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The Catalina Mountain Elk Bugle



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- District LeaderJack Baillargeon, PDD
- Mediator..... Vacant

LODGE MEETINGS

Meetings start at 7:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays monthly, with one meeting in July and August on the 4th Thursday, and one in December on the 2nd Thursday

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Office Hours

- Monday 10:00-2:00
- Tuesday 10:00-2:00
- Thursday 10:00-2:00

Exalted Ruler’s Message - Doug Harpold



Well, it’s official. We are now officially in the Holiday Season, although some stores believe that Christmas Season begins in July. Happy Thanksgiving to you all, and I hope you can enjoy some fantastic food, some wonderful time with family, and reflect on all we have to be grateful for in our lives. Remember, as of November 1st, we only have 54 days of shopping left until Christmas. If you would like to see a list of the gifts that the Exalted Ruler would like, I will hang it in the Lodge. (Anything Green Bay Packers always works too).

I would like to give a quick rundown of the Mid-Year Convention. We had a successful convention and new State President Sue Krausman led her first convention as president. All reports were given, information was learned, and we even got out in a timely matter. For me the highlight of the convention evolved around AEMP. The Elks were able to make a \$250,000 donation to the Steele Children’s Hospital and then made another \$100,000 donation to their research Dept. We also had our “ER Walk” where the ER’s from every lodge in

the state walk up the aisle to hand off checks to the AEMP directors. Our lodge was able to hand over a check for about \$3500, thanks to all who worked hard on our Spaghetti Western and Winner, Winner Chicken Dinner Events. The total amount given by the lodges was right around \$110,000. That is what hard-working Elks can do for our community and children of our community. We were also given some insight as to what our donations will be going to. The Steele Center was able to begin and get the equipment for Genome tracing, a very important way to trace and find cures/solutions to many diseases and abnormalities that occur. Our donations helped the Steele Center to be the first Institute in AZ to have these capabilities, saving patients weeks of time in obtaining results. A lot of fun was had with Elks that I have known for some time and some new friends were made.

It’s hard for me to believe that my year as the Exalted Ruler is over halfway done. I guess time flies when you are in constant distress. Just kidding about the constant part. The experience once again, has been a great one. I have learned much more

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Past Exalted Rulers

Table listing Past Exalted Rulers with names and terms (e.g., Donald Denman* 1969-70, Jim Buell, PDDGER 2005-06, Steve Asp 2017-18).

Affiliated PERs in Italic Deceased *

Committees

Table listing various committees and their members (e.g., Accident Prevention - Paul Slater, Investigation Coordinator - Deborah Derting).

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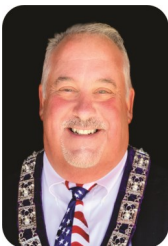


Exalted Ruler - Continued

about the Elks in the past 6 months than I had known in the past. The more you learn about this great organization, the more proud you become. We, as elks, do so much good for our communities that it is hard not to feel good about ourselves, and proud of our organization. Wishing you all a terrific November, and welcome back to all of the snowbirds who have recently returned. If you

are recently back to town, please stop by the lodge and say Hello. It is always good to welcome our traveling friends back. And don't forget, we can always use some more volunteers with our many activities if you find that you have time available now that you are back.

Leading Knight - Paul Slater



Howdy!

Welcome to Fall! It sure is nice to have cooler mornings and evenings.

This month we had our mid-year convention for the AZ Elks association in Tempe. One of the best parts of the meeting, for me, is to hear of all the amazing charitable efforts that

the Elks do across our state. Here are a few of the highlights:

- The AZ Elks gave out more than \$183,000 in scholarships.
- Raised \$15,000 for AEMP from the Grand Lodge Hospitality Suite in Austin, TX at the National Meeting.
- Hosted more than 800 kids at the Elks camp this year.
- Presented 2 checks totaling \$350,000 to the Steele Research Foundation.
- The walk of lodges raised over \$107,000 in donations to AEMP, including a check for \$3422 from our lodge.
- Emily's Heroes fund raised over \$2,000 to battle pediatric cancer.

Lastly, one of the more incredible numbers was that last year the Elks across the country donated more than \$500 Million in cash and in-kind donations, and the Grand Lodge estimates that is only about half of what was done last year.

