



Green Valley Elks Lodge, No. 2592
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Message From the Exalted Ruler



The first month of our Elk year was busy for your Leadership Team. Our Secretary, Kris Cearley, and I attended the District Deputy Clinic and learned more about what Elkdom is and how our Lodge can participate to further the goals of our Order. Watch the eBlast and Newsletter for volunteer opportunities within the Lodge, and outside working to further our charitable activities.

Membership renewals are moving along. Our goal for delinquents is under 5%. Officers will be calling members and reminding them that our renewal date is April 1.

May is shaping up to be another busy month in the Lodge. We have a Cinco de Mayo Celebration on May 4th with Angel Perez. There will be Mexican food available for purchase. No cover for

members.

May 6th is Kentucky Derby Party. We will have horse races, hat contests, as well as traditional derby food and drink for purchase. Again, no charge to participate.

Mother's Day is May 14th. We will be performing the Elk Mother's Day Ritual. The Auxiliary will provide refreshments, and we will honor Mothers living and deceased. Please plan on attending.

Several members attended our April 24th initiation meeting. Attendance is the best way to keep up with the Benevolent activities of the Lodge. Please remember to join any new member you proposed when they are initiated.

I will be meeting with committee chairs in May. We will be discussing future activities for each committee and reporting requirements for Grand Lodge.

Thank you for your continued support. Questions or concerns for me? Stop in.

Fraternally,
Dorothy "Dottie" Allen
Exalted Ruler

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted" - aesop

Secretary's Desk



Just a reminder that if you have not yet paid your dues please do so as soon as possible.

I went to the District Deputy Clinic on April 23rd, I always come away with a few more ideas on making the lodge a little more efficient. I also found out that we have a source of getting promo ideas for our fund-raising endeavors. The Arizona Elks is a wealth of information.

In May I will be attending the conference in Tempe on May 10-13.

Fraternally,
Kris Cearley
Lodge Secretary

Chairman of the Board Report



Your Green Valley Elks Lodge #2592 does a huge amount of charitable outreach to needy organizations in our area. We should all be proud of that.

Here are just a few from the last year:

- American Red Cross Blood Drive
- Steele Children's Research Center
- Sopori School Backpack Lunch Program
- Sopori School Clothes Shopping Spree
- College Scholarships for Local High School Students
- Americanism Essay Awards
- Green Valley Food Bank Donations
- Youth On Their Own
- Battered Women's Shelter
- Elks Hoop Shoot
- Drug Awareness Program
- US Marine Corp Toys for Tots
- Tucson VA Homeless
- Davis Monthan AFB Elementary School
- Del Coronado Senior Living Center (Auxilliary)

To continue with our charitable programs in the future, we need to have a strong and financially secure Lodge. Our Lodge was built in multiple stages, beginning in 1983 (main building), with additions in 1993 (dining room), 2003 (lounge) and 2007 (offices and walk in coolers).

After many years of daily use, our building, equipment and furnishings are beginning to show their age. In the last fiscal year we spent **\$92,564** on Repairs and Maintenance for the Lodge.

As the building continues to age, we anticipate spending approximately \$50,000 every year for the next 10 years to keep our Lodge properly maintained. Larger projects include:

- Restrooms refurbished
- Replace roof top heating/cooling units and controls
- Replacement of kitchen equipment
- Lounge repairs, refurbish/replacement of furnishings and bar equipment

Lodge Trustees are working right now to put together a plan to address these future financial challenges, but wanted to let you, the members, where things stand right now.

We feel confident that by working together with our members, we can meet any and all future challenges and keep our Lodge properly maintained and in good shape.

Fraternally,

Jon Woolley

Chairman of the Board / 5 year Trustee

House Committee Co-Chairs



Arizona.

As we slide into May and warmer temperatures, it is our pleasure to announce our new Kitchen Team. Please meet Trina, Kitchen Manager, along with Sunny and Amanda—both experienced line cooks. Trina brings over 30 years experience in the food and beverage industry having lived in California, Colorado and now



Trina has worked in previous positions, both as a personal chef and kitchen manager. We look forward to this new team getting settled into their routine and bringing new menu options to our members. Please welcome them!

Guess who's in the kitchen on breakfast Sundays? If you didn't know, our very own Bosco has been cooking your eggs to order, along with introducing Eggs Benedict and Eggs Florentine to the menu. Both have been instant winner/winners with our guests. We so appreciate his volunteer efforts and helping to raise the standard of our Sunday morning faire. Thanks Bosco!

