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SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS

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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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| Monday | 9.00-1:00 |
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| Thursday | 10:00-2:00 |

Exalted Ruler's Message - Monty Derting



G reetings all! I want to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season. Enjoy your time with family and friends, and please be safe through the

Holidays, especially those who are traveling.

November was a bit hectic. on November 10th, we had our last "official" visit by East District **DDGER Mari Slocum**. It was her first time visiting our Lodge and she was quite impressed. She commented during our Lodge meeting that we should call our Lodge "the friendliest Lodge in the State." Well done Catalina Mountain Elks!

The very next day was Veterans Day. Flags were up, breakfast was served for Veterans, and our annual *Veterans Day Service* was performed at noon to a full house, followed by the *Queen of Hearts* that night. Again, well done Catalina Mountain!

The following Saturday we had a *Memorial Service* to honor and remember our departed member **Jimmy Sullivan**. Again, to a full house. Three time's a charm—Well done Catalina Mountain!! I want to thank all of the Officers, Committee Chairs, House Committee members, and our wonderful volunteers who spent the extra time and work to pull this month off. You are all truly great Elks!

While all of this was going on Community Activities Chair Jan Trudeau and I, along with the Golder Ranch Fire Battalion Chief, presented a \$1,000 check to *Impact* in honor of our Firefighters for Patriots Day.

I do need to mention that the morning of Jimmy Sullivan's Memorial our septic was stopped up. Perfect timing. Thanks to the diligent efforts of Larry Wittenborn and Ron Starjnski who got a plumber in to save the day.

Also, **Joyce Garcia**, coordinator for the *Clothe-A-Child* and the Dictionary projects, has had to step down. Thank you Joyce for your many years of dedication to our cause. You are an awesome lady. Joyce has two very fine and enthusiastic young ladies who are stepping up to fill her positions— **Leslie Huerta** and **Cindy Lefaive**. Thanks to both for agreeing to take on these very very meaningful projects.

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Past Exalted Rulers

| Donald Denman | 1969-70 |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Jim Gillis* | 1982-83 |
| Dave Webster* | 1987-88 |
| Ralph Welsh | 1989-90 |
| Al Skorupski, PSP | 1993-94 |
| Charles Dugas* | 1999-00 |
| Bill McLane* | 2000-01 |
| Victor Garcia* | 2001-02 |
| Kathy Anderson | 2002-03 |
| Neal Patronsky | 2003-04 |
| Frank Fieldhouse, PDDGER | 2004-05 |
| Jim Cox | 2005-06 |
| Jim Buell, PDDGER | 2005-06 |
| Jack Baillargeon, PDDGER | 2006-07 |
| Sig Danielson | 2007-08 |
| Lee Cook, PDDGER | 2008-09 |
| Larry Megahan | 2009-10 |
| Richard Esparza | 2010-11 |
| Thomas Wilson | 2011-12 |
| Earnest Cruce | 2012-13 |
| Robin Danielson | 2013-14 |
| Gloria Cisneros | 2014-15 |
| Doug Harpold | 2015-16 |
| Sig Danielson | 2016-17 |
| Steve Asp | 2017-18 |
| Glen Robinson | 2017-18 |
| Robert Kielsa | 2018-19 |
| Gloria Cisneros | 2019-20 |
| Steve Asp | 2020-21 |
| Alane Asp | 2022-22 |
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Committees

