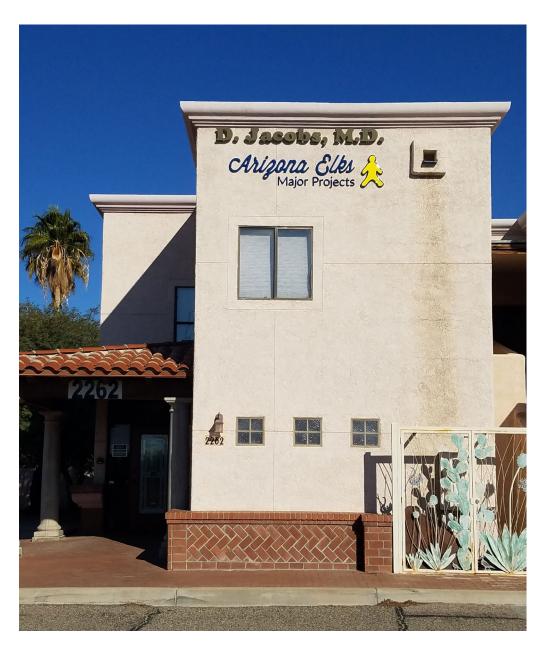


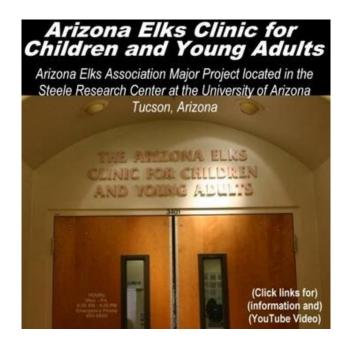
MARCH 2025 Newsletter

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We are Elks, Caring for All! As we end this Elk Year, we continue fundraising in the research towards stamping out Disease's and developing places for our future children to play. We are working diligently to accomplish so much for our Future Leaders. We have seen progress and know we have so much more to do! I thank all the Arizona Elks, Lodges and organization contributing to this worthwhile Major Projects.



So, what have we done and Continue to Do? We are celebrating our 32nd year associated with the Steele Center and have contributed nearly \$10 million to date. AEMP also owns and operates a youth camp open to all organized youth groups in the State of Arizona. This is a true wilderness camp with some cell service and Internet for the Group and Camp Leaders.



We have raised funds to purchase 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 lead to healthier children. Thanks to the Arizona Elks Major Projects for your continued support and generosity for you!



Pictured Left to Right: Krystina Diaz, Dr Christina Valentina, Dr. Payez Ghishan, and PSP Richard Botkin

Lodges are still doing AEMP Fundraising. Tucson 385 had a Spaghetti Dinner and raised money for AEMP. Crafty Critters has made this beautiful Quit which will be Raffle Off at the May Convention.





Teen Morgan along with Members of Crafty Critters, AEMP President Michael Giannetta selling these Quilted items. All Proceeds go to AEMP.

FUNDRAISERS IN SUPPORT OF ARIZONA ELKS MAJOR PROJECTS

You're invited to attend the Superheroes for Emily Fundraising Bash

When: Saturday, 22 March 2025. Cocktail hour at 5:00pm. Dinner at 6:00pm

Where: Tucson East Elks Lodge #2532

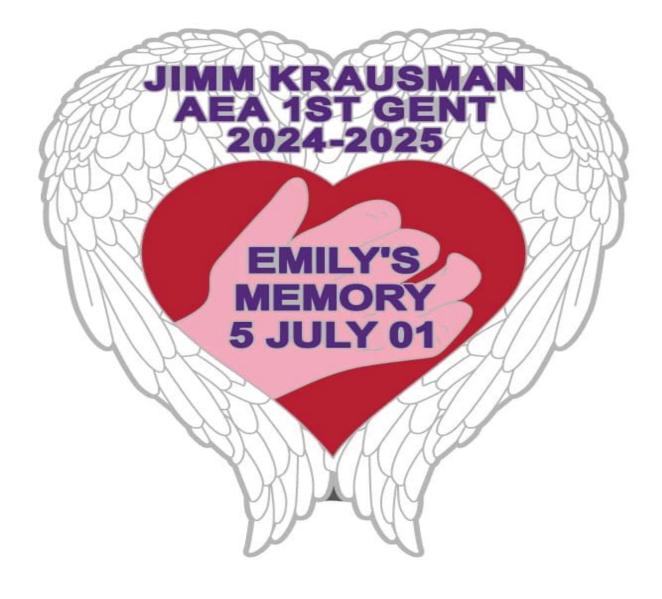
Menu: Salad, Brisket, beans, veg, cornbread & dessert

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Theme: Superhero / Patriotic

Proceeds will benefit the AEA 1st Gentleman's fundraising endeavor: "Remembering Emily: Tackling Pediatric Cancer"

RSVP Information: Signup sheets will be available 15 February to 15 March 2025. Please contact the AEMP office to sign-up and pay for the event or pay in person at the Lodge. Phone 520-326-0556/ 615 S. Pantano Road, Tucson, AZ





