



Arizona Elks

Major Projects



MARCH 2025 Newsletter

**Please send all written correspondence to AEMP at
P.O. Box 91560, Tucson, AZ 85752**



A Message from the Executive Director, Richard Ross PDDGER

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 Quilt 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

A child dressed as The Flash is the central focus, wearing a red suit with yellow lightning bolts and a red mask. The background is a vibrant blue with white and yellow starburst patterns. Three comic book sound effects are scattered around: 'POW!' in red on a yellow starburst, 'BANG' in white on a black starburst, and 'WHAM!' in white on a red starburst. A white speech bubble with a red dotted border is in the top right, and a larger white speech bubble with a black dotted border is at the bottom, containing event details. Two yellow lightning bolts are also visible in the bottom speech bubble.

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**



**JIMM KRAUSMAN
AEA 1ST GENT
2024-2025**

**EMILY'S
MEMORY
5 JULY 01**



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 Reopens in April 2025.

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					



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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.**

**Get your Tickets at your local Elks Lodges or from the
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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Proudly Presents the
Diamond Club

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

Joining the Diamond Club is easy as 1, 2, 3.

1. Go to azelksmp.org

2. Click on yellow the "Your Gift" button 

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

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](#)

AEMP Diamond Club Members

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

CM denotes a Charter Member

Ken & Dianna	Adams	Sierra Vista #2065 (CM)
Edward	Ahlm	Ajo #1576
Debbie	Allen	Ajo #1576
Dennis	Appel	Chandler #2429
Janae	Appel	Chandler #2429
Alex	Arroyo	Wilcox #2131
Alane	Asp	Catalina Mountain #2815
Robert	Bahr	Sun City #2559
Kurt	Baker	Sun City #2559
Vincent & Roseann	Bancroft	Chino Valley #2842
James & Judi	Beischel	Fountain Hills #2846
Larry & Diane	Bodwell	Phoenix #335 (CM)
Richard & JoAnn	Botkin	Tucson East (CM)
Steve	Bowman	Page #2498
Greg & Jeanne	Boyce	Show Low #2090 (CM)
Daniel	Bradshaw	Catalina Mountain #2815
Venita	Brazier	Sun City #2559
Clem	Brown	Phoenix #335 (CM)
Brandy	Bruffett	Out of State
Dennis	Bulck	Mesa-Buckhorn #2656
Bob & Lisa	Burns	Tucson East #2532 (CM)
Carol	Burns	Mesa-Buckhorn #2656
Angela	Buso	Kearny #2478
Beth	Butler	Douglas #955
Tracy	Cabell	Chandler #2429
Michael & Jodi	Carboni	Gilbert #2848
Barry & Shawnee	Carlile	Sierra Vista #2065 (CM)
Joseph & Diane	Carlone	Green Valley #2592
Taleen	Carpenter	Gilbert #2848
Gloria	Cisneros	Catalina Mountain #2815
Ira	Cohen	Casas Adobes #2663 (CM)
Michael	Comerford	Casas Adobes #2663
Farm Hand	Consulting	Sierra Vista #2062
Ray	Cornelius	Parker #1929
Kathleen	Cothrun	Flagstaff #499
Bill & Margaret	Darr	Phoenix #335
David & Vicky	Dean	Sierra Vista #2065
Pamela	Depweg	Lake Havasu #2399

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Barbara	Eble	Show Low #2090
Paul	Ertman	Sun City #2559
Frank	Fieldhouse	Catalina Mountain #2815 (CM)
Daniel	Foley	Show Low #2090
Calvin	Fong	Casa Grande Valley #1957
William	Foucher	Mesa-Buckhorn #2656
Eva	Fox	Lake Havasu City #2399
Salley	Frankel	Tucson East #2532
John	Fuller	Yuma #476 (CM)
Martin	Galchutt	Sun City #2559
Michael & Paula	Giannetta	Wilcox #2131
Bob	Gleason	Sun City #2559
David	Gnuschke	Tucson #385 (CM)
Megin	Goetz	Tucson East #2532
Chad	Goemans	Chandler #2429
Brian & Sheri	Gorski	Chandler #2429(CM)
Mike	Granholt	Sierra Vista #2065
Paul & Verna	Green	Mesa-Buckhorn #2656 (CM)
Casey	Hackett	Show Low #2090
Adam	Hardin	Buckeye # 2686
Douglas & Victoria	Harpold	Catalina Mountain #2815
Catherine	Hart	Mesa-Buckhorn #2656
Renne	Higginbotham	Show Low #2090
Tamara	Hilton	Prescott #330
Frank	Hinman	Ajo #1576
John	Holtzapple	Out of State (CM)
Leslie	Huerta	Catalina Mountain #2815
Ronald	Hunter	Catalina Mountain #2815
Jerry & Sandie	Ingram	Chandler #2429 (CM)
Donna	Johnson	Casa Grande Valley #1957
Bruce	Kather	Sun City #2559
Al & Brenda	Kayal	Phoenix #335 (CM)
Richard	Kimberly	Sedona #2291
Michelle	Krivanek	Catalina Mountain #2815
Elane	Lamm	Casa Grande Valle #1957
Denise	Lefkowitz	Tucson East #2532
Larry	Legge	Show Low #2559