| Accident Prevention |
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| Community ActivitiesJan Trudeau |
| Dictionary ProjectCindy Lefaive |
| Drug AwarenessBud Meyer Elks Memorial Day ServiceDoug Harpold, PER |
| Elks National Foundation Lee Cook, PDDGER |
| Flag Day Coordinator |
| Flag Display Chair Mike Borah |
| Fraternal Committee |
| Golf Tournament Harry Wedwaldt |
| Government Relations Lee Cook, PDDGER |
| Hoop Shoot Lisa Chavez |
| House Committee Paul Slater |
| Indoctrination Coordinator Alane Asp, PER |
| Investigation CoordinatorDeborah Derting |
| Lodge ActivitiesJan Trudeau |
| Major Project Coordinator Lisa Chavez |
| MembershipMimi Wittenborn |
| Memorial Day Service Coordinator Doug Harpold, PER |
| PER Association Alane Asp, PER |
| Protocol Coordinator |
| Public Relations CoordinatorJim Beregi |
| Ritualistic Comm. Chairs Jack Baillargeon, PDDGER & Neal Patronsky, PER |
| Scholarship Chair Roger Mastro |
| Sickness & DistressKathy Mikitish & Betty Cook |
| Soccer ShootLisa Chavez |
| Special Olympics |
| Standing Relief CommitteeRon Starjnski |
| Training Chair Doug Harpold |
| Veterans Services |
| Youth Activities Lisa Chavez |
| Webmaster & Email Coordinator Jim Beregi |
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Exalted Ruler continued

My deepest gratitude and appreciation to our Esquire, PER Gloria Cisneros. She has been the one tasked with making sure that our Lodge has been set up appropriately for all of these events and regrouping and setting up again. Thank you Gloria.

As this Holiday Season is upon us, let's all take time to remember our Veterans who are deployed away from home, and those families in service to our great country.

God bless you all, God bless our Veterans and First Responders, and God Bless America!





ello everyone,

This month's article is all about the coming year. As the incoming ER in April 2023, Catalina Mountain Elks once again need your help to continue and maintain our Lodge spirit and success. There are several positions open for the coming year as

described in the list below. If you are interested in getting more involved with our great Lodge, please let me know.

- **Drug Awareness**
- Grant Writer
- Flag Display Chair •
- Hoop Shoot
- Government Relations
- Youth Activities **Elks National**

Soccer Shoot

Veterans Services

Foundation

Our members have a strong spirit of generosity and of giving back. To get you started in your new role, we have a support group and coaches for all of these positions, so you will not be alone. I look forward to seeing you all at the Lodge. Contact me at rstarjnski@gmail.com, or by phone at (520) 812-9322). Ron

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| "Nothing is impossible. | |
| The word itself says 'I'm possible!" | |
| — Audrey Hepburn | |

Secretary's Corner - Mimi Wittenborn



hope everyone had a wonderful L Thanksgiving with family and/or friends.

It's hard to believe that 2022 is almost over. Where did it go? Our Lodge Treasurer Kathy Hernandez and I (Mimi) would like to wish you a very Happy Holidays—Merry Christmas

and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

The office hours should remain the same during this holiday season. Please stop in anytime to say "Hi."

Just a reminder we have notary service available in the office should you need one.

Lodge Stats Year-To-Date

| Membership to Date | 588 |
|--------------------|-----|
| Candidates | 8 |
| Pending Transfers | 2 |
| Delinquents | 42 |
| Life Members | 69 |
| Average Age | 70 |

***** Something to Think About The holiday season is a perfect time

to reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to make life better for those around us.

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Elk of the Month

December

he Elks of the month for December has to go to our Bar Stewards—Ricky Etzel, Marie Starjnski, Kathy Mikitish, and Hannah Harpold.

This crew has spent this past month not only tending to the everyday business, but have had some hectic QOH nights. In addition, they worked hard to make the DDGER visit a success. Also, at my request, they were in extra hours to take care of the Officers and early arrivals for the Veterans Day Service and Jimmy Sullivan's Memorial Service. Thank you all very much for your dedication and devotion to our wonderful Lodge.



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Lodge Activities - Jan Trudeau



LODGE ACTIVITIES

hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! Now on to the next holiday—Christmas!!

I can't believe it's already December. Here are some of the activities we have planned

for you this month:

Sunday, December 4th, is our *Elks Memorial Service* at 11 am. Please come and share in this wonderful service remembering our departed brothers and sisters. The Lounge will be closed during the service, but will reopen directly afterward. On Wednesday, December 7th, we will put up the flags on Oracle Road for *National Pearl Harbor Day*. They go up at 7 am and come down at 5 pm. Come and give a hand.

