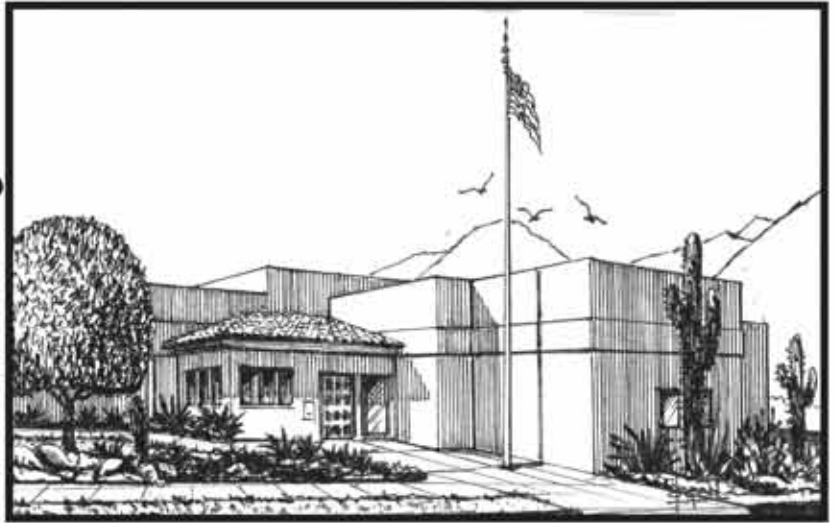


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THE ELKS THUNDER

Green Valley, AZ Lodge No. 2592

AN ALL - AMERICAN LODGE 1995-1996 and 2000-2001



From the Exalted Ruler

Arturo Gabaldón

Rosanna and I wish you good health, prosperity, friendships and happiness this holiday season. It continues to be our good fortune and blessing to share these holidays with our fellow Elks.

Over and over again, I have seen you step up to the plate and make our community

and our organization strong by demonstrating your charity and love for our community. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed – on behalf of those who are the benefactors of your generosity, thank you.

Because of you, we have made a difference in the lives of many people in our community; from honoring our veterans to teaching our children; by encouraging a life without drugs and helping students destined for college; to feeding the hungry in our community or just giving a hug to an elderly patient; from the lives we save through blood donations, to the smiles and laughter we bring to the children's hospital. Be proud to call yourself an Elk – you have earned it.

December is an excellent time of the year not only for charitable giving, but to appreciate our family and friends. The Order of Elks is a fraternal organization that continues to grow because

we recognize that we are a family. Come on down to the Lounge and introduce yourself to someone new; you will make new friends for life.

November was a busy month. Thank you for having joined us at the Veterans Days ceremony to remember those who have passed, those who have served and those who are serving.

In November we also had three soccer players participate at the state competition in Tempe, gave thanks at our annual Thanksgiving feast, started a new program to assist the Soporri School in Amado, held a fundraiser to support the Del Coronado Christmas project, and held a car show in support of the Community Food Bank. These were great ways to show how *Elks Care, Elks Share*. Our volunteers worked diligently for two pancake breakfast functions, and bingo on

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The Elks Thunder – December 2011

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Tuesdays. The Auxiliary did a great job decorating the Lodge for Christmas.

In December, look for our Lodge at the Tucson 4th Avenue Street Fair. We will be selling cool drinks to support the Arizona Elks Major Project (AEMP). Major projects of AEMP include Steele Children's Research Center and support of an Elks Youth Camp.

Wednesday December 7, is Pearl Harbor Day. Your Lodge has the honor of placing the flags along La Cañada Drive. That same day we will participate in a school assembly to remind the students of the danger of drugs, and will host the Lodge's annual Hoop Shoot competition in the evening. Join us if you can, we can use your help.

Have you decided to join us for our New Year's celebration yet? Don't delay! Seating is limited so get your tickets early for your New Year's Eve dinner and party. We are going to have a full hall and lots of fun! Bring your dancing shoes and a big appetite.

Special thanks to Cheryl and Jack Ponzo, Sheri Siliven, and Susan and Gary Anderson for their exceptional efforts in helping with our restaurant. While dining at the Lodge you may notice our volunteer bussers; please take a moment to thank them. Show them that Elks Care, Elks Share.