I came away from the meeting more committed to our charitable efforts and want to thank everyone that volunteers at any of our events which raise the money we use to improve our community and support our Veterans and Children. If you have been wanting to get involved, there is so much more we can do with your help. Please consider volunteering in any of our many committees.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, you can always reach out to me via email (pslates1987@gmail.com) or phone (520.268.2375)

Take care,
paul

Secretary's Corner - Mimi Wittenborn



I want to thank Jack Baillargeon for filling in for me while we were on vacation in September. I hope he wasn't too disappointed that we came home a little early. Thank You, Jack!

We have several fun events coming up in November as you will see on the calendar in the Bugle, however, if you are not current with your dues you will not be able to participate. Please get them in so you won't miss out.

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!! Hope you are spending it with friends and family.

LODGE STATS YEAR-TO-DATE

Membership to Date	583
Candidates.....	4
Delinquents	95
Life Members.....	56
Average Age	70

Something to think about:

"The bad news is time flies.
The good news is you're the pilot.

Michael Altshuler (author & motivational speaker)



Catalina Mountain Elks #2815 Youth Activities Committee

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ELKS BASKETBALL HOOP SHOOT

Saturday, November 30, 2024

Free Throw Contest for all Boys and Girls Ages 8-13

(Eligibility determined by the age of the Contestant on April 1, 2025)
The Winner of Each Category will be Invited to Compete at The District Competition!

REGISTRATION IS FREE!



Coronado K-8 School Gym

3401 Wilds Road

Catalina, Arizona 85739

Registration begins at 9:00 am

Warm Up 9:00 - 9:30 am

Competition 9:30 am

**COMPETE
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SUCCEED**

A Parent or Guardian Must Accompany Participants

For More Information: Call Gloria Cisneros 520-237-2011

What is the Elks National "Hoop Shoot" Program? The Elks "Hoop Shoot" Free Throw Contest is the largest most visible of the many youth activities sponsored by Elks lodges. Over 3,000,000 boys and girls ages 8-13 will participate this year. The Elks "Hoop Shoot" has served to highlight the Elks commitment to America's youth. From the millions of youngsters who participate and advance through the local, district, state and regional competition, six national champions are named – one boy and one girl in each of the three categories: ages 8-9, 10-11 & 12-13.



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HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Stuff a Bag
Saturday November 23



Time and Location
9-11 AM
Santa Catalina Catholic Church
Upper Parking Lot
14380 N Oracle Road



Volunteers needed to help
Impact of Southern Arizona
Stuff Thanksgiving Food Bags



For Information Contact
Jan Trudeau: 520-818-0742



Sign up in Lodge



Elks Memorial Day Service - Sunday, December 1 at 10:00 am

The first Sunday in December of each year shall be a day commemorated to the memories of our departed Members. The service at the Catalina Mountain Lodge will be on December 1 and commence at 10 am. The public is invited to attend. There will be a light lunch following the ceremony.

PER Association - Ron Starjnski, PERA President



Hello Everyone,
The PER's will start fund raising for our Lodges 25th anniversary celebration, which is October 14, 2025. A new Lodge Pin, Lobsterfest and a Golf tournament are just some of the ideas. If there is anything you

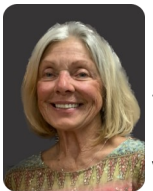
would like to see for the celebration please talk to a PER.

Do not forget about the Queen of Hearts every Friday night at 6:30, get there early to get your tickets before someone else does.

I will see you at the lodge.

Ron

House Committee - Pam Wedwaldt



I was remiss last month in not being clear that Alane Asp has stepped down from co-chairing the House Committee to focus on her many other duties for the Elks. Thank you Alane for all you do.

Thursday of the month at 4:30. Please join us if you have an idea for an event, or to see how you can volunteer to help out.

As we move into the Holiday Season, let's remember all that we are grateful for: family, good health and our many friends at the Elks.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Welcome back to all our snowbirds, we hope to see you at our upcoming events. See Lodge Activities for the details. Our House Committee meets the first



Veterans Committee - PER Bob Kielsa



I'm happy to report our Non Cash donations total \$80,259, and our Cash Donations amount to \$12,195 giving us total donations of \$92,454 for our veterans!

On Veterans Day, November 11th, your Veterans Committee is serving a Free breakfast for all veterans, whether an Elk member or not! So bring your veteran friends, or family members in for a hot breakfast on **Monday, November 11th from 7 AM to 9 AM.**

Another way we can help our veterans is with the gift of your used (clean and functional) medical supplies. I have two outlets for used medical supplies for veterans. We can place wheelchairs, walkers, canes & crutches, bed pads and similar items. NO DRUGS however! These donations may be placed in the Pod in front of the lodge.