We have the *Texas Hold 'Em* card game on Saturday, December 10th. The game starts at 1 pm. Please sign up in the Lounge so we know how many tables to set up. Saturday, the 17th, is *Bingo*. We start the fun at 2 pm. Later that afternoon we have the *Secret Santa Gift Exchange*. If you want to participate, please bring a wrapped gift worth approximately \$15-20. It's always a fun time—come check it out. There is also a potluck so bring something to share. Sign up in the Lounge so we know what food you're bringing. Dinner is planned for 5 pm, and gift exchange around 6. The *Dart Tournaments* are on the back patio on Saturdays at 5 pm, <u>except</u> on December 17 and Christmas Eve. *Football* is still here every Sunday. The Lounge opens at 11 am, and we have plenty of televisions so you can watch your favorite team. Wednesday dinner continues to delight. **Cindy** has wonderful dishes planned, so sign up the Monday before and come and enjoy.

On *Christmas Eve*, **Alane and Steve** will serve up their awesome tomato soup and sandwiches. Always delicious and appreciated. Thank you Alane & Steve!! FYI, we will be open on New Year's Day at regular hours, from 11 to 7.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, too!!

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Our Lodge "adopted" 20 kids from our local food bank-Impact of Southern Arizona. At press time, we were still doing last minute shopping and wrapping of clothes, toys, and art supplies. We will deliver the presents to Impact the first week of December. I am still accepting monetary donations for this awesome project. See me at the Lodge, or you can write a check to "Catalina Mt. Elks #2815" and *write Adopt-a-Family* in the memo line. Thanks to all who have donated—this really will make a difference in these kids' lives.

Past Exalted Ruler Association - Alane Asp, PERA President



The holiday season is upon us. I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. It's good to see so many of our snowbirds returning. Friday nights have been quite busy and fun at the Lodge. The *Queen of Hearts* pot will be more than \$8,000 by the time December arrives, with drawings

every Friday during the month. Each Friday night there are 3 chances to win a prize—50/50 drawing, Queen of Hearts, and 2 dinners with drink chips. This month, the **PERA** donated \$300 to Wreaths Across America and

purchased \$300 in *AEMP Calendar Raffle* tickets. We are always looking for charitable opportunities and welcome suggestions from any member—simply talk to me or any of our PERs. Happy Holidays!





DDGER Steve participated in a fashion show at Tucson East Lodge #2532 to benefit Special Olympics. He was one of 10 models and was voted 3rd favorite.

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owdy!

Hard to believe that it is already December and 2023 is right around the corner.

While November was a relatively quiet month, December is going to be BUSY. As

mentioned last month, we will have our *Secret Santa* event on December 17th, with a Potluck at 5 and the Secret Santa to follow right after. It is suggested that the gift should be around \$20. Make sure you check out the flyers in the Lounge and the website for "reminders." For New Year's Eve we will be open for reduced hours, 1-6 pm, to allow everyone to get to their local NYE parties later that evening.

This month's shoutout goes to **Betty Cook**, who coordinates the holiday decoration every year at the

Lodge to bring a little more Christmas spirit to our great Lodge. She would love to have helpers to put up the tree on December 3rd for the *Children's Shopping pree* and for the kids to meet Santa that afternoon, as well as on the 4th to finalize the decoration after the Elks Memorial event at 10 am.

We continue to look for new members for the House Committee. Please consider joining, or at least come to one of our meetings, which are open to our members. We meet the first Thursday of the month at 4:30. I Hope to see some new faces in the upcoming months!

As always, if you have questions or concerns, you can always reach out to me via email at: pslates1987@gmail.com, or by phone at (520) 268-2375. Take care,

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Clothe-A-Child Coordinator - Leslie Lefaive-Huerta

erry Christmas to all! You probably have heard that I, along with my sister **Cindy**, are the new Co-Chairs working to have one of the very best *Christmas Shopping Sprees* for some underprivileged children at Roadrunner Elementary school in Marana Unified School District. Most of you are aware Joyce Garcia did an amazing job for 15 years coordinating this event along with the *Easter Clothe-A-Child* and *Dictionary Donations* for children! Her heart is so huge, and it's humbling and rewarding to be able to take over the reigns from her to manage these projects. The bar is held very high, and we hope to do as great a job!