From your Newsletter Editor

Hello, I'm your new Editor of our *Elks Thunder* Bulletin/Newsletter. As you may have noticed there have been a few changes beginning October 2011. I've tried to make the font larger for those of us who don't quite have the same vision as we had "a few years ago," and the format a bit more readable.

I would appreciate your input regarding your likes/dislikes, and any thoughts you may have to make your newsletter more informative and enjoyable. Please email me with your ideas or suggestions at bpoe2592@greenvalleyelks.org.

Thank you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mary Becker
Editor

You can help your Lodge in some easy but important ways; stay positive and understand that we are working at getting better every day in every way. Be a regular patron of our restaurant and enjoy a relaxing and sociable dining experience, and volunteer to bus. This is a member only organization that thrives because you make it special.

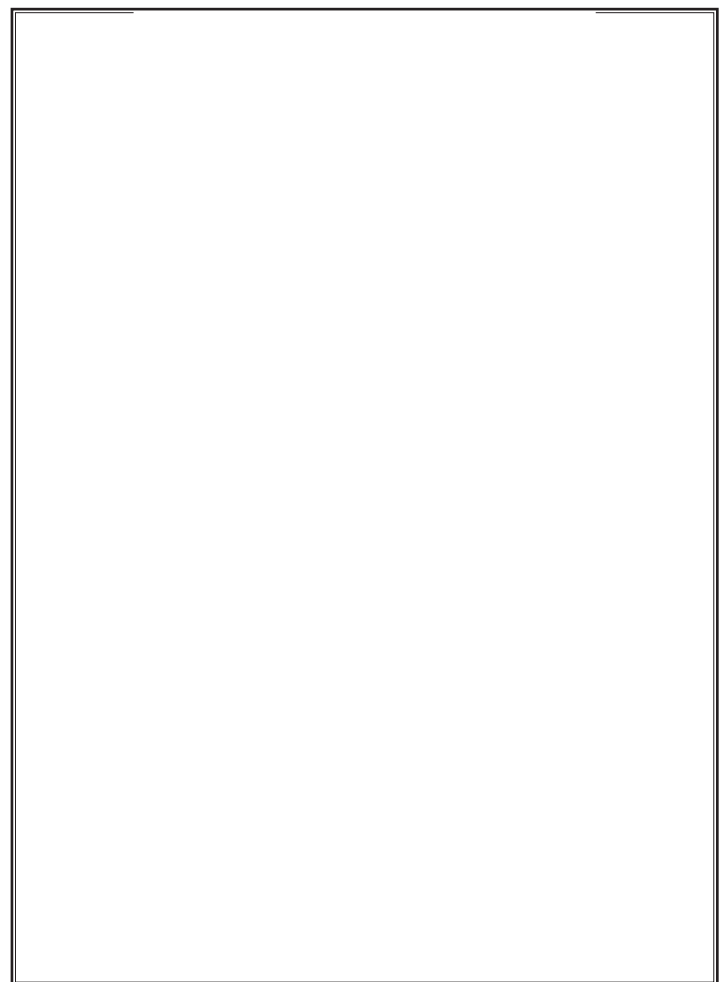


On a personal note – congratulations to Andrés Gabaldón. He is graduating in December from the University of Arizona with a Political Science degree. He has earned a 4.0 GPA and served two years as the Student Body President of the University of Arizona South. He is a proud member of the Green Valley Elks Lodge 2592. Rosanna and I are proud of our son as he looks forward to attending law school.

Happy Holidays to all.

Fraternally yours,
Arturo Gabaldón, Exalted Ruler

Together we make a difference.



From the Secretary

The following is a proposed By-law change that was read at the meeting on November 14, 2011. It will be voted on at the meeting on January 9, 2012. You MUST attend the meeting in order to vote “yes” or “no” on this proposition.

BY-LAW CHANGE: (proposed)

ARTICLE IX: HOME, CLUB OR OTHER FACILITY

Section 1. The operation of the Club or other facility owned and/or occupied by this Lodge shall be managed, supervised and controlled by a Club Management Committee consisting of the Exalted Ruler, Esteemed Leading Knight, Esteemed Loyal Knight, Esteemed Lecturing Knight, and the Trustees of the Lodge. The Exalted Ruler is the Presiding Officer or Chairman of this Governing Body.

