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Presidents Corner

The Elks National Hoop Shoot Program is now getting underway in Arizona. All Lodges should have a Hoop Shoot Chairperson and a committee. All Hoop Shoot Chairpersons should have the Hoop Shoot packets, if not, call your State Chairman. The involvement of our youth is vital to our great order. The parents of all Hoop Shooters are potential members of the order. The Hoop Shoot Program shows them we are interested in our youth—therefore they may want to become involved with our programs and Elkdom.



The Elks National Foundation Emergency Educational Grants are now available for 2007-2008. The Grants provide financial assistance to students of deceased or totally disabled Elks. The applicant must be unmarried, under the age of 23 at the time of applying and must attend a United States College or University. The Grant is for Educational Assistance only. Contact the Elks National Foundation Scholarship Office at SCHOLAR-SHIP@ELKS.ORG for more information.

My Lady Ruth and I were invited to attend a picnic for the Veterans at the VA Hospital in Tucson by Ira Cohen and his Lady Linda. The Casa Adobes Lodge #2663 was the picnic sponsor this month. It was indeed an honor and pleasure to visit and serve these veterans. They were all in good spirits, relaxed and having a good time. David Gnuschke, from Tucson #385 and his Lady Diane and all the volunteers were busy cooking hamburgers, hot dogs, ribs and all the trimmings. This program supports our motto the Elks have for veterans. November is remembrance month for our veterans. I encourage all Lodges to have a program to

honor our veterans this month and every month in some way. Show them the Elks Care-Elks Share.

We attended the institution of Sahuarita Elks Lodge #2851 on September 23rd. It was a very impressive ceremony conducted by District Deputy Richard Seals and his officers. Congratulations to the Sahuarita Lodge and welcome to the Arizona Elks Association.

Don't forget the "Elks at Sea" cruise to benefit the Arizona Elks Major Projects - not too many rooms left.

Keep our Veterans and Active Personnel in our thoughts and prayers.

Fraternally,

Bart Sherwood

President, Arizona Elks Association.

Presenting The Colors



Tucson Lodge #385 recently purchased American Flags for each of the classrooms at Walter Douglas Elementary School. Francis Hydock, Lodge Americanism Chairman presented the Flags, Poles and wall holders to the school during a recent assembly.

Article and photo submitted by:
Francis Hydock.

The members of the AEA Social Welfare Committee want to thank all the people and Lodges that made donations to further the work of this committee!

Richard
& Alberta
Kovaleski



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Sedona Elks Care - Sedona Elks Share



Sedona Elks Lodge #2291 recently packed and shipped 400 GI Care Packages to our active duty troops. The volunteers lead by PSP Don Waggoner (second from the left) continue to always remember our troops who are in harm's way.

By Don Waggoner, PSP

Havasu Elks' Goal Is To Support Youth Soccer

The Lake Havasu City Soccer League got a jump-start from the Lake Havasu City Elks with a \$350.00 sponsor fee. A BPO Elks soccer shoot-off is scheduled early October in concert with the Lake Havasu Soccer league with the winners advancing to the subsequent competition.



Pictured LR: Exalted Ruler Dennis Danielson, Lake Havasu City Soccer League President Jim Brushbrd, Soccer official Jaimee Brushbrd, Lodge Youth Activities Chairman, Loyal Knight Marilyn Webber. Soccer official Mackenzie Brushbrd

September 11th Remembered By Sierra Vista Lodge

Sierra Vista Lodge #2065 joined with many other Arizona Elks Lodges to honor local firefighters on the sixth anniversary of the terrorists attacks on New York City and Washington D.C.



The officers of Sierra Vista delivered and then served lunch to the local firefighters. Lodge Officers pictured in front, right included: Ken Adams, Loyal Knight, Dianna Adams, Esquire, Lee Swarengin, Leading Knight and Monika Madden, Lecturing Knight.

Article and photo submitted by Ray Webster, PDDGER, PSVP.

