

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

WAPITI WIND

February 2024

"A Coin A Day So The Kids Can Play"

All coins collected are donated to Arizona Elks Major Projects (AEMP) which supports the Steele Children's Hospital in Tucson, AZ. Any loose change can go into a pig they love paper bills too. "Let us FILL THEM UP".

FYI - From the end of October to the 7th of December \$1,148.00 was donated through the Purple Pig Program.

Your Purple Pig Committee thanks you.



Exalted Rulers Message



February is here and so are our winter visitors, And as such the Lodge is very busy. So, I'm Asking all of you to have your membership Card in hand when entering the Lodge. The Volunteer Door Greeters to make sure only

members enter and they may ask to see your card. Don't get angry about it, show your card, smile and thank them for what they do. You must sign in your guests, even family, and at no time can you sign in someone you know used to be a member as you could lose your membership. Instead, ask them to reinstate their membership. There is a form for that.

The suggestion box is for suggestions only. Be sure to sign your entry before putting it in the box. If you have a complaint you wish to address, go to the office and sign the House Committee Agenda, which is available in the office the week prior to the meeting which is held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. If you're not on the agenda you may not be called upon to speak.

Your Lodge Officers, Myself and the Committee Chairs work in unison to make the Lodge the place it is. Without all these volunteers, the Lodge would be just another bar in town. We all know it is so much more than that. Being an Elk in Lake Havasu City is special. So, be kind, smile and say hello. That goes a long way in keeping your Lodge a happy and safe place to be.

Fraternally, Paulette Nainteau Exalted Ruler

!!! Lodge Expansion Update !!!

Capital Campaign

The Lodge is still accepting donations towards the expansion project. The donation dollars we receive reduces the amount of the loan. If you have not donated and would like to, please contact the Lodge Office as soon as possible. See the Expansion Update at elks2399.com.

Fraternally, Gary W. Parsons, PER Lodge Advisor



VOLUNTEERS

Want to volunteer at the Lodge?

Please contact Elizabeth Ledingham:

E-mail: escogan@yahoo.com

Phone: **661-644-5656**

(If no answer, please leave a message)

!!! DRINK CHIPS !!!

Did you Know????

Reminder: When you use your drink chips, they do not include gratuities.

Surrender your chip when placing your order for a beverage.

Please do not hoard the chips you receive for volunteering. If you don't use them for drinks, either turn them back in to the office, or give or sell them to a friend. This will prevent the Lodge from having to buy additional chips.

OFFICERS

LAKE HAVASU CITY LODGE 2399 OF THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS OF THE UNITED STATES OF **AMERICA**

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Club Manager

Vanessa Brewster

Attend Meetings

Lodge business is conducted during the official Meetings - not at the end of the bar. Get the facts at a Lodge Meeting or 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 infor-

www.elks.org for any information regarding

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

elks2399.com for Lodge 2399 information.

To join our <u>Facebook Page</u>, search Lake Havasu City, AZ Elks Lodge #2399

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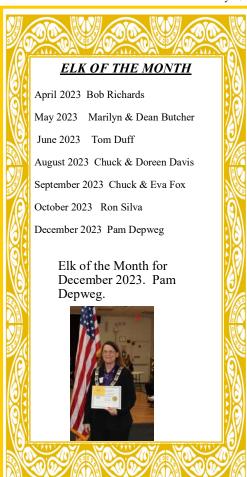
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If you send a text, please add your name so I know who it is from. Your number may not be in my contacts, so I have no idea who your are. Thanks.

