



# The Catalina Mountain Elk Bugle



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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
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Thursday	10:00-2:00

## Exalted Ruler's Message - Monty Derting



Hi everyone! Well the Holidays are over, and I hope that everyone had a great time and are safe and healthy.

Our Lodge has done a totally awesome job this year, and we're not done yet! We have some events coming up supporting our various charities, so keep your eyes out for these. You'll find them in the Bugle and our website. Please come and help us out with these special and fun events.

Now that the "giving season" is over, we as Elks don't stop. Because as Elks, that's what we

do all year long. There are just so many ways that we can reach out to help—let's keep on doing what we do as true Elks!!

Don't forget the ENF (Elks National Foundation) and the AEMP (Arizona Elks Major Projects).

Next month, February, will be an exciting month! The new officers for the 2023–24 year will be nominated and elected.

**Ron Starjnski** is our "presumptive" Exalted Ruler for next year.

My thanks to Ron for stepping up to take on this position for our Lodge!!! You will be awesome!

## Our Poet Laureate - Jim Cox



### JANUARY 2023

*This year my New Year's Toast  
 will sound more like a Friar's Roast.  
 I'll try to stir a little wit  
 and hope some humor comes from it.  
 How often we like Janus gauge.  
 How oft we seem to lose our page.  
 In yore and vague tomorrow,  
 we wallow and find sorrow  
 when each day's trials we must assuage.*



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 Patronskey.....	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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Accident Prevention.....	Harry Beatty
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Building Committee.....	Steve Mikitish & Ron Starjnski
Clothe-A-Child Coordinator.....	Leslie Lefave-Huerta
Community Activities.....	Jan Trudeau
Dictionary Project.....	Cindy Lefave
Drug Awareness.....	Bud Meyer
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Elks National Foundation.....	Lee Cook, PDDGER
Flag Day Coordinator.....	Doug Harpold, PER
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Major Project Coordinator.....	Lisa Chavez
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Soccer Shoot.....	Lisa Chavez
Special Olympics.....	Kathryn Aitchison
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Training Chair.....	Doug Harpold
Veterans Services.....	Belinda Waller & Bob Kielsa
Youth Activities.....	Lisa Chavez
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**Secretary's Corner - Mimi Wittenborn**



**H**appy New Year!! It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone and soon we'll begin a new Elk year. It has been a very successful year for the Lodge with 44 new members so far—we welcome all of you.

Unfortunately, we still have 40 delinquent members. If you are one of those and want to remain an Elk, please get those dues in ASAP. Starting in January, my office hours will have a slight change, as follows:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday  
10 am to 2 pm  
(Monday was the only change)

**Lodge Stats Year-To-Date**

Membership to Date .....	592
Candidates.....	7
Pending Transfers.....	3
Delinquents .....	41
Life Members .....	69
Average Age .....	70

**Something to Think About**  
*What the new year brings to you will depend a great deal on what you bring to the new year.*

— Vern McLellan



**Leading Knight - Ron Starjnski**



**H**ello everyone, I hope everyone has had a wonderful and joyful holiday season. It is December 20th and we have gotten through Thanksgiving and are on the cusp of Christmas. I know for myself the food has been terrific at home and at the Lodge; hopefully you have had the same experience. Now is the time to make those New Year's resolutions, I for one will be trying to lose those additional pounds that I have gained through the holiday season.

Don't forget about the *AEMP Calendar Raffle*, tickets are still available at the Lodge. On November 30th the winning names in the early bird raffle were pulled. Three of the lucky winners are Cole Blake from Page #2498, Maureen Dupis from Apache Junction #2349, and Teen Morgan from Tucson #385. Check out page 8 of this edition and see who won from Catalina #2815.

I'll see you all at the Lodge. *Ron*

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\* *Keep your face always toward the sunshine,* \*  
\* *and shadows will fall behind you.* \*  
\* — Walt Whitman \*  
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**Elks of the Month**

**T**he honor of Elks of the month go to **Leslie Lefaive-Huerta and Cindy LeFaive**.

Leslie and Cindy very recently took over a very important and special job for our Lodge—the *Children's Christmas Shopping Spree*. This is such a special and important event for us as Elks!!

With little notice and guidance from our past Shopping Spree coordinator **Joyce Garcia**, they did an awesome job in pulling this special event off. Most importantly, they gave a bunch of children a special day.

Leslie and Cindy, "Hats off" to you and all of the volunteers who joined you in making this a special day for these children.

## Lodge Activities - Jan Trudeau

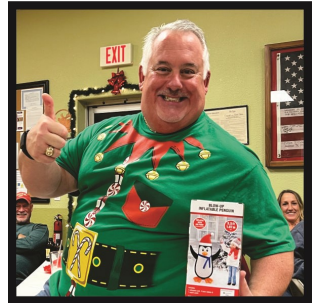


### LODGE ACTIVITIES

Happy New Year! Welcome 2023. It's going to be a great year.