As usual you can help our homeless veterans by contributing Undershorts and T-shirts (Med, Lg, XL), Jeans (W 33, 34, 36) and Socks. When you clean out your closets for Fall, please look for jackets, sweaters, long pants and heavy shirts you can donate to our homeless veterans. **Please place any NEW items in the green barrel in the lounge** and USED items in the Pod in the front of the lodge.

As always, a big thank you for your continued support for our veterans!

Our Veterans Game Day fund raiser event will take place on **Saturday, November 9th from 10:30 AM to 3ish**. There will be 4 fun events for your participation. We also have planned for food and raffles to raise funds for future veterans service initiatives. We have four events, 2 Shooting - Pellet Rifle and Laser Pistol, as well as Corn Hole and Darts. **You will see a signup sheet at the bar where you may schedule yourself for one event for \$5 or all 4 events for a total of \$20.** There will be prizes for best score in each game. All proceeds will go for the Karen Gialle Memorial account which helps supplement our wheelchair veterans attending their annual event. Our contribution this year was \$6,000 and at present we have \$184 in the account for 2025. Your participation in the games and raffle will help us replenish this very special account for next years games.

Lodge Activities - Jan Trudeau & Pam Wedwaldt



LODGE ACTIVITIES

Hello November!

We had a blast at the Boots and Brisket party! We gathered on Saturday November 2nd and had great food, great entertainment and tons of fun. Thank you to everyone who helped make the annual event a success.

We have Bingo scheduled for Saturday November 16th at 2 PM. Please come and join the fun. The Texas Hold 'Em card game is on Saturday November 23rd at 1 PM. Please sign up in the lounge so we know how many tables to set up. Also that day, Saturday the 23rd, we are helping Impact of Southern Arizona with the stuff a bag for Thanksgiving project. Please see the Community Activities column for more information. Football is here every Sunday. NOTE: new time for the Sunday lounge opening-it will now be opening at 11 AM due to the time change. We don't change our clocks, but they do. Come check out darts on the back patio every Saturday at 5 PM. On Saturday November 9th the Veterans committee is having a game day. It runs from 10:30-3:00. It will feature some fun and challenging events. Scheduled are: air rifle, corn hole, lazer gun and darts. There will be lunch and tons of fun. Please find the flyer and sign-up sheet in the lounge.

Wednesday dinners are still scheduled for the second and fourth Wednesdays, with tacos filling in on the other days, Full meals are \$15.00 per person, and bar tacos are \$ 2.00 each. Tacos and Trivia will happen on Wednesday the 20th. Please note: No dinner on Wednesday the 27th-the day before Thanksgiving.

Monday November 11th is Veterans Day. The flags will go up on Oracle Road to remember our Veterans. They go up

at 7 AM, and come down at 5 PM. There is a free breakfast served at 7 AM, and a ceremony at 8:30.

The Elks Youth hoop shoot happens on Saturday November 30th at 9 AM. It is held at Coronado K-8 school on Oracle and Wilds road. Please come and volunteer for this youth activity.

THE LODGE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 28TH

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL !!



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

There are a couple of community projects going on this month and next. First, we start with the Impact of Southern Arizona "STUFF A BAG" project. We will fill bags with Thanksgiving foods like stuffing, gravy, potatoes, vegetables etc. It is being held at the Santa Catalina Catholic Church parking lot on Saturday November 23rd. Please show up at 9 AM to help. This should take about 2 hours. There is a flyer and a sign-up sheet in the lounge. If you have any questions, let me know.

AND, Christmas is just around the corner. Our lodge has two Children's programs. Leslie and Cindy take care of the Clothe a Child and I work on the Adopt a Family project. Our lodge "adopts" 20 kids from the local food bank. We buy clothing, toys and art supplies for some of our less fortunate neighbors. I'm looking for monetary donations to help fund this awesome project. Please consider donating to this charity. If you are writing a check, please write "Adopt a Family" in the memo line. Thank you in advance.

Elk of the Month - November

My Elk of the month for November is our group of AEMP committee workers. I wanted to take a moment, and thank Lisa Chavez, Cindy Weiss, and all the other helpers (some elks and some not elks) who are too many to name, who made our Winner, Winner Chicken, Dinner and Spaghetti Western charity events a great success. The two events raised almost \$3500 for AEMP

and I had the privilege of delivering the check at the Mid-Year Convention. Both Events had a terrific setup, and much fun was had by everyone who attended. We did have a few road bumps at the events, but we were able to Improvise, Adapt and Overcome when all worked together. Thank you again for the hard work you put in to make our Lodge, once again, shine!!