> Chuck Fox, PER Wapiti Wind Editor



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Monday 11:30 am Pinochle Thursday 12-4 pm Hand & Foot 4-6:30 pm Queen of Hearts 7 pm Monday Dancers 6 pm Karaoke Tuesday 12-4 pm Hand & Foot Friday 12-4 pm Poker Omaha Hi Wednesday 3 pm Desert Singles Lo				Lunch 11-2 pm Dinner Menu 4-7pm Bingo 6 pm (doors open 4 pm) Karaoke 6 pm	Lunch 11-2 pm Planning Mtg 1pm PER Meeting 2pm PER Ticket Sales 3:30 pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: River Kings	Hot Dogs 11-2 Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: River Kings
Hot Dogs 11-2 Elkettes LCR 11-?? Yacht Club Fiesta 12 - ?? NFL Package	5 Hot Dogs 11-2 Pasta Night 4-7 pm Queen of Hearts 4-6:30 pm Monday Dancers 7 pm	6 Taco Tuesday 11-2 & 4-7 pm Lodge Meeting (Nominations) 7:30 PM Last Day to buy Valentine Dinner Tickets	Z Lunch 11-2 pm Pork Ribs 4-7 pm Sherrifs Lunch 12pm Desert Singles 3 pm PER Ticket Sales 3:30 pm	Lunch 11-2 pm Dinner Menu 4-7 pm Bingo 6 pm (doors open 4 pm) Karaoke 6 pm	Lunch 11-2 pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Cocktail Katz	10 Hot Dogs 11-2 Fishing Club 1 pm No Regular Menu Elkettes Valentine Dinner 5pm Music: Tim Hope MCL Installations 5pm
Hot Dogs 11-2 PER Super Bowl Pizza & Raffle NFL Package	12 Hot Dogs 11-2 Pasta Night 4-7 pm Queen of Hearts 4-6:30 pm Monday Dancers 7 pm	13 Taco Tuesday 11-2 & 4-7 pm Elkette Meeting 6 pm House Committee/Trustee Meeting 7 pm	14 Lunch 11-2 pm Vagabonds 1 pm Desert Singles 3pm Pork Ribs 4-7 pm (In Lodge Room) Sweet Heart Dinner (Dining Room) 4-8 pm	15 HiWay Clean Up 8am—?? Lunch 11-2 pm Dinner Menu 4-7 pm Bingo 6 pm (doors open 4 pm) Karaoke 6 pm	16 Lunch 11-2 pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Fritz	17 Hot Dogs 11-2 Yacht Club 2 pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Fritz
18 Blood Drive 10:30 am Hot Dogs 11-2	Hot Dogs 11-2 Pasta Night 4-7 pm Queen of Hearts 4-6:30 pm Orientation 7 pm Monday Dancers 7 pm	20- Taco Tuesday 11-2 7 4-7 pm Lodge Meeting /Initiation/ Officer Elec- tion 7:30 pm Last Day to buy Old Timers Tickets	21 Lunch 11-2 pm Desert Singles 3 pm Pork Ribs 4-7 pm	22 Lunch 11-2 pm Dinner Menu 4-7 pm Bingo 6 pm (doors open 4 pm) Karaoke 6 pm	23 Lunch 11-2 pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: One Eye Romeo	24 Hot Dogs 11-2 Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: One EyeRomeo Old Timers Night 5pm (Lodge Room)
25 Hot Dogs 11-2 Drug Aware- ness Luncheon 12 pm Volunteer Din- ner 4 pm	26 Interviews 9 am Hot Dogs 11-2 Pasta Night 4-7 pm Queen of Hearts 4-6:30 pm Monday Dancers 7pm	27 Taco Tuesday 11-2 & 4-7 pm MCL Meeting 7 pm	28 Lunch 11-2 pm LAPD Lunch 12pm Desert Singles 3 pm Pork Ribs 4-7 pm	29 Lunch 11-2 pm Dinner Menu 4-7 pm Bingo 6 pm (doors open 4 pm) Karaoke 6 pm		

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ELKETTE PRESIDENT MESSAGE

We are now well into 2024. Many exciting things are happening at the Lodge. The Elkettes Valentines dinner is **February 10th**. Tickets are on sale in the office for \$20.00 per person. The menu is a choice of Short Ribs or Salmon and another great evening of entertainment by TNT Tim Hope & Debby Wesso. We have an LCR game on February 4th. We have some very fun and exciting events coming up in March. Please join us for the Crazy Auction March 9th, Concert Series - Dueling pianos March 10th and Silent Auction March 16th. Many of these events will be supporting the Lodge Building Fund.

We are looking forward to another successful year! Thanks to all those that support our events and to all the amazing Elkettes that volunteer to make our events a success!

Gabriele Medley – Elkette President

Golf News Winter

Welcome back golfers from the Christmas Holliday. Happy New Year. I want to thank all the members that came to the Christmas party at the lodge, we had a wonderful time. A big thanks go out to Mike and Cheryl Lomeli for organizing the party. A special thanks go out to Vanessa at the lodge for all her hard work in putting the staff together to get all of us fed in a very timely manner. Great job.

When you read this we will be in the middle of the Kaser Club Championship tournament. Good luck to all. A reminder to all men Elk's members if you are golfers and wish to join our league, we golf on Tuesday's at London Bridge Golf Club. Please pickup an application at the lodge or before golf on Tuesday's.