BY-LAW: (existing)

ARTICLE IX: HOME, CLUB OR OTHER FACILITY

Section 1. The operation, management and control of the Club or other facility owned and/or occupied by this Lodge shall be supervised and conducted by a House Committee consisting of five members, to be appointed by the Exalted Ruler.

This month’s musical feature is *Partners*. *Partners* features the musical talents of Ted Bax and Bonnie Starr. They are a two piece husband and wife band and they love to entertain folks.

Partners is able to play a unique variety of music including today’s country hits, waltzes, two steps, country cha chas, oldies, line dances, old time rock and roll, *Partners* originals plus your timeless favorites. Bonnie plays the Synthesizer (keyboard) plus the drum machine, while Ted gets down on the electric guitar. Their rich vocals and warm

harmonies are just another reason why they call themselves, “Partners.”

On behalf of the office staff, we wish you all a Happy and Healthy Christmas.

Remember, only \$.33 a day buys you membership in our Great Order!

Fraternally, Tom Curran, PER
Lodge Secretary

Message from the Leading Knight

The emblem of the station is the Flag of our Country, and its motto is “Charity.”



Now, most of us think of “Charity” as monetary giving, especially at this time of year. Perhaps, we need to think about Charity as a virtue. In Charity’s charge this is exemplified by the words:

“Charity is the greatest of all the virtues and it should ever rule us in our hearts and in our lives, leading us to speak no unkind word, to harbor no evil thought, to bear no malice, to support now wrong, but to nurture, love and protest; to condone, forgive and forget.”

Sometimes it appears as if we forget about this greatest virtue that Elks represent. During this holiday season and at all times, please let us remember about our compassion towards others no matter where ever we are, especially in the Lodge, should be shown at all time.

Wishing everyone HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
Cheryl Ponzo, Esteemed Leading Knight

From The Elks' Auxiliary

Hello, Ladies,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends.

A special thank you goes to all my many volunteers who helped decorate the Lodge for Christmas. As usual we worked hard but shared many laughs while accomplishing our tasks. Thanks again!

December promises to be a very busy month and begins with our Holiday High Tea on the 1st. What a fabulous opportunity for

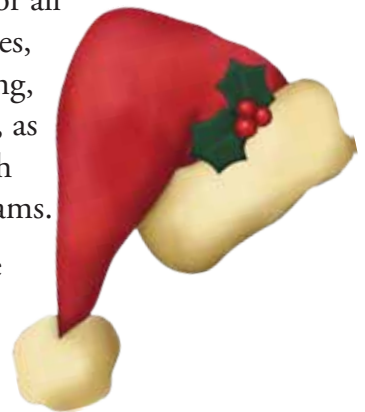


some early Christmas shopping from the craft and baked goods table! I know I'm looking forward to this event, especially the socializing with all of you in attendance.

Right after the tea, we are co-hosting with the Elks for a Veteran's Christmas Luncheon on the 3rd. On the 4th is the annual Elks Memorial Service, where we remember those who have passed on followed later in the day with the Egg Nog party, hosted by the PERs. On December 15th, June Shanahan and her husband Tom will be giving residents of Del Coronado their Christmas gifts, purchased with the help of our \$ 900.00 donation;

if you would like to help with this project, just call June.

Please remember we are also collecting children's books and school supplies (K-6th grade) for Sopori School at our monthly luncheons. Also if you are interested in helping with this new program (Enhanced Learning for Kids at Sopori), please contact Susan Anderson. You can call her at 495-4084 or e-mail her at susan.anderson1@cox.net. Susan is always on the lookout for new ideas and for volunteers for all kinds of activities, including reading, recess monitors, as well as help with the shoe and snack programs.



As we look forward to the future, our thoughts turn to filling the variety of spots on our Board and committees for next year, we need your help! If you are interested in getting involved in any project or serving on the Board, please give June Shanahan or me a call.

Special wishes to all to have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fraternally, Loretta Potenzieri
Auxiliary President

Together we are better.

HOOP SHOOT

Reminder . . . Elks Lodge Hoop Shoot will be December 7, 2011 at Sahuarita Intermediate School gym from 5:00–8:00PM. We need volunteers. Please sign up at Greeters Desk.

