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## PHOENIX ELKS TRACKS



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#### Exalted Ruler, Karen Seaman

"July is the time for dreams to take flight and soar into reality." – Pioneer Women

I'm truly excited by the positive momentum I'm seeing around our Lodge. There's a renewed energy in the air! Many of you have been coming in to enjoy our updated food menu and some fantastic new bands, bringing a fresh, vibrant atmosphere to our evenings. It's heartwarm-

ing to see members coming together, enjoying each other's company. This is exactly what our Lodge is all about.

Our Officers are preparing to take flight to Kansas City, Missouri for the Grand Lodge Convention, where they'll proudly represent Phoenix Elks Lodge #335 in the Ritual Competition. The competition at the State level was intense; every team was in it to win it, and they pushed us to bring our best. We promise to give it our all, demonstrating dignity, dedication, and the excellence our coaches have worked so hard to develop in us. Wish us luck—we'll be keeping you posted as results come in!

While at the convention, we'll also be attending a variety of educational sessions, both for our current chairs, and potential future roles. Our goal is to continue growing as Elks, learning everything we can to bring fresh ideas and improvements back to our Lodge.

We hope July brings you joy, and that you'll join us for the fun and fellowship we have planned. If you have ideas for future events or activities, we'd love to hear them; please share with any officer. Come often, come happy, and remember that kindness goes a very long way!

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#### **Esteemed Leading Knight, Clint Tompkins**

Hello July!

This is the month we celebrate the passage of the Declaration of Independence, signed 249 years ago. I hope to see everyone at the 4th of July picnic!

July also marks the beginning of the two hottest months here in Phoenix. Normally, we stay home by our pools or indoors to beat the heat, but I've noticed a lot more activity at the Lodge on Sundays in June!

A big thank-you to our Sunday Funday group for braving the heat to cook up smashburgers and serve beverages. They've done a wonderful job bringing members and friends together for a fun day at the Lodge. Hopefully, this continues through the month of July!

Our Officers will be competing in the National Ritual Competition as this issue of Tracks is being mailed out. I know they'll make us proud. With their dedication, practice, and a little luck, they may even come home with a win this year!

Many thanks to all the members and workers who have tirelessly supported the contractors in getting our Lodge back to normal after the incident in May.

Looking ahead to August: the Thanksgiving Basket Committee will be hosting a 50's Sock Hop on August 16th. It promises to be a fantastic event. More details coming soon, and tickets will go on sale in mid-July.

Thank you all for your hard work and generosity.

"Laughter is America's most important export." —Walt Disney



#### Esteemed Loyal Knight, Tyler Vanwey

Hello everyone! And welcome to July which is shaping up to be a busy month for us at the Lodge. I would first like to say a big old "Good Luck" to past years officers as they compete at Grand Lodge in Kansas City, MO. I know they will all do their best and bring back the Gold! I am sure we all wish them luck and safe travels to all that are attending the biggest Elk event of the year.

For those that are not going to the national convention, the 4th of July Picnic will be held at the Lodge. Denny McFadden and his committee have put together another great event! We hope to double our numbers from the Memorial Day Picnic, so come on down to the Lodge enjoy some food and fellowship.

Our Veterans committee has some exciting news. We will begin selling the Lodge's first ever Military Challenge Coin! For those that are not familiar with what that is I will give a brief explanation. A challenge coin is a small coin or medallion, bearing an organization's insignia or emblem and carried by the organization's members. Traditionally, they might be given to prove membership when asked and to enhance morale. So be on the lookout for those as we begin to sell them to help support our Veterans committee. Well, I hope to see you all around the Lodge and try and stay cool out there!

### **Esteemed Lecturing Knight, Jeff Beasley**

As July arrives, we hope everyone is enjoying a safe and memorable summer! While the break isn't over yet, the new school year is just around the corner and with it comes many exciting opportunities to serve our youth and community.

We're gearing up for another round of Elks Drug Awareness contests, including poster, article, and video submissions. Our annual Soccer Shoot and Hoop Shoot competitions are approaching fast, along with Junior Golf. Monthly Youth Awards continue to highlight outstanding young leaders in our community.