Some fun activities for you begin with *Bingo* on Saturday, January 7th, and again on Saturday, January 21st. The fun starts at 2 pm. Come join us. *Texas Hold 'Em* card games are scheduled for Saturdays, January 14th and January 28th. The games start at 1 pm. Please sign up in the Lounge so we know how many tables to set up. Darts are on the back patio every Saturday at 5 pm, except no game on the 21st. *Football* is still here every Sunday. The Lounge opens up at 11 am for your viewing pleasure. And, *Wednesday dinners* continue to delight. Check out the menus on the calendar and please sign up by the Monday before. That's all for the usual events, now on to some special fun planned for you. Don't miss the *Hot Toddy Trot* on Saturday, January 14th at 9 am. It's a walk-around the Elks property with lots of fun and games. This event benefits the **Major Projects** fund for the **Steele Children's Research Center**, and it's only \$20.00 for lots of fun and a pancake breakfast, too! Please see the sign-up sheet in the Lounge for further details. *Grill Your Own Steak* night is Saturday, January 21st, starting around 5 pm. Bring your steak of choice to cook, and if you prefer someone else to do the cooking, Jim and Kyle would be happy to help. The cost is \$5.00, and the Elks will supply the baked potatoes, salad, garlic bread, and dessert. There is a sign-up sheet in the Lounge. And, we will have special guests **Whiskey and Bad Decisions** band playing for us. They are awesome—come check it out.

Our *Secret Santa* event was a blast! The potluck was awesome—lots of great food, and the gift exchange did not disappoint. There may or may not have been a Jack Daniels theme. . . Thanks to all who came out for the fun.



### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Again this year, our Lodge *Adopt-a-Family* program helped 20 kids thru local food bank *Impact of So. AZ*. We purchased clothing, toys, and art supplies, wrapped all the gifts, and delivered them to the food bank so the kids would have gifts to open for Christmas. A huge THANK YOU to all who donated to this awesome project, I know we made a big difference. Way to go Elks!



## Veterans Committee - Bob Kielsa, PER & Belinda Waller

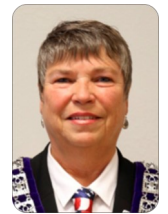


I hope you all had a Happy New Year and you're ready for whatever challenges, adventures, and fun 2023 brings to you! As of December 20, 2022, our noncash donations, for clothing and shoes, sits at **\$127,861** and our cash donations total **\$6,410**, bringing our total Veterans donations to date to **\$134,271**.

As you probably know, the **Veterans Committee** sponsored a *Gun Raffle* to raise money. I'm happy to report we raised **\$1,775** for our committee! A BIG thank you to all who contributed to our raffle!

Because we need more revenue streams for our Veterans initiatives, we have established a group called *Crafty Crafters* to create items needed for Veterans in the hospital, for Veterans at home, and for items to sell at the

Lodge. A working meeting is set for Saturday, January 21st, 9 am to 1 pm, to work on two items that need to be produced. This is an informal group. For additional information, you can call **Teen Morgan's** cell at 520-237-5873.



As a committee of two, Belinda and I feel we could do a much better job 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 our Vets other than just the two of us. I'm happy to report that we have 9 members who have stepped forward to help with our committees efforts! As always, a big thank you for all your support for our Veterans.





House Committee - Paul Slater



**H**owdy!  
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Wow—2023 is here! I can't wait to experience all of the amazing things that are in store for our Lodge and for each of you!

What a great December; hopefully everyone had the opportunity to spend some memorable moments with friends and family. Most of all, I hope that each of you took a moment to truly remember the reason for this special holiday, the birth of Jesus Christ!

January will be another fun-filled month with the *Hot Toddy Trot* and the *Cook Your Own Steak* night. Make sure that you check out Jan's article for a complete listing of all the great events.

This month's shoutout goes to **Debbie Fitzgerald** who jumped in with her nursing skills when one of our

members started exhibiting symptoms of a stroke. Her cool during a scary time made sure that everyone knew what to do while comforting and stabilizing our member until the Golder Ranch Fire Department came to take over. They were also amazing in their professionalism and the speed with which they arrived and quickly transferred him to the hospital.

We continue to look for new members for the **House Committee**. Please consider joining, or at least coming 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](mailto:pslates1987@gmail.com) or by phone at 520.268.2375

Take care, *paul*

Past Exalted Ruler Association - Alane Asp, PERA President



**W**e are very fortunate in Arizona—we had beautiful weather for the holidays—unlike much of the country. Our Lodge has been very active throughout December. We haven't heard much about the *Jewelry Project* recently, but it's been going strong.

