

Arizona Elks News

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

Members All:

Hard to believe over half of 2022 year is behind us. But now with school starting up again, and a lot of our out-of-town members are coming back over the next couple of months, things will start picking up and will be booming once again in Elkdom. Your Lodge committee people are going to get busy with various projects with the local schools and the programs we provide for students as well as other projects around the lodge we all do to give us the resources needed for those in our community as well as Veterans, and others in need. I ask all members to talk with their Lodge committee people and ask them if you can be of some help with their committees. Remember, "teamwork" is essential in achieving success.



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The 2022 Elks National Convention which took place in Atlanta during the July 4th week, was a very successful, and informative convention. Arizona was well represented. I would like to again congratulate the four new District Deputies from Arizona that were installed during the convention-

Mari Slocum - East,
Marsha Haddick- North
Steven Asp- South
Gary Gist- West

Thank you all for your leadership. Phoenix #335 ritual team came up just a little short in the ritual contest but nonetheless represented Arizona with a solid performance. And a big hearty congratulations also go out to Diane Bodwell, and Brad Lucas for their runner-up placing in the flag charge contest and the 11:00 toast contest respectively.

And- Arizona came home with some hardware that our lodges and members earned over last year. In Division 4 All American Lodge second place went to Sierra Vista lodge # 2065. Division 5 All American Lodge 1st Place went to Casa Grande Valley Lodge#1957. What an outstanding job done by those two lodges!! Congratulations to you both on achieving this most honorable award.

Our AEA website received ANOTHER five Star award which I believe makes 5 years in a row for us winning five stars. Keep doing it Bear. You're the best! Our AEA newsletter won a five-star award also. Shawnee Carlisle... you ROCK!!! Sierra Vista Lodge # 2065 won a five-star award for their Lodge website. The State of Arizona finished 4th nationally in membership gain. And our Arizona Elks Major Projects booth won a 5 Star award at the convention for their outstanding presentation and display. And finally, Casas Adobes Lodge #2663 finished second place with their Community Service project.



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ARIZONA ELKS ASSOCIATION 2022-2023 STATE OFFICERS

PRESIDENT:

Mike Weishan

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

Congratulations to all of the individuals and lodges for accomplishing these wonderful awards. On behalf of the membership in the State of Arizona, we are very proud of all of you. Thank You!

I also want to give a special thanks to the people behind the scenes who make our travel, our stay, and our hospitality room the best it could possibly be. A tremendous amount of time and work goes into the success and comfort we enjoy every year as Arizona Elks. Past State President and Special Deputy Jerry Grimes and his wife Linda, and Past State President Ed Leuer and his wife PDDGER Janet, Thank You all for what you do for us. We are very grateful!

And finally, I must say it was an honor and a privilege to carry the Arizona flag across the stage of the Elks National Convention representing all of our members and our great state.

It was truly a wonderful experience, and I had a bunch of fun doing it believe me!

I'm so grateful for the support everyone has given Kathy and I and we are looking forward to the new adventures and experiences that lie ahead of us as we make our way around the state during the rest of our year.

**** God Bless ****

Fraternally,

Mike Weishan- President
Arizona Elks Association



“AEA Secretary Message ”

Members All:

Tim and I had the privilege of attending the Grand Lodge Convention in Atlanta, GA. Due to the fact that all of you, our great AEA Members, worked so hard last year to increase membership, our State was awarded a Certificate for finishing 4th in the nation for membership gain. I, along with our AEA Membership Chair, Jerry Ingram, had the honor of accepting that award on behalf of the AEA. The award was given to Jerry Ingram to display at Chandler Lodge.

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.