Thank you,
Sandy Walters, Hoop Shoot Chairman



Auxiliary Calendar December 2011

Board Meeting: December 7th
2:00PM – Antler Room

Luncheon: December 14th
Social Hour. . . . 11:30AM
Luncheon 12:15PM
Program 1:15PM

December Menu:

Roast pork loin, dressing, cranberries, green beans, rolls, and *dos leche* cake

December Program:

Strolling Valley Players Christmas Program

Reservations for the December luncheon are due by December 7th by 3:00PM. **Cash is not accepted – if sent, you won't have a reservation!** Mail your check for \$10.50 to Elks Auxiliary, PO Box 1493, Green Valley AZ 85622-1493.

Call Carol Greer (648-2032), Margot Kaiser (399-2152) or Dorothy Riley (648-3117) for further information.

We warmly welcome our new Auxiliary members this month.

Jeanne Svanberg, Jane Cellmer, Donna Campbell, Barbara Miller, Bev Burns, Jane Gorden, Dr. Marilyn Jameson, Cathy Lynn McGinley, Pat Mocny and Sandra Stizel.

No Newcomer's Coffee in December. We will resume in January.

For further information call Kathi George (399-4072) or June Shanahan (399-0510).

If you know of an ill or bereaved member please call CJ Settles (520/648-0825).

Pancake Breakfast: To volunteer please call Connie McLynn (625-1281), BB Haywood (867-6474) or Betsy Zoolkoski (570/417-2605).

Dates to Remember

1st Weekend in December:

December 1st – *Holiday High Tea*, 1-4PM.

For tickets or information, call Marsha Salley at 867-8443 or Connie McLynn at 625-1281.

December 3rd – Veteran's Christmas Lunch at the Lodge.

December 4th, Elks Memorial Service, followed by Egg Nog Party at the Lodge.

For further information call Loretta Potenzieri at 398-7924 or Susan Trecartin at 648-3636.

Tickets for the Hollywood-themed Fashion Show will be on sale at the January luncheon!

Membership in the Auxiliary of B.P.O.E. #2592 is open to the spouse, surviving spouse or an Elk in good standing.

To join the Auxiliary, complete an application form (available at the Greeter's Desk), and submit along with your check for \$20.00 (includes \$5.00 badge charge for new members – **NO CASH PLEASE**) made payable to the Elk's Auxiliary for the 2011-2012 dues. Dues are payable by April 1st of each year.

Bring your contributions for the **Food Bank** to the luncheon. You will receive a free raffle ticket to be drawn that day.

Your on-going support is vitally needed and appreciated, as their needs have increased by 60%. **Sopori School Project** – bring new or gently used children's books to Auxiliary Luncheon meetings.

Green Valley Elks Lodge #2592

Red Ribbon Week October 24 – 28, 2011

Each year the Green Valley Elks Lodge #2592 supports **Red Ribbon Week** in five of our local schools: Continental, Sopori, Sahuarita Primary, Sahuarita Intermediate and Sahuarita Middle. There are approximately 3300 students in these schools.

Each day during **Red Ribbon Week** the students are given a token gift with the theme of **Red Ribbon Week** – i.e., pencils, book marks, stickers, pencil pouches and rulers.

On October 24, 2011 twenty-five Elks distributed a Red Ribbon to each of the 3300 students. This year's theme is "Up to Me to be Drug Free."

Red Ribbon Week began as a remembrance of DEA Agent Enrique (Kiki) Camarena. After serving in the US Marines he became a police officer, eventually

becoming part of the Drug Enforcement Agency.

Seven years later he was assigned to the field office in Guadalajara, Mexico. He worked in this office for over four years and was close to exposing a major drug trafficking operation.

On February 7, 1985 he was kidnapped. That was the last time he was seen alive. He was 37 years old.



Enrique Camarena

Veterans History Project

I'm Bob Berry, the Green Valley Coordinator for this Project. I encourage all veterans, especially veterans of WWII, to participate in this important and historic undertaking. The United States Congress created this project in 2000 as part of the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress. The mission of this Project is to collect, preserve and make accessible the personal accounts of war-time veterans so that future generations may hear directly from veterans and better understand the realities of war.

Some of the collections included in the interviews are veteran's first-hand oral histories, original photos, letters, diaries and other historical documents.

The interviews will take place right here in Green Valley. So call Bob at 520/885-1511 and get on the appointment list.