Our family movie nights have been a lot of fun this summer, and we're already looking forward to our special Back-to-School Movie Night to kick off the school year in a fun and family-friendly way. Here's to a strong finish to summer and a meaningful start to the school year!

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SICKNESS AND DISTRESS:
The following Sickness and Distress was reported at the June 5, 2025 Lodge session. Becky Simons reported that sister Jeannette Turpin had been hospitalized for respiratory illness, but is now home recovering.

Diane Bodwell, PER reported that brother Van Goad had been hospitalized for fluid on his lungs. Van will remain in the hospital for a week or longer.

Eleanor Ybarra reported on brother Norm Bertram. Norm has been hospitalized since Mother's Day with heart issues. He will be hospitalized until the doctors can stabilize him then he will be released to rehab

Please keep these members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

#### PROPOSITION FOR MEMBERSHIP:

The following applicants were read on the floor of the Lodge at the June 5, 2025 Lodge sessions.

**Bv Initiation** Proposer Daniel Baran Cathy Cabrera Todd Cadby Richard Pojman Robert DeMarco Harley Samons Elisha Fiore William Bayless Henry Gostony Clint Tompkins Laura Gravina Fredric Sobotka Jaron Gressel Joyce Kissner Alex Holzapfel Tyler Winkis Larry Bodwell, PDDGER Joseph Moley Heidi Pantera Tony Pantera Aldonna Spain Svlvia Carruthers Andrea St. John William Bayless Ross Strozewski Nadine Lucas

#### By Reinstatement

Leo Witkowski

William Hoffman Brenda Kayal

Applicants were referred to the Applications Committee.

Larry King

#### APPLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT:

Report of the May 19, 2025 Applications Committee Meeting.

The following applicants were favorably recommended for membership by the committee.

Darrell Beitel Sue Beitel Todd Cadby Robert DeMarco Jaron Gressel lason Grimsman Alex Holzapfel Jaclene Leinstock Aldonna Spain Leo Witkowski

#### By Reinstatement William Hoffman

#### **By Transfer Dimit**

Michael Young Jason Bankowski

#### **BALLOTING:**

The following applicants were balloted on at the June 5, 2025 Lodge session.

By Initiation

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#### **By Reinstatement**

William Hoffman

#### **By Transfer Dimit**

Jason Bankowski Michael Young

All applicants were voted on in the affirmative.

#### **INITIATION:**

Subtotal

The following 10 American citizens were initiated

into Phoenix Lodge #335 on June 5, 2025. Darrell Beitel Sue Beitel **Todd Cadby** Robert DeMarco Jaron Gressel lason Grimsman Alex Holzapfel Jaclene Leinstock Leo Witkowski Aldonna Spain

Membership/Lapsation Report:
Beginning Membership Total 4/1/2025

Increases Initiated 21 Affiliated Reinstated Subtotal 24 Decreases: Dropped Transferred Out 2 Deaths Expelled 0

**CLMS Active Members** 1095 Average Age 65.16 Gain/Loss 14 Delinquency: 171 Six Months One Year Over One Year 0 172 Total Lapsation Rate 15.91% Life Members 149 Honorary Life Members 150 Life Percentage 13.88%

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### 1/2 OFF DINNER COUPON

#### C'MON... CUT IT OUT!!!!

Buy one Dinner at Regular Price get a 2nd Dinner for Half Price with this coupon and your July Issue mailing address label on reverse side

The "Fine Print': No photocopies! Both meals must be purchased together. The 1/2 price meal is least expensive. Good on any Monday, Wednesday or Friday evening July 2025

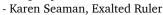
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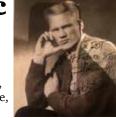
# Sharing Music Submitted by Jeff Beasley, Esteemed

Lecturing Knight

Fellow Phoenix Elks 335 brother and talented musician, Teddy Raven, is showing the true heart of Elks Care, Elks Share by donating his guitar to an Elks kid who is just beginning their journey learning to play!

"Thank you, Teddy, for your incredible generosity and for inspiring the next generation of musicians. Moments like these remind us what the Elks spirit is all about, lifting others up and creating lasting impacts in our communities."