Fraternally,
Connie Bandstra and Patti Anderson
House Committee Co-Chairs



Auxiliary News



Luncheon May 10th 11:30 AM Social and 12:00. Lunch is quiche, spring salad, and cheesecake for dessert. \$14.00

Our speaker this month is Dottie Allen our new Exalted Ruler. This will be a great time for you to come get to know her and hear the plans for the lodge.

We will not have any meetings until June - August. Starting back in September. Stay tuned for upcoming events and if you have not yet paid your dues you can bring them into the office marked Auxiliary dues and they will be added to your membership. Enjoy your summer.

Fraternally,
Kristine Cearly
Auxiliary President

Veterans Chair



For 155 years, we as Americans have honored our fallen servicemen and women on Memorial Day. Memorial Day was initially referred to as Decoration Day and was observed by many communities after the Civil War, when the nation suffered more than 620,000 military deaths, roughly 2 percent of the total population at the time.

John A. Logan, the Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of Republic, chose May 30, 1868, as a day to decorate the graves of Union troops across the nation. From this beginning, Memorial Day is now designated as an annual day of remembrance to honor all those who have died in service to the United States during peace and war.

Here are a few ways you can honor veterans and active military on Memorial Day:

- Attend the Green Valley Elks Memorial Day Observance on May 29th at 2:00 pm
- Decorate a Veteran's grave with flowers
- Wear red, white and blue
- Supporting living Veterans to honor those who have given the ultimate sacrifice



Fraternally,
Jon Woolley
Veterans Chair

Elks 2592 Success Story

Our very own kitchen staff member Sunny was looking for an economical car to use for commuting to the Lodge. I place an add on our eBlast and Larry immediately reached out to sell her a car for \$1000. Here is Sunny standing next to her car. Thank you Larry for caring enough to help out Sunny.



Music and Entertainment Chair

Interested in finding out how much income that Lodge 2592 makes each weekend on food and drinks? Here are the numbers I currently have:

- Cornerstone, 3/31/23, **\$4613**
- Kelly Bryan, 4/1/23, \$1372
- Crossfire, 4/7/23, **\$5257**
- Johnnie & the Rumlbers, 4/8/23, \$1146
- Split Decision, 4/14/23, \$3316
- Hardscrabble Road, 4/15/23, \$3297
- Sonorous, 4/21/23, \$2810
- Open Road, 4/22/23, **\$3725**

Here are the bands scheduled for May:

- May 5th, Clear Country
- May 6th, Sonorous
- May 12th, Cornerstone
- May 14th, Kelly Bryan
- May 19th, Split Decision
- May 20th, Open Road
- May 26th, Johnnie & the Rumlbers
- May 27th, Hardscrabble Road

I'm usually at the Elks on Friday and Saturday evenings, dancing and listening to the music. Come find me and say hello. Let me know of any future bands you would like me to check out.

Fraternally,
Chuck Powers
Music and Entertainment Chair

Bingo Chair



Spring is here and I thought I'd give you Bingo numbers from last month. We brought in \$9994 in sales, awarded \$6052 in winnings, and had 361 in attendance. Those odds are good—perhaps everyone should play bingo on Tuesdays.

Regular bingo games will be paying \$70. The snack bar continues to serve hot dogs, sodas, assorted chips and candy bars, in addition to a few surprises.

Fraternally,
Diane Poe
Bingo Chair

Blood Drive Chair



Our blood drive during April brought in **29** pints of blood—that's three people as we have about 10 pints in our body. If you have the time and would like to help the American Red Cross, please donate.

Our next drive will be Monday, May 15th from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Remember our 2023 Blood Drives moved to the second Monday of the month. I look forward to seeing you at the Blood Drive. You can sign up online at redcrossblood.org sponsor code **gvelks**.

Fraternally,
Jim Counter



ENF Outreach Programs / ENF Chair

Thanks to the Beacon Grant, the Gratitude Grant, the Freedom Grant, and the contributions and generosity of our Elk members, our Green Valley Elks Lodge is making a difference in our community by donating over \$15,000 in goods to our local outreach programs.

With funds from the Beacon Grant and input from the Sahuarita Food Bank we are able to help in curbing hunger issues by delivering 240 lunch bags per month, Sept thru May, to the Sopori Elementary School children. We also support an additional 120 local youth through the YOTO (Youth on their Own) program making it easier for the students to continue their education and concentrate on their studies instead of worrying about food and necessities.

With funds from the Gratitude Grant, we are able to support the “Hands of a Friend” Shelter for Battered Women and their children, a 30 bed facility, by delivering food items, cleaning items, hygiene and toiletry baskets, and gas cards, as the women work on healing and education to become independent.