Charyll McKean
AEA Secretary/Executive Director



“Phoenix Elks #2450 Hosts Multiple Events in May”

Phoenix Elks Lodge #335 has been busy helping our community. To celebrate Youth Week, we held a dinner and award presentation. Scholarships of \$32,000 in total were awarded to Jack Miller, Maggie Mae Dethlefsen, Abhinav Vishnuvajhala, Dylan Walia, Emma Claus, Ariel Sanchez Perez, Thomas Koska, Jordan Davis-Wiley, Madison Kalinowski, Karasi Colter, Tyson Speck and Aiden Paul. We also honored our Americanism Essay winners, Sienna Esposito, Tita Na'a, and Olivia Rivas who excelled at writing about “What does it mean to love your country?” PDDGER Bill Darr awarded drug awareness poster contest winners Max Krich and Dylan Herman. Our youth volunteer of the year was Claire Miller, trustee of the Antlers and chair of youth community service. She led the Antlers to deliver over 100 Christmas care packages to the homeless.

We held a ceremony to celebrate our resident Scout Troop #607 and recognized their contributions. Scout Brody Haas achieved Eagle Scout including his National Outdoor Camping Scout with 88 nights. Trenton Mukai also achieved Eagle Scout celebrating his successful project highlighting the need to protect native honeybees.

On Memorial Day, Phoenix Lodge 335 Exalted Ruler Clem Brown joined many citizens to honor the men and women that sacrificed themselves to defend our liberties. Each year, the Phoenix ER places a wreath at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona. God bless all that have given of themselves and their families to protect us all.

Submitted by: Linda Thompson, Lodge Secretary



“Yuma Elks #476 Hosts Student Awards Banquet”

Yuma Elks Lodge 476 held an Awards Banquet honoring local high school graduates. Nineteen scholarships totaling more than \$37,000.00 were given out by the Lodge from the Elks National Foundation, Arizona Elks Association, the Past Exalted Rulers Association, and the Lodge Golf Committee.

Submitted by; Jim Thompson, Loyal Knight

“Coolidge-Florence Elks #2350 Presents School Awards”

The Coolidge-Florence Elks Lodge was please to present 15 Outstanding 8th Graders with Certificates and \$50 checks.

Submitted by; Angela Shenk



Jonathan Palmer, Seanna Tapia, Blake Williams, Juilauna Martinez, Izabella Harris, Samuel Newman, Addyson Atwell, Corinthian Carrol, Nathaniel Naegle, Sophia Lopez and Jonah Taylor (not pictured Jocelyn Kirck, Victor Garcia, Miroslava Vazquez and Ethan Whittle)

“Coolidge-Florence Elks #2350 MVS Awards”

The Coolidge-Florence Elks Lodge was please to present 5 Most Valuable Student Scholarships of \$500.

Submitted by;
Angela Shenk

Bryelin Wallner, Katie Jone, Isabelle Clare and Destiny Duerson (not pictured Atalaya Sanger)



“Payson Elks #2154 Raises Funds for Adults with Special Needs”

A huge thank you to Don and Candy Brooks for sponsoring the All-Star Showcase fundraising event for our Special Needs Adults. \$1,500 was raised as Elk members dined and enjoyed the showcase of singers throughout the evening. The funds raised will provide food, games, and fellowship for these adults and their families and is geared toward their special needs.

A fun night was had by all! Thank you to all the people who participated by singing and donating.

Submitted by: Beverly Cunningham



“Page Elks #2498 Features Elroy the Elk at Community Parade”

With 20 Volunteers plus Elroy T. Elk, our Page Community Parade was a smashing success! Elroy T. Elk met with several Community Members as well as passed out candy to young children. The float was Patriotically Themed and held Veteran Elks, Elk Members as well as their children.

Submitted by: April Roush, Lodge Secretary



“Tucson Elks #385 Hosts Christmas in July Event”

This evening, July 7, 2022, as our extended thank you to the Tucson AZ Street Rod Association (TSRA) for their generous donation of \$2,500.00 to sponsor the Elks Lodge 385 Cloth A Child program.