# Memorial Day Picnic Submitted by Denny McFadden, Picnic Chairman

The Annual Phoenix Elks Lodge #335 Memorial Day picnic was held on Sunday, May 25th. This was the first of three summer holiday picnics. The Memorial Day picnic was a huge success. There were 77 adults and 12 children in attendance. Our day began with Becky, leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance and our prayer.

I would like to thank all the committee members and the many volunteers who helped make the day a success! Our grill masters, Tyler and Clint, did a great job! A huge thank you to Cindy and Sandy for making the delicious sides and to Bill for the fantastic corn on the cob.

Larry, served as the auctioneer for the bake goods auction and did a marvelous job. The kids had fun making memory boxes, doing arts & crafts and receiving some great prizes in the children's raffle. A 50/50 and a basket raffle were also held.

The committee designated the proceeds to Thanksgiving Baskets.

Please join us for camaraderie and fun on Friday, July 4th from noon to 3:00 p.m.









## **Remembering Our** Soldiers

Submitted by Karen Seaman, Exalted Ruler

Memorial Day is a solemn federal holiday in the United States dedicated to mourning and honoring U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the Armed Forces. Phoenix Elks Lodge #335 was proud to support this important day with the help of dedicated volunteers.

Our Lodge played a key role in assisting the event by providing water and carts to transport wreaths brought by the many groups participating in the ceremony.

Alongside the Sun City Elks Riders, our volunteers helped manage the parking area, transporting wreaths and heavy items from vehicles to the staging area.

Volunteers from Phoenix Elks Lodge #335, that worked the parking lot, included Becky Simons, Joe Brown, Matt Demetrullas and his daughter, John Timmons, Steve Smith, and myself, Karen Seaman. Assisting at the staging area were Carol Rondeau, Carol Brown, Brian and Stephanie Duchene and Kathy Allasia, ensuring everything ran

The Sun City Elks Riders also played a vital role in parking and logistics and assisted in placing ice, delivered to cool the water into bins. The water was provided by Phoenix Elks Lodge #335 and transported to the cemetery by Dawn Quinn, a member of our Lodge and also with Arizona Paralyzed Veterans.









We were honored to have Brad Lucas, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, represent all Elks on stage during the program. His presence reminded everyone of the deep commitment Elks have to honoring our nation's heroes.

The day after the event, John and Marcia Timmons and Steve Smith returned to the cemetery and worked for several hours to respectfully remove flags from the graves and store them properly.

As an Elk, I want to personally thank each and every volunteer who contributed to this meaningful event, as well as all those who came to pay their respects. Phoenix Elks Lodge #335 is proud to support our community and our Veterans on this important day of remembrance. We look forward to continuing our tradition of service and honoring our fallen heroes again next year.

Love and appreciate your Armed Forces. They do so much for so many.

# **Quilting Donation**Submitted by Karen Seaman, Exalted Ruler

A Special Thanks to Sue Bushmaker and her quilting group. As many of you know, Sue Bushmaker and her dedicated quilting group have been generously providing handmade quilts to Phoenix Elks Lodge #335 for many years. These beautiful quilts are a labor of love, crafted with care and compassion for our Veterans, and this year has been no exception.

The latest donation of 50 quilts was delivered to the Blue Star Moms, an organization made up of proud mothers whose sons and daughters are serving or have served in all branches of the United States Armed Forces. These quilts were accepted by Theresa Kookty, a longtime and devoted President of the Arizona Chapter. Theresa will ensure that the quilts are delivered to Veterans and their family members, offering both comfort and appreciation for their service.

In addition, the remaining quilts were delivered to Penny Craft (Army), who works in Volunteer Services at the VA. These quilts will be distributed to residents of the Community Living Center (CLC), continuing the mission of bringing warmth and dignity to our Veteran communi-

We are deeply grateful to Sue and her talented group for their continued generosity and support. Their kindness allows us to extend comfort and honor to those who have served. Helping Veterans truly is healing to the heart.







### **Americanism Essay** Winners

Submitted by Kirby Everyingham, Americanism Essays Chair

The first Sunday in May was when our Lodge hosted the Awards Dinner for the Essay Contest winners and the high school seniors who have been lucky and skilled enough to win our scholarships. This past May 4th was no exception as nine essay contest winners and eleven scholarship recipients were honored.