As of this publication, on December 3, we have already escorted the children on a shopping spree for clothes. We met at the Walmart Garden Department at 8:30 am.

Thankfully, in this *post-pandemic* year, we were once again fortunate to celebrate the after-shopping party at the Lodge. The **Golder Ranch Fire Department** shuttled Santa and Mrs. Claus to the Lodge to deliver toys to the children!

We wish to personally thank our **Members** for supporting this event—be it with a donation, your communication efforts, managing paperwork, your time decorating the Lodge, escorting children, helping in the kitchen and bar, cleaning up, and , certainly, we can't leave out Mr. and Mrs. Claus. In addition, we sincerely thank **Jan Trudeau** and **Joyce Garcia** for always making yourselves available to assist with our questions, direction, and great coaching.

May the magic and the wonder of the holiday season stay with you throughout the coming year



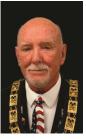


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The Catalina Mountain Elk Bugle - December 2022



Veterans Committee - Bob Kielsa, PER & Belinda Waller



s of November 20, 2022, our <u>noncash donations</u>, which is used clothing and shoes, sits at **\$127,368**, and our <u>cash donations</u> total **\$5,803**, bringing our <u>total-todate donations</u> to **\$133,171**.

The Veterans Committee is sponsoring a *Gun Raffle* to raise money by raffling off two donated guns. Please see the article below for a description of the guns. Tickets are 1 for \$5 or 5 for \$20. You can purchase them from our bar stewards. The drawing will take place on Friday, December 16th, prior to the *Queen of Hearts* drawing. Winner does not need to be present.

Because we need more revenue streams for our Veteran initiatives, we have established a **committee for "Crafters"** to create items needed for Veterans in the hospital, in the Veterans home, and for us to sell at the Lodge. We had our first meeting on



Starting out the year with a workshop on a Saturday (TBA) in January. We will start making walker caddy bags for the VA hospital. Bring a sewing machine if you have one, scissors, and pins. Or, if you don't sew, come anyway as we always have something for your to do. The plan is to get half a dozen done.

Teri Case and **Teen Morgan** will be our leaders.

Rifle & Shotgun Raffle

November 11th, which was very productive. Because of the busy holidays in December, it was decided to wait until January to meet again. We did decide that the next meeting



should be at a non-working time and day.

As a committee of two, Belinda and I feel we could do a much better job of serving our Veterans by expanding our committee. We believe a group of Elks who have a passion for helping Veterans could come up with many more ideas to serve their needs other than just the two of us. If you're interested in participating in this endeavor, please drop me an email at BobKielsa@gmail.com.

As always, a big thank you for all your support for our Veterans.

Merry Ghristmas



Raffle Friday, December 16, at Queen of Hearts

All proceeds go to our Veteran's charities

Two Drawings: Tickets available in the Lounge \$5 per ticket or 5 for \$20

First drawn winner may select the model of their choosing

Second drawn winner will receive the remaining model

- Winners need not to be present -

Pictured PER Bob Kielsa holding:

- (top) Ruger M77-270 Winchester with Bushnell 3x25 scope
- (bottom) Ithaca Deer Slayer Pump Action 12-gauge shotgun with second barrel modified