With funds from the Freedom Grant, we are able to deliver clothing, sleeping bags, duffle bags, backpacks, socks and underwear, hygiene and toiletry kits, and food items to help support and aid over 100 Homeless Veterans through the Tucson VA's Homeless Vets Program. We also delivered much needed reusable water bottles, ear buds, and thumb drives to 30 students at the Davis-Monthan AFB Borman Elementary School helping to relieve a financial burden on our active Military families.

This past year we formed a Benevolent Event Committee to coordinate fund raising activities in support of our many ongoing outreach programs. In addition to Bake Sales and Raffles, we organized an Oktoberfest and a Barn Dance which involved 30 volunteers, 70 Elk and local business sponsors, and over 300 Elk and community attendees.

Yes, it takes funding for these ongoing programs but it also takes many hands and hearts willing to pitch in and help touch the lives of those in need and shape the future of our youth. We do make a difference. We are Elks. We care, we share.

Fraternally,
Debra Woolley
AZ ENF Chair

Public Relations Chair



Tons of new stuff has happened on my end of the world this month including making posters for various events, helping the kitchen staff, helping our new photographer Susan Thomas, updating signage, ordering event items, placing employment ads, plus so much more.

My responsibility as the Public Relations Chair is to update the monthly calendar and share it with various newspapers. I also manage a list of possible sponsors to donate to our various charities. Basically anything that happens outside of our Lodge falls on my shoulders.

I also am responsible for creating the weekly eBlast, and coordinating with all board members and chairpersons for monthly updates then creating the monthly Thunder newsletter. I also update the Elks 2592 Facebook page and the Lodge website. Yes, I have my hands full but love helping my Lodge.

Are you interested in advertising your business in our new membership list on our website (greenvalleyelks.org), or our Thunder monthly newsletter? Members can advertise in our eBlast and the monthly Thunder. Non-members can only advertise in the eBlast. Shoot me an email if you're interested.

Fraternally,
Amy Buck
hiredpen@yahoo.com
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Membership Recruitment

Invite a Guest and Invite them to Join the Elks

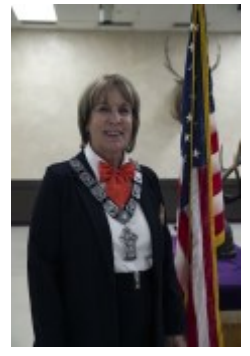
New Elk Members must be invited to join by a current Member

We have many upcoming events that you may invite your neighbors and guests to attend with you. When they accompany you, please ask them to join our Elks Organization.

Upcoming events:

Taco Tuesdays and Jam Session
Wednesday Italian Night
Friday Night Fish and Shrimp and Band Night
Saturday Band Night
Cinco de Mayo Celebration May 4th
Kentucky Derby Party on May 6th
Sunday Lodge Breakfast May 7th and 21st
Mother's Day Celebration May 14th
Memorial Day Veteran's Celebration May 29th
Hoop Shoot
Charity Golf Tournament
Halloween Celebration
Plus more

