

ALL AMERICAN LODGE 2003,04,08,09,10,11,12,13 BPO ELKS 2399

WAPITI WIND

July/August 2023



Special Notice:

A member suspended from the social quarters by the House Committee has appealed his suspension to the lodge membership.

The appeal hearing will be held at the July 18th meeting at 7:30 pm. A vote by the members present will sustain, reduce or rescind the suspension.



Please Note:

The first Tuesday of the month is when we hold our Lodge Business meeting. This year that day is also the 4th of July. In accordance with our by-laws, the meeting will be moved to the third Tuesday of the month - July 18.

From the Editor:

The September issue of the Wapiti Wind will be my last. I want to thank all of you for your support over the past 6 years. Along with the newsletter I am also resigning as photographer and Public Relations Chair. This is no reflection on the Lodge. I have had several personal issues to deal with plus an AEA District position that I want to devote more time to.

If anyone is interest in taking these positions, you can contact me for information on what is required. My contact info is on page 2. Or, you can contact ER Karen Travers at 951-538-0138.

> Again, Thank You for all your support. It has been fun. Jackie Turcotte, PER, Wapiti Wind Editor

Greetings to my Elks family,



Happy Birthday America!! The Esteemed Leading Knight Pauline Thonnard will be hosting our annual 4th of July picnic. I hope to see you all

On Wednesday July 19, 2023, the Elks lodge will be having a special visit from JeRay Bellon, Arizona Elks Association Vice President East. We

are planning a special western theme event. There will be music, dancing, baskets, and a 50/50 raffle. Please plan on coming to support our lodge # 2399 and to show Lake Havasu City Lodge spirit. The charity will be donated to the building expansion fund.

The kitchen will be closed July 31, 2023, to August 13, 2023. The bar will be closed from July 31, 2023, to August 6, 2023. The bar will reopen on August 7, 2023, to August 13, 2023, 10am - 5pm. Queen of Hearts will also be closed on July 31 and August 7th. Bingo will be closed on August 3 and August 10th.

I would like to thank everyone for the great turnout at our annual Flag Day celebration. The Elks Lodge was given an America flag which has flown over our Nation's Capital in dedication of Our

Flag Day ceremony. This was presented by Ms. Penny Pew, District Director, and Intergovernmental Affairs. This was presented to Angie Horton, Loyal Knight.

I will be attending the 2023 Elks National Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota on June 30, 2023 - July 5, 2023. There will be seminars, the Arizona Ritualistic Contest, hospitality rooms, also an amazing amount of Elkdom. Ending with the installation of 2023-2024 District Deputy Grand Exalted Rulers. This will be a rewarding, fun trip.

In closing I would ask for rumors to stop. Please don't believe everything you hear. Come attend a meeting, drop a note in the suggestion box with a signature, an email, or phone number for a response. We are all one team, members, officers, volunteers. We all work for the Good of Order and Charity, Justice, Brotherly love, and Fidelity.

The latest updates may be found at www.elks2399.com

Have a happy summer and hope to see you at a meeting or the social quarters.

> Fraternally, Karen Travers, **Exalted Ruler**

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Lodge business is conducted during the official Meetings - not at the end of the bar. Get the facts at a Lodge Meeting or House Committee/Trustee Meeting. Meeting times are posted on the calendar.

Elks Websites

Want more information about the Elks? You can get limited access to these sites without an account. Creating an account will give you access to the Members Only sections for even more information.

www.elks.org for any information regarding Elkdom.

www.arizonaelksassociation.org for any information about our state association.

<u>elks2399.com</u> for Lodge 2399 information.

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If you send a text, please add your name so I know who it is from. Your number may not be in my contacts, so I have no idea who your are. Thanks.

Jackie Turcotte Wapiti Wind Editor

ELK OF THE MONTH

2023-2024

April 2023 Bob Richards

May 2023 Marilyn & Dean Butcher



Bob Richards

Marilyn & Dean Butcher



VOLUNTEERS

Want to volunteer at the Lodge?

Please contact Elizabeth Ledingham:

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(If no answer, please leave a message)

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July 2023

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August 2023 Revised 8/13/2023

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OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Daily / Weekly Events

Monday 11:30 pm Pinochle Tuesday & Thursday 12 - 4 pm Hand & Foot

7 - 9 pm Monday Night Dancers

Wednesday 3:00 pm Desert Singles Thursday (tables 18 & 19) 10:30 am - 3:30 pm Bridge

Friday 12 - 4 pm Poker Omaha hi-lo

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ELKETTE PRESIDENT MESSAGE



The Elkettes are dark July and August. But we have still have so much happening. The games and concerts and of course pie sales.

We will continue to do pie sales throughout the summer. The choices are just amazing! So many cakes and pies to choose from. Perfect ending after one of the Lodges tasty meals.

Our May 21st Bunco game was a success! Thank you, Connie Jones, for yet another great experience and all those that volunteered! You make us look good!! Our next game will be LCR on July 23rd. More fun and prizes!

Our July 9th concert will have a perfect beach vibe. The Southwest Surfers will be making our summer even better. I am so excited about this concert. Look forward to seeing you on the

dance floor.

As always, I want to thank all the Elkettes for always stepping up to help. The Elkettes have made such huge contributions to this Lodge.

