

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

"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 Dec. 7th to Jan. 17 \$1,140.00 was donated through the Purple Pig Program.

Your Purple Pig Committee thanks you.



!!! 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.

Fraternally, Gabriele Medlev Lodge 4 Year Trustee

Exalted Rulers Message

Greetings to all of my fellow Elk brothers and sisters. The new Fraternal year has begun and I would like to thank all of you that have the confidence in me to lead this wonderful Lodge for one more year. With your continued support we will continue to be the "Great" Lodge that we are.

As you know, we are the 4th largest ;Lodge in the nation with over 4,400 members. We are in the process of expanding our Lodge by adding an additional 5,000 square feet of space to accommodate our growing membership. Until this expansion takes place, please be patient, and understanding when waiting to be seated for dinner or ordering beverages.

Myself, your Lodge Officers, Staff and Volunteers will continue to strive to make our Lodge a safe and secure place to spend time with your friends and fellow members. At all times, remember your obligation and follow our principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Be respectful to other Members. The employees and Staff are here to make your visit an enjoyable one. Become involved in your Lodge by Volunteering or becoming an Officer. Attend our Lodge, and House Committee Meetings. Working together we can make it all work.

Thank you to Paulette Nainteau for her service as Exalted Ruler this past year, and thanks to all of the past years Officers, Staff and Volunteers. Without these people we would not have a Lodge.

I look forward to serving you over the upcoming year and seeing you around the Lodge.

Fraternally, Chuck Fox **Exalted Ruler**

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.

VOLUNTEERS

Want to volunteer at the Lodge?

Please contact Elizabeth Ledingham:

E-mail: escogan@yahoo.com

Phone: 928-453-3557

(If no answer, please leave a message)

OFFICERS

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

EXALTED RULER Chuck Fox

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The Wapiti Wind is published by BPOE 2399 to communicate with members of the Lodge. The Wapiti Wind is published at the discretion of the Lodge, normally 10 times per year. Deadline for submitting material is the 10th of the month prior to publication. Material should be typed or e-mailed.

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Karen Turpin Elizabeth Ledingham

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Kevin Rogers

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 Elkdom.

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

elks2399.com for Lodge 2399 information.

To join our Facebook Page, search Lake Havasu City, AZ Elks Lodge #2399

Website & Email Statistics 4/23-9/23:

Website Visitors 1,838, Hits 3,974 Email Members 3,326, Emails sent 32 Total Emails sent 105,917

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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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April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Pasta Night 4-7pm Queen of Hearts 4-6:30pm Monday Night Dancers 7pm	Z Taco Tuesday 11-2 & 4-7pm Lodge Meet- ing 7:30pm	Highway Clean- up 7:30am Lunch Menu 11-2pm Sheriff's Lunch 12pm Desert Singles 3pm Ribs 4-7pm	4 Lunch Menu 11-2pm Dinner Menu 4-7pm Bingo 4pm Karaoke 6pm	5 Office Closes 12pm Lunch 11-2pm PER Mtg 2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: WhiskeyRiver	Lunch Menu 11-2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: WhiskeyRiver
7 Breakfast 8-11am	Pasta Night 4-7pm Queen of Hearts 4-6:30pm Monday Night Dancers 7pm	Taco Tuesday 11-2 & 4-7pm House Com- mittee/Trustee Meeting 7pm	10 Lunch Menu 11-2pm Vagabonds 12pm Desert Singles 3pm Dinner: Ribs 4-7pm	Lunch Menu 11-2pm Dinner Menu 4-7pm Bingo 4pm Karaoke 6pm	12 Office Closes 12pm Lunch Menu 11-2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Kid & Nic	Lunch Menu 11- 2pm Fishing Club 1pm Dinner Menu 4- 8pm Music: Kid & Nic
14 Breakfast 8-11am	15 Pasta Night 4-7pm DAV 1pm Queen of Hearts 4-6:30pm Orientation 7pm Monday Night Dancers 7pm	16 Taco Tuesday 11-2 & 4-7pm Lodge Meet- ing/Initiation 7:30pm	17 Lunch Menu 11-2pm Desert Singles 3pm Dinner: Ribs 4-7pm	18 Lunch Menu 11-2pm Dinner Menu 4-7pm Bingo 4pm Karaoke 6pm	19 Office Closes 12pm Lunch Menu 11-2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Fritz	20 Lunch Menu 11-2pm Yacht Club 2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Bowling Banquet 5pm Music: Fritz
21 Breakfast 8-11am	Pasta Night 4-7pm Queen of Hearts 4 -6:30pm Monday Night Dancers 7pm	23 Taco Tuesday 11-2 & 4-7pm MCL 7pm	24 Lunch Menu 11-2pm LAPD Lunch 12pm Desert Singles 3pm Dinner: Ribs 4-7pm	25 Lunch Menu 11-2pm Dinner Menu 4-7pm Bingo 4pm Karaoke 6pm	26 Office Closes 12pm Lunch Menu 11-2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Sam & theBand	27 Lunch Menu 11- 2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Sam & theBand
28 Breakfast 8-11am	29 Pasta Night 4-7pm Queen of Hearts 4-6:30pm Monday Night Dancers 7pm	30 Taco Tuesday 11-2 & 4-7pm	Monday 11:30 am Pinochle Thursday 12-4 pm Hand & Foot 4-6:30 pm Queen of Hearts 11 am—?? Bridge 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			

NOTICE

There will be no Hot dogs on Saturday, Sunday or Monday until Volunteers can be found to work in the Kitchen. Notify Elizabeth Ledingham (Office) or Vanessa Brewster (Club Manager) at the Lodge if you are interested in helping with this cause.