Our theme this year was "What Does Patriotism Mean to me". Rules and fliers were sent out to 50 schools within a 5 miles radius of our lodge. We received 70 essays from 3 schools. The essays were very good and our panel of judges enjoyed reading them. My thanks to our judges, Billy Walker, Perry Bishop, Kathy Allasia and myself.

The essay winners were: Division I 5th grade

Madison Graff, Sophie Kaplan, and Nameya Navaneeth. All from Desert Trails Elementary School and in Misty Hoyt's class.

#### • Division II 6th grade

Sarah Haddaoui, won first place in her division at the state level and will be sent on to National, Kingston Henson, won last year as well, both were from Quail Run Elementary School and Mrs. Forkum's class. Liam Karr was Desert Trails Elementary School and Misty Hoyt's class.

Division III 7th grade

There were no essays submitted.

• Division IV 8th grade

Madisen Hove, Max Prante and Claire Sichi (Claire won 2nd Place at the state level and received a nice plaque). All were from Shea Middle School and Mrs. Kabaj's class.

Our students wrote, "Patriotism is both a sacrifice and an honor. It is not something that you just do, it is something that you have."

"Patriotism includes honor, community, and independence. Honor represents the soldiers and military leaders that protect America. Community represents everyday people. And independence represents our rights and freedom."

"Patriotism to me is celebrating America and how the Patriots made America by not giving up. It's all about celebrating the American Revolution victory, the original patriots, and all our national holidays. To me Patriotism feels like an honor to be part of a great country whose history is very unique and special in its own way."

"Patriotism is more than just wearing the colors of your country or singing the national anthem, it is a deep love

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and respect for one's country, its people, and its values. By being a responsible citizen, respecting the flag, and embracing diversity, I can show my patriotism in a meaningful and impactful way."

"Patriotism has many meanings. We all know it's meaning, but are you a patriotic being, do you live the pledge of Allegiance, do you respect our history? This magnificent country isn't perfect, but we can do all we can to make it flawless and that's why we vote and express our patriotism."

"Patriotism means many things to me. ...doing what is right for the good of your country and your people. ..support your country through the good and the bad. You become a patriot because you believe in the ideals of your country and your government. For Patriotism is not a question of the mind, but a question of the soul-- to believe in something that transcends time and even space, for what our heart believes, cannot be taken away."

"...to me Patriotism is the sense you hold so much adulation for something, your country, that you have such loyalty to have Patriotism be a very important aspect of your life. This devotion can be a combination of feelings for its language, its ethnic, cultural, political, or historical aspects. People can show their Patriotism physically, not just mentally. By celebrating our country's holidays, by fighting for our country, by fighting for our civil rights, or by being willing to sacrifice for the overall good and progression of one's country. Patriotism can be concluded in a simple way. Allegiance, the way we pledge ourselves to America when we say the Pledge of Allegiance."

"It's about being connected to something bigger than myself, whether that's the history of the United States, or the freedom and opportunities that come with being an American. Being patriotic doesn't always mean agreeing with everything the government does. It means caring about your country to want to make it better, speaking up when something feels wrong, working towards positive change. It's not perfect, but I believe init's potential, and that's why I feel proud to be a part of it."

"And so, my fellow Americans: ask not what your country can do for you - ask what you can do for your country,' (John F. Kennedy). This summarizes my ideas about Patriotism. It means to show gratitude for my country and the freedoms I enjoy. Whether it's saying, "thank you for your service," and shaking the hand of a veteran or helping with the school food drive, I find it gives me a certain feeling again and again. It's a debt I owe to so many Americans, a debt no one expects to be paid back, but I strive to fulfill every day. I use my free speech and right to assemble to support and celebrate veterans, and volunteer to help others in need. I use my right to schooling to educate myself and learn about our history and government so I can better participate in our democracy. These simple acts of gratitude and service are what patriotism means to me.'

Our Essay winners received certificates and \$100 gift cards from Office Max/Office Depot. We want them to continue writing and expressing their ideas. Their essays go on to the District Level and if they win,

then on the State, and if winners at State, then on to national. This is a national Elks event and the national winners are announced at the convention. Good luck to all our kids.