Some Gee Whiz information: The Elkettes purchased the land this Lodge is built on and funded the first expansion back in 1991.

This group of 208 ladies are a force for bringing good things to this Lodge. Thank you is not enough to say. The time and effort put into all these events that gives us so much joy is truly a gift!

Gabriele Medley Elkette President 2023-2024 336-317-4916

Pie Sales Donations



The Elkettes donated \$500.00 to Milemarkers, which provides services and support to individuals with disabilities in Lake Havasu City. Pictured from left: Elkette Chris Dukey, Pie sales Chairperson, Sarah Stinnett with Milemarkers and Elkette Mae Pine.



In May, the Elkettes donated \$500.00 to the R & R Pet Sanctuary in Lake Havasu City. They are a non-profit in-home sanctuary for elderly and special needs pets. Another donation had been made in April. Pictured from left: Pet Sanctuary founders Rich Crayne and Rachel Kurth along with Elkette Pie princess's Judy Prada and Lisa Nutt.

Upcoming Elkettes Events: More information available at the Lodge

July 9 at 4:00 pm Concert Series Southwest Surfers July 23 from 10:30 am - 3 pm Left Center Right Game Day August 27 at 11:00 pm Left Center Right Game Day



Father's Day

The Elkettes once again hosted the Father's Day Brunch at the Lodge. They were kept busy selling raffle tickets, busing tables and serving pastry to a Lodge full of Dads and their families.



VAGABONDS CLUB NEWS



Hello Vagabonds Friends:

Well, we have a couple of events under our belt again each of which had good attendance and fun had by all. In April Jackie Newbeck hosted an event in Calico, CA. The weather was a little

rainy but it did not stop everyone from exploring and having a great time.

Don/Sue Underwood and Marty/Al Johnson held our 2nd annual Member's Mingle at the rodeo grounds ... we not only had 23 rigs stay for the entire event but we had several people just show for a day. This event has proven to be a huge money maker for our group and the Underwoods/Johnson's were successful in bringing in almost \$1,800 for the club through the competitive games, card playing, 50/50 and selling hotdogs and "unlimited" alcohol ... ©

Barry/Sue Stilwell and Dennis/Jackie Newbeck are looking forward to the final event before we go dark for the summer. Our May 14-17 event is at Verde Ranch Resort at Camp Verde. As of this writing there were 32 rigs signed up to go so this should be a successful event and I look forward to writing about it in our next edition.

When we come back from our dark summer, we will look forward to our two annual events in Williams and Wickenburg ...

Have a safe summer!

Enjoy your Spring! Jackie Newbeck Vagabonds Secretary

Remember - BPOE - Best People on Earth

YACHT CLUB NEWS



Save the date of July 16th for the Pancake pentathlon

This is a not-for-profit fund raiser. There will be breakfast of pancakes, sausage; with orange juice and coffee. We will have games and friendly competition. Cash prizes will be awarded to winners. This is open to everyone.

August will be warm and having the lodge closed for cleaning, it is our plan to provide fun indoors. As of this writing we are considering two options:

- ♦ A bowling adventure. If you don't bowl come and play poker as a way to support our bowlers.
- ♦ Or meeting as a group to take the water taxi across the lake and have a lunch and games at the Casino.

Please check your email or the bulletin board to find which activity the group has chosen.

If you are interested in being a part of a fun energetic group please consider the Elks Yacht Club. Our meetings are the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Lodge at 2:00p.m.

Please stop by and introduce yourself. We would love to meet you.

Marsha Kaltenberg; Secretary 503-746-3598





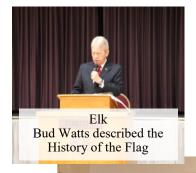
Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler, and is now our Arizona Elks Association Vice President - West District.

Congratulations to Hank on his selection for this great honor.









The Marine Corps League Auxiliary presented the Flags





Elkette Karen Murphy-Linden recited "I am the Flag"



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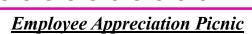


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Until the Hour of Eleven Regularly Returns



Starline Elementary School 6th grader Anna Bengard was awarded First Place in the Arizona Elks Association Americanism Essay Contest. As one of the top three essay winners in Lake Havasu City, her essay was sent to the State level for competition among all Elks Lodges in Arizona. The theme this year was "My American Dream". Ana wrote a moving essay on her vision of an American dream. As a state winner, her essay has been forwarded to the Elks Grand Lodge for consideration on the national level. Pictured are: Starline Elementary School Principal Ginny Sautner, 6th Grade Teacher Rachel Charette, PER Debbie Herd, Anna Bengard with her parents Shelley and Tyler Bengard, PER Paulette Nainteau and Elks Americanism Chair Pam Depweg



The Elkettes will host an
Employee Appreciation Picnic
Sunday, August 6th at about 11:00 am at Rotary Park.
There will be a bounce house and water slide for all.
Come help us celebrate our amazing staff.



Hundreds of swimmers attended the Free Swim in May which celebrates Elks Youth Week. Our Lodge has been hosting this event for over 20 years in celebration of Youth Week. The pool is paid for by the Past Exalted Rulers Association and Youth Activities and Drug Awareness sponsor the food, games, and prizes.