Installation of 2023-2024 Lodge Officers



Event Photos

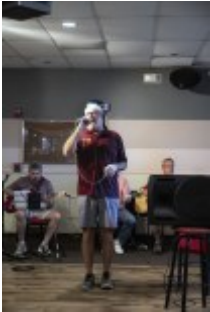
Volunteer Luncheon on March 30, 2023



Lodge Breakfast on April 2, 2023



Jam Session / Taco Tuesday



May Birthdays

Adair, Phillip	Feist, Cynthia A	Meyer, Darryl G
Allen, Keith	Felsch, John M	Mikleton, Peter
Allison, Karen	Flickinger, Steven	Mooney, Joseph C
Anaka, Janis	Flowers, Larry	Moore, John J
Anderson, Ronald E	Gabaldon, Rosanna	Munkres, Ronald G
Bagley, Billy John	Gedman, Gary J	Nielsen, David
Baker, Harvey	Good, Richard E	O'Brien, Joan
Becker, M William	Grand, John L	Quimby, Timothy J
Becque, Mark P	Grindle, Keith A	Randall, Ronnie D
Berg, Robert N	Grobe, David A	Reames, Pat O
Berghuis, Nancy	Grove, George H	Reid, James
Bergman, Carl J	Haller, Theodore	Roa, John
Berry, Geri	Hanson, Michael	Ryan, Gail
Blake, Wayne	Hardin, Gail	Sachs, David S
Bonser, Gerald M	Heiker, Debra	Schmidt Quamme, Julie
Brodie, Robert M	Heinitz, Tom	Schweitzer, Bruce L
Brown, R Morris	Helgath, Neil	Shiple, Lester
Carroll, James W	Hoge, Stephen	Shreve, John
Carter, Charles	Ims, William Anthony	Sincere, Clyde J
Chidester, Joseph E	Kenney, David	Sincere, Vera
Clark, Joel J	Kimmes, Harvey	Stendahl, Everett S
Cooper, Daniel S	Kinley, Larry	Tackitt, Allen G
Cooper, Gary E	Kirby, Michael Earle	Tate, Peggy J
Corrigan, Marilyn T	Knauer, Douglas	Taylor, John F
Cross, Charles A	Kratochvil, Steve	Turner, Stephen A
Dancer, Bobbi	Leach, Jill	Ventura, Manuel
Davis, Paul	Lee, Linda	Wetternach, Frances
De Bons, Wayne	McCullough, John A	Wood, Michael P
De Garde, Divya	McKendry, Stewart J	Young, Frank
Eddy, Barbra Joy	Mertz, Donovan L	Zampatti, Annette

Past Exalted Rulers

1979-1980 John W. Kachel*
 1980-1981 James Christensen*
 1981-1982 Arnold R. Peterson
 1982-1983 Nicholas S. Vitalel*
 1983-1984 Donald F. Ehritt*
 1984-1985 John E. Bold*
 1985-1986 Arthur R. Flood, PDD*
 1986-1987 W. Wesley Percy*
 1987-1988 Roy Youngblood*
 1988-1989 William H. Bulman, Sr.
 1989-1990 Ralph E. Seaton*
 1990-1991 John A. Boyajean*
 1991-1992 Raymond C. Zucker*
 1992-1993 Robert C. Barry*
 1993-1994 Richard E. Flake*
 1994-1995 Wally Geno*
 1995-1996 Cliff Skogstrom*
 1996-1997 L.C. "Bert" Imse*
 1997-1998 James A. Specht*
 1998-1999 Leo Pavlovich,
 PDDSV*
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2000-2001 Hugh T. Hall*
 2001-2002 Tom Mattarocci*
 2002-2003 Mayme Specht*
 2003-2004 Charles "Chuck" Fitch*
 2004-2005 Charles "Chuck" Frey*
 2005-2006 Tom Curran*
 2006-2007 Tom Bright, PDDGER
 2007-2008 Jim Kear*
 2008-2009 Phyllis Curran*
 2009-2010 Tom Shanahan
 2010-2011 Jack Najar
 2011-2012 Arturo Gabaldón
 2012-2013 Carol Sturdevant
 2013-2014 Carol Sturdevant
 2014-2015 Cheryl Ponzo
 2015-2016 Susan Trecartin
 2016-2017 Jack Ponzo
 2017-2018 Jim D. Smith
 2018-2019 Jim D. Smith
 2019-2020 R. Brent Mahaffy
 2020-2021 Gregory Pile
 2021-2022 Joe Carlone

2022-2023 Joe Carlone

Past Exalted Rulers by Affiliation

James Collins
 Phillip Ott, PDDGER
 Arnold Peterson
 Lawrence Romero
 John McCullough
 John Yedinak
 Denny Scanlan
 Michael Balster
 James Wait
 Warren Bilstein, PDDGER
 Dick Sharp*

* Deceased

Officer and Committee Roster and Membership

2023-2024 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Accident/Prevention	Christine Barter
Americanism	Mike Schrader
Auditing and Accounting	Bill Allen
AZ Elks Major Projects	Kris Cearley
Bingo	Diane Poe Carlone
Blood Drive	Jim Counter
Building Maintenance	Steve Snow
Bylaws	Denise Pape
Community Affairs	Briana Erwin/Brenda Holbrook
Drug Awareness	Cheryl Ponzo, PER
Elks Memorial Service	Mike Schrader
Elks National Foundation	Debra Woolley
Flag Day	Mike Schrader
Golf	Marc Davis
Government Relations	TBD
Grants	Debra Woolley
Greeters	Joyce MacClugage
Hoop Shoot	Ted Haller
Investigation	Elsie Braaton
Kitchen Servers	Patti Anderson
Lodge Decorations	Kris Cealey
Mediator	Greg Pile, PER
Membership	Elsie Braaton
Music (Lounge Bands)	Chuck Powers
Newsletter Lodge Publications	
Publisher /Editor	Amy Buck
eBlast	Amy Buck
Newsletter	Amy Buck
Facebook	Amy Buck
Webmaster	Amy Buck
PER Association	Cheryl Ponzo, PER
Photographer	Susan Thomas
Presiding Justice	Walter Henderson
Protocol	Denise Pape
Public Relations	Amy Buck
Pull Tabs	Joe Carlone
Queen of Hearts	Joyce MacClugage
Ritual Team Coach	Brent Mahaffy, PER
Scholarship	Ken Grafton
Special Events	Dottie Allen, ER
Sponsorship	Amy Buck
Veterans Service	Jon Woolley