### Get Ready for the Phoenix Elks Fair!!!

Submitted by Linda Thompson, CCSS Chair

It's so exciting...on Saturday, September 13th, starting at 3 p.m., we're holding our 2025 Phoenix Elks Fair! There will be so many fun things to do, you won't know

- •Dunk your favorite officers and Lodge 335 volunteers
- Balloon animals, temp tats and magic for the kids
- •Get an entertaining tarot card reading
- ·Win great prizes and cash at many games of skill and chance
  - Feed your face with pie for great prizes
  - Make jewelry or other crafts
- Eat your favorite fair foods and enjoy bar specials and great music

Kids are Free! Tell your friends, this event is open to the public and all the proceeds benefit our Children's Christmas Shopping Spree charity!

Your talents and help are needed to help with all the games, magic and food! With so many activities, we will need loads of volunteers. Please talk to Linda Thompson to see how you might help: (307) 421-4683. Thank you for your support!

Are you ready to win big cash? The Children's Christmas Shopping Spree Cash Calendars go on sale beginning July 1st. Your \$20 ticket/calendar will get you 30 chances to win cash. Every day in September, we will draw a winner: \$100 every Wednesday, \$200 every Saturday except September 13th when we'll draw a \$500 winner, and \$50 any other day of the month. See Linda Thompson or one of our CCSS volunteers to purchase your calendar. You can win more than once and do not need to be a member or present to win! 300 Maximum sold. Get in!

## Girl Scouts at the Lodge Girl Scout Troop 181

Shelley Hoelz & Amber Wolfe

We want to thank the Elks Lodge for hosting our Girl Scout Awards Ceremony on May 19, 2025. We had 28 adults and 22 children attend this event, getting families involved in our Girl Scout tradition of our Awards and Bridging Ceremonies. Families enjoyed a spaghetti dinner and we want to thank the lodge for their support in the



### Fathers Day

Submitted by Jeff Beasley, Esteemed Lecturing Knight

On Father's Day, the Officers of Phoenix Elks Lodge #335 had the honor of performing the Father's Day Ritual during the Past Exalted Rulers Breakfast, with approximately 60 fathers in attendance and over 100 total guests gathered for the occasion.

The ceremony was a heartfelt moment of gratitude, reflection, and appreciation, recognizing the vital role that fathers and father figures play in our lives. The event served as a reminder of the enduring strength, love, and guidance that fathers provide in their families and communities.

Exalted Ruler Karen Seaman shared her appreciation by stating, "To all the dads in our Elks family and beyond -Happy Father's Day! Your strength and devotion inspire us every day."



### **Annual Flag Day** Ceremony

Submitted by Becky Simons, Chaplain

On a heartfelt evening filled with patriotism and reverence, Phoenix Elks Lodge #335 proudly celebrated our annual Flag Day Ceremony, a tradition that honors the enduring symbol of our nation's freedom, unity, and

Special guest James George, Commanding Officer of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets, Phoenix Division, delivered a moving patriotic speech that reminded all in attendance of the strength and spirit embodied by the American flag.

The Navy Sea Cadets participated in the ceremony by carrying and presenting the historic and current flags of our nation, honoring the evolution of the stars and stripes from the colonial era to today. Their respectful and disciplined presence brought an added sense of honor to

"As Elks, we hold this tradition dear to our hearts," said Exalted Ruler Karen Seaman. "We remember all those who have defended the stars and stripes and celebrate the legacy that binds us together as one nation under

The Phoenix Elks Lodge extends a sincere thank you to everyone who joined us in patriotism and pride. Your presence and support keep this tradition alive for future generations.







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### **Students & Youth of** the Month

Submitted by Jeff Beasley, Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Phoenix Elks Lodge #335 proudly recognizes the outstanding achievements of local youth with the May 2025 Elks Students and Youth of the Month Awards. These students exemplify excellence in academics, leadership, character, and service to their communities.