A Special Thank You



This hand drawn shirt was presented to Leona Snow at the AEA Youth Major Projects Camp by one of the children sponsored by the Tucson East Lodge. The boy was 8 years old that drew the Elk on the shirt.

Article and photo submitted by:
Loretta Lewis

ENF At Tempe Lodge

Phillis Everett Lodge Chairman had a great Chicken Fried Steak dinner prepared for all that attended raising money for our Great ENF programs. East District Chairman for Elks National Foundation Dave Weissert and his Lady Marla, the AEA State Photographer attended the event. The food was outstanding and the Country Music had everyone dancing. Mike Murphy & Debra Murphy (pictured above).



Story submitted by Dave Weissert, photo by Marla Weissert

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Sierra Vista 50th Anniversary Cookbook

After almost two years of effort, the Sierra Vista 50th Anniversary Cookbook is ready! The cookbook comes in a padded three-ring binder and contains over 900 favorite recipes submitted by Members and Families of Sierra Vista Lodge #2065. There are more than 25 pages of pictures and history of Sierra Vista Elks Lodge over the past 50 years. Read about some of the little-known facts from the past and find out who were the 'movers and shakers' back in 1958.

Priced at \$20.00, it is not cheap – but based on the quality, it is definitely inexpensive! These books will make wonderful Christmas gifts for your friends and neighbors. They are selling fast and we have only a limited supply, so you'd better get yours ASAP! To get your cookbook, call 378-0749 or send an email to Barbbowen@cox.net.

Tucson East Elks Walking For Charity

Tucson East Lodge #2532 took part in a walk for one of its members Vi Rust with Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD) on September 15th. The Walk for PKD was held in Tucson, Arizona and is the national fundraising event for the PKD Foundation. Currently the Foundation is in its 7th year of holding this event nationally, and this was Tucson's third walk.



than 600,000 Americans and 12.5 million people worldwide. Surprisingly, there are more children and adults affected by PKD than all of the following

diseases combined: cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy, hemophilia, sickle cell anemia, and Down's syndrome! PKD equally affects men, women and children regardless of age, race, geography or ethnic origin. It does not skip a generation.

Article & Photo By Nancy Browne ER

Shown in the photo are, from left to right, Elaine Wilson and Kathy Merlino (holding sign), Front row: Vi Rust coordinator, Nancy Browne ER, Dolores DeRousse, Barbara Pavelka, Gail Morrow; Second Row: Diane Cushing, Jane Smale, Paula Rodgers, Tom DeRousse, Margaret Vevea; Third Row: Ernie Dole, Maggie Hasler, Jimmie Snellen.

The Walk for PKD is a non-competitive walking event that benefits the PKD Foundation; the only organization in the world solely dedicated to finding a cure for Polycystic Kidney Disease (PKD). PKD affects more

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Picnic Cookout At Tucson Veterans Hospital

Fifteen members of Casas Adobes Elks Lodge #2663 participated in a monthly picnic cookout at the VA Hospital in Tucson on Saturday, Sept. 22. Approximately 200 vets were served lunch by Lodge members and volunteers from the local Tai Kwon Do School of Marshal Arts. South District Lodges participating in the VA Hospital picnics, in addition to Casas Adobes, are Tucson #385 and Tucson East #2532. Sierra Vista Lodge's RV group, the Wapitis, has volunteered to take a turn so each Lodge will now sponsor the picnic every four months on a rotating basis. Picnics are held at the VA Hospital the 4th Saturday of each month.



left to right: Bart & Ruth Sherwood, Exalted Ruler Ira Cohen, Leading Knight Don Baker and Al Carr at the grill.

Arizona Elks Association State President Bart Sherwood and his lady Ruth attended the picnic cookout as guests of Casas Adobes Lodge and were on hand to offer their assistance. Casas Adobes Exalted Ruler Ira Cohen, who is also the AEA State Musician, entertained the diners on the hospital's organ in the dining room.