Written By Our First Gent Jim Krausman

This beautiful baby is Emily Victoria Laaff. She grabbed my heart some 23 years and 7 months ago. She was only a part of my life for 7 months, but her smile, her tiny arms reaching out to me and her incredible full belly laugh are etched in my memory. Emily was taken from her Mother Deborah Laaff and her Father Andres and me on July 5th 2001. Taken by cancer, Leukemia to be exact. Deborah called me Emily's magic man, because with one deep look and a little smile she could make me sing and act a fool, just to hear her laugh, to see her tiny arms reach out. I think of Emily whenever I am near U of Arizona Steele Children's Research Center/Dept. of Pediatrics and as Arizona Elks President Sue's 1st Gent, I am making Pediatric Cancer research my quest, in the name of Emily. There is a cure in the future, it just takes money to get there. Every dollar we raise is a dollar closer. But the effort needs thoughts, words and deeds as well. Less than 10% of the Cancer research being done is focused on children. They don't have a voice. Help me be the voice for Emily and every child like her. Just saying a prayer and wearing my lapel pin can help. I will post an address for Steele if you want to go directly to them. Working on Credit Card collection efforts through Steele as well. I can say that in just a few days I have \$1,240 raised. God Bless these generous folks and know that I will be remembering Emily to all who will listen or read for the next year.

By Richard Ross PDDGER: Since the First Time I sent this out I know a lot more has been raised. The Superhero Emily Fundraising Bash is coming up. Read the flyer above and reserve your Spot for this worthy Cause. Contact the number above and Help us Fight for a Cure!

Jack Warter Jr Arizona Youth Camp <u>Reopens in April 2025.</u>

Start Planning and let us know That Your Lodge is Coming to Open the Camp in April will be here sooner than you think.

Remember that all your financial support for the camp that is designated for the Youth Camp goes to the Youth Camp. We will share more information about the Camp as we get closer to April 2025!



Community Grant Award 2024–2025

The Community Rewards Program (CRP) provides \$1,000 to every lodge that meets the \$8 per capita (p/c) donation amount to AEMP this Elk year. The CRP awarded funds are available to those lodges the following Elk year. All lodge CRP applications are due to the AEMP office by September 30th of each year. Congratulations to the following 26 lodges have already surpassed the per-capita amount as of February 1, 2025

Lodge	District	P/C Amount	
Ajo	South	19.78	
Apache Junction	East	30.01	
Bullhead City	North	10.11	
Casa Grande	East	17.57	
Cat Mountain	South	22.33	
Chandler	East	28.74	
Chino Valley	North	36.61	
Douglas	South	16.63	
Flagstaff	North	10.56	
Fountain Hills	East	11.61	
Gilbert	East	20.23	
Jerome	North	13.30	
Kearny	East	37.08	
Page	North	19.18	
Phoenix	West	20.27	
Scottsdale	West	10.20	
Sedona	North	17.20	
Show Low	North	13.42	
Sierra Vista	South	28.77	
Tempe	East	26.54	
Tucson	South	23.31	
Tucson East	South	22.00	
Wickenburg	West	11.67	
Willcox	South	8.01	
Winslow	North	8.38	
Yuma	West	14.34	



2025 Mid-Year Raffle Win this 2025 Honda Pioneer 700-4 Deluxe UTV with a 14' Carson Trailer or \$10,000 in Cash



The Pioneer has A 675cc liquid cool engine, automatic transmission, belted seating for 4, the rear seats fold down to create a cargo box.

<u>Get your Tickets at your local Elks Lodges or from the</u>

Arizona Elks Major Projects Office

Ticket are: \$10 each, 3 tickets for \$20.

Drawing will be held on October 19, 2025 at the AEA Mid-Year Meeting in Tempe AZ.

Must be 21 years of age or older to win. Tickets are not tax deductible. Winners are responsible for any applicable taxes and vehicle registration fee's.

2025 Mid-Year Raffle



Scan QR Code to purchase tickets with a Credit Card, or PayPal

Side by Side Lodge Display Schedule

As of 6 March 2025

Has been sent to all the Lodges. Lodges that wish to schedule the side by side for display at their lodge are asked to contact the AEMP office by email or phone as soon as possible, as opportunities are going fast.



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Become a member today to join the cadre of caring individuals that help to support AEMP with a monthly donation.

<u>Joining the Diamond Club is easy as 1, 2, 3.</u>

- 1. Go to azelksmp.org
- 2. Click on yellow the "Your Gift" button 💙 Your Gift



3. Fill out the donation form and click on the blue donate button **DONATE**

All Diamond Club members receive this stunning lapel pin



to proudly display their support for AEMP and all members are recognized in the monthly AEMP newsletter and at our state and Grand Lodge conventions.

Donations to AEMP are tax deductible

A big Thank You to our AEMP Diamond Club Members for their ongoing monthly donations to AEMP.

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Membership is easy! Just go to or use the QR Code and complete the donation form to join us in our support of children in Arizona.



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