Twice a year the Elks Lodge #385 Cloth A Child program takes 25 elementary children on a clothing shopping spree, then treats them for lunch at the Lodge, afterwards gives each child a backpack stuffed with school supplies and then a new bicycle to take home provided by Bike In A Box From Lugo Charities.

Submitted by: John Aceves, Lodge Secretary

Photo, Myles Brown - TSRA, Wayne Burns - Past Exalted Ruler Elks Lodge #385, Jesse Lugo - TSRA Member and Trustee Elks Lodge #385



“Prescott Elks #330 Raffles Quilt to Purchase Books for Local Library”

Prescott Elks Lodge #330 raffled a quilt to raise money for the Yavapai County Librarian, Suzy Roth, for the purchase of new books for local area school libraries. The quilt was donated to the Elks by Mountain Top Quilters Guild and helped raise \$400 for the project. Elks member, Judy Adams, was the winner of the raffle and got to take home this lovely quilt.

Submitted by: Bobbie Knorr

Diana Ramsey Elks Youth Activities Chair and Suzy Roth, Yavapai County Librarian



“Prescott Elks #330 Flag Day Ceremony”



Prescott Elks Lodge #330 celebrated Flag Day with a ceremony read by Elk member Diana Ramsey while Scout Troop #330 presented our national flags used over our Country's history. Nathan James, age 12, 1st place winner for Musical Theater and 3rd place for Drama at the Prescott Center for the Arts 2022 Youth Competition, sang "the Battle Hymn of the Republic." A lively Pizza Party followed the ceremony at the Lodge.

Submitted by: Bobbie Knorr

“Catalina Mountain Elks #2815 Most Valuable Student Ceremony”

The Elks National Foundation, Most Valuable Student, recognizes top high school graduates with \$ 2.5 million in scholarship awards. Catalina Mountain Elks Lodge 2815 is proud to announce and extend congratulations to five Oro Valley, high school graduates who are recipients of an Arizona Elks Association \$ 2,000.00 scholarship award. An Award ceremony and luncheon were held at the lodge for the five recipients and their families on May 7th.

The following students received this award for their exemplary performance in: academic achievements, leadership skills & awards, participation in community activities, and strong family contributions. (All five students have been accepted with scholarships to the universities of their choice.)

Submitted by: Jim Beregi

Left to Right: Scholarship Chairman: Roger Mastro, Recipients: Alexander Nelson, Mark Andricopoulos, Zachery Russo, Journey Fleishman, Lori Abrams Counselor at Push Ridge Christian Academy representing Camille Beeson (not present) Background Exalted Ruler Monty Derting



“Lake Havasu City Elks #2399 Donates Grants to Charities”

The Elks Spotlight/Gratitude Grant, in the amount of \$5,000.00 went to the Clothes Closet.

The Elks Lodge #2399 in Lake Havasu City, AZ donated their Beacon Grant, in the amount of \$4,000.00 to Parks and Recreation for their After School Program.



Pictured are: Exalted Ruler Paulette Nanteau, Parks and Recreation Director Mike Keane and Elks Grant Administrator PER Debbie Herd.



Pictured are: Exalted Ruler Paulette Nanteau, Clothes Closet Coordinator Christine Watson-Buntemeyer, and Elks Grant Administrator PER Debbie Herd.

Submitted by: Eva Fox, Lodge News Team

“Tucson East Elks #2532 Elks Riders Help Raise Mental Health Awareness”



The Elks Riders at it again. Our Riders got word that an entrepreneur in Willcox Arizona was opening a shop filled with fresh goodies, local favorites and dedicating their success to mental health awareness had been in need of some craftsmanship to display information, dispel stigmas and promote the need for education around mental health awareness. The shop named The Corner Store Sweets & Boutique is a place to stop by while in Wilcox. Riders gathered the funds and quickly began work to create a display in mental health awareness green to help promote the efforts of this small business and promote the importance of helping others in need.

Submitted by: PSP Rich Botkin, PR Chairman

Picture taken of Elks Rider Rocky Shamburg and Owner Sandy Lopez. Ribbon cutting with owners Sandy Lopez and Amber Williams.