David and Diane Gnuschke (both Past Exalted Rulers for Tucson Lodge #385) coordinate these monthly picnics and enlisted the participation of the South District Lodges. "The AEA provides the lunch food and the participating lodge provides the manpower and desserts for the vets," said Dave. Lunch on Sept. 22 consisted of barbecued ribs, hamburgers and hot-dogs with all the trimmings. Soft drinks, coffee and lemonade were also provided. Dave is the AEA representative for the Tucson VA Hospital.

Photo supplied by Casas Adobes Lodge and Story written and submitted by Ira Cohn, Exalted Ruler.

ENF Cornerstone Award To Apache Junction

Past State President Bob Phillips presents a Cornerstone Award to Dennis Walters Exalted Ruler of Apache Junction Lodge No. 2349.



This award from the Elks National Foundation for the Lodge contributions to ENF and as the letter from the foundation stated, Congratulations! We are proud to inform you that your recent contribution to the Elks National Foundation entitles you to further recognition as a community member of the Cornerstone Club. The Cornerstone Club encompasses the four main aspects of the Foundation--Integrity, Knowledge, Community and Charity. Apache Junction Lodge No. 2349 has reached the third giving level, Community, since you have donated a total of \$75,000.00 or more to the Foundation.

The final Cornerstone Club plaque is awarded at the \$100,000.00 giving level.

Photo by Marla Weissert
AEA State Photographer

Article submitted by Dave Weissert
Vice Chairman East
Elks National Foundation

Phoenix 335 National Foundation Award

"Bud Colgrove (left), Life Member of Phoenix Lodge #335, is presented a bronze plaque by Lodge Treasurer Paul Brooks.

This award past presented in recognition of Mr. Colgrove's continued contributions to the Elks National Foundation."

Story and Photo by Greg Nieciecki



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Arizona Elks Association Mid-Year Convention



booth. State President Bart and Past Grand Ken Moore (right) display the Four Star Award won by the Arizona Elks News.

Past State President Leroy Lewis (pictured below) receives an Honorary Founders Award from the Elks National Foundation presented by the Arizona Elks for his years of dedication and hard work on behalf of the Association.



Arizona Elks Association newest Lodge, Sahuarita, 2851 received their charter at the recently completed AEA Mid-Year Convention. Leo Pavlovich, AEA President Bart Sherwood, Shirley

The annual Elks Drug Awareness Poster Contest was complete during the time of the convention. Winning entries were from the following Lodges (pictured lower left) grades K-2, Desitina Serrano, held by Nancy Browne,

Coloring Book. Lee Fry, Sun City Lodge, AEA State Chairman and Tom Curran, South District Chairman, Green Valley Lodge staff the Youth Activities Booth.



Pavlovich and Past Grand Exalted Ruler Ken Moore display the charter.

Elks use of public relations to help spur the growth of our order was a primary topic at the convention. State Chairman Sam Burkhardt is shown (photo above) at the Public Relations



Tucson East, Isabel Stone, grades 3-4 held by Edna Jacoby, Surprise, Anila Gomez, grades 5-6 held by Richard Karmona, Sun City and Jessica Bystrom grades 7-8 held by Jeffery Lewis, Prescott Lodge. Several of these posters will be forwarded to Grand Lodge to be considered for the Elks Drug Awareness



Not to be outdone by the White Hats worn by the Vice Presidents and the Black Hats worn by the District Deputies the AEA Board of Trustees (below—Don Boldt, John James and Richard Conway) donned the fashionable pink hats during the AEA Meetings.



Arizona Elks Association Mid-Year Convention



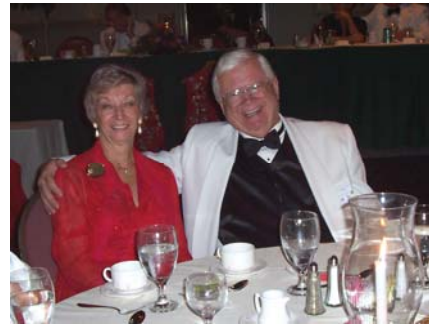
Sedona Exalted Ruler, Vito Pantaleo (above) receives a Grand Lodge Award for Public Relations from Richard Goldner and State Sponsor Ken Moore. The State

Phillips, Sam Burkhardt and Past Grand Ken Moore.

