



# Arizona Elks

## Major Projects



## June 2022 Newsletter

### The New AEMP Office Location

Starting on June 1st our office will be located at 2262 W. Magee Rd in Tucson and just a few miles from I-10 (go East at the Cortaro Farms exit). Our new digs are on the 2nd floor that is assessable via an elevator or stairs. The new location makes it much easier for those coming from out of town to visit the office.

The AEMP phone number remains the same (**520-326-0556**) but our new mailing address is **P.O. Box 91560, Tucson, AZ 85752**.

Any mail sent to our previous P.O. Box after May 31st will be forwarded to our new address for six months.





**From the Desk of  
Executive Director  
Bruce C. Van Den Eng**

Hello my fellow Arizona Elks. On April 1<sup>st</sup> I assumed the duties of Executive Director for AEMP. I'm truly honored to have been selected for this position and am privileged to serve. I also deeply appreciate the trust that has been placed in me to lead AEMP.

I've been an Elk for 27 years, I joined the Panama #1414 lodge in 1995, when I was stationed there. I grew up in Tucson, graduated from Sabino High School and attended the University of Arizona. I have a bachelor's degree in liberal arts and a master's degree in aeronautical science.

I retired in 2006 as a Chief Warrant Officer 4 after 24 years of service as an U.S. Army Aviator, accident investigator, and safety officer. I spent the next 8 years in federal civil service; first with the Dept of Homeland Security and then the Drug Enforcement Administration before returning to Tucson in 2015.

I transferred my membership from Panama #1414 to Casas Adobes #2663 when my wife and I, Aimee, returned to Tucson to take care of family. I've been the ER of Casas Adobes lodge twice, I'm serving my 3rd year as the AEA ENF Chair, and served as the AEA Sgt at Arms, and Esquire to South DDGER Ken Adams last year.

That said, we have some big things happening with AEMP; from a new commitment to Steele, continuing to improve the youth camp, to moving our office, and a totally new type of raffle this year.



# **Our Commitment to the Steele Children's Research Center is Steadfast**

## **Our New Effort For Steele**

AEMP is committing to a 2.5 million dollar gift to Steele over the next 5 years that is targeted at three areas: Brain Development, Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD) Research, and the training of future doctors and scientists.

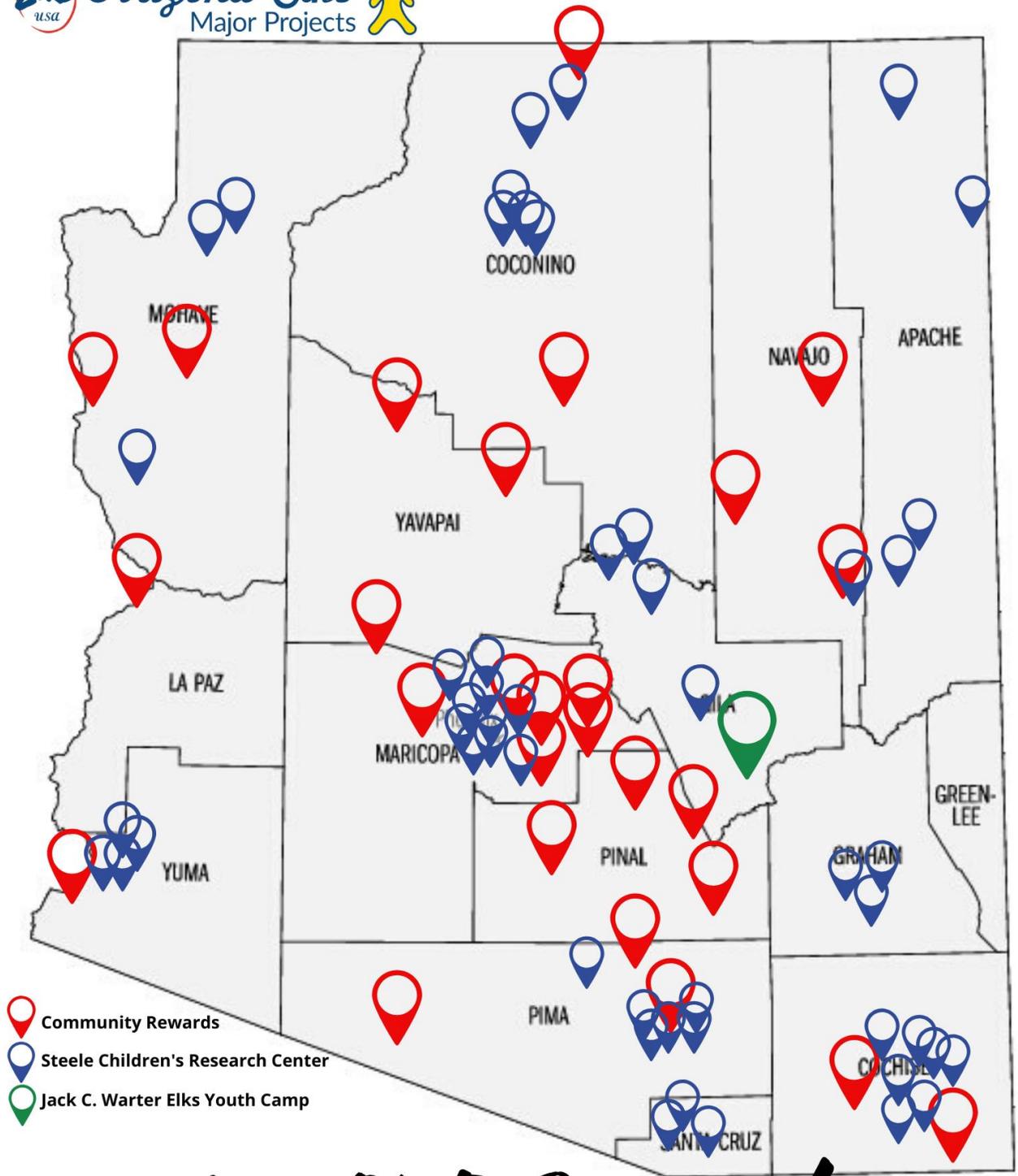
The brain development effort will be focused upon the prevention and treatment of neonatal brain injury in premature infants, optimizing infant nutrition to promote early neurodevelopment, and understanding the causes of infection-associated autoimmunity in the central nervous system in children.

The Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease affects obese children and increases their lifetime risk of cirrhosis and is 4 time more dangerous than Type 2 diabetes. The training of future doctors and scientists will be held at the Marvin Lewis Teaching Center.

## **Work Well Done**

AEMP has successfully concluded a 10 year commitment that provided \$2.5 million dollars to the Steele Children's Research Center. One million dollars was used to fund additional research in autoimmune diseases such as type 1 diabetes, multiple sclerosis, inflammatory bowel disease and celiac disease.

The remaining \$1.5 million dollars established two additional Elks Endowed Chairs. The Pediatric Research chair is dedicated to pediatric research and recruiting a top-notch clinical research leader to head the Steele Children's Research Center's in Phoenix. The Faculty Research for Technology and Innovation chair provides the perpetual funding to ensure that researchers have the resources and equipment to support for the research labs.



*In YOUR Community*

# Jack C. Warter Jr, Youth Camp

## **Just Keeps on Getting Better and Better**

The crew at our youth camp continue to make the camp better every year. This newest upgrade is no exception to the great work to better the camp. The crew, so ably led by Dennis Appel and Tom Miller, completely upgraded, and remodeled the camp bathroom, providing a safe and sanitary environment for all to use.



# AEMP Calendar Raffle!

Introducing the AEMP Calendar Raffle with 155 chances to win a cash prize.

Tickets are \$10.00 each or three tickets for \$20.00 and are not eligible to win until the ticket stub with payment is received by the AEMP office in Tucson.

Tickets were issued to every lodge during our May convention in Tempe. Be sure to get your tickets before the drawings begin to have the greatest number of chances to win. Tickets can also be requested using the AEMP raffle ticket mailer that will be sent to all Arizona Elks in June or by contacting the AEMP office to have a ticket request form emailed. All tickets (sold or unsold) must be received by the AEMP office by March 30, 2023.

Starting on November 1, 2022, and ending on March 31, 2023, a winning ticket will be drawn for every day of that month. However, an "early bird" drawing of three tickets will be done during the AEA Mid-Year Meeting in October 2022.

Winning tickets will be selected by a random drawing made by the Executive Director of AEMP on the last day of the month starting in November 2022. The winners will receive a check by mail and their names will be posted in the AEMP newsletter. Each Calendar Raffle ticket can only be drawn once as a "single" winner however, all previous winning tickets will be eligible for the grand finale.