“Yuma Elks #476 Donates Water to Food Bank”

Yuma Elks Lodge 476 donated 3 pallets of water to the Yuma Community Food Bank.

Submitted by: Jim Thompson, Loyal Knight

Pictured are Ursula Gist, Elks Auxiliary member, Shara Whitehead, president and CEO of Yuma Community Food Bank, and Sheryl Christenson, Exalted Ruler Yuma Elks Lodge.



“Lake Havasu Elks #2399 Donates to DAV Resource Fund”



The Elks Senior Bowlers made a donation to the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 27 in the amount of \$1,000.00 for their Veteran Resource Fund. These funds are used to aid local disabled military Veterans and their families when they need help.

Submitted by; Eva Fox, Lodge News Team

Pictured are: DAV Past Commander Frank Blain and Elks Senior Bowler 50/50 raffle chair Jerry Gillen.

“Tucson East Elks #2532 Participates in 4th of July Parade”

Tucson East celebrated the 4th of July with a parade through the neighborhood. A total of 15 cars & trucks plus the Elk Riders had 10 motorcycles all displaying the flag. The community came out and waved flags and cheered the parade.

Submitted by; PSP Rich Botkin, PR Chairman

Pictured at the start of the parade is right to left Gavin Botkin, Retired Navy Veteran Ernie Dole, and Retired Air Force Veteran Calvin Payne



“Casas Adobes Elks #2663 Wins 2nd Place Community Service Project”



Casas Adobes took 2nd place nationally for our Community Service Project. As a Lodge we worked two Homeless Veteran Standdowns one in August and another in March. Our Lodge members purchased hygiene items, spent numerous days assembling the hygiene kits, helped with the Standdown setup and takedown and worked the hygiene booth.

Submitted by; Mary Shaffer PER, Exalted Ruler

Pictured L to R: William M Wiseman, Area 7 Activities Committee and Mary Shaffer, Casas Adobes Exalted Ruler at the Atlanta GL Convention

“Lake Havasu Elks #2339 Donates to Youth Theater Charity”



Partial proceeds from a concert held by the Elkettes at the Elks Lodge #2399 in Lake Havasu City, AZ were given to Grace Arts Youth Theatricals in the name of Lauren Blane. The \$400 donation will be used for youth scholarships.

Submitted by: Eva Fox, Lodge News Team

Pictured: cast of Seussical with Director/Choreographer Lauren Blain (left) and Eva Fox Elkettes and Concert Chair.

“Bullhead City Elks #2408 Elk of the Month”

Elk of the Month was awarded to Diane Daily for June 2022

Submitted by: Debbie Cantril



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



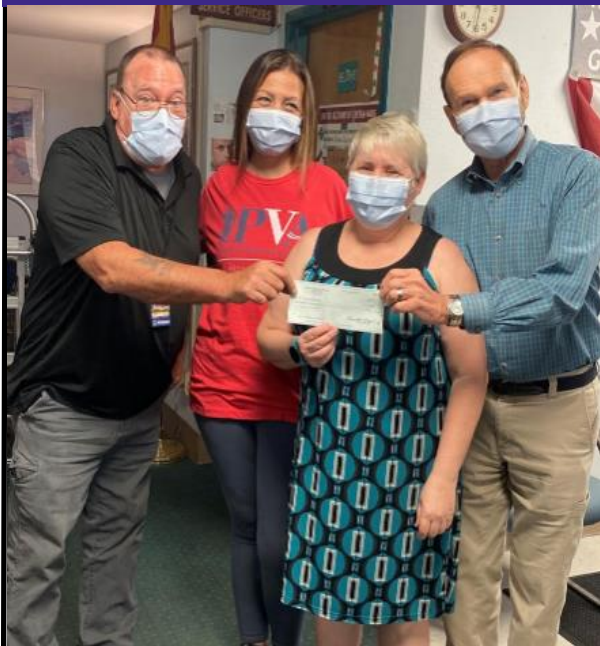
The Flag Day Ritual was held at the Casa Grande Lodge on June 14, 2022. The Honor Guard of the HOHP of Pinal County assisted with the presentation of the colors.