Arizona Elks Major Projects Raffles: November 1, 2022 thru March 31, 2023

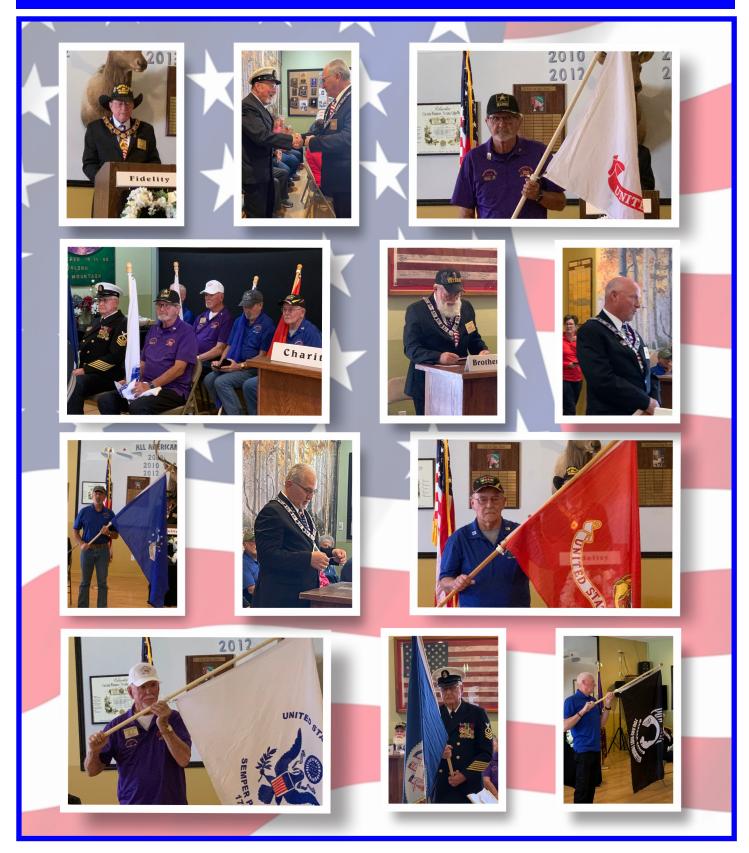


Please help to make this Raffle a success. All tickets purchased fund charitable works of the AZ Elks Major Projects.

- Tickets <u>\$10 ea or 3 for \$20</u> for the entire Raffle period.
- Raffle tickets can be purchased in the Lounge or in the Lodge Secretary's office.
- Turn in your completed ticket stub to the Lodge Secretary who will forward them to the Major Projects office.
- Lots of opportunities to win money weekly: \$25 M-F winners, \$50 Sa-Sun, \$100 Holidays, \$150 to 3 Early Bird Winners, \$500 to 2 Grand Finale Winners
- Winning tickets will be eligible for the two Grand Finale drawings.



Veterans Day Service - Friday, November 11





December Birthdays

1 Rex Heward 1 Brigitte Sobolik 3 W Paul Lampadius 3 William Letchford 3 Olivia Peters 3 Leon Zeck 5 Kristina Sorensen 6 Stewart Fleisher 6 Robert Hoffman 6 Harold Jasper 6 Michael Smith 6 Michael Vince 7 Zachary Arnold 8 Garland Smith 10 Paul Cartter 11 Madeline Black 11 Gilbert Hernandez 11 Kenneth MacRae 11 Lynn Zink 13 Joseph Markwell 13 Richard Sitzmann 15 Lupita Camacho 15 Diane Prickett 15 Frank Romero

16 Andrew Jones 16 Debra Miller 17 Paula Boling 17 April Dawn 18 Alane Asp 18 John Letchford 18 Mimi Wittenborn 19 Linda Irwin 19 Rhiannon McMahon 20 Kathryn Aitchison 20 Robert Kelley 21 James Carver 22 Warren Baker 22 Carol Coville 22 Irwin Rosener 23 Michael Ellis 23 Brawnz Sportsman 25 Jacques Baillargeon 25 Sandra Mitchell 26 Christine Curtis 26 Gregory Davy 27 John Grindley 27 Judith Humitz 28 Cheryl Farrier

May peace and hope fill your life. Happy Birthday!



Wednesday Dinner Menu

DECEMBER 7

Ranch Chicken Potatoes Green Beans Ham & Split Pea Soup Dessert

DECEMBER 14

Meatloaf Potatoes Corn Cream of Mushroom Soup Dessert DECEMBER 21

Shrimp Scampi Salad Garlic Bread Cheddar Cheese Soup Dessert

DECEMBER 28

Mississippi Pot Roast Potatoes Carrots Creamy Broccoli Soup Dessert



Our Poet Laureate - Jim Cox





The Holiday Season Reflect on all the holidays you've shared throughout the years. How many found regrettable... which ones bring blissful tears?



Reflect on those made your heart swell and eves that were but hollow. You'll find the difference came from you... if seeds you'd plant went fallow.

The secret is in sharing with those that you hold dear, and feeling all the warmth and love from those you would have near.



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