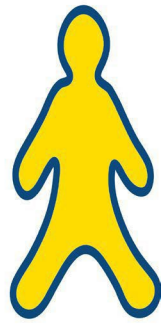




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JANUARY 2026 Newsletter

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**A Message from the
Executive Director,
Richard Ross PDDGER**



Reflecting on 2025, we appreciate increased fundraisers, strong investments, and growing support for our work with children. Arizona Elks continue to achieve our 2025-2026 goals together, living our motto: “Elks Care, Elks Share.” Our focus remains on bringing joy and laughter to children.

When I assumed this position, I had some initial concerns but was confident that the Elks would rise to the occasion. Our Board Members have consistently contributed to improving each year. Looking ahead to 2026, there will be additional incentives for our youth, and as Elks, we are poised to achieve significant accomplishments. All our Lodges have demonstrated their commitment and are eager to explore further positive opportunities to enhance our processes.

As we work toward finding cures for our Kids and seek new ways to enhance the Youth Camp, we will Shine! While we embrace new ideas and improvements, it's important to honor our past experiences so we can continue to grow together as a caring community. By learning from where we've been, we grow as responsible and compassionate members of our community. Let's keep moving forward, because we are Elks who care!

GOD BLESS!



Chimes of Liberty/Protecting Our Future

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MEDIA ALERT –NOTICE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Elks Highlight Service, Community, and a Century of Legacy at the 2026 Tournament of Roses Parade

Chicago, IL — On January 1, 2026, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will proudly participate in the world-famous **Tournament of Roses Parade** in Pasadena, California, sharing a powerful message of service, compassion, and community with millions of viewers worldwide.

This year's float design also helps celebrate one of the most iconic treasures in Elksdom: the **100th Anniversary of the Elks National Memorial and Headquarters Building**. It is a moment a century in the making. In 2026, thousands of Elks from across the country will have the opportunity to gather in Chicago and stand where history itself resides.

Dedicated in **1926**, the Elks National Memorial has stood for a century as a powerful symbol of peace, patriotism, and the unfailing generosity of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. Rising **96 feet above the shores of Lake Michigan**, the building is a masterpiece of American design—an enduring tribute to the men and women who served our nation, and to the Elks whose devotion to charity made its creation possible.

The Elks' commitment to America's youth remains strong. Lodges nationwide are reviewing thousands of scholarship applications and investing **\$5 million annually** to help students pursue higher education. Through the **Elks Community Investment Program**, the Order will deliver **\$17.6 million in grants** to strengthen neighborhoods, support families and seniors, fight hunger, and improve community safety. In **2024**, Elks volunteers generated more than **\$531 million in charitable impact**, a remarkable reflection of the Order's **157-year legacy** of service, patriotism, and compassion.

With nearly **800,000 members** and close to **1,800 Lodges nationwide**, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks continues to welcome American citizens age 21 and older who believe in God and share a commitment to serving others and strengthening their communities.

To learn more about the Elks, visit www.elks.org.
For membership information, visit Join.Elks.org.

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Jack Warter Jr Arizona Youth Camp



CLOSED FOR THE WINTER

The Committee is dedicated to enhancing the camp. Despite facing challenges such as fires, rain, and winter closures, we continue to seek creative solutions for improvement. The Camp truly belongs to AEMP/AEA. Chairman Dennis Appel and the Camp Committee will provide updates on ongoing enhancements. Check the Fall Appeal to discover ways you can support the Youth Camp.

WHO AM I?????



WHERE IS CHARLIE????



ATTENTION ALL ARIZONA ELKS LODGES!

Please email me at exdir@azelksmp.org any AEMP fundraiser you will be having this upcoming year. I will make sure that we will send out to all the Arizona Elks Lodges and have AEMP Representation at your Event.

Community Grant Award

2025-2026

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.

Lodge	District	P/C
Ajo	South	\$12.63
Apache Junction	East	\$44.92
Bullhead City	North	\$18.55
Catalina Mountain	South	\$33.07
Chandler	East	\$22.71
Chino Valley	North	\$26.40
Coolidge-Florence	East	\$18.07
Douglas	South	\$10.54
Flagstaff	North	\$15.28
Fountain Hills	East	\$12.29
Gilbert	East	20.20
Globe-Miami	East	\$25.29
Holbrook	North	\$8.67
Jerome	North	\$9.61
Kearny	East	\$13.58
Mesa/Buckhorn	East	\$8.73
Page	North	\$11.38

Parker	West	\$16.18
Phoenix	West	\$16.42
San Manuel	South	\$10.17
Scottsdale	West	\$13.46
Sedona	North	\$17.19
Show Low	North	\$24.27
Sierra Vista	South	\$14.24
Tempe	East	\$40.73
Tucson	South	\$22.10
Tucson East	South	\$55.50
Wickenburg	West	\$13.31
Yuma	West	\$21.53



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2025 Honda Pioneer 700-4 Deluxe UTV with a 14' Carson Trailer

FOR SALE

On January 15th, we will award the Side by Side to the highest bidder. The current bid is \$16,200. For more information, contact the AEMP Office at 520-326-0556 or email exdir@azelksmp.org.

Next month, we'll announce our 2026 fundraiser, likely featuring a car. Details are being finalized and will be advertised soon.



Diamond Club

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

Debbie

Ken & Dianna

Edward

Debbie

Dennis

Janae

Alex

Alane

Robert

Jack

Donald

Kurt

Vincent & Roseann

Kay

Micheal

James & Judi

Mark

Larry & Diane

Dewight

Richard & JoAnn

Steve

Adams

Adams

Ahlm

Allen

Appel

Appel

Arroyo

Asp

Bahr

Baillargeon

Baker

Baker

Bancroft

Beachy

Beck

Beischel

Blackwell

Bodwell

Borcherdt

Botkin

Bowman

Out of State

Sierra Vista (CM)

Ajo

Ajo

Chandler

Chandler

Wilcox

Catalina

Sun City

Catalina #2815

Casas Adobes

Sun City

Chino Valley

Chandler

Coolidge-Florence

Fountain Hills

Coolidge-Florence

Phoenix (CM)

Parker

Tucson East (CM)

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Greg & Jeanne

Daniel

Ventia

Clem

Brandy

Amy

Dennis

Carol

Bob & Lisa

Angela

Beth

Tracy

Michael & Jodi

Barry & Shawnee

Joe & Diane

Taleen

Richard

Gloria

Ira

Michael

Farm Hand

Ray

Kathleen

Bill & Margaret

David & Vicky

Pamala

Monty & Deborah

Vickie

Tony

Michael

Brian & Sharon Thomas

Barbara

James

Paul

Boyce

Bradshaw

Brazier

Brown

Bruffett

Buck

Bulck

Burns

Burns

Buso

Butler

Cabell

Carboni

Carlile

Carlone

Carpenter

Carsten

Cisneros

Cohen

Comerford

Consulting

Cornelius

Cothrun

Darr

Dean

Depweg

Derting

DeValle

Dixon

Dood

Dooley

Eble

Ellis

Ertman

Show Low (CM)

Catalina Mountain

Sun City

Phoenix (CM)

Out of State

Green Valley

Mesa-Buckhorn

Mesa-Buckhorn

Tucson East (CM)

Kearny

Douglas

Chandler

Gilbert

Sierra Vista (CM)

Green Valley

Chandler

Catalina #2815

Catalina Mountain

Casas Adobes (CM)

Casas Adobes

Sierra Vista

Parker

Flagstaff

Phoenix

Sierra Vista

Lake Havasu

Catalina Mountain

Out of State

Scottsdale

Chandler

Bullhead City

Showlow

Sun City

Sun City

Frank
Shirley
Kathleen
Daniel
Calvin
William
Eva
Salley
John & Carol
Martin
Michael
Gilliam
Bob & Lisa
David
Chad
Megan
Albert
Brian & Sheri
Mike
Paul & Verna
Casey
Kim
Joan
Adam
Douglas & Victoria
Catherine
Renee
Tamara
Frank
John
Steve & Patricia
Robert
Cindi
Timothy

Fieldhouse
Filliater
Foley
Foley
Fong
Foucher
Fox
Frankel
Fuller
Galchutt
Giannetta
Evenlyn
Gleason
Gnuschke
Goemans
Goetz
Goodwin
Gorski
Granholt
Green
Hackett
Haight
Hall
Hardin
Harpold
Hart
Higginbotham
Hilton
Hinman
Holtzapple
Hotz
Hone
Hosley
Houslet

Catalina Mountain (CM)
Tempe
Catalina #2815
Showlow
Casa Grande Valley
Mesa-Buckhorn
Lake Havasu City
Tucson East
Yuma (CM)
Sun City
Wilcox
Coolidge-Florence
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Tucson (CM)
Out of State
Tucson East
Mesa-Buckhorn
Chandler (CM)
Sierra Vista
Mesa-Buckhorn (CM)
Out of State
Lake Havasu
Parker
Buckeye
Catalina Mountain
Mesa-Buckhorn
Show Low
Prescott
Ajo
Out of State (CM)
Coolidge-Florence
Catalina
Tempe
Wilcox

Leslie
Ronald
Jerry & Sandie
Donna
Bruce
Al & Brenda
Richard
Craig
Charles
Michelle
Zaven
Elane
Larry
Elizabeth
Kristi
Denise
Larry
Jerry
Rokki
Jerry & Alice
Steve & Mary
Denise
John
Kathleen Ann
Robin
Alan
Michael
Klm
Michael
Alan
Tim (In Memory of CharylI)
Lori
Robert
Bonnie

Huerta
Hunter
Ingram
Johnson
Kather
Kayal
Kimberly
King
Klienfelter
Krivanek
Kulajian
Lamm
Lathrop
Ledingham
Lee
Lefkowitz
Legge
Lennick
Leonard
Levesque
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Madson
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McIlonie
McGovern
Mcguire
McKean
Mentor
Mertens Sr.
Miller

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Mesa Buckhorn
Out of State
Sierra Vista
Casa Grande Valley
Kingman
Out of State

Michael
Angelique
Louis
Danny
Judy
Carmine
Lawrence & Virginia

Travis
Ken
Alfredo
Randall
John
Jeffrey
Lisa
Lyn
Gary
James

Peter
Zachery(In Memory of Crawford & Ruffin)
James & Sandra
Larry & Stephanie
Jeff

Ren Dog
James
Grover & Deborah

Jim
Fred
Lisa
Aimee
Peggy
Michael & Pam
Richard
Theodore
Terry & Stephanie

Modrak
Mogavero
Monaco
Monroe
Mooney
Morreale
Morrison

Napolitan
Nelson
Nogales
Norman
Olson
Oney
Ortmann
Owen
Parsons
Pell

Pervi
Phillips
Powell
Pratt
Prevey
Productions

Pulley
Ramsey

Ray
Renshaw
Rivers
Rogers
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Sanders

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Denny
Mary
Kathlee
Daniel
Connie
Thomas
Katrina
Brigid
Phillip
Ken
Anthony
Bryan
Al & Diane
Paul
Mari
Adam
Mary (in memory of Dan)
Mary
Cheryl
Darla
James
Ron & Katherine
Barbara & Kevin
Tory
Thomas
Gary
Jim
Gregory
Linda
Pauline (In Memory of Hank)
Stradling
Susan
Kenneth
Nancy

Scanlan
Schaffer
Schellhas
Schoenborn
Schultenjans
Seeley
Sharp
Sherbo
Shoaf
Short
Sichi
Silver
Skorupski
Slater
Slocum
Smith
Snyder
Springer
Srafin
Stacy
Stanley
Starjnski
Steele
Stradling
Strupp
Sudan
Theobald
Thomas
Thompson
Thonnard
Tory
Trecartin
Trumbauer
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Phoenix
Kevin
Kingman
Tucson
Mesa-Buckhorn
Casas Adobes

Sally	Veazey	Flagstaff
Kenneth	Walker	Gila Bend
Cyndy	Walker	Gila Bend
Duane & Pat	Washkowiak	Tempe
Amy	Wasson	Tempe
Jimmy	Watkins	Apache Junction
Vicki	Way	Sun City (CM)
Michael & Cathy	Weishan	Chandler
David	Whitmore, Jr.	Show Low
Clinton	Wilkins	Show Low
Patricia	Willers	Bullhead City
Ronald	Wilson	Wickenburg (CM)
Larry	Woll	Bullhead City
David	Wright	Yuma (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

Check the AEMP Website for recent updates. Improvements are ongoing, and this is just the beginning.

Who's Who in AEMP

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