Ticket Prizes are as follows:

Monday to Friday Winners are \$25

Saturday and Sunday Winners are \$50

Holiday Winners are \$100 (Nov 11, Dec 26, Jan 16, Feb 16 & 17, Mar 31)

Three Early Bird Winners are \$150 (Oct TBA)

Two Grand Finale Winners are \$500 (Mar 31)

AEMP will mail the winner's check to the address listed on the ticket stub by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month. **It is imperative that each ticket stub is completely filled out by the purchaser, to avoid any delays in receiving their winnings.** The tickets are serial numbered and AEMP will maintain "chain of custody" for every raffle ticket to ensure ticket accountability is maintained.

*The purchase of tickets does not qualify with the IRS as a charitable donation.*

November 2022

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December 2022

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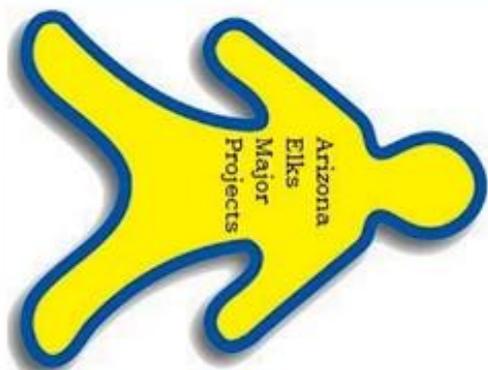
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March 2023

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-  \$25 Daily
-  \$50 Weekend
-  \$100 Holiday
-  2-\$500 Prizes

No. 0000001



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Sample Ticket - Front

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The monthly winners will be listed in the monthly AEMP newsletter that is posted on the AEMP website. Lodge members can request to receive the newsletter by completing the newsletter request located at the bottom of the home page on the AEMP website ([azelksmp.com](http://azelksmp.com)).

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Your Lodge (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Member# (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Sample Ticket - Back



# Steele Children's Research Center

## Donations to Steele

### Books, Blankets & Beanies

Steele has asked that we take a "pause" with our donations of books until October. However, they need diapers, wipes, and gift cards (\$10 to \$20). Any donations for Steele can be mailed to our new post office box (PO Box 91560, Tucson, 85752) or dropped off at the new AEMP office. Please contact the office before visiting to ensure the office is open.

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Lodge's wishing to bring donations to the AEA conventions in Tempe are asked to contact the AEMP office before doing so, as the volume of lodge donations can easily overwhelm us, as it did during the May convention this year. Lodges in the greater Tucson area are encouraged to drop off any donations at our office.

# The Mother's Day Surprise

Several months ago, a plan was hatched to find a way to give the children receiving treatment at the various Steele Clinic's to get a Mother's Day gift for their mom. The word went out statewide for donations of costume jewelry that could be used as those gifts.

The response has been overwhelming with donations pouring in from all over the state. Due to the enthusiasm for this project, we are asking lodges and individuals to stop collecting jewelry as we now have enough to last a few years and our storage ability is limited.

Three clinics were visited in Tucson and there is so much jewelry we are going to spread it around the state to distribute at other clinics. Lodges and individuals wishing to participate in the distribution effort are asked to contact the AEMP office.

A huge Thank You to Diane Skorupski who is spearheading this effort.

Here are just a few photos taken for Mother's Day.





# Who's Who in AEMP

## AEMP Board of Directors

President	John Doucette	Tucson East # 2532
Vice President	John Fuller	Yuma #476
Secretary	Sheila Stephenson	Kearny # 2478
Treasurer	Hank Thonnard	Lake Havasu City #2399
South	Allen Swope	Tucson East #2532
East	Dennis Appel	Chandler # 2429
North	Thomas C. DiSisto	Jerome # 1361
North	Roy Haddick	Bullhead City # 2408
Member At Large	Albert S. Kayal	Phoenix #335
Ex-Officio Member	Mike Weishan	Chandler #2429

## AEMP Staff

Executive Director	Bruce C. Van Den Eng	Casas Adobes #2663
Administrative Assistant	Ursula Woods	Casas Adobes #2663
Financial Advisor	Bob Burns	Tucson East #2532
Statutory Agent	Tom Sylvester	Tucson East #2532

## AEMP District Representatives

East	Randy Appel	Chandler #2429
North	Richard Kimberly	Sedona #2291
South	Richard Ross	Douglas #955
West	Robert Gleason	Sun City #2559

## AEMP Camp Advisory Committee

Chairman	Dennis Appel	Chandler #2429
South	Lee Cook	Catalina Mtn #2815
North	TBD	
South	Tom Miller	San Manuel #2007
West	Larry Bodwell	Phoenix #335

## AEMP Camp Scholarship Advisor

Ed Warner	Globe-Miami #489
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