Fraternally, Bob Berry

GREEN VALLEY ELKS #2592 YOUTH AND VETERANS PROGRAM

The Elks have established a program for our youth entitled “America’s Youth Giving Back to the Community and Our Veterans.” Instead of giving something to our youth, we are challenging them, asking them to give back to the community by working with and for our nation’s veterans who helped secure the comforts we enjoy today.

Our activities in these areas further illustrate the Elk’s commitment to our youth and “Serving Our Nation’s Veterans.”

On November 11, 2011 a Green Valley Elks Lodge #2592 member, 1st grade students Michael and Mattie Landman and Ava Housley from Continental Elementary School and their parents Julia and Mike Landman and Mandy Housley traveled to the Tucson VA Rehab Center. There they presented 42 hand-made Veterans Day cards to our Veterans.

The Veterans Day cards were made by the first graders of Continental School. First grade teacher Tara Mulay co-coordinated the event at Continental



School with first grade teachers, Erica Woodward and Barbara Snodgrass.

Joe Soto, VA Representative, the students and parents visited 23 Veterans and said to them when presenting the card, “Happy Veterans Day. Thank you for your Service to our Country”. The remainder of the cards were given to Veterans that were either too ill to see the students or were not in their rooms at the time.

Elk member Cheryl Ponzio - GV Youth Activities Chairman and AZ So. District Youth Activities Vice Chairman provided support for this heartfelt event. As the students presented the cards to some of the Veterans, tears formed in their eyes and they thanked the students for coming to see them.

Elks Care - Elks Share

Be an E-MAIL MEMBER

Get e-mail updates to your mail box from **Green Valley Elks #2592**

We are trying to expand our email list. Please fill in your name and e-mail address on this coupon and drop it off at the Lodge. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Name: _____

e-mail address: _____

The Egg Nog Party

The Lodge “Egg Nog” party will be held Sunday December 4, 2011 from 3 to 6PM. Mark your calendars and reserve this time to experience this relaxing and joyous event. It will be conducted by the Past Exalted Rulers Association.

The Party was instituted many years ago and its purpose was to thank our members for their membership. Therefore, this party will follow the same format. Green Valley Elks, Associate Members, Spouses, and Widow/Widower are eligible to attend.



The Past Exalted Rulers will provide complimentary Egg Nog in three varieties, with rum, with brandy or plain. The bar will be open for purchase of their usual varieties of drink offerings at Happy Hour prices. We will have Holiday music playing in the background and the Lodge will be decorated in Holiday style.

We ask that you bring an hors d'oeuvre to share with eight to ten people. Also, if you would, please remember the less fortunate in our community by bringing a donation for the Food Bank.





This is an opportunity for us to get together and share the Holiday spirit in a comfortable relaxed afternoon full of fellowship and Season's feelings.

Please mark your calendar and plan to be present to enjoy each other and help usher in our most glorious Holiday Season.

Fraternally,

Tom Shanahan
Past Exalted Rulers' President

December 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
LODGE CLOSED SUNDAY (EXCEPT FOR SPECIAL EVENTS) Lodge phone 520-625-2592 Office open Tues-Fri 9:00 -2:00 EMAIL ADDRESS: bpoe2592@greenvalleyelks.org				1	2	3
					Entertainment Cornerstone 6:30 - 9:30 PM	Entertainment Gene Green DJ 6:30 - 9:30 PM
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	GOLF Desert Hills 9:00	 6:00 - 9:00 PM Seafood Buffet	Auxiliary Bd. Mtg. 2:00 Karoke Green Velvet 6:30 - 9:30 PM	House Committee 9:00 A.M.	Entertainment St. Harmony 6:30 - 9:30 PM	Entertainment Spur of the Moment 6:30 - 9:30 PM
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	GOLF The Pines - 8:30 Lodge Meeting 7:00 PM	 6:00 - 9:00 PM Greek Buffet	Auxiliary Luncheon 12:15 Karoke Green Velvet 6:30 - 9:30 PM		Entertainment Two's Company 6:30 - 9:30 PM	Entertainment Wildfire 6:30 - 9:30 PM
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	GOLF Canoa Ranch 8:30	 Italian Buffet	HAPPY CHANUKKAH Karoke Green Velvet 6:30 - 9:30 PM		Entertainment St. Harmony 6:30 - 9:30 PM	Lodge Closed
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
MERRY CHRISTMAS	GOLF San Ignacio 8:00	 American Buffet	Karoke Green Velvet 6:30 - 9:30 PM		Entertainment Two's Company 6:30 - 9:30 PM	NEW YEAR'S EVE Mid Life Crisis & Partners 8:00 - 12:00 AM