Submitted by: Donna Johnson, Secretary



Elks
National
Foundation

“Phoenix Elks #335 Hosts Multiple Events in June”



Led by Veteran's Committee member Karen Seaman, on June 27th, 2022, three bags of clothes were donated and delivered to the Arizona Paralyzed Veterans office in Phoenix.

On June 27, 2022, Elks Dawn Quinn and Karen Seaman delivered a check from the Phoenix Elks Lodge #335 to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), for \$1,100.00, as a donation to the Community Living Center. The CLC is an extended-care service which is available to eligible veterans, providing them and their families with great flexibility in their care choices. This CLC provides a nursing home atmosphere with a communal atmosphere, and a wonderful recreation room lots of entertainment .

Submitted by: Linda Thompson

Pictured: CLC volunteer Mike Herbert, Elk Dawn Quinn, CLC Penny Craft and CLC Mike Achey.

“Chandler Elks #2429 Provides Support to Veterans Organization ”

The Nation of Patriots is an independent, non-partisan, 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization formed in 2009 to promote awareness of and financial support to veterans and their dependents, who have served since 1965 and have at least a 50% VA disability (including PTSD).

Each year the Nation of Patriots organizes a national effort that pays tribute to and honors all of America's Armed Forces – Past, Present and Fallen. This united effort is known as The Patriot Tour. Beginning in mid-May, an escort of motorcycle riders for each state carries the American Flag through all 50 states until its final stop in mid-September.

Our Chandler Elks Lodge has been a major supporter of the NOP in Arizona since 2018 and has cumulatively raised over \$60,000 for grants to veterans in our state. During 2022 our Chandler Elks Riders, Lodge and Members donated over \$16,000 toward this worthy cause.

This year we were honored that Members Steve and Mary Like were designated as the Arizona Flag Bearers! Together with the other members of the Arizona Flag Escort Team, they took possession of the NOP Flag in Winslow, AZ and safely carried it to events in Winslow, Show Low, Chandler, Payson, Williams and Kingman before turning over the Flag to the Nevada Flag Escort and completing their mission.

We are so proud of the many Chandler Elks Members who welcomed the Flag to our Lodge on July 13. It was one of the largest events of the Arizona portion of the tour. What a great tribute to American Patriotism!

Submitted by: Dick Garlic

AEA Veterans Committee News

Arizona Elks Association



July 10, 2022

Members all,

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.

Fraternally,

Mary

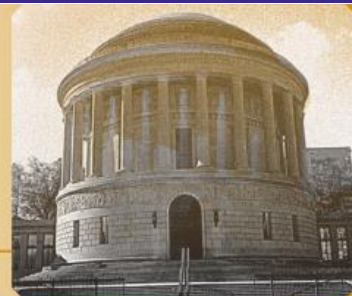
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“Grand Lodge News”



Grand Lodge NEWSLETTER

Elks Care — Elks Share



Staying focused, but bringing enthusiasm

After receiving the distinct honor of being elected as your Grand Exalted Ruler by the convention delegates in Atlanta, my wife Helen and I are extremely humbled and honored to represent our great Order of Elks this year.

Throughout my 42 year journey in the Elks, I have been blessed by the aid and support of many, many great people. Together, Helen and I owe a great debt of gratitude to our family, friends, and to you, our fellow Elks. Each one of you has been there for us in one way or another, and Helen and I thank you very much for everything. To my lovely wife Helen, you are the most superb, supportive, and devoted wife anyone could ask for. Truly, thank you! I am forever grateful!