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Steven & Mary	Like	Chandler #2429
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Robin	Madson	Show Low #2090
Alan	Malott	Winslow #536
Michael	McBurney	Ajo #1576
Tim (Memory of Charyl)	McKean	Sierra Vista #2065
Lori	Mentor	Casa Grande#1957
Danny	Modrak	Scottsdale #2148
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Judy	Mooney	Casas Adobes #2663
Lawrence & Virginia	Morrison	Gilbert #2848 (CM)
Travis	Napolitan	Page #2498
Ken	Nelson	Douglas #955
John	Olson	Tucson #2532
Gary	Parsons	Lake Havasu City #2399
James	Pell	Yuma #476 (CM)
Peter	Pervi	Out of State
Zachery	Phillips	Ajo #1576
James & Sandra	Powell	Kingman #468
Larry & Stephanie	Pratt	Tempe #2251
Ren Dog	Productions	Out of State
James	Pulley	Flagstaff #499
Grover & Deborah	Ramsey	Casa Grande Valley #1957(CM)
Jim	Ray	Chino Valley #2842
Lisa	Rivers	Wickenburg #2160 (CM)
Aimee	Rogers	Chandler #2429
Richard	Ross	Tucson East #2532
Theodore	Sadlowski	Phoenix #335 (CM)
Terry & Stephanie	Sanders	Parker #1929
Denny	Scanlan	Tucson #385
Mary	Shaffer	Casas Adobes #2663 (CM)
Kathleen	Schellhas	Mesa-Buckhorn #2656(CM)
Connie	Schultenjans	Tempe #2251
Thomas	Seeley	Ajo #1576 (CM)
Katrina	Sharp	Tucson #385
Brigid	Sherbo	Tucson East #2532
Phillip	Shoaf	Lake Havasu City #2399 (CM)
Ken	Short	Casas Adobes #2663
Anthony	Sichi	Phoenix #335
Bryan	Silver	Tucson #385

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Dan & Mary	Snyder	Raceway #2852 (CM)
Mari	Slocum	Tempe #2251
Mary	Springer	Payson #2154
Darla	Stacy	Out of State
Ron & Marie	Starjnski	Catalina Mountain #2815
Thomas	Strupp	Phoenix #335 (CM)
Jim	Theobald	Out of State
Linda	Thompson	Phoenix #335
Pauline (Memory of Hank)	Thonnard	Lake Havasu City #2399
Susan	Trecartin	Tucson #385
Kenneth	Trumbauer	Mesa-Buckhorn # 2656
Nancy	Turner	Casas Adobes #2663
Sally	Veazey	Flagstaff #499
Jim	Watkins	Apache Junction #2349
Vicki	Way	Sun City #2559 (CM)
David	Whitmore, Jr	Show Low #2090
Patricia	Willers	Bullhead City #2408
Clinton	Wilkins	Show Low #2090
Ronald	Wilson	Wickenburg #2160 (CM)
David	Wright	Yuma #4476 (CM)

THE DIAMOND CLUB needs your support! We have slightly under 30,000 AZ Members and to be realistic would like to have a 10% increase or more. Your Donations would help all around in Supporting AEMP! So, join a Great Program that supports our children.

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.



Who's Who in AEMP

AEMP Board of Directors

President	Mike Giannetta, PER	Wilcox #2131
Vice President	John Fuller, PER	Yuma #476
Secretary	Randy Appel, PER	Chandler #2429
Treasurer	Larry Bodwell PDDGER	Phoenix #335
East	Steven Like PER	Chandler #2429
South	Al Skorupski PSP	Catalina Mountain # 2815
North	Dennis Holt, PDDGER	Jerome #1361
North	Larry Legge, PER	Show Low #2090
Member At Large	Larry Carver, AEA 1 st VP	Kingman #468
Ex-Officio Member	Susan Krausman, AEA President	Sierra Vista #2065

AEMP Staff

Executive Director	Richard Ross, PDDGER	Tucson East #2532
Administrative Assistant	Megan Goetz, PER	Tucson East #2532
Financial Advisor	Bob Burns	Tucson East #2532
Statutory Agent	Tom Sylvester	Tucson East #2532

AEMP District Representatives

East	Grover Ramsey, PER	Casa Grande #1957
North	Richard Kimberly, PDDGER	Sedona #2291
South	John Olson, PER	Tucson East #2532
West	Anna Mineer PER	Scottsdale #2148

AEMP Camp Advisory Committee

Chairperson	Dennis Appel, PDDGER	Chandler #2429
East (AEMP SEC)	Randy Appel, PER	Chandler #2429
North	David Whitmore, PER	Show Low #2090
South	Tom Miller, PDDGER	San Manuel #2007
West	Larry Bodwell, PDDGER	Phoenix #335

AEMP Camp Scholarship Advisor

James Rasmussen	Globe-Miami #489
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