New
YEAR'S
EVE
at
the Elks

Saturday, December 31, 2011

Dinner choices ~

Prime rib with baked potato and asparagus

Salmon with rice pilaf and asparagus

All meals include salad, dessert, a glass of champagne for toasting and party favors.

Dinner in the Lodge Room will be served at 7:00^{pm} with music by *Mid Life Crisis* and dancing to follow.

Dinner in the Dining Room will be served at 8:00^{pm} with music by the *Partners* and dancing in the lounge to follow.

Tickets are \$50.00, paid at time of reservations. Please also have your dinner choices ready then.

Tickets go on sale November 29, 2011 at 10:00AM at the Host stand.

NOTE: The first two weeks of ticket sales are for members only. You can only purchase up to four tickets. You must show your membership card at time of reservation.

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2011 - 2012 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler.....	Arturo Gabaldon (Rosanna)
Leading Knight	Cheryl Ponzo (Jack)
Loyal Knight	Carol Sturdevant (Frank)
Lecturing Knight.....	Susan Anderson (Gary)
Secretary.....	Tom Curran, PER (Terry)
Treasurer	Raymond "Ray" Austin (Betty)
Esquire	Antwon Saunders (Dyane)
Chaplain	Dr. Louis Fish (Helene)
Tiler	Frank Sturdevant (Carol)
Inner Guard	Bob Quinn
Organist	Tamara Kahrimanis(Reg)
Five-Year Trustee	John Culver (Sharon)
Four-Year Trustee	Dan Garcia (Dottie)
Three-Year Trustee	Jack Ponzo (Cheryl)
Two-Year Trustee	Ray Zucker, PER
One-Year Trustee	Tom Bright, PER (Twyla)
Presiding Justice	Walter Henderson (Carolyn)
Mediator	Chuck Shipman (Pat)

COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Auditing & Accounting	Bob Quinn
Membership	Susan Anderson
Indoctrination	Tom Curran, PER
Investigation/Lapsation.....	Susan Anderson
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	Arturo Gabaldon, ER
LODGE ACTIVITIES	Cathy Travis
Americanism.....	Carol Sturdevant
Protocol.....	Tom Shanahan, PER
Government Relations	Dick Westbrook, PER
Flag Day	Hans Boensel
Memorial Day	Susan Trecartin
National Veterans Service Comm.....	Hans Boensel, Ed Orford & Nick Nickolas
Public Relations/Publicity	Cheryl Ponzo
Elks National Foundation	Frank Sturdevant

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Accident Prevention.....	Jack Ponzo
Community Image	Cheryl Ponzo
Historian	
House Committee	Bert Imse
Bulletin Advertising/Editor.....	Mary Becker
Elks Major Projects	Anita Dezess
Sexual Harassment.....	Susan Anderson
Sickness and Distress	Dr. Louis Fish

ENTERTAINMENT ACTIVITIES

Music.....	
Golf	Bert Imse
Bingo.....	Chuck & Kathie Grendys
Greeters	Lee Mambretti
Pancake Breakfast	Pat Haywood & Jim Wagner

PER ASSOCIATION

President.....	Tom Shanahan, PER
Secretary	Dick Westbrook, PER
Photography	Jim Smith & Ken Haley
Ritual Team Coach	Tom Curran, PER & Tom Bright, PER

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Drug Awareness	Jack Ponzo
Hoop Shoot	Sandy Walters
Soccer Shoot-out.....	
Student of the Month/Scholarship	Tom Bright, PER
Essay Contest.....	Susan Anderson
Webmaster.....	Andres Gabaldon
Bulletin Publisher	Tom Curran, PER
Blood Bank.....	Linda Lamb, Cynthia Peters