Back in spring many of us donated jewelry for kids in the hospital at the **Steele Children's Center** for Mother's Day gifts from the kids. This project was supported by Elk families all over the state, and thanks to everyone's generosity, volunteers have been giving each kid the opportunity to select jewelry for their mother. In addition to donating jewelry, many of our members helped clean and package the donated jewelry. This project was led by our very own **Diane Skorupski**. Diane coordinated cleaning and packaging the jewelry and worked with the Steele Children's Center and local lodges to distribute the jewelry for Christmas presents. The attached pictures are at one clinic in the Tucson area. Notice the recognition of the

Elks—this picture was taken at the Banner Health Clinic located near the intersection of Ina and Oracle Roads. Diane distributed jewelry many days; I helped one morning and we gave out more than 30 pieces of jewelry to kids and mothers. A very special project, indeed. Thank you, Diane for all your efforts.



Clothe-A-Child Event at Walmart on Decem



Here are some pictures of our annual Elks #2815 Clothe-A-Child, aka Children's Christmas Shopping Spree.

Everyone involved spent an amazingly joyous day together ensuring that 36 children had one of the very best days of their lives. Our Lodge works to support underprivileged children throughout the year, and this is our biggest event ensuring the children are outfitted with coats, shoes, boots, etc.— all with great thanks to our amazing and very generous members.

As co-chairs for this wonderful event, Cindy and I wish to thank everyone for making this day so special for the little ones of Roadrunner Elementary School, Marana Unified School District. Without you, we certainly could not have pulled this off and accomplished so much for the children.

In addition, Walmart Management and Employees came together to support the children, assist our 35 Volunteer Escorts, designate specific registers and employees to assist us throughout our morning there. In fact, we even had a life-size Christmas Gingerbread Man and Reindeer Hugging, and took photos with the children. We also want to recognize the Golder Ranch Fire District Heroes for delivering our very own special Santa and Mrs.

Claus. We even had ornament donations for children to give to a loved one. Also, we want to recognize the Cactus Comfort Group of St. Mark Catholic Church who made sure each child had a winter scarf, hat, and/or gloves to keep them nice and warm.

Everyone exemplified from your hearts what the true meaning of Christmas really is. Some of the comments from the children made our hearts melt!! One young boy so excited at the checkout said to me while taking his name tag off, "I am going to hang onto this nametag forever so I can remember what an amazing day this has been," and that was even before the Lodge Christmas Party and the arrival of the Claus' firetruck!!



Pictured L-R: Chairman, Leslie Lefaive-Huerta; Road Runner Elementary School Principal Kristine Brewer; and Co-Chair, Cindy Lefaive.

One final note that I think applies so much to these children—I'd like to share from the Holy Father's Monthly Prayer Intention: "We pray for children who are suffering, especially those

who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to an education and the opportunity to experience family affection."

Cindy and I are very humbled, grateful, and joyful, with thanks to all for making this event touch so many during this wonderful Christmas Season. We wish you peace, hope, and love this Holiday Season and in 2023!







December 3 - Leslie Lefaive-Huerta Coordinator







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

November 2022	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	December 2022	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	January 2023	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8	9	10	11	12	13	14			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	15	16	17	18	19	20	21			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	22	23	24	25	26	27	28			
27	28	29	30				25	26	27	28	29	30	31	29	30	31							

February 2023	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	March 2023	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	12	13	14	15	16	17	18		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
26	27	28					26	27	28	29	30	31			

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



- Tickets \$10 ea or 3 for \$20 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.

— Details available in the Lounge —

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

Congratulations to the following November Raffle Ticket Winners

Nov 1	\$25	.....	Brian Mashburn.....	Bullhead City #2408
Nov 2	\$25	.....	Pat Riley.....	Yuma #476
Nov 3	\$25	.....	Joe Carlone.....	Green Valley #2592
Nov 4	\$25	.....	Linda Head.....	Tucson #385
Nov 5	\$50	.....	Addie Swearengin.....	Sierra Vista #2065
Nov 6	\$50	.....	Bill Gamble.....	Chandler #2429
Nov 7	\$25	.....	Page Lodge #2498.....	Winnings back to AEMP
Nov 8	\$25	.....	James Berning.....	Mesa-Buckhorn #2656
Nov 9	\$25	.....	Debie Ogden.....	N/A
Nov 10	\$25	.....	Norma Smith.....	Sun City #2559
Nov 11	\$100	.....	Alan Hall.....	Scottsdale #2148
Nov 12	\$50	.....	Mengo Darr.....	Phoenix #335
Nov 13	\$25	.....	Charles Purdy.....	Gila Bend #2089
Nov 14	\$25	.....	Rod Burgess.....	N/A
Nov 15	\$25	.....	Dale Poage.....	Yuma #476
Nov 16	\$25	.....	Phillis Widelo.....	Sun City #2559
Nov 17	\$25	.....	Steven Havertine.....	Phoenix #335
Nov 18	\$25	.....	Jim Zaborsky, Jr.....	N/A
<b>Nov 19</b>	<b>\$50</b>	.....	<b>Don Denman.....</b>	<b>Catalina Mountain #2815</b>
Nov 20	\$50	.....	Page Lodge #2498.....	Winnings back to AEMP
<b>Nov 21</b>	<b>\$25</b>	.....	<b>Bob Kiesla.....</b>	<b>Catalina Mountain #2815</b>
Nov 22	\$25	.....	James Kelly.....	Mesa-Buckhorn #2656
Nov 23	\$25	.....	James Danner.....	Parker #1929
Nov 24	\$25	.....	Dorothy Dunn.....	Fountain Hills #2846
Nov 25	\$25	.....	Janet Theesfeld.....	Mesa-Buckhorn #2656
Nov 26	\$50	.....	Chandler Lodge #2429.....	Winnings back to AEMP
Nov 27	\$50	.....	Robert Fogelsanger.....	Mesa-Buckhorn #2656
Nov 28	\$25	.....	Jimm Krausman.....	Sierra Vista #2065
Nov 29	\$25	.....	Karen Griffin.....	Yuma #476
Nov 30	\$25	.....	Robert Laform.....	N/A