Desert Shadows Elementary - Students of the Month

Kindergarten - Melody Ahler

1st Grade – Lucas Davis

2nd Grade - Emily Ahler 3rd Grade – Ava Blank

4th Grade – Gianna Gutierrez

5th Grade - Lilly Wright

6th Grade - Adele Munoz Moreno

Special Recognition Ryan McDermott

Elks Youth of the Month Liberty Sharpe Lyric Sharpe Rvan McDermott

These remarkable young individuals have demonstrated not only academic excellence, but also compassion, leadership, and a commitment to making a positive impact in their schools and communities.

The Phoenix Elks Lodge is honored to recognize their accomplishments and support their continued success. Congratulations to all of our May award recipients—you inspire us and represent the best of our future.

# Kids Movie Night Submitted by Stephanie Beasley, Kids Committee Chair

The Kids Committee hosted a fun-filled Kids Movie Night that brought together families and community members for an evening of entertainment and support. With approximately 50 attendees, the event was a wonderful mix of laughter, friendship, and giving back.

Guests enjoyed freshly grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, with all proceeds going directly toward supporting Elks youth activities and programs. Thanks to the generous support of those in attendance, the event raised \$285 to benefit future events and enrichment opportunities for

The Phoenix Elks continue to focus on building a strong community through family-friendly events that bring people together for a great cause. Thank you to everyone who participated and made the evening such a memorable success!

Pictured:

Mike and Danielle Deerborn, Annalise, Christian, Jeremiah, Crissy Bos, Tony Pantera









### **Elks History**

Submitted by Jeff Beasley, Esteemed Lecturing Knight

Did You Know?

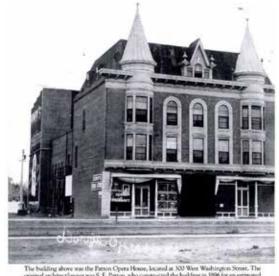
Back in 1896, Phoenix was a small but growing town with fewer than 6,000 residents. Arizona was still a U.S. territory; statehood was more than a decade away and N. O. Murphy was serving as the Territorial Governor. Despite its size, Phoenix was full of energy and promise, and that same year, a group of local visionaries came together to establish what would become a lasting pillar of the community: the Phoenix Elks Lodge

Across the nation, big changes were also underway. William McKinley had just been elected President of the United States, signaling a new era in American leadership. Meanwhile, in a small workshop, Henry Ford was busy building his very first gasoline-powered vehicle, a modest invention that would one day change the world.

1896 was also a landmark year for the world stage. The modern Olympic Games were revived in Athens, Greece, bringing nations together through sport for the first time in over 1,500 years.

Through all this progress and transformation, the founding of the Phoenix Elks Lodge stood out as a proud local moment. It marked the beginning of a legacy rooted in charity, community service, and American values one that continues to thrive nearly 130 years later.

Pic: Elks Club and Opera House, Phoenix, Arizona.



### **Elks** of the **Month!**

Submitted by Karen Seaman, Exalted Ruler

This month, we recognize not just one outstanding Elk, but a dynamic duo who embody what it means to be dedicated, enthusiastic, and ever-present



members of our Lodge. You'll often see them behind the grill at Sunday Fundays, helping with various committees, or lending a hand at events. These incredible Elks need no introduction - they're greeted with smiles and high-fives every time they walk through the door.

Please join us in celebrating Lorri and Jim (Jimbo) Bowe as our Elks of the Month for July 2025!

Lorri hails from the Globe-Miami area where she was born and raised. She spent a year at Northern Arizona University. She later trained for a career in travel and spent many years in the hotel industry, working in front desk operations, reservations, and sales for both Embassy Suites and Hilton.

Jim is originally from Duluth, Minnesota. He made the move to Tucson, Arizona in 1980, where he worked in the solar industry, before he did electrical training. He joined APS as an electrician in 1997 — a role he continues to hold to this day.

The Bowes met while working together and later married in Phoenix in 1994 and raised two sons, Casey and Cameron. They are also loving fur parents to Dixie, Missy, and Taz.

Jim has been a dedicated Elk for seven years and Lorri for four. Jim contributes his time on the Facilities Committee as the committee chair and is a regular cook for BBQs and Sunday Fundays. Jim and Lorri recently remodeled the women's locker room bathroom and upgraded the liquor room electrical panel. Lorri is always on hand for prep work on Sunday Fundays, and helps on the Facilities Committee as needed, and has helped decorate for the Charity Ball four times — under the leadership of Ted Sadlowski, Clem Brown, Carol Brown, and most recently, Karen Seaman. Each event was a spectacular success, thanks in part to her creative touch. Lorri also has supported the Children's Christmas Shopping Spree by generously volunteering her time for events led by Linda Thompson.