2023-2024 LODGE OFFICERS

Exalted Ruler	Dottie Allen
Leading Knight	Mike Schrader
Loyal Knight	Randy Beerman
Lecturing Knight	Scott Fields
Secretary	Kris Cearley
Treasurer	Jim Giles
Lodge Esquire	Anne Marie Allport
Chaplain	Bob Bybee
Inner Guard	Linda Hughes
Tiler	Briana Erwin
1 Year Trustee	Diane Poe Carlone
2 Year Trustee	Patti Anderson
3 Year Trustee	Jerry Kloos
4 Year Trustee	Christine Barter
5 Year Trustee	Jon Woolley



May Calendar

May 2023, Green Valley Elks Lodge #2592

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Lounge open 10a-6p	2 Bingo noon, doors open at 11a Taco Tuesday 2:45-7p Jam Session 3-5p	3 HC 9a Aux board 2p Italian Night Karaoke 5-9p	4 Lounge open 10a-6p Cinco de Mayo Celebration 4p	5 Queen of Hearts and 50/50 raffle 5:50p Lounge open 10a-9p Clear Country 6-9p	6 Kentucky Derby Party noon Sonorous 6-9p Meatloaf, mashed pots & gravy w/ creamed spinach
7 Lounge Open 8:30a-6p Breakfast 8:30- 11a GVR Singles Club breakfast 8:30a	8 Blood Drive 8a-2p Lounge open 10a-5:45p Lodge Meeting 6p	9 Bingo noon, doors open at 11a Taco Tuesday 2:45-7p Jam Session 3-5p	10 Deliver Sopori lunch bags 10a Aux lunch 11:30a Speaker Dottie Allen, ER Italian Night Karaoke 5-9p PER 5pm	11 Lounge open 10a-6p Card Games 2-4p	12 Queen of Hearts and 50/50 raffle 5:50p Cornerstone 6 -9p	13 Kelly Bryan 6- 9p Chicken Picata over angel hair pasta and salad
14 Lounge Open 11a-6p Mother's Day Ritual Celebration 2-4p (Aux serving refreshments)	15 Lounge open 10a-6p Blood Drive 8:00a-2:00p	16 Bingo noon, doors open at 11a Taco Tuesday 2:45-7p Jam Session 3-5p	17 Italian Night GVR Singles Club 2:30p Karaoke 5-9p	18 Lounge open 10a-6p Card Games 2-4p	19 Queen of Hearts and 50/50 raffle at 5:50p Split Decision 6-9p	20 Open Road 6- 9p Bratwurst, German potato salad
21 Lounge Open 8:30a-6p Breakfast 8:30- 11a	22 Deliver Sopori food bags 10a Lounge open 10a-5:45p Lodge Meeting/ New Member Initiation 6p	23 Bingo noon, doors open at 11a Taco Tuesday 2:45-7p Jam Session 3-5p	24 GVR Singles Club 2:30p Karaoke 5-9p Italian Night	25 Lounge open 10a-6p Card Games 2-4p	26 Queen of Hearts and 50/50 raffle 5:50p Johnnie & the Rumblers 6-9p	27 Hardscrabble Road 6-9p Baby back ribs, potato salad & baked beans
28 Lounge Open 11a-6p	29 BOD 9a Lounge open 10a-6p Memorial Day Ritual Celebration 2-4p	30 Bingo noon, doors open at 11a Taco Tuesday 2:45-7p Jam Session 3-5p	31 Karaoke 5-9p Italian Night			



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Upcoming Events

- Cinco de Mayo Celebration—May 4th
- Kentucky Derby Party—May 6th
- Auxiliary Luncheon—May 10th
- Deliver Sopori Lunch Bags—May 10th
- Mother's Day Celebration—May 14th
- American Red Cross Blood Drive—May 15th
- GVR Singles Club—May 17th
- Deliver Sopori Food Bags—May 22nd
- Memorial Day Veteran's Celebration—May 29th
- Charity Golf Tournament—December 10th