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WE WILL RISE AGAIN Bill Mathews, Exalted Ruler

That is the theme for this Lodge Year. If you stop and think about it, it fits our Lodge perfectly. We have fallen (like the Phoenix) into the ashes and we will rise again into the Sun City Elks Lodge that we all know and love.

Becky & I thank you from the bottom of our hearts for giving us the opportunity to lead Sun City Elks Lodge # 2559 during the ensuing year of 2024 – 2025. Thank you to all the members that attended the election night meeting and voted for me to be this years Exalted Ruler.

Let me give you a little USA History lesson. Franklin D. Roosevelt who served as the 32nd president of the United States from 1933 until his death in 1945. In 1921, Roosevelt contracted a paralytic illness that permanently paralyzed his legs. During his terms in office, he accomplished the New Deal Coalition because of the great Depression and along came World War II. And yes, my friends he did all this from a wheelchair. He ran the United States of America from a wheelchair. I feel if FDR ran the entire country from a wheelchair, I can lead Sun City Elks Lodge # 2559 with an artificial knee and every now and then use a cane.

The new house committee will continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 1pm, just before the Lodge Trustees' Meeting at 2:30pm. The Committee will need a little time to wrap their heads around some things in the Kitchen and Bar area, but they will be hitting the ground running and preparing for a successful year.

Inaugural Ball will be on April 27, 2024. Doors will open at 4:30 with the introduction of officers at 5:00 pm. Dinner will be served shortly after all the introductions are made and the band will be Joey and The Breeze. Cost will be \$30 a ticket and we will have pork loin, twice baked potatoes, glazed carrots, and of course apple sauce and then strawberry cheesecake to finish the meal. I hope you will join us that evening and welcome the new officers.

Everyone keeps saying that this is "MY YEAR". I am saying NO, this is not my year, this is OUR YEAR. We will succeed as one, but we can only bring our Lodge back to the way we know that it can be if as a group we all pull in the same direction, but we NEED to do it together. I hope that I do not stand alone in this battle that I can count on your support,

Thank you all again for your belief in me as the Exalted Ruler, I will do my best.



The recent **Casino Night Veteran's fundraiser**, held on Saturday March 16th, was a huge success! Chairman Al Dahms sends out a heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers from the Ladies Auxiliary, the Riders, and the RV Club. A fun evening was enjoyed by Elk members and their guests with the highlight being recruited grandchildren dealing Texas Hold-Em' and Blackjack alongside eighteen seasoned, friendly Lodge member dealers. Proceeds from the Casino Night and generous donations from Elks Bingo has provided sponsorship for nine Elk Veteran members to travel on the Honor Flight AZ to Washington, DC in May.

The Maricopa County Veterans Standdown

received truckloads of apparel and supplies from the Ventana Lakes Veterans Club drive through / drop off events. The Ventana Lakes Veterans Club hosted the drive through/drop off event on March 21st and 22nd. Numerous truckloads of apparel and supplies were received. Thank you Jose Codero Torres and David Courtney.

Saturday, March 23rd saw us enjoying the **Veterans 1st Ltd. Anniversary Concert**. The concert was followed by dinner at Haymakers. Appreciatively Chaired by VS Team member Eldora Engebretson.



Veterans Services (VS), Ellie Jenkins, Chairperson 623-628-4661 / email: elliekaren2008@gmail.com

Coming Up

Our newly elected ER, Bill Matthews, has given me the privilege to chair committees for another term. The Veteran Services Committee is already planning for the upcoming year's projects to support our seven 501(c)3 veteran organizations. We are always looking for new ideas and always welcome individuals who want to get involved serving our nation's finest citizens.

Elks National Foundation grant applications open

on April 1st. This past year our Lodge used awarded grants for (i) a back to school supplies July program for four Title 1 elementary schools, and (ii) numerous projects addressing food risk, and health/hygiene needs within our schools and within the community. Please let me hear your ideas for application of new grants for Y2024/25.



Honor Flight Arizona recognizes U.S. armed forces for their sacrifices and achievements. Veterans take a three-day trip to Washington DC at no cost for transportation, food and lodging.