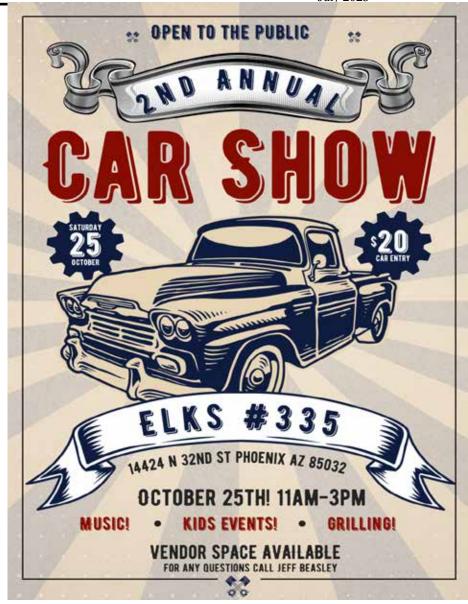
These two are not only hard workers — they also bring a joyful spirit and sense of community to everything they do. Their dedication does not go unnoticed, and their presence lights up the Lodge.

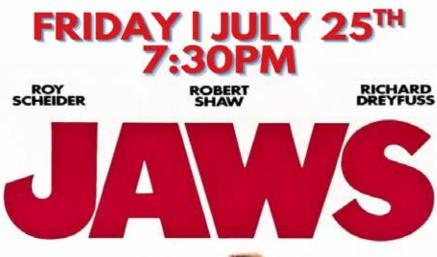
Congratulations, Lorri and Jim, on being named Elks of the Month for July 2025. We appreciate you both more than words can say.

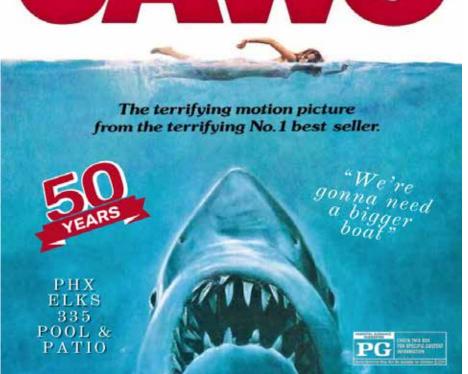


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Best Brunch in Town!

Join Us on Sunday, July 20th | 9AM - 12PM

Have fun with us and create beautiful memories.

#### SPECIAL SELECTIONS

Waffle station, Eggs to order (egg whites upon request), Biscuits & gravy, Omelet station, pastries, toast, bacon & sausage, juice, coffee, and tea \*Mimosa & Bloody Mary specials \*\*



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2025 Mid-Year Raffle

Win this 2025 Honda Pioneer 700-4 Deluxe UTV with a 14' Carson Trailer or \$10,000 in Cash



The Pioneer has A 675cc liquid cool engine, automatic transmission, belted seating for 4, the rear seats fold down to create a cargo box.

Get your Tickets at your local Elks Lodges or from the

Arizona Elks Major Projects Office

Tickets are: \$10 each, 3 tickets for \$20.

Drawing will be held on October 19, 2025, at the AEA Mid-Year Meeting in Tempe AZ.





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ADOPT A
BACKPACK
FOR SCHOOL

KIDS COMMITTEE PRESENTS

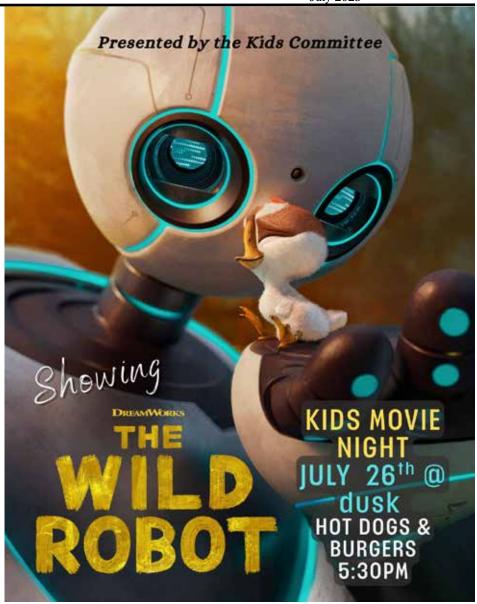
### **HELP A CHILD TODAY!**



School supplies & monetary donations are greatly appreciated!
See bartender for \$\$ donations!

