



## NEVADA STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**2022-2023**

Dear Brother and Sister Elks,

Bill and I are honored and humbled to be selected as your Nevada State Elk's Association President and First Gentleman for the 2022-2023 Fraternal Year. We must begin by thanking our immediate predecessors, Danny and Mary Wells for graciously allowing us to accompany them on their journey and their willingness to help us learn so much that there is to know about leading our NV Elks Association.

I also sincerely thank all the past NSEA Presidents and First Ladies who have so generously offered their assistance to us as we negotiate these uncharted waters in Elkdome.

My theme for this year is "Look to the Future" and "Honor Our Traditions". How well I remember when Past GER Robert Duitsman cornered me by surprise at our Mid-Term Meeting and asked me what my goal was for my presidency. Honestly, I was not prepared to answer his question, but I had an idea of what I hoped to accomplish so I simply told him what I felt from my heart.

We are in an important time of transition for the BPOE. Times have changed, people have changed, and our challenge is to find ways to remain relevant in our changing society while imparting the pride we feel in our long history of charitable works in the BPOE.

We must "Look to the Future" by understanding and embracing the ideas of our newer members who may have experienced life differently than we older members have in the past. On the other hand, it is our obligation to instill in our newer and future members the sense of pride and history that we have gained as "experienced" Elks in this great organization.

It is my firm belief that through this combination of being willing to look forward, while honoring our great traditions, will sustain us through the coming century as Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America.

Most important, is that we all remain true to our vows as Elks and treat one another with respect, dignity, charity, brotherhood and fidelity. If we do this, we shall remain the greatest organization in the USA for many years to come. I see nothing but greatness and charity in our future!

God Bless the BPOE and the United States of America,

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Debbie Oskin  
NSEA President 2022-2023