In addition to the business sessions these was time for some social interaction as well. State President Bart Sherwood, and First Lady Ruth got into the spirit of Hawaiian Night (photo below left). The Ladies lunch offered a Halloween theme. The ladies came resplendent in their costumes. (below center) Sunday Schwein, Linda Grimes, Mary Doan and Linda Lewendowski.



The Exalted Rulers march helped fund the \$125,000.00 donation to the Steele Children's Center one of our state's Major Projects (photos lower left)



Association won an award for public relation efforts from Grand Lodge as well. (pictured top right) Richard Goldner, Bart Sherwood, SPS Robert

Saturday evening featured the formal dinner. Pictured (above) are District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Arizona South, Richard Seals and lady Shela. The three amigos (pictured above right Tucson East Lodge's Tom Vaclavek, and Mic Furman and Charlie Ward (center) from Flagstaff Lodge got into the spirit of the evening. It was good to see PSP Manny Rodriguez and Lady Pat looking good.

Special thanks to Marla Weissert (State Photographer) for the photos of the AEA convention (pictured below with husband Dave).



Stories Worth Printing

Clifton Lodge #1174, the Elks National Foundation and the Greenlee County School Superintendent's Office teamed up to provide framed copies of the U. S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights to all of the schools within Greenlee County. A picture and a story would have been featured in the AEA Electronic News.

Douglas Lodge #955 - it's not every day an Exalted Ruler has a baby. Congratulations to Andrea Arnejo and her husband Bobby welcomed Elijah to their family on August 27th. Mom, baby and the Lodge are doing just fine.

Prescott Lodge #330 - Is adding on a major addition to their Lodge building. A photo or two and a story about this expansion and the expected completion date would have been featured in the A.E.A. Electronic News.

Jerome Lodge #1361—Recently honored Richard Hatcliff, PSP as their Elk of the Month at the Lodge. In addition to his duties at the Arizona Elks Association as Secretary and as Executive Director of the Association. Richard has also found time to serve as one of the Lodge's Trustees and a worker at Monday night Bingo at the Lodge. A good Elk's work is never done.

Convention Schedule Grand Lodge

2008 - Anaheim CA - July 6 -10th

2009 - Portland OR - July 5-9th

2010 - Orlando FL - July 4 -8th

2011 - Phoenix AZ - 10 -14th

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Arizona Elks Web site:

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Bullhead City Supports Dictionary Project

Bullhead City Elks #2408 presented Student Dictionaries to Ms. Anderson's (back row, left) third grade students at Topock Elementary School while Principal John Warren (right) looked on.



Each student also each received an Elks Drug Awareness book mark; "I'd rather eat bugs than do drugs" and a brochure on Elks Supporting America's Youth.

Dictionaries were also provided to each of the six elementary teachers as a resource tool.

Article and photo submitted by Terri Frear, Public Relations Committee, Bullhead City Elks

Green Valley Lodge Donates Adult Diapers

Green Valley Elks Lodge #2592 held its second annual Adult Diaper Drive and donated 741 adult diapers to the local Food Bank.



The need for adult diapers is an unspoken problem that exists in all of our communities. Healthy but incontinent seniors often become homebound if they can't afford supplies. This impacts loneliness and depression, but also increases the need for assistance programs like Meals on Wheels. The Food Bank's supplies have helped seniors who haven't left home in 2 years or longer.

Prolonged illness can wipe out a family's savings. Medicare covers a portion of prescription drugs but none of the cost for incontinence supplies, leaving little choice as to which the family will choose to purchase with their limited means.