PAST EXALTED RULERS OF LODGE No. 2592

1979-1980	John W. Kachel*	1995-1996	Cliff Skogstrom
1980-1981	James Christensen*	1996-1997	L.C. (Bert) Imse
1981-1982	Arnold R. Peterson	1997-1998	James A. Specht*
1982-1983	Nicholas S. Vitale*	1998-1999	Leo PavlovichPDDSV
1983-1984	Donald F. Ehrritt*	1999-2000	Leo PavlovichPDDSV
1984-1985	John E.. Bold*	2000-2001	Hugh T. Hall*
1985-1986	Arthur R. Flood PDD	2001-2002	Tom Mattarocci*
1986-1987	W. Wesley Percy*	2002-2003	Mayme Specht
1987-1988	Roy Youngblood*	2003-2004	Charles "Chuck" Fitch
1988-1989	William H. Bulman Sr.	2004-2005	Charles "Chuck" Frey
1989-1990	Ralph E.. Seaton	2005-2006	Tom Curran
1990-1991	John A. Boyajejan*	2006-2007	Tom Bright
1991-1992	Raymond C. Zucker	2007-2008	Jim Kear*
1992-1993	Robert C. Barry*	2008-2009	Phyllis Curran*
1993-1994	Richard E. Flake*	2009-2010	Tom Shanahan
1994-1995	Wally Geno	2010-2011	Jack Najjar

*Deceased

PAST EXALTED RULERS BY AFFILIATION

Elmer L. Abbott	William Lampright
Williams Atkins	Mike Julya
Dean B. Brown	Richard McCauley
Jim Collins	L.C. (Bill) Nevelle PSPDD
John Deady*	Jerry Oleson
Bill Durall	Alfred P. Pakan*
Charles George PDDGERVPS	Jack D. Reeder
Jerry Godsey	Larry Romero
Chuck Grendys	Denny Scanlan
Lowell Joerg PDDGER	Richard (Dick) Westbrook
Edward King*	William Young

*Deceased



Sickness and Distress

Please contact the Lodge or Louis Fish, (520) 399-3474, if you know of anyone who is seriously ill or in a hospital or nursing home. We will gladly send a card or visit them and let them know that we care and are thinking of them.

If you hear of the death of a member, please notify our Office Secretary, Mary Becker (520) 625-2592. She will send a condolence card and if necessary, will also send a spouse card to the widow/widower.

The deadline for submitting articles is January 13th, 2012

December 2011 *Birthday Coupon*

**Valid Wednesdays, Thursdays
and Saturdays Only**

Green Valley Elks #2592

For Elk Members* of #2592 in good standing with a birthday this month, this coupon is good for the menu price of one entree (\$10.00 or less).

Please make reservations with the Hostess.
(Present coupon when checking out)

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Membership No: _____

*Must be a Member with a valid card.

This does not include widows or spouses.

(Coupon invalid after December 31th)

House Committee

Santa Claus brought us an early Christmas present!

We are proud to announce the employment of Executive Chef Nick Paulos. Many of you will remember a Southern Arizona tradition was established in 1972 with the Paulos Steak and Chop House located on Speedway Blvd. Then came the wonderful Amado Café, located just down the highway, and finally, the Solaris Restaurant in Green Valley. Now, we welcome Chef Paulos to the Elks Lodge Restaurant to continue his tradition of excellent food preparation and service.

In addition, to his kitchen prowess, Nick is nearing his Lifetime Membership as an Elk at Tucson East Lodge #2532. Many of you have enjoyed his meals over the past 40 plus years, now you can savor those meals once again; especially his famous Flat Iron Steak with Mesquite flavoring that was a must at the Amado Café.

Welcome, Nick, may you enjoy your time here with many old friends and new ones to come.

The Holiday Season has arrived with a bang. Our restaurant is hosting many banquets, parties and social gatherings over the next several weeks.

Please, please – during this busy time be sure to make your reservations early. We encourage all of our patrons during the winter season to make reservations so that we may establish the proper service that you require.

New Year's Eve reservations should be made very soon to ensure your satisfaction of seating location and selection of your entrée.

We welcome our visiting snowbirds and invite you to enjoy our hospitality, lounge and restaurant. Have a great winter here in Green Valley and forget about all that snow back home. Your kids can do the shoveling and you can play golf, visit old friends, play cards, make new friends and party.

Thank you for coming to our Lodge. We hope you enjoy a wonderful winter season with us.