**January Birthdays**



- |                      |                        |
|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Stanley Killinger  | 17 Jamie Horst         |
| 1 Paul Schmidt       | 17 Lamont McConnell    |
| 2 Dominic Borland    | 18 Cheryl Anderson     |
| 3 Joseph Frank       | 18 Mike McMahan        |
| 4 John Wohner        | 19 Laura Lowe          |
| 5 Walter Reifsnnyder | 19 Rick Murray         |
| 5 Cayetano Ronquillo | 19 Albert Peterson     |
| 7 Frank Fenton       | 19 Dustin Roberts      |
| 7 Lanny Larson       | 21 Walter Saczawa      |
| 7 Keith Pierpont     | 21 Charles West        |
| 9 John Nanosky       | 21 Bob Willing         |
| 10 Sergio Salazar    | 22 James Powers        |
| 11 Ross Hazlett      | 23 Michael Lowe        |
| 11 Sharon Miller     | 23 John Trapp          |
| 12 Ronald Anderson   | 25 Jordan Grimm        |
| 12 Janice Bockhorn   | 25 Justen Grimm        |
| 12 Sheila Dahlgren   | 25 Katharine Starjnski |
| 13 Nick Giordano     | 25 Deborah Trapp       |
| 14 Nancy McDade      | 25 William Wyllie      |
| 15 Monty Miller      | 26 Hilary Ring         |
| 15 Sandra Panzer     | 26 Jane Wright         |
| 16 David Brunk       | 27 Patrice Ross        |

**Wednesday Dinner Menu**

**JANUARY 4**  
 Chicken Alfredo,  
 Mixed Green Salad  
 Corn Chowder  
 Dessert

**JANUARY 18**  
 Beef Enchiladas  
 Rice  
 Beans  
 Pork Pasole Soup  
 Dessert

**JANUARY 11**  
 Honey Garlic Pork Tenderloin  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 Broccoli Casserole  
 Ham & Split Pea Soup  
 Dessert

**JANUARY 25**  
 Kung Pao Chicken  
 Noodles  
 Egg Drop Soup  
 Dessert

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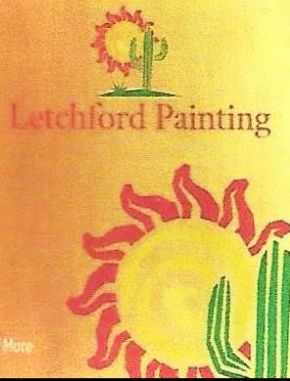
*May your special day be ...  
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 Filled with laughter,  
 Wrapped with pleasure,  
 Brightened with fun,  
 Blessed with love,  
 Remembered with joy  
 ... and enriched with hope.*

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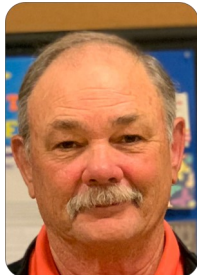
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**Dean Brooks**



**George Leuer**



**Ron Stenhouse**



**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
*January*

- 1/7 *Bingo 2 pm*  
*Dart Tournament 5 pm*
- 1/14 *Hot Toddy Trot 9am*  
*Texas Hold 'Em 1 pm*  
*Dart Tournament 5 pm*
- 1/21 *Crafty Critters 9 am-1 pm*  
*Bingo 2 pm*  
*Dart Tournament 5 pm*  
*Grill Your Own Steak 6 pm*
- 1/28 *Texas Hold 'Em 1 pm*  
*Dart Tournament 5 pm*

*Also check the Lodge Calendar  
for additional events*