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ELKETTE PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Happy New Year! As we enter the 2024/25 year I am so excited. We have a board of new Elkettes who stepped into the unknown willing and enthusiastically. The board members are: Cindy Heberer-First Vice President, Connie Jones-2nd Vice President, Donna Pineau-Treasurer, Melody Seifried-Secretary. I know we all will welcome them and get to know them better in the upcoming year.

The Crazy Auction was a great success! Heidi Albracht and Susan Seales co-chaired this event and knocked it out of the park. A huge "Thank You" to Gary Parsons PER/Elkette, he is the perfect MC. The "Mannas" Tom Bradley Trustee/ Elkette, Jon Villalobos Trustee/Elkette and Daniel Wallace. All the Elkettes, the ladies in the kitchen, the ladies on the floor monitoring the tables, the ladies selling paddles and pulling numbers, the runners and the money counters. Because of you all we do great things! On March 23rd the Awards Banquet was held. This year the awards were given to-Leslie Rosario - Elkette of the Year Connie Jones & Ruth Labovitch- Outstanding Elkette

Paul Labovitch – Honorary Elkette. It is an absolute honor to volunteer with you all.

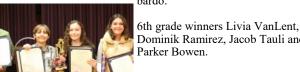
Vanessa Brewster Elkettes President 2024/25



The Lodge received over 125 entries for the Americanism essay contest. All of the winners were honored at an Awards Luncheon on February 25, 2024. Each winner received a trophy and a certificate for their accomplishment. The awards were presented to the students by Lake Havasu City Mayor, Cal Sheehy and Exalted Ruler, Paulette Nainteau.



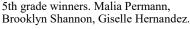
The winners are pictured to the left (top to bottom). Starting with the 8th grade 3rd place winner Isabel Pilafas winner in the top picture.



7th grade winners, Bella Aune, Kate Morgan, Sara Cano and Emily Lom-



Dominik Ramirez, Jacob Tauli and Parker Bowen.





Congratulations to all of the winners'

"Ever Practice Brotherly Love"



The Elkettes donated \$500 to the Western AZ Humane Society from funds raised from evening pie sales. Pictured (L to R) are Elkette Pie Chair Lisa Nutt, WAHS Director of Operations Steve Jenhins and Elkette 1st Vice Karen Ford.

The Elkettes donated \$2,400 from funds raised at their annual Craft Fair to Mohave County Sheriff K-9 Foundation. Pictured (L to R) are Craft Fair Chair Connie Jones, Deputy Shawn McCleary with his K-9 Grim, and Elkette President Gabriele Medley receiving a plaque for our continued support from MCS K-9 Foundation member Sandee Sherer.





With funds raised from pie sales, the Elkettes donated \$500 to Mohave County K-9 Foundation. Pictured (1 to R) are Deputy Shawn McCleary, Elkette Pie Chair Lisa Nutt, MCS K-9 Foundation member Sandee Sherer, Elkette Judy Plata and K-9 Grim.



The Lodge Monday Night Dancers donated \$250 to the Mohave County Search and Rescue. Working with the Mohave County Sheriffs Department they answer 140-150 call per year and volunteer their time and vehicles. They track people that are lost and assist in robe and water rescues. In the front row (1 to r) are Dance Chair Lynn Hall with S&R volunteers Donn Doll, Dave Quiggle, Rich Sonoro and Brad Marriot. Behind them are the Monday Night Dancers members.

VAGABONDS CLUB NEWS



Hello Vagabonds friends:

We have a lot of fun things to look forward to before summer and if the outing at Coachella Lakes RV Resort is any indication of how much fun this group can have together then . . . well we have a lot to look forward to.

It was our first time as a group at Coachella and we had approximately 15 rigs attend. Trisha/Alan Ito were our hosts and Marty/Dianne co-hosted. We reserved a heavily discounted RV site so that we had a common area to have our happy hours. They set up 3 easy-ups and several tables for us to use for serving margaritas and snacks for each day. We played 50/50 on two nights and had a raffle the first evening for a 10 ft easy up and the 2nd night a small rolling cooler with 2 insulated mugs. On the first day of the event our happy hour lasted from 4 to 6:30 . . . Margaritas were served, the shot game was played . . . Alan Ito was generous enough to make enough BBQ-pork sandwiches for the group that were out of this world.