Highlighted stops are the war memorials. But, the waiting list is long. The Sun City Elks Lodge Veteran Services Committee sponsors Elk member veterans, in good standing, to travel as a group.

Contact Ellie Jenkins, VS Chair, 623-628-4661, for more information and registration. Veteran eligibility whether having served in combat or not, is: WWII, serving Dec 7, 1941 through Dec 31, 1946; U.S. Armed Forces Cold War Veterans serving January 1, 1946 through February 27, 1961; U.S. armed forces Korean War Veterans serving June 25, 1950 through January 31, 1955; and U.S. armed forces Vietnam War Veterans serving Feb-28, 1961 through May-7, 1975.





Welcome New Elks Members

Craig Avalan Larry Clark John M Chattin Ernest DeBreo Leonard Ellerbroek Judy Fogel Jane Fricke Jill Kovach-Fisher Sharleen Kakolewski Darla MacLeod Scott MacLeod James Manna Dennis Marietti Jason Maze Harry Millard Cindy Newman Bartt Palmer Terrance Picard Steven Rouse Thomas Russo Ronald L. Scott Ronald Shasteen Phyllis Snyder Stanley Spaid Nancy Tilson Lori Tallmadge Jerome Theis Timothy Tuley

The Vacant Chair

We shall meet, but we will miss them; there will be the vacant chair.

Name	Born	Deceased
Roger Brandell	06.15.1937	02.24.2024
Richard Brusegaard	04.06.1944	02.13.2024
Roger B. Burrell, LM	11.06.1938	02.15.2024
John Eckert	03.31.1934	05.04.2023
James G. Elias	05.09.1944	11.19.2023
R. James Fiereck	05.09.1927	03.02.2024
Donald A. Killian	09.19.1933	12.10.2023
Charles (Ron) Larimore	01.01.1930	05.06.2023
Carl Palitti	03.18.1946	09.11.2023
Reva Weekley	08.05.1934	02.16.2024
Randal L. Withers	10.03.1964	02.07.2024



Queen of Hearts - Chairman, Amy Davis

Who is our next lucky winner? A Joker, worth \$250, and a One-Eyed Jack, worth \$1,350, are still hiding. The One-Eyed Jack will continue to grow by \$50 each week or until the Queen is found. Keep trying your luck as there are many opportunities for winning cash prizes besides finding the main Gal AKA Queen of Hearts!

We have had 27 drawings for Game #5 and the pot currently stands at \$25,743. 70% goes to the winner and 30% goes to expenses and charity.

\$1 gets you a ticket for your chance to win a prize. If you do not pull a winning card, you will receive a \$20 payoff. Look for the Heart display to purchase your tickets. Tickets are sold on busy afternoons and Friday and Sunday evenings.

We welcome everyone to join us Sunday afternoon and evening for a fun time playing QOH. Arrive early as the lounge starts filling up by 4:00pm.The dining room is also open and is able to accommodate the overflow. Remember, the kitchen is now closed on Sunday evenings so you are unable to purchase food at the Club. However, you are invited to bring your own commercially prepared food or your own personally prepared single-serving meal.

If you have any comments or questions or want to suggest a charity, call Amy Davis at 612-802-7953.

*Lounge closes at 6:45pm on
Lodge meeting nights

April 2024

Lounge Hours: Monday, Tuesday*, Saturday 11am-8pm Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 11am-10pm Sunday 8:30am-8pm

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	House Comm Mtg 1pm Trustee Mtg 2:30pm Dance Lessons w/ Jose 6pm-8pm	Lunch 11am-2pm PER Meeting 5:30pm Lodge Mtg 7pm	Lunch 11am-2pm Dinner 4:30pm-7pm Band TBD 6pm-9pm	Lunch 11am-2pm Basket Night 4:30pm-7pm Bingo 6pm B 1 N G O	Lunch 11am-2pm Dinner 4:30-7pm Band TBD	Lounge Bingo 1pm
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Breakfast 9am-12pm Queen of Hearts 6:30pm	Ladies Board 10am Ladies Auxiliary 11am Dance Lessons w/ Jose 6pm-8pm Bring toiletries & clothing, no food cans.	Lunch 11am-2pm Meat Raffle 4pm-6:30pm Orientation 6pm Elks Riders Mtg 7pm	Lunch 11am-2pm Dinner 4:30pm-7pm Band TBD 6pm-9pm	Lunch 11am-2pm Basket Night 4:30pm-7pm Bingo ópm B 1 N G O	Lunch 11am-2pm Dinner 4:30-7pm Band TBD 6pm-9pm	
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Breakfast 9am-12pm Queen of Hearts 6:30pm	Dance Lessons w/ Jose 6pm-8pm Bring toiletries & clothing, no food cans.	Lunch 11am-2pm	Forget working out at the gym! You only have to work part-time at the Elks doing general maintenance and you will get all the exercise you need to stay healthy. Part-time position available: Wednesday – Friday, 8am – 1pm. Job details include, but not limited to, clean and mop floors, ability to safely climb a ladder, ability to lift and move tables and chairs, change light bulbs, and overall general knowledge of basic maintenance work. If you think you are a great fit for this position, please contact Kurt Baker at 623.229.706 or akazbaker@gmail.com			

VISIT THE SUN CITY ELKS WEBSITE www.suncityelks.org FOR UPDATED INFORMATION AND ANY CHANGES TO SCHEDULED EVENTS!

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What's on the Menu!

Dinner is served from 4:30pm until 7:00 pm on Wednesdays and Fridays. <u>All dine in orders should be placed by</u> <u>6:45 pm.</u> Takeout orders may be purchased at the bar until 7:00 pm based on availabile items already prepared. This is also the case for Sunday breakfast. <u>All dine in orders</u> <u>should be placed by 11:45 am</u> to give the kitchen time for clean up and closing duties. Thanks!

Please remember that our Elker Helpers are volunteers and not paid to serve you. Practice the Golden Rule while dining with us and tips are much appreciated. They work very hard, and for long hours to support our Lodge and its members.



<u>Thursday Basket Night</u> 4:30pm-7pm

Fried Appetizers \$4.25 Mozzarella Sticks,Cauliflower, Zucchini, Pickles & Fries

Baskets \$10.50 (Served w/ fries) Hamburger, 6 Wings, 5 Shrimp, 2 Chicken Tenders

As always, no outside drinks or alcohol are allowed in the Lodge at any time. Thanks for joining us and making our Lodge a great success!

*Prices don't include tax

<u>April</u> <u>Wednesday Dinner</u> <u>Specials</u>

<u>April 3</u>

Liver & Onions \$16.00

<u>April 10</u>

Beef Tips & Noodles \$16.00

<u>April 17</u>

Prime Rib \$24.00

<u>April 24</u>

Spaghetti & Meatballs \$16.00

Chef's Special Salads available as a dinner option for \$13.00

Dessert: Fruit Pies, Lemon Meringue for \$ 4.00





Broasted Chicken Party Pack

Order ahead				
8	Pieces	\$ 14.00		
16	Pieces	\$ 33.00		
20	Pieces	\$ 40.00		
50	Pieces	\$ 80.00		
80	Pieces	\$117.00		
100) Pieces	\$135.00		

Broasted Chicken Wednesdays & Fridays

2 Piece Dark (1/ea)	\$12.00
2 Piece White (1/ea)	\$13.00
4 Piece Mixed	\$15.00
4 Piece White	\$17.00
4 Piece Dark	\$14.00

<u>Friday Fish Fry</u>

<u>April 5, 12, 19 & 26</u>

Flat Iron Steak	\$20.00
2 Piece Baked Fish	\$13.00
2 Piece Fried Fish	\$13.00
3 Piece Fried Fish	\$14.50
6 Piece Fried Shrimp	\$15.50
6 Piece Grilled Shrimp	\$16.00
Grilled Shrimp Salad	\$14.00
Extra Pc Shrimp or Fish	\$ 2.50



Menu items and prices are subject to change due to market pricing and availability. Please be understanding, we do the best we can with what is available.