For the 2022-2023 Elks Year, my



**Message from
the Grand
Exalted Ruler
BRUCE A.
HIDLEY**

theme is, *“Promoting Elkdome with Enthusiasm!”* This theme represents the commitment that Helen and I have made to travel wherever we can across our great nation, to work as hard as we can to support our Local Lodges, in *promoting* the programs of Elkdome with tremendous and overwhelming *enthusiasm* in their communities.

A fundamental funding source of *“Promoting Elkdome with Enthusiasm”*

is the Elks National Foundation (ENF). Last year, the ENF budget totaled over \$39.8 million. Think of the impact that the \$39.8 million has had on your State Association and Local Lodges in funding the various Elks programs that stress healthy and active lifestyles for our youth, fulfilling the Elks’ pledge to always remember our veterans (past and present) who defended our freedoms that we enjoy, and providing millions of dollars in grants in the communities where we live and work. For the 2022-2023 Elks Year, my goal is that the ENF personal donation will once again be \$4.80 per Member. Elks Members have proved over and over again their commitment to meeting this per-capita goal, and

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GRAND LODGE FRATERNAL COMMITTEE

Winners named in 2021-22 All American Lodge contest

By ANTHONY J. DARDANO

Committee Member

The top three Contest “A” — All American Lodges have been chosen in each division. After listing the top 10 in each division in the July Grand Lodge Newsletter, the judges have chosen the top three in each division and announced them at Grand Lodge in Atlanta on Tuesday morning at the Business Session.

Congratulations to all Lodges that participated in Contest “A.” You are all winners. Your Lodge is better because of your participation.

Here are the top three awards for Lodges in each division.

Division I — [1-150 Members]

- 1st Place Crestview, FL Lodge No. 2624
- 2nd Place Norfolk, VA Lodge No. 38
- 3rd Place Norfolk, NE Lodge No. 653

Division II — [151 to 225 Members]

- 1st Place Santa Monica, CA Lodge No. 906
- 2nd Place Kearny, NJ Lodge No. 1050
- 3rd Place Roxboro, NC Lodge No. 2005

Division III — [226 to 300 Members]

- 1st Place Forks, WA Lodge No. 2524
- 2nd Place Bridgeport, PA Lodge No. 714
- 3rd Place Howell, NJ Lodge No. 2515

Division IV — [301 to 450 Members]

- 1st Place Roseville, CA Lodge No. 2248
- 2nd Place Sierra Vista, AZ Lodge No. 2065
- 3rd Place Louisville, KY Lodge No. 8

Division V — [451 to 700 Members]

- 1st Place Casa Grande Valley, AZ Lodge No. 1957
- 2nd Place St. Louis, MO Lodge No. 9
- 3rd Place Lake Hopatcong, NJ Lodge No. 782

Division VI — [701 Members and up]

- 1st Place Orange, CA Lodge No. 1475
- 2nd Place Fayetteville-Springdale, AR Lodge No. 1987
- 3rd Place Ballard (Seattle), WA Lodge No. 827

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I’m sure that we will all look toward *“Promoting Elkdome with Enthusiasm”* to achieve that \$4.80 per Member goal. Please accept my sincere thank you to the entire membership, in advance, for your ongoing tireless efforts for ENF.

Since Lodge membership is absolutely vital to the success of our great Order of Elks, I strongly encourage you to focus on obtaining a +1 in membership. In addition to seeking new qualified Members, please also work with your Lodge Membership Retention Chairperson to get our stray Elks back into our Order. Membership is the life blood of our organization. By *“Promoting Elkdome with Enthusiasm”* within our communities, we will attract residents who will want to become proud Members.

Perhaps it was best said by the simple words of American automotive pioneer and founder and namesake of the Chrysler Corporation, Walter Chrysler, “The real secret of success is enthusiasm.”

Helen and I are excited and proud to travel to each state to see and commend the great work you are doing in your State Associations and Local Lodges. We look forward to meeting as many Elks as we can and making new, lifetime friends as we travel.