



Arizona Elks

Major Projects



August 2022 Newsletter

Please Take Note

The AEMP phone number remains the same (520-326-0556) but our new mailing address is **P.O. Box 91560, Tucson, AZ 85752**. I ask all lodges to update their records to reflect the change. Anything sent to our old PO Box will be forwarded to our new PO Box but that adds significant delays, and that service will expire soon.

In order to ensure we receive everything that is mailed to us, please send any mail to our PO Box and not to our physical address. Anything that is sent to our physical address can be easily lost or stolen as our building does not have a mailbox.





**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 with a copy of their membership card.



Steele Children's Research Center News

The Pea Pod has arrived!

Thanks to the tremendous financial support of the Arizona Elks, Dr. Christina Valentine and our Neonatology team are proud to announce the arrival of the Pea Pod body composition machine.

This machine is the first in Arizona and will be used for clinical and research purposes. Our team will measure the growth of a baby's lean mass and fat free mass, which impact the baby's outcomes in development and metabolic health leading to healthier children.

THANK YOU, Arizona Elks Major Projects for your continued support and generosity for funding this machine. We couldn't have done this without **YOU!**



Dr. Valentine is in the foreground with her Neonatology team behind her.:

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 10th 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.

The purchase of tickets does not qualify with the IRS as a charitable donation.

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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).

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

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Member# (if applicable) _____

Phone # _____

Email Address _____

Sample Ticket – Front and Back

Donations to the Steele Children's Research Center

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 we are here to greet you.

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

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 continues to spearhead 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

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|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| President | John Doucette, PER | Tucson East # 2532 |
| Vice President | John Fuller, PER | Yuma #476 |
| Secretary | Sheila Stephenson, PDDGER | Kearny # 2478 |
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| South | Allen Swope | Tucson East #2532 |
| East | Dennis Appel, PDDGER | Chandler # 2429 |
| North | Thomas C. DiSisto, PER | Jerome # 1361 |
| North | Roy Haddick, PDDGER | Bullhead City # 2408 |
| Member At Large | Albert S. Kayal, PDDGER | Phoenix #335 |
| Ex-Officio Member | Mike Weishan, PDDGER | Chandler #2429 |

AEMP Staff

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

AEMP District Representatives

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

AEMP Camp Advisory Committee

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

AEMP Camp Scholarship Advisor

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| Ed Warner, PDDGER | Globe-Miami #489 |
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