Disabled adults are another group with growing needs for supplies. This will help them attend school, job training or work. Adding diaper costs to other uncovered medical expenses can devastate families earning an otherwise adequate income.

For those who need them, diapers are not a luxury. They are a necessity that only affects vulnerable populations who cannot help themselves – the disabled, the elderly, and babies. The impact of not having diapers is interwoven with all the other issues

Pat Hudson, Green Valley Elks Lodge #2592 Public Relations Chair

A. E. A. Golf Tournament - Kingman - Final Report

I have enclosed the final report for the 2007 AEA Major Projects Golf Tournament.

As you can see by the information I have provided that this was a very successful outing for the AEA. Of course I too was pleasantly surprised by the outcome, but did have a few anxious moments as the date approached. I wish to express my appreciation to you and your committee for coming thru with the needed help when called upon. This was indeed a learning experience for someone who has only golfed 5 times, with clubs given to me by you and Lois. Thank goodness I had such a patient wife who was always there to keep me encouraged.

Should you or any of your committee have any questions please feel free to contact me whenever is convenient. Upon your approval of this statement a check was issued for \$ **30,799.99** and presented to the Arizona Elks Major Project during the time of the Mid-Year Convention.

Golf Tournament Receipts

187 golfers @\$125.00	\$ 23,375.00
62 extra Dinners@ \$15.00	\$ 930.00
36 extra Lunches@ \$9.00	\$ 324.00
T-Box Sponsors	\$11,125.00

Auction Receipts	\$ 8,071.00
Mulligan Sales	\$ 3,640.00
Sales Shirts/Hats	\$1,340.00
Raffle	\$837.00
Sleeve of Balls	\$435.00
50/50 Drawing	\$ 480.00
Photographer Commission	\$ 94.00
Gross Receipts	\$ <u>50,651.00</u>

Golf Tournament Expenses

Cerbat Cliffs Golf Course	\$ 7,360.00
Valle Vista Golf Course	\$5,152.00
Golf Prize Fund	\$ 2,595.00
Havasu Embroidery	\$ 2,305.20
Sysco Foods	\$ 2,305.00
Kingman Elks (hall rental)	\$ 800.00
Refunds	\$ 358.00
True Value (auction items)	\$ 150.00
Postage & Shipping	\$ 140.90
Safeway/Smiths (food)	\$ 136.11
Kingman Academy of Learning (food servers)	\$ 94.00

Don's Office/Staples Office (tickets, tape, pencils Etc.)	\$ 38.39
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Total Expenses \$ 21,435.10

Check to Arizona Elks Major Projects
\$30,799.99

Article submitted by Jerry Grimes PSP

Photo by: Marla Wissert



Left to right: Jerry Grimes, Past State President, Linda Lewandowski, Director AEA Major Projects, Jimmy Davis, President, Major Projects Board of Directors.

Show Low Lodge Honors White Mountain Police and Fire Fighters

The Show Low Elks Lodge 2090 recently held their 3rd Annual Law and Order Appreciation Dinner and Award Ceremony. This ceremony is designed to recognize exemplary duty by Law Enforcement Officers and Firefighters in the White Mountains. The featured speaker was Show Low City Councilman Gene Kelly. Also in attendance were Navajo County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Bernard Huser, City of Show Low Police Sgt. Joe Kohler, and Show Low Fire District Board Member Jim Kasburg. This years Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner was prepared by PER Pat Shaffery, assisted by PER Dick Doane. The ladies from Emblem Club #337 provided the table service.



Pictured left to right: Exalted Ruler James Dovey, Show Low Police Officer Brandon Clark, Navajo Country Sheriff's Department Sgt. Toni Garver, Show Low Fire Department Fire Fighter Dan Jerome and Elks Secretary Dick Doane, Law & Order Chairman. Absent from picture is Department of Public Safety Officer Kenneth Bays.