Donation box & lists in the lobby. Due by July 19tr

For ELKS kids and grandkids only Backpacks will be handed out at the back to school Movie Night







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# Lounge Food

#### **HOT FOODS**

CHEESEBURGER \$7.00 HOTDOG W/ CHIPS \$6.00

SANDWICH W/ CHIPS \$7.00

KITCHEN SPECIAL IF AVAILABLE & INCLUDES A SIDE

CHICKEN NUGGETS \$4.00

SOFT PRETZEL \$5.00 \$1.00 WITH CHEESE

CHEESE, PEPPERONI, SUPREME

\$7.00 CHEESE CRISP ADD 20Z. SOUR CREAM ADD 40Z. JALAPENOS EXTRA 40Z. SALSA

#### **SNACKS**

**PEANUTS** \$1.00 **CASHEWS OR** \$2.00 SMOKED ALMONDS \$2.50 **BEEF JERKY** \$2.00 **POPCORN** \$0.50 FLAVOR SHAKERS AVAILABLE **CANDY BARS** \$2.00 **CHIP BAGS** \$1.00 \$1.00 WHOLE DILL PICKLE \$2.00 ICE CREAM NOVELTIES



**SOUP DU JOUR** 

CUP \$2.00 \$4.00 BOWL





\$8.00

\$1.00 \$1.00







EASE NOTE: ON NIGHTS WHERE DINNER IS SERVED - LOUNGE MENU ENDS @ 3:30PM

### See Linda Thompson for your Chance to Win!

#### Ca\$h Calendar - September 2025

Proceeds Benefit Phoenix Elks 335 Children's Christmas Shopping Spree Ouestions? Contact Linda Thompson at (307) 421-4683

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sa
Ticket #	1	2	3	4	5	6
	\$50	\$50	\$100	\$50	\$50	\$200
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
\$50	\$50	\$50	\$100	\$50	\$50	\$500
						FairDay
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
\$50	\$50	\$50	\$100	\$50	\$50	\$200
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
\$50	\$50	\$50	\$100	\$50	\$50	\$200
28 \$50	29 \$50	30 \$50	Winners will be Contacted or Check the Elks 335 FB Page – 30 Chances & \$500 on 9/13!!!			

#### Do you have a skill you'd like to share?

for tasks like painting, staining, drywalling, hanging pictures, refinishing tables or floors, washing indows, flipping burgers, running events, or even starting a game night. If you're someone who doesn't mind lending a hand now and then, please leave your name, contact number, and area of ecialty with our Club Manager at 602-

482-2339. We truly appreciate our nbers and are grateful for your time and talents! Thank you,

Nadine Lucas. Club Manager







July 2025



Dinner served 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Groups of 8+ please call a day in advance: (602) 482-2335

July 4th NO DINNER

July 11th
Prime Rib – \$23
Baked Fish / Beer-Battered
Fish & Chips – \$14

July 18th
Meatloaf \$14
Chicken \$12
Baked Fish / Beer-Battered
Fish & Chips – \$14

July 25th
BBQ Ribs \$16
Chicken \$11
Baked Fish / Beer-Battered
Fish & Chips – \$14

All dinner prices are a flat fee and include tax.

Every Friday night: Soup, Mixed Greens, & Coleslaw – \$9.00 Kids' menu – Only \$5.00

Desserts: Donation, please

Any substitutions or changes will be listed on the menu board in the lounge.

**Lounge Hours:** 

Monday-Thursday: 11am-10pm Friday and Saturday: 11am-11pm Sunday: 11am-7pm

Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9am-10pm Friday: 9am till close Saturday: 11am till close Sunday: 11am -7pm

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9am-2pm



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