



Arizona Elks

Major Projects



JANUARY 2026 Newsletter

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A Message from the
Executive Director,
Richard Ross PDDGER



Steele Children's
Research Center



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!



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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 Elkdom: 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	Adams	Out of State
Ken & Dianna	Adams	Sierra Vista (CM)
Edward	Ahlm	Ajo
Debbie	Allen	Ajo
Dennis	Appel	Chandler
Janae	Appel	Chandler
Alex	Arroyo	Wilcox
Alane	Asp	Catalina
Robert	Bahr	Sun City
Jack	Baillargeon	Catalina #2815
Donald	Baker	Casas Adobes
Kurt	Baker	Sun City
Vincent & Roseann	Bancroft	Chino Valley
Kay	Beachy	Chandler
Micheal	Beck	Coolidge-Florence
James & Judi	Beischel	Fountain Hills
Mark	Blackwell	Coolidge-Florence
Larry & Diane	Bodwell	Phoenix (CM)
Dewight	Borcherdt	Parker
Richard & JoAnn	Botkin	Tucson East (CM)
Steve	Bowman	Page

Greg & Jeanne	Boyce	Show Low (CM)
Daniel	Bradshaw	Catalina Mountain
Ventia	Brazier	Sun City
Clem	Brown	Phoenix (CM)
Brandy	Bruffett	Out of State
Amy	Buck	Green Valley
Dennis	Bulck	Mesa-Buckhorn
Carol	Burns	Mesa-Buckhorn
Bob & Lisa	Burns	Tucson East (CM)
Angela	Buso	Kearny
Beth	Butler	Douglas
Tracy	Cabell	Chandler
Michael & Jodi	Carboni	Gilbert
Barry & Shawnee	Carlile	Sierra Vista (CM)
Joe & Diane	Carlone	Green Valley
Taleen	Carpenter	Chandler
Richard	Carsten	Catalina #2815
Gloria	Cisneros	Catalina Mountain
Ira	Cohen	Casas Adobes (CM)
Michael	Comerford	Casas Adobes
Farm Hand	Consulting	Sierra Vista
Ray	Cornelius	Parker
Kathleen	Cothrun	Flagstaff
Bill & Margaret	Darr	Phoenix
David & Vicky	Dean	Sierra Vista
Pamala	Depweg	Lake Havasu
Monty & Deborah	Derting	Catalina Mountain
Vickie	DeValle	Out of State
Tony	Dixon	Scottsdale
Michael	Dood	Chandler
Brian & Sharon Thomas	Dooley	Bullhead City
Barbara	Eble	Showlow
James	Ellis	Sun City
Paul	Ertman	Sun City

Frank	Fieldhouse	Catalina Mountain (CM)
Shirley	Filliater	Tempe
Kathleen	Foley	Catalina #2815
Daniel	Foley	Showlow
Calvin	Fong	Casa Grande Valley
William	Foucher	Mesa-Buckhorn
Eva	Fox	Lake Havasu City
Salley	Frankel	Tucson East
John & Carol	Fuller	Yuma (CM)
Martin	Galchutt	Sun City
Michael	Giannetta	Wilcox
Gilliam	Evenlyn	Coolidge-Florence
Bob & Lisa	Gleason	Sun City
David	Gnuschke	Tucson (CM)
Chad	Goemans	Out of State
Megan	Goetz	Tucson East
Albert	Goodwin	Mesa-Buckhorn
Brian & Sheri	Gorski	Chandler (CM)
Mike	Granholt	Sierra Vista
Paul & Verna	Green	Mesa-Buckhorn (CM)
Casey	Hackett	Out of State
Kim	Haight	Lake Havasu
Joan	Hall	Parker
Adam	Hardin	Buckeye
Douglas & Victoria	Harpold	Catalina Mountain
Catherine	Hart	Mesa-Buckhorn
Renee	Higginbotham	Show Low
Tamara	Hilton	Prescott
Frank	Hinman	Ajo
John	Holtzapple	Out of State (CM)
Steve & Patricia	Hotz	Coolidge-Florence
Robert	Hone	Catalina
Cindi	Hosley	Tempe
Timothy	Houslet	Wilcox

Leslie	Huerta	Catalina Mountain
Ronald	Hunter	Mesa-Buckhorn
Jerry & Sandie	Ingram	Chandler
Donna	Johnson	Casa Grande Valley
Bruce	Kather	Sun City
Al & Brenda	Kayal	Phoenix (CM)
Richard	Kimberly	Sedona
Craig	King	Scottsdale
Charles	Klienfelter	Tempe
Michelle	Krivanek	Catalina Mountain
Zaven	Kulajian	Prescott
Elane	Lamm	Casa Grande Valley
Larry	Lathrop	Ajo
Elizabeth	Ledingham	Lake Havasu City
Kristi	Lee	Wilcox
Denise	Lefkowitz	Tucson East
Larry	Legge	Show Low
Jerry	Lennick	Mesa Buckhorn
Rokki	Leonard	Gilbert
Jerry & Alice	Levesque	Flagstaff
Steve & Mary	Like	Chandler
Denise	Loth	Out of State
John	Lyon	Green Valley
Kathleen Ann	MacFarlane	Out Of State
Robin	Madson	Show Low
Alan	Malott	Winslow
Michael	McBurney	Ajo
Klm	McIlionie	Tucson East
Michael	McGovern	Mesa Buckhorn
Alan	McGuire	Out of State
Tim (In Memory of Charyll)	McKean	Sierra Vista
Lori	Mentor	Casa Grande Valley
Robert	Mertens Sr.	Kingman
Bonnie	Miller	Out of State

Michael	Modrak	Fountain Hills
Angelique	Mogavero	Wickenburg
Louis	Monaco	Out of State
Danny	Monroe	Scottsdale
Judy	Mooney	Casas Adobes
Carmine	Morreale	Out of State
Lawrence & Virginia	Morrison	Gilbert (CM)
Travis	Napolitan	Page
Ken	Nelson	Douglas
Alfredo	Nogales	Ajo
Randall	Norman	Payson
John	Olson	Tucson East
Jeffrey	Oney	Parker
Lisa	Ortmann	Tucson East
Lyn	Owen	Out of State
Gary	Parsons	Lake Havasu City
James	Pell	Yuma (CM)
Peter	Pervi	Out of State
Zachery (In Memory of Crawford & Ruffin)	Phillips	Ajo
James & Sandra	Powell	Kingman
Larry & Stephanie	Pratt	Tempe
Jeff	Prevey	Phoenix
Ren Dog	Productions	Out of State
James	Pulley	Flagstaff
Grover & Deborah	Ramsey	Casa Grande Valley (CM)
Jim	Ray	Chino Valley
Fred	Renshaw	Out of State
Lisa	Rivers	Wickenburg (CM)
Aimee	Rogers	Chandler
Peggy	Rogers	Tucson East
Michael & Pam	Ross	Catalina #2815
Richard	Ross	Tucson East
Theodore	Sadlowski	Phoenix (CM)
Terry & Stephanie	Sanders	Parker

Denny	Scanlan	Tucson
Mary	Schaffer	Casas Adobes (CM)
Kathlee	Schellhas	Mesa-Buckhorn (CM)
Daniel	Schoenborn	Yuma
Connie	Schultenjans	Tempe
Thomas	Seeley	Ajo (CM)
Katrina	Sharp	Tucson
Brigid	Sherbo	Tucson East
Phillip	Shoaf	Lake Havasu City (CM)
Ken	Short	Casas Adobes
Anthony	Sichi	Phoenix
Bryan	Silver	Tucson
Al & Diane	Skorupski	Catalina Mountain (CM)
Paul	Slater	Catalina Mountain
Mari	Slocum	Tempe
Adam	Smith	Mesa Buckhorn
Mary (in memory of Dan)	Snyder	Raceway (CM)
Mary	Springer	Payson
Cheryl	Srafin	Payson
Darla	Stacy	Out of State
James	Stanley	Chandler
Ron & Katherine	Starjnski	Catalina Mountain
Barbara & Kevin	Steele	Tempe
Tory	Stradling	Kingman
Thomas	Strupp	Phoenix (CM)
Gary	Sudan	Sun City
Jim	Theobald	Chandler
Gregory	Thomas	Fountain Hills
Linda	Thompson	Phoenix
Pauline (In Memory of Hank)	Thonnard	Kevin
Stradling	Tory	Kingman
Susan	Trecartin	Tucson
Kenneth	Trumbauer	Mesa-Buckhorn
Nancy	Turner	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

AEMP Board of Directors

President	Mike Giannetta, PER	Wilcox #2131
Vice President	John Fuller, PER	Yuma #476
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South	AI Skorupski PSP	Cat Mountain # 2815
North	Dennis Holt, PDDGER	Jerome #1361
North	Larry Legge, Vice President East	Show Low #2090
Member At Large	Frank Buso 1 st Vice President	Kearny #2478
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AEMP Staff

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

AEMP District Representatives

East	Grover Ramsey, DDGER	Casa Gran #1957
North	Richard Kimberly, PDDGER	Sedona #2291
South	Alex Arroyo, PER	Wilcox #2131
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 Man #2007
West	Joe Brown PER	Phoenix #335