Thank You President Scott Brown

> Golf League Christmas Party



The Giving Tree

I say it over and over again our lodge does great things and this holiday season we did again. Our lodge gifted 100 children Christmas. The children each received a new coat, pajamas, socks, underwear, shoes, a couple of outfits and toys, and so many amazing toys. Every child over the age of 10 received a duffle bag, so they can move their belongings with dignity. Everyone received a stuffed animal generously donated by Kay Jewelers.

I have so many to thank, words alone can not begin to encompass the gratitude I feel. To those of you who adopted a child your generosity, kindness and love showed in all the items you purchased for these children, thank you. The Fishing Club, The Marine Corp League, The Vagabonds, The Monday Night Dancers who donated money to keep the program alive, thank you. The Elks members who made cash donations to ensure these precious children's needs and wishes were met, thank you. Chris Dukey who held a raffle for a solo stove that was donated by Nikki and Tom Harvey, thank you. Elk members who came to our wrapping party, thank you. The Elkettes who donated money, wrapped 100's of gifts, lovingly placed them in giant bags and ensured everything was organized, loaded and ready for delivery, thank you. Elkettes President Gabriele Medley, Exalted Ruler Paulette Nainteau, Trustee Tom Bradley, Trustee Jon Villalobos and Elk Steve Harris for delivering all the gifts to H.A.V.E.N. Family Resource Center, thank you.

Because of each and everyone of you we did a great thing!

Thank you,

Vanessa Brewster Giving Tree Chair





Elks delivered 80 bags of gifts to Haven House for Christmas. Pictured—Gabriele Medley (Elkette President), Steve Harris (member), Paulette Nainteau (Exalted Ruler), Tom Bradley (Trustee), Ashley Buckles (Haven House), Jon Villalobos (Trustee).

Valentine's Dinner Dance

Elkettes Dinner Dance February 10, 2024 Purchase Tickets in Lodge Office

Cocktails @ 5 pm, Dinner Served at 6 pm

Entertainment provided by Tim Hope

VAGABONDS CLUB NEWS



Happy New Year to all!!! With the help of our membership, we have our Events Calendar filled thru the end of the year. Although we have group space held at locations that were in the top 5 of the Questionnaire that was conducted in the fall of 2023, we are still in need of Hosts and Co-hosts at a few of the locations --- Here is where we need help:

The Oasis Las Vegas RV Resort – March 18-21. We need of both a Host and a Co-host.

Railside RV Ranch / Williams – Sep 18-21. We need both a Host and a Co-host.

Desert Cypress RV Park – Nov 1-4 (these dates could change). Joyce/Mike Grabowski are hosts but they need a co-host.

If you have never hosted a Vagabonds event, please do not be intimidated by the task . . . we will make certain we put a seasoned host on your team.

If you plan on attending any of the events on our Event Calendar please pay attention to the Block Release date because once the block is released space will only be available on a first/come, first served basis.

We look forward to a lot of fun events with our growing group this year.

Jackie Newbeck Vagabonds Secretary

FISHING CLUB REPORT

The dates for the February Derby's will be Wednesday, February 14th from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Wednesday, February 28th from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Weigh-in is at Windsor Beach South with scales open for 30 minutes from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served at the Lodge following the fish cleaning process. Help is always welcomed at the fish cleaning station!!

The Board of Directors will meet at the Lodge on Monday, February 5th at 11:00 a.m. All members are welcome to attend. After the board's regular meeting, questions or comments are open to all attendees.

The Club's General Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 10th at 1:00 p.m.

The Derby on December 20th was won by Jim Richardson and Jim Buchanan with 5 fish weighing 16.02 lbs. Second Place went to Ricky McPherson and Ron Clifford with 5 fish weighing 15.75 lbs. Ricky also had Big Fish with a 4.49 lb. striper. In Third Place was Ron Zajac with 5 fish weighing 13.04 lbs.

The Derby on January 3rd was won by Ron Zajac and John Dontz with 5 fish weighing 11.10 lbs. Second Place went to Mike Michaels and Duane Webley with 5 fish weighing 9.41lbs. Third Place went to Jim Hatter and Gary Visconti with 5 fish weighing 8.03 lbs. Big Fish was won by Jennie Robertson with a 3.70 lb. striper.

Mark your calendars for the Club's Bi-Annual Fish Fry that will be held on March 9th at 11:30 a.m. with the Club meeting to follow. All Elks and their guests are welcome to attend.

Want to join the Elks Fishing Club? Applications are located on the Fishing Club bulletin board. Place completed forms in the blue box with a check. DO NOT turn in to the office. In addition, all interested Elks may come to our Club meeting for further information. Any Club Officer at the meeting would be happy to answer your questions or call Jerry Boyce at (928) 208-1073.