The resort was extremely accommodating and the facilities were gorgeous. This was Trisha's first time to host but you would not have known it. She stayed on top of things to make certain everyone had a great time.

A small group got together to play their 18-hole golf course and that was tons of fun. The wind picked up on the morning of the event so we lost some people who had wanted to play but we still had about 10 people to play.

Our Oasis Resort in Las Vegas for March 18-21 had to be cancelled because of lack of participation so we will not have another hosted event until April 18-21 at Verde Ranch RV Resort. We had so much fun at this resort last year and it was our memberships desire to go back as there are so many things to do in the area. This event will be hosted by Joyce/Mike Grabowski and Deanna/Richard Marsh. We currently have 19 rigs signed up for this event.

Our final event before we go dark for the summer will be Ruby's Inn RV Park and we currently have 30 rigs and a few on a waiting list. Jackie/Dennis Newbeck and Barbara/Les Campbell will be hosting this event. We will get information out on an Itinerary shortly.

Safe travels everyone,

Jackie Newbeck Vagabonds Secretary



FISHING CLUB NEWS

The dates for the Apr. Derby's will be Wednesdays 4/3 and 4/17 from 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Weigh-in is at Windsor Beach South with scales open for 30 minutes from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 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, Apr. 1st 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 Sat. April 13th

The Club served more than 100 Elks at the Fish Fry last month! Great turn out!

The Derby on Feb. 14th was won by Jim Hatter and Gary Visconti with 5 fish weighing 19.66 lbs. 2nd Place went to Dale Bremenour and Joe Kovach with fish weighing 18.20 lbs. In 3rd Place was Jim Buchanan and Jim Richardson with 5 fish weighing 16.27 lbs.

The Derby on Feb. 28th was won by Jim Hatter and Gary Visconti with 5 fish weighing 21.66 lbs. 2nd Place went to Jim Hatter and Gary Visconti with 5 fish weighing 12.65 lbs. Third Place went to Dave Fanning with 5 fish weighing 11.97 lbs.

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.

Golf News Spring

As the winter season comes to an end, it comes with great pleasure to announce our new Club Champion. The winner of the Kaser Cup is Steve McCue.

Congratulations to all that participated. Special nod goes to Don Crooker and the ultimate champion Steve McCue.

To all that will be going away for the summer, hope you have a wonderful and safe summer. Be safe and we look

forward to seeing you in the A reminder to Elk's memthat wish to join the league golf on Tuesday mornings. Membership applications may picked up at the Lodge. To all members have a great golfing mer.



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It comes with great sadness to announce we recently lost two long time members. Terry Richardson and Dick Mailhot. May you rest in peace.

Scott Brown President

70 Years Dwight Johnson



65 Years Frank Holland, Charles Jones, James E. Miller

Old Timers Recognition Night

60 Years

Pictured: Clyde L. Simmons, R. Lee Querry, David Grenbemer

Not Pictured: George A. Brouillard, Wilfred J. Howey, Robert J. Lamarsh, Donald Tucker



55 Years

Pictured: Michael Mathers, Gerald Vicker Not Pictured: Alan Albin, Thomas Berdahl, George Conibear, Kenneth Frentress, Ivan Korneychuk, Richard Meidinger, Thomas Wickman



50 Years

Pictured: Hal Roach, Stafford Nelson, James Erick Matthew Komac, Larry Brangwin

Not pictured: Curt Bertrand, Eugene Burns, Willkeins "Bill" Cook, Henry Machado, John Nygren, John Poteet Jr., Bruce Redding, Owen Lonnie Ward, Robert Wells



45 Years

Pictured: V. Lee Burns

Not Pictured: Clyde Andress, Donald Dean, Robert Haney, Michael Johnson, Gary Leis, Robert McLaughlin, Gerard Nuskin, Patrick Porterfield Joseph Vetter



40 Years

Pictured: Jack Zehr, Robert Torson Everett Dewey, Charles Laughlin III, David Bruno

Not Pictured: William Cohrt, Vern Crouch, Thomas Farmer Jr., Everett Jacobs Jr., Anthony Landoni, Donald Lay, James Maniaci, Ronald Pate, Alan Peterson, James Ryder, Donald Silverman, Joseph Succuro, Tom Wallace, George Ziots



35 Years

Pictured: Dennis Watts, Ronald Funk, James Orth Not Pictured: Les Biugelow, John Burns, Gary Cissell, Ronald Crawley, Mide Druskovich, Brian Gerold, Garry Grzesiak, Randy Jenkins, John Larsen, Jimmie Marble, Lenis Mastin, Jeffrey Melvin, Harvey Milligan, Paul Napolitano, David Quintana, Robert Sena, Stephen Siehr, Dennis Soper, Harold Thomas, Dennis Vaughan, Weldon Woods



30 Years

Pictured: Charles Word, Donald Wilkerson, Monty Turpin, Richard Wegner, Ronald Gappert, Sam Layