



An inspiring story of charity and benevolence



As the Executive Director for Arizona Elks Major Projects, I have had the supreme privilege of witnessing the generosity of the Elks. Founded on the principles of charity and benevolence, the Elks have made our world a better place for over 150 years. But it was one event, and one individual, that will inspire generations of Elks to continue to uphold the four cardinal virtues set by our founders- Fidelity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and most importantly, Charity.

When one of our most dedicated members, Megin Goetz, was diagnosed with breast cancer, her life was turned upside down. Yet instead of succumbing to the devastation, she took a different route. Knowing that she would lose her hair, she decided to turn it into an event and fundraiser that our State President, Rich Botkin, not only got on board with and helped plan, but also took part of.

Within two weeks, the event was planned and organized by her and our State President, Rich Botkin, along with the officers of Tucson East #2532. Through the support of our fellow Elks member, the event raised nearly \$13,000.

Covid-19 has taken a financial toll on lodges and Major Projects around the country and we are no different. Our annual golf tournament had to be cancelled which meant we would lose at least \$10,000 in donations based on prior years. But the dedication of Elks members like Meggin and our State President have proven that there are no mountains too high for us to climb- we will persevere and overcome this obstacle.



“Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness”



From all of us at Arizona Elks Major Projects

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