Fraternally, Bert Imse
For the House Committee

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7	26	33	47	73
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8	16	32	51	72
12	22	40	55	75

AT THE
Elks

1. **Early-Bird E. for Elks** – \$100.00
2. **Junior Jackpot** – \$500.00
Starts at 52 numbers, progresses weekly
3. **Senior Jackpot** – \$1,000.00
Starts at 52 numbers, progresses bi-weekly
Consolation \$200
4. Minimum pay-out – \$70.00 per regular game
Play all 16 games for as little as \$9.00

Every Tuesday 1:00PM
All Year Long
Public Invited

Elks Memorial Service

The Benevolent Protection of Elks has given a significant place in its practices for the observance of the Elks Memorial Service. This year's Remembrance Program will be held at the Lodge on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 12:00pm.

The tribute to our absent members recognizes our members who have been taken from our midst in the preceding twelve months as well as those in prior years.

We open our service to all in the community who wish to attend. The Auxiliary will provide refreshments after the service.

Green Valley Lodge awarded \$10,000 ENF Grant for Sopori Project

Your Lodge is one of 73 lodges nationwide to receive an Elks National Foundation Grant this Elk Year! Our brand new project (Enhanced Learning for Kids at Sopori – ELKS) will receive a check in the amount of \$10,000.00 to help us get this new project rolling.

The Sopori project had its kickoff meeting last month where the breadth of the program was discussed, volunteers raised their hand for various projects, and we got the ball rolling.

This project begins with the following programs:

- 1) Elks Share Snack Packs for the children at least monthly,
- 2) Elks Care Tennis Shoe Program,
- 3) Reading with the children,
- 4) Recess monitors,
- 5) purchase of interactive IT equipment for the 6th grade class, and
- 6) collection of donated children's books and school supplies at the monthly auxiliary luncheons.

Team leaders for the various programs are: Loretta and Mario Potenzieri for the Snack Pack Program; Antwon Saunders for the Shoe Program, and Betsy Zoolkowski for the donated books and supplies. We still need a Team Leader for both the Reading and Recess Programs, but I'm confident that someone will step forward.

If you would like to receive more information about the program, please contact me by e-mail at susan.anderson1@cox.net. I'll be glad to send you

an information sheet or you may contact any of the Team Leaders directly.

If you will be participating in either the reading or recess program, you will need to fill out some forms, be fingerprinted and screened by the school system before you can begin at the school – I have those forms available as well.

Keep an eye out in the Lodge and the January newsletter for the details of a couple of fund raisers that we have in mind for January to help support this project. One will be a blind tasting event for wine; the second will be a "Hearts" card tournament. Sign up early as both these events will have limited seats available!

Susan Anderson
Esteemed Lecturing Knight/
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Green Valley Elks and Sahuarita Lodge have a Soccer Shoot State Winner

Morgan Monahan won 1st Place on Sunday November 13, 2011 at the Arizona State Elks Soccer Shoot Contest for the Girls U-10 Division in Tempe AZ.

In order to compete in the State Soccer Shoot, Morgan first had to win the contest held by Elk Lodge (Green Valley #2592 and Sahuarita #2851) last October 1st at the Sahuarita Park.

After winning 1st place at the lodge level, she advanced to the South District Soccer Shoot.

That was held on October 9, 2011 at the Jesse Owens Park in Tucson.

Since Morgan won 1st Place at the district level, she then advanced to the AZ state level of competition. Morgan is a real competitor at



Left to right: Tom Erhardt, AZ State President; Morgan Monahan, 1st Place Under-10 Division; Walt Lewandowski, AZ State Soccer Shoot Chairman; Elroy T. Elk, Drug Awareness Mascot

Soccer and loves the sport. She was so excited to win 1st place.

Aliza Parkerson and Sammy Ciruli were the other South District 1st place winners from the Green Valley Lodge/Sahuarita Lodge competition.

Aliza Parkerson competed in the Girls U-12 Division at the State Soccer Shoot and placed 2nd. Sammy Ciruli competed in the Boys U-10 Division at the State Soccer Shoot and placed 3rd. Both Lodges are very proud of each winner.

Cheryl Ponzo
Lodge Leading Knight and Publicity Chairman



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and a Happy New Year*