Club Manager News

Our New Years Eve Dinner/Dance was an amazing event. I want to thank all the volunteers who came in and decorated the dining room. It was beautiful. Thanks to Kitchen Manager Kevin Rogers and his team for the sublime dinner. It was one we will not forget. The bartenders, servers and bussers ensured everything ran smoothly. We are fortunate to have such a great team.

On Wednesday February 14th we will have a Sweethearts Dinner. The cost is \$25 per person. It includes Salad, Flat Iron Steak or Roasted Chicken, Vegetable & Dessert. Dinner will be served from 4pm to 7pm. Our famous ribs will also be served that night in the Lodge Room.

We look forward to seeing you.

Vanessa Brewster Club Manager



The following Members are scheduled to be dropped on March 31, 2024 for non-payment of Dues. If we have made a mistake please contact the Lodge Office at 928-453-3557

Alvarez, Oliver B. Anderson, Janet Anderson, Lee A Arbogast, Gregory Arreola, Roberta Arteaga, Frank Baird, Jerry Alton Battle, Joseph Berger, Bonnie Berke, Dale Berry, Robert J. Blissenbach, William-Bochniarz, Nicolas Bohlke, Susanne K. Bohne, Lawrence Bolme, Jack W. Bordon Jr. Edward Bosco, Rita Bovino, Robert Brock, Grant Brodie, Charles C Brookham, Terry P. Brubaker, Heather Bruch, Thomas R. Buckhout, Bertrand Burnell, Nathan Butler Jr., Edwin Bywater, Patrick J. Callaghan, Dennis M. Camarata, Sam Canez, Fred R. Canez, Stephaine Cardoza, Ronald M. Carlson, Thomas A. Carrillo, Lucas Caudillo, Al Caudillo, Tim Childress, Robert Christenson, Greg Christy, Joe D. Colhouer, Tim John Combs, Penny Comella, Mary Cook, Kenneth William Cox. James H. Crawford, Donald L. Czarnowski, Gerald Darrow, Ray Davis, Michael Downs, Vicky Lynn Duenas, Ronald Dugan, Jenny Lind Dysarz, Norbert Eads, Vickie J. Elfring, Robert E. Ellis Mark R.

Eskuri Neil R.

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Lundstrom, Joyce

Lydon, Robert

Lynnes, Jeffrey

MacLeod, Stephen MacVicar, Suzanne M. Maebe, Arthur R. Maloney, Lexi R. Merechal, Gayle Marlar, Jeffrey Martin, Dana A. Matthews, Gerald Mayer, Bryan M. McAllister, Stan McCraw, Jeff McDevitt, John M. McElhenney, Kenneth McIntyre, Stephen Meehan, Patrick Miller, Carl S. Miller, Carla Miller, Philip R. Minnuies, Richard Monteith, Dean Mueller, Donna Mullin, Charles R. Murray, Paul A. Nanney, Pamela Gwynn Norman, Matthew Nottingham, Jim W. Nowak, Sondra Sue Oliver, Lavon Olson, Paul D. Olson, William R. Palbicki, Ted Parsons, Mr Patrick Pearson, Roger Pedroza, Roldofo Perry, Michael Pettibone, Donald B. Phelps, Michael Anderson Pierucci, Lisa Quate, Pat Ramirez, Jesus Ravenscroft, Tom Raymond, Carol Ritchey, Brad Roberts, James Roberts, Rick James Robles, Donnette Root, William Rose, Robert (Bob) C. Rose, Susan Rucker, Edward A. Salazar, Ralph Saphiloff, Benton Sappington, Jerry

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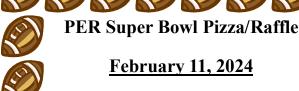
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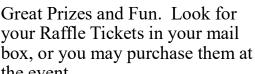
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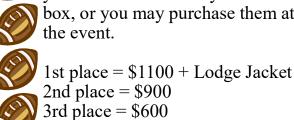
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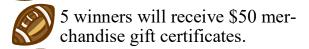


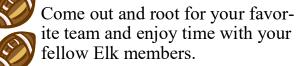


Pizza Served from 2:00pm – 5:00pm (Eat In or Take Out)













Sunday, March 10th, 2024 4-6 pm

Tickets go on sale Jan 16, 2024

In the lodge at 12pm
Call Eva Fox for more details at (916) 417-3176
All Tables reserved in the Dining Room

VIP Gold \$45 (Includes Fun Drink), General Reserved Seating \$25

Presale Pizza Pepperoni or Cheese

1/2 pizza \$10 2 slices \$5

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