Arizona Elks Association Newest Lodge - Sahuarita 2851



On Sunday, September 23, the Arizona Elks Association grew by one new Lodge - Sahuarita #2851. District Deputy Richard Seals congratulates the new Exalted Ruler, Leo Pavlovich, PDDGER (photo top left) at the completion of the institution of the Lodge. (center photo) Charles Serventi PSP, and Homer Silvers prepare to open the institution ceremonies. The Grand Lodge Officers, all Past District Deputies, (photo top right) who took part in the ceremony included: Peter Gillespie, SPS, Sierra Vista, Tom Shelby, Tucson, Pete Peterson, Tucson East, Al Skorupski, Tucson, Richard Seals, Jimm Krausman & Ray Webster, Sierra Vista, Charles Serventi, PSP, Tucson East, Homer Silvers, Sierra Vista, Tom Miller, San Manuel, Charles



George, Green Valley and Chet McCord, Tucson East. Sahuarita Officers : left to right) Charles Frey, PER, Esquire, Phyllis Hobbs, Organist, Charles Fitch, PER, Chaplain, Denise Masher, Inner Guard, Roy Sender, Doran Hobbs, Charles Oldham, Trustees, Michael, Lurkins, Treasurer, Shirley Pavlovich, Secretary, Rosanna Gabaildon, Lecturing Knight, Phillip Moreno,



Loyal Knight, Charles Grendys, Leading Knight, and Leo Pavlovich, PDDGER, Exalted Ruler. Green Valley Lodge hosted the reception after the ceremonies. Those enjoying the afternoon included, Shela & Richard Seals, Tom and Judi Miller, Ray & Glenda Webster, Charles and Kathi George.

Bart Sherwood, State President, Leo Pavlovich and Don Zelechowski, Chairman of the Arizona Elks Association New Lodge Committee are shown cutting the cake in celebration of the newest Elks lodge in Arizona.

President Sherwood (photo right) offered his congratulations to the new Lodge and encouraged them to get to work in their community to further Elksdom's Good Work.





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Current-Year Lodge Per-Capita Donations

Lodge year through: 09/30/2007

(Per-capita based on 4/1/2007 membership totals.)

Arizona currently ranks 7th in the nation in Elks National Donations totaling over \$103,000.00. Average donation per member stands at \$3.38 still well below the goal set by the Grand Exalted Ruler.

Leading the State in donations by Lodge are as follows: Lake Havasu City #2399: \$8.51 per member, Sierra Vista #2065: \$6.48 per member, Flagstaff #499: \$5.26 per member, Yuma #476: \$5.19 per member, Surprise #2833: \$4.45 per member. Tempe #2251 : \$4.21 per member, Page #2498: \$4.11 per member.

Following close behind are: Phoenix #335: \$3.98 per member, Sun City #2559: \$3.91 per member, Kearny

#2478: \$3.90 per member, Bullhead City #2408: \$3.78 per member, Chandler #2429: \$3.73 per member, Prescott #330: \$3.51 per member, Show Low: \$3.50 per member, Jerome #1361: \$3.34 per member, Holbrook #2450: \$3.19 per member, Kingman #468: \$3.14 per member, Winslow #536: \$3.05 per member.

Lodges needing to get moving and raise funds on behalf of the National foundation include: Clifton #1174, Safford #1607, Coolidge/Florence #2350, Mesa/Buckhorn #2656, Gilbert #2848, Chino Valley #2842, Tucson #385, Douglas #955, Nogales #1397, San Manuel #2007, Willcox #2131, Casas Adobe #2663, Scottsdale #2148, Buckeye #2686.

Arizona Elks Association Major Project Youth Camp Update

Arizona Elks Association experienced another very successful year at the Youth Camp. We had 26 groups scheduled for this year. Groups consisted of Scouts, Youth Church Groups, an Under Privileged Youth Group, School Groups and Family Reunions.

A big **Thank You** goes out to our camp hosts, **Jerry & Janie Haynes, Chuck & Willie d'Entremont and Bugs & Loretta Lewis**. The hosts have been on site to welcome the incoming groups and making sure the whole camp is clean and in good order.