Dictionary Project - Cindy LeFaive



I am happy to report that we have had another successful distribution of over 200 dictionaries to five different schools this last month. We received multiple thank you notes from the third graders. They were excited to have their very own book and were pretty amazed at the volume of information it contained. I was proud that our organization participates in this very worthy project.



Children's Clothe-A-Child - Leslie LeFaive-Huerta & Cindy LeFaive

Be sure to get your raffle tickets at Queen of Hearts to enter and win while helping Roadrunner Elementary School Children at our Christmas Clothe-A-Child event.

Prizes are:

- *\$150 value Christmas Gift Basket of Eagle Rare Bourbon & The Keg Gift Certificate*
- *\$150 value Christmas Gift Basket of Vikera Anejo Tequila & Cold Beers & Cheeseburgers Gift Certificate*
- *Christmas Diamond Art picture by Christine Sullivan of "Red Truck & Labradors"*
- *2 Texas Roadhouse Gift Buckets worth \$50 each*
- *Or one of 14 local gift cards (ranging from \$20 to \$50) from La Hacienda, Guadalajara The Landing, Grumpy's, Fork & Fire, Carrabba's, Village Bakehouse, Catalina Craft Pizza & Fentonelli's Pizzeria & Bar*

Raffle Winner Tickets will be pulled on Friday, Dec. 6 at Queen of Hearts
You do not have to be present to win

Christmas Shopping Spree for Kids

Saturday
December 7



Walmart Oro Valley
Marketplace
Meet @ 8:30 AM in
the
Garden Center

Kids  Clothes



DONATIONS WELCOME



Party and Lunch at the
Lodge after Shopping

Volunteers Needed to
Shop with the Kids and
Help with the Party

Sign up
at the
Lodge

For Information Contact
Leslie Huerta: 520-484-0516
lalh85741@yahoo.com or
Cindy Lefaive: 520-909-3731
cindydd45@msn.com





November Birthdays

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|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Kevin Carle | 19 Frank Fieldhouse |
| 2 Joshua Kern | 19 Rory O'Farrell |
| 3 Linda Griggs | 20 James Perkins |
| 3 Patrica Jones | 20 Chester Whinery |
| 5 Michael Gusan | 21 Randy Casterlin |
| 5 Bruce Lierman | 21 Jeri Harwood |
| 6 Gail Markwell | 23 James Ball |
| 7 Dennis Donohue | 24 Sigfrid Danielson |
| 7 Richard Lutz | 24 Daniel McGregor |
| 7 Frank Navarrete | 25 Gerald Jones |
| 9 Corrine Peterson | 25 Erle Slagle |
| 9 Kurt Zeman | 25 Ronald Williams |
| 10 Gary Tressel | 25 Lawrence Wirth |
| 13 Ronald McCracken | 26 Andrew Ball |
| 13 Jean Milne | 26 James Carney |
| 14 Christopher Chavez | 27 Susan Stahl |
| 14 Frank Wiggins | 27 Larry Trautman |
| 16 Cynthia Lefaive | 29 Jim Tattar |

Wednesday Dinner Menu

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| <p>November 5
Tacos \$2 each; 4:30-6:30 pm or until sold out</p> <p>November 13
Turkey Tetrazini, Garlic Bread, Gnocchi Soup, Salad, Dessert</p> | <p>November 29
TNT/Tacos \$2 each:4:30-6:00 pm or until sold out</p> <p>November 27 No Dinner
"Happy Thanksgiving"</p> |
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Family Restaurant

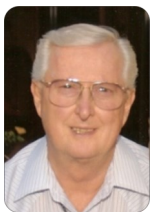
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Hours
7:00am - 2:00pm

Our Poet Laureate - Jim Cox



Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving was proclaimed in seventeen, eighty-nine. George Washington declared we thank our God who is divine.

Pilgrims many years before him had joined to celebrate, and thank God for the harvest that would their hunger sate.

Know that we, too, should be thankful what God provides each day... sustainable and spiritual manna along our way.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

November

- 11/2 Boots & Brisket Dinner 5 pm
- 11/9 *Veteran's Game Day 10:30-3 pm*
- 11/16 *Bingo 2 pm*
Dart Tournament 5 pm
- 11/23 *Texas Hold'Em 1 pm*
Bingo 2 pm
Dart Tournament 5 pm
- 11/30 *Hoop Shoot 9 am*
Coronado School K-8
Dart Tournament 5 pm

*Also check the Lodge Calendar
for additional events*