorial Day Event”

We finished the month of May with several Memorial Day events. Our Exalted Ruler attended the “Remembering Those We Have Lost” Memorial Ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery. During the Roll Call and Laying of Wreaths she presented and laid a wreath of behalf of Casas Adobes Lodge. Our Lodge Secretary, Don Baker and his wife drove Grand Marshall, Dan Marris, of KOLD in their decorated convertible during the Tucson Estates Memorial Parade.

The afternoon saw our Exalted Ruler at the Arizona State Veteran Home where a Memorial Day display had been setup in the foyer. Because of COVID precautions no event was held. The Home did make programs listing the names of residents who had died in the previous year and lit flameless candles to mark their passing. Residents visited throughout the day to pay their respects.

Submitted by: ~~Submitted by:~~ Mary Shaffer PER, Exalted Ruler

Pictured L-R:

Exalted Ruler, Mary Shaffer at the Evergreen Memorial Ceremony

Don Baker and his wife with Grand Marshall, Dan Marris, of KOLD and his sons

Display at the Arizona State Veteran Home-Tucson



“Chandler Elks #2429 Flag Day Ceremony”

Chandler Elks Lodge #2429 was proud to celebrate Flag day on June 14th. Mark Whitaker gave the History of the flags as each Sea Cadet carried a flag and placed it into position. We were honored to have Chandler Mayor Kevin Hartke attend our flag day ceremony. Every Elk finds deep significance in Flag Day, a day to acknowledge our great love for our country, our commitment to the well-being of fellow citizens, and our respect for the values and ideals that our nation's banner symbolizes.

Submitted by: Dick Garlic, Lodge Newsletter Editor



“Raceway Elks #2852 Hosts Father’s Day Ceremony”

On June 19, 2022, Raceway Elks held their annual Father’s Day Celebration and dinner. There were 17 that attended the service; 5 non-Elks, 6 Fathers in attendance , and all 6 were Elks. They all enjoyed pulled pork, coleslaw, macaroni salad, and beans with dessert. There was a raffle for the fathers that attended. This was a very enjoyable event for all that were there.

Submitted by: PDDGER William Buttram, PR Chairman

“Scottsdale Elks #2148 Hosts Charitable Events”

Scottsdale Elks #2148 held a Father's Day event in partnership with our Local Safeway #2716 to raise monies for one of our members going through cancer treatment. Safeway donated prime rib and other food items to help make the dinner a great success. The Lodge served 179 meals and raised over \$4500.00 for our member's medical costs.

Scottsdale Elks #2148 presented a check in the amount of \$500.00 to Vista Community Partners for the local food drive funding on Thursday, June 23, 2022. This was during one of our membership drive steak nights. This brought in 4 new applications to our ever growing membership.

Submitted by: Debra Clark, Lodge Secretary

“Sun City Elks #2559 Hosts Flag Day Ceremony”

Sun City Elks #2559 celebrated Flag Day on June 14, 2022, at 1:00pm in our Lodge meeting room. Approximately 75 people were in attendance.

Our Lodge Veterans carried the flags during the History of the Flag. Jose’ Cordero Torres came dressed in his Marine Corps uniform and escorted each Veteran flagbearer. Two of the flagbearers were Ernie Brothers, 98, and Ron Hayden, 94. See attached picture. All branches of the military were represented: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard.

Bill Patena, City of Peoria Councilman, gave an inspiring speech about the Flag of our Country.

Submitted by: Vicki Way, Public Relations



"Grand Lodge News"

Grand Lodge NEWSLETTER

Elks Care — Elks Share



Great job "Meeting the Challenge" in 2021-22

I have never found the following statement to be truer: "Time flies when you are having fun." The year comes to a close for Amy and I. We were truly blessed. We will be eternally grateful for the opportunity you gave us to serve this great Order, and you can count on our continued dedication to the Elks for as long as we are able to serve.

Throughout our year's travels, we were constantly surprised, thrilled, and astonished about all the fantastic individuals we met, as well as their support and dedication. Seeing all the many accomplishments the Lodges and state associations have achieved made both of us proud to be part of this organization.

We were very surprised at the number of friends we had made before this journey leading up to this year. It made



Message from the Grand Exalted Ruler

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our visits more comfortable to see old friends and, of course, we made many new friends as well. To witness first-hand the multiple State Major Projects, as well as the contributions that are being made in all Elks communities, is something neither one of us will ever forget.

This year has meant so much to Amy and me. The generosity and hospitality that was shown to us can never be repaid.

All the Members we met made us feel right at home and treated us like family.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my family for helping us unselfishly through this entire year. We missed some important family events, but they all understood the importance of the obligation that Amy and I had taken. I would have to say the toughest part of this year was not seeing the grandkids as much as we would have liked. But, this experience helped us realize how important our family is. It will make our future gatherings more special.

Finally, I would like to once again thank the love of my life, Amy. Without her love and support, none of this would have been possible. I am truly

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AEA SOCIAL WELFARE ANNUAL CHILDREN'S SHOPPING SPREE GOLF TOURNAMENT

**Saturday,
September 17,
2022**

**Union Hills Country
Club**
9860 W. Lindgren Ave.
Sun City, AZ 85373

\$80 per golfer

Four person

Scramble

Shotgun Start

7 AM

**Price includes 18 holes
of Golf/with Cart with
Lunch**

Putting Contest

**Longest Drive,
Closest to the Pin
50/50**

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blessed to have been able to not only serve the Elks, but to have Amy at my side through this wonderful journey.

We look forward to seeing everyone in Atlanta, and we hope and pray for safe travels to and from the annual Grand Lodge Convention. God bless you all, God bless the Elks, and God bless these United States of America.

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