



# Arizona Elks

## Major Projects



## July 2022 Newsletter

### The New AEMP Office Location

Our office is now located at 2262 W. Magee Rd in Tucson and just a few miles East from I-10 (use the Cortaro Farms exit). Our new digs are on the 2nd floor that is assessable via an elevator or stairs. The new location makes it much easier for those coming from out of town to visit the office.

The AEMP phone number remains the same (**520-326-0556**) but our new mailing address is **P.O. Box 91560, Tucson, AZ 85752**.

Any mail sent to our previous P.O. Box after May 31st will be forwarded to our new address until the end of the year.





**From the Desk of  
Executive Director  
Bruce C. Van Den Eng**

We have settled into our new office on Magee Road in Tucson and we're gearing up for an eventful Summer. By now the word should be out in our lodges about our new Calendar Raffle and every Arizona Elk should have received a raffle ticket request form in the mail.

However, it's been almost 60 days since we introduced the raffle, and the response has been rather light. I ask all lodges to encourage the sales of the tickets as it funds our support of the Steele Children's Research Center and the Youth Camp. All lodge ticket sales will apply to the lodge Per-Capita for the AEMP Community Rewards Program.

The raffle begins in November, but we'll have three early bird drawings at the Mid-Year Meeting in October. Those who get their tickets into our office before the Mid-Year Meeting will have the greatest number of opportunities to win.

In compliance with Grand Lodge Statute Section 16.150 to protect the privacy of our members the AEMP newsletter will not be posted to our AEMP website which is open to the public. The AEMP website is open to the public to allow the public to see what we do and provide a booking venue for the youth camp.

The AEMP newsletter and other AEMP messages will be sent to lodges and lodge members using the Constant Contact platform. Any Elk in good standing can request to receive the newsletter by sending an email to [info@azelksmp.com](mailto:info@azelksmp.com) with a copy of their membership card.





## AEMP at the Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta.

AEMP was well represented this year and our booth took home another **5 Star Award** from Grand Lodge. Many thanks to the following Elks who manned the booth: Dennis, Debra, Randy, and Janine Appel; Alex Arroyo, Steve and Alane Asp, Phil Cobb, Ira Cohen, John Doucette, Roy and Marsha Haddick, Jimm and Sue Krausman, Tom and Jim Miller, Georgio Phillips, and Susan Trecartin.

A lot of AEMP swag was purchased by convention attendees and those net proceeds help fund our projects.



PDDGER's Tom Miller, Ira Cohen, and Sue Krausman manning the AEMP booth.

# Our Commitment to the Steele Children's Research Center is Steadfast

## Our New Effort For Steele

AEMP has committed to a 2.5 million dollar gift to Steele over the next 5 years that is targeted at three areas: Brain Development, Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD) Research, and the training of future doctors and scientists.

AEMP presented a \$300,000 donation to the Steele Children's Research Center at our state convention in Tempe in May.



Pictured from left to right are: PGER Robert L. Duitsman, GER T. Keith Mills, AEA President Charyll McKean, Director of Steele Children's Research Center, Dr. Ghishan, AEMP Executive Director, Bruce C. Van Den Eng, and AEMP President, John Doucette



# Jack C. Warter Jr, Youth Camp

## Great New Additions to the Camp!

Our camp has two new activities for the kids to enjoy. An axe throwing range, complete with safety style axes and targets was donated by an individual wishing to remain anonymous and an archery range was built by the Tempe Foothills Ward Young Men's Group.



Campers enjoying both of the newest camp activities



The Tempe Foothills Ward Young Men's Group that built the archery range

# AEMP Calendar Raffle!

Introducing the AEMP Calendar Raffle with 155 chances to win a cash prize.

Tickets are \$10.00 each or three tickets for \$20.00 and are not eligible to win until the ticket stub with payment is received by the AEMP office in Tucson.

Tickets were issued to every lodge during our May convention in Tempe. Be sure to get your tickets before the drawings begin to have the greatest number of chances to win. Tickets can also be requested using the AEMP raffle ticket mailer that has been sent to all Arizona Elks or by contacting the AEMP office to have a ticket request form emailed. All tickets (sold or unsold) must be received by the AEMP office by March 30, 2023.

Starting on November 1, 2022, and ending on March 31, 2023, a winning ticket will be drawn for every day of that month. However, an "early bird" drawing of three tickets will be done during the AEA Mid-Year Meeting in October 2022.