OFFICERS PHONE LIST

Exalted Ruler	Bill Mathews (Becky)	425-941-2964
Leading Knight	Josh Morehart (Janah)	480-217-0715
Loyal Knight	Glenn Signer	208-807-8053
Lecturing Knight	Ray Gulbranson	602-618-1086
Secretary	Vicki Way (Mike)	314-805-1124
Treasurer	Jose Pol	
Esquire	Brad Lucas	602-291-1709
Chaplain	Joan McConnel (John)	760-567-3505
Inner Guard	Jose C Torres (Sandra)	623-229-1569
Tiler	Jim Vander Mate (Diane)	602-376-9361
Organist	Sandra Cordero (Jose')	623-229-1113

TRUSTEE PHONE LIST

1 Year	Sandy Elliott (Amy Davis)	612-747-3293	
2 Year	Janah Morehart (Josh)	602-380-4525	
3 Year	Kevin Clark (Tracey)	480-353-1201	
4 Year	Kurt Baker (Debbie Glenn)	623-229-7016	
5 Year	Bill Hudson (Claire)	623-221-9503	
HOUSE COMMITTEE PHONE LIST			
Chuck H	lellquist	623-628-3998	

Joan McConnell (John)	760-567-3505
Karen Pitra (Jerry)	320-492-1940
Chuck Holsinger	602-909-4833
Alice Greely	623-208-0128
Rosemary LaSalle (Ro)	623-583-0843
Rich Grudzien	623-238-5218

COMMITTEE CHAIRS PHONE LIST

COMMITTEE		
Bingo	Tom Tessitore	623-693-1419
Blood Drive	Joan McConnell	760-567-3505
Christmas Shopping Spree	Rich Grudzien	623-933-3113
Community Activities	Ellie Jenkins	623-628-4661
Club Manager - Elker Helpers	Tom Pritchard	480-490-2516
Elks Chatter	Sandra Bay	602-799-7290
	Sue Elliott	602-510-0508
	Janah Morehart	602-380-4525
Entertainment	Jose Cordero Tor.	623-229-1569
Funeral & Memorial Service	Joan McConnell	760-567-3505
Grant Coordinator	Ellie Jenkins	623-628-4661
Greeters	Amy Davis	612-802-7953
Hostesses	Amy Davis	612-802-7953
Hoop Shoot	Rickie Toland	509-264-3088
Assistant Chair	Frank Ripley	815-871-5774
Interview	Martin Bosch	623-640-7754
Ladies Auxiliary President	Sherry Fellenz	623-810-7188
Motorcycle Group (Elk Riders)	Josh Morehart	480-217-0715
Orientation	Hugh Dixon	360-348-2851
Public Relations	Bill Hudson	623-221-9503
Queen of Hearts	Amy Davis	612-802-7953
RV Club (Rambling Suns)	Roger Langley	760-937-2017
Scholarship	John Messelt	320-249-9865
Sickness & Distress	Joan McConnell	760-567-3505
Veterans Services	Ellie Jenkins	623-628-4661
Website	Janah Morehart	602-380-4525
Youth Activities	Ron Spear	414-807-7374

Ladies Auxiliary Sundra Anderson, President

Please welcome the new Ladies Auxiliary Board Members; President Sherry Fellenz, Vice President Karon Quigg, Treasurer Ruth Thornberg, and Nina Paris, Sergeant at Arms. This year I am honored to hold the position of Secretary.

We are always looking for new members so we invite you to join us at one of our monthly meetings, which are held the second Monday of each month (except July and August). You will meet a fabulous group of ladies while learning about the Ladies Auxiliary – definitely a win-win! The meeting starts at 12:30pm but arrive early for socializing, which starts at 11:00am. Lunch is served at 11:30am.

The March Fashion Show, chaired by Colleen Snow, was a huge success with record attendance. If you haven't attended an event hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary, you're missing out on a bunch of fun! Make sure you check out the next dinner dance or bake sale as you and your friends are guaranteed to enjoy yourselves. We also need Event Chairs to host all our fun, upcoming events so if you're interested in becoming an Event Chair or want more information, please reach out to Sherry Fellenz. We will be finalizing this years' budget in an upcoming meeting and will post the results of this past years' budget next month.

In closing, I would like to thank my board members; Mary Adler (VP), Carolyn Oddo Secretary), Ruth Thonberg (Treasurer) and Alice Greely (Sergeant at Arms) for their hard work and contributions this past year. It was a pleasure and a privilege working with you all.

Elks April 2024 Student of the Month

Congratulations to the following students for being recognized as the April Elks Student of the Month!

Liberty



Sabrina Apap is a enjoying her senior year by being active in many facets of high school life. Sabrina is President of the photo club and a member of the Thespian Honor Society. Away from school, Sabrina enjoys many activities including photography, acting and singing while still having time to tutor other students.

Sunrise Mountain



Jonathon Lai is very active in his school and community. He is a member of Peoria Sports Broadcasting Network and currently holds the title of Treasurer of the Skills USA Media Club. Outside of school, Jonathon enjoys spending time with his family, volunteering, and relaxes by listening to music and reading.

Dysart



Arriving from another country, Brayan enrolled at Dysart High School halfway through last semester.Since then, he has excelled at every opportunity by working hard and going beyond expectations. Brayan is a positive influence on everyone he meets.Outside of school, Brayan enjoys watching soccer and F1 races, and is always happy to help his friends and little brother!

Explore our Beautiful state in Style and in Great Company!

Membership to Rambling Suns and Elk Riders is open to all Sun City Elks Members and Lodge Associate Members in good standing.

Rambling Suns RV Club - Roger Langley, President

In case you didn't know it, RVing is FUN! Our club enjoys venturing out to different places to explore the interesting and historical places. April will see us visiting Vista, CA and May will find us traveling to Williams, AZ. Each trip is an adventure and we invite new members to join us. You are welcome to attend our monthly meeting, which is held on the 4th Tuesday of each month (except June, July and August) or call our Membership Chairman, Neil Kather at 623-258-7004.



Travel Opportunities Lynn at 623-214-6944 lynnlamont39@yahoo.com

Sep. 8-15, 2024 - New England & Canada Cruise

Join Lynn for a wonderful cruise along the coast of New England and into Canada. The ship is the NCL Breakaway and they have single cabins.

Mexico's Copper Canyon - 5 dates to pick from in 2024

This is the largest canyon in North America! You'll ride the "Train in the Sky" most dramatic railway in the Western Hemisphere!! One of the best bus tours Lynn has taken.

Please note prices and availability are subject to change. Specials can change or expire prior to next printing of the Chatter. Thanks!

Elks Riders - Josh Morehart, President

It's hard to believe that it has been a whole year since the Elks Riders became an official auxiliary of our Lodge! We hope that you will join us in celebrating this milestone at our 1st Anniversary Party on April 20th. We will start the day off with a 4 stop Poker Run, enjoy a taco bar lunch, then dance the evening away from 5-8pm with live music. You don't need to have a motorcycle to participate. The proceeds of this event will support Soldier's Best Friend and we are hoping to see a great turnout to support the Lodge and this wonderful charity! See the ad for this event on the back page of this Chatter for more info.

Meat raffle proceeds for the month of March and April are being donated to the Lodge for improvements. We are happy to support the Lodge in any way we can.

The Gun Raffle is gearing up as tickets are going fast and folks are getting excited. Sales are coming to a close soon so get your tickets fast before they are all sold out. They are limited in number.

Riding has been great in this weather and one ride we were proud to support was the Chandler Elks Nation of Patriots Ride supporting grants for Arizona veterans. We showed up with a large crowd to support the event, the great charity and our brother and sister Elks of the Chandler Elks Riders. That is what this community is all about for us, supporting great causes and each other.

Looking forward to year two and continuing our growth in brotherhood and charitable giving.

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

Joining the Fidelity Club is easy because it is automatically deducted each month! Imagine your contribution helping an incredible array of programs like Veterans, Scholarships, Drug Awareness, Students of the month, Dictionary Program, and Americanism. For just \$5.00 each month you can make a difference. 91 cents of each dollar is applied to these programs and not administration and it's tax deductible!

Join the Fidelity Club and become a true member of the "Best People on Earth" (BPOE).

Contact Jose Cordero Torres at 623-229-1569 or go to <u>enf.elks.org/FC</u> to sign up.



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