Some of this year's highlights and accomplishments have been:

The purchase of a Westwood 5th wheel for the camp hosts. A concrete pad was poured and the 5th wheel moved on to it. In addition a donated 250 gallon propane tank was installed.

Thanks to last years First Lady, Jackie Phillips and her special project, enough money was raised to purchase more playground equipment geared to the younger children. Bob and Jackie along with Bill and Sue Santee and a group from Tempe Lodge assembled the equipment. Bugs Lewis was the engineer on the job.

Iris Elderkin and Casa Grande Lodge raised funds and purchased 8 metal bunk beds including 16 mattresses. Iris and a group from Casa Grande Lodge brought the beds to the camp and assembled them.

ER Varr Meyers and Garrett Hurt from Coolidge-Florence Lodge procured over 40 good used mattresses from Central Arizona College.

The roof on #3 cabin was replaced thanks to a group from Sun City Lodge and Tempe Lodge. Parti-

tions in the girls shower were also replaced by the group.

A portable two burner propane stove was donated by Bill Scherer from Sun City Lodge and delivered to the camp.

Gene Wietholter from Casa Grande Lodge purchased and donated a gasoline powered golf cart to the camp.

The hosts and volunteers have been using their own hand and power tools to perform the maintenance and upkeep at the camp. If anyone has hand or power tools that are taking up space in your garage please consider donating them to the camp.



Article submitted by:
Jack Warter Jr.,
Chairman
Youth Camp Committee

Kids America Day - Sun City #2559

Coyote Hills Elementary School recently held their annual "Kids America Day" Proceeds from this informational and educational event were donated to the West Valley Child Crisis Center.

The event sponsored by Lake Pleasant Chiropractic featured informational booths and displays by the City of Peoria Police and Fire Departments and other local business owners.



The Drug Awareness Committee of the Sun City Elks Lodge sponsored their "Prevention Through Education" drug awareness exhibit, providing age appropriate learning materials, fun activity materials, "Parenting Resource Packets" and a presentation of their "Drug Identification Kit" to all attendees. "Elroy the Elk" The Drug Awareness Committee mascot, was a hit with the kids, passing out more than 200 lollypops.

Approximately 800 parents and students were in attendance. Donations to the West Valley Child Crisis Center were expected to exceed their goal, making this event a success. Peoria Mayor, Bob Barrett, a long time friend of the Sun City Lodge is pictured with Elroy the Elk (Elroy is on the right).

Article and photo submitted by: Paul Zaleski, PER

Tucson #385 Move and Remodel Completed

After several frustrating years working with the permitting and construction issues, Tucson #385 move to a new home has been completed. Stop in for a tour of the new



facility the next time you are in Tucson. Street address: 1800 North Oracle Road.



ELKS NATIONAL HOME

We want to express thanks to the members of the Arizona Elks Association for once again approving the \$1.00 per capita assessment for the Elks National Home.

Since we no longer receive a grant from either the Grand Lodge or the Elks National Foundation, the \$1.00 from each member is what enables us to continue this fine retirement community for Elk members. Every member of the Order can be proud of what their dollar is doing for their Brothers and Sisters.

But the Home is facing many challenges as we strive to survive and continue the good work being done here by Elks for Elks. The Home is in need of additional assistance for much needed renovations and improvements. Several lodges have indicated that they plan to sponsor an additional \$1.00 per member to be sent directly to the Home.

We will be glad to send brochures regarding the additional \$1.00 project to anyone upon request. Just call 1-800-552-4140 or e-mail enhome@elkshome.org and let us know how many you need.

Go online and check out the Home's website and online newsletter to see some of the residents who live at the Home. And if you have an opportunity, pay a visit to the Home and see it for yourself. You will be glad you did. Visiting Elks and their spouses may stay at the Home for a reasonable fee. Call for a reservation.