Winning tickets will be selected by a random drawing made by the Executive Director of AEMP on the last day of the month starting in November 2022. The winners will receive a check by mail and their names will be posted in the AEMP newsletter. Each Calendar Raffle ticket can only be drawn once as a "single" winner however, all previous winning tickets will be eligible for the grand finale.

## Ticket Prizes are as follows:

Monday to Friday Winners are \$25

Saturday and Sunday Winners are \$50

Holiday Winners are \$100 (Nov 11, Dec 26, Jan 16, Feb 16 & 17, Mar 31)

Three Early Bird Winners are \$150 (Oct TBA)

Two Grand Finale Winners are \$500 (Mar 31)

AEMP will mail the winner's check to the address listed on the ticket stub by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month. **It is imperative that each ticket stub is completely filled out by the purchaser, to avoid any delays in receiving their winnings.** The tickets are serial numbered and AEMP will maintain "chain of custody" for every raffle ticket to ensure ticket accountability is maintained.

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The monthly winners will be listed in the monthly AEMP newsletter that is posted on the AEMP website. Lodge members can request to receive the newsletter by completing the newsletter request located at the bottom of the home page on the AEMP website ([azelksmp.com](http://azelksmp.com)).

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February 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			1	2	3	4

November 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		1	2	3	4	5

March 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	29	30	31	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
			1	2	3	4

December 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				1	2	3

January 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
8	9	10	11	12	13	14

\$25 Daily
\$50 Weekend
\$100 Holiday
2-\$500 Prizes

No. 0000001



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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Your Lodge (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Member# (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Sample Ticket – Front and Back



# Steele Children's Research Center

## Donations to Steele

### Books, Blankets & Beanies

Steele has asked that we take a "pause" with our donations of books until October. However, they need diapers, wipes, and gift cards (\$10 to \$20). Any donations for Steele can be mailed to our new post office box (PO Box 91560, Tucson, 85752) or dropped off at the new AEMP office. Please contact the office before visiting to ensure the office is open.

During the May convention, we received gift cards with a total value \$1,655 from lodges and individuals for Steele. Additionally, a mountain of toys, books, diapers, and wipes grew as the convention was held. The mountain was so big that a large motor home was needed to transport everything back to Tucson. A huge thank you to John Olson of Tucson East #2532 for saving the day with the "diaper express" mobile.

Lodge's wishing to bring donations to the AEA conventions in Tempe are asked to contact the AEMP office before doing so, as the volume of lodge donations can easily overwhelm us, as it did during the May convention this year. Lodges in the greater Tucson area are encouraged to drop off any donations at our office.



# The Jewelry Project

Several months ago, a plan was hatched to find a way to give the children receiving treatment at the various Steele Clinic's to get a Mother's Day gift for their mom. The word went out statewide for donations of costume jewelry that could be used as those gifts.

The response has been overwhelming with donations pouring in from all over the state. Due to the enthusiasm for this project, we are asking lodges and individuals to stop collecting jewelry as we now have enough to last a few years and our storage ability is limited.

There is so much jewelry we want to spread it to lodges around the state to distribute at other clinics. **Lodges and individuals wishing to participate in the distribution effort are asked to contact the AEMP office.** Those lodges requesting jewelry will receive a large plastic tub with each piece of jewelry in its own box.

Diane Skorupski is spearheading this effort and she needs help sorting, cleaning, and boxing the jewelry. Those wishing to help are asked to contact Diane or the AEMP office.



# Who's Who in AEMP

## AEMP Board of Directors

President	John Doucette	Tucson East # 2532
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Secretary	Sheila Stephenson	Kearny # 2478
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North	Roy Haddick	Bullhead City # 2408
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## AEMP Staff

Executive Director	Bruce C. Van Den Eng	Casas Adobes #2663
Administrative Assistant	Ursula Woods	Casas Adobes #2663
Financial Advisor	Bob Burns	Tucson East #2532
Statutory Agent	Tom Sylvester	Tucson East #2532

## AEMP District Representatives

East	Randy Appel	Chandler #2429
North	Richard Kimberly	Sedona #2291
South	Richard Ross	Douglas #955
West	Robert Gleason	Sun City #2559

## AEMP Camp Advisory Committee

Chairman	Dennis Appel	Chandler #2429
South	Lee Cook	Catalina Mtn #2815
North	TBD	
South	Tom Miller	San Manuel #2007
West	Larry Bodwell	Phoenix #335

## AEMP Camp Scholarship Advisor

Ed Warner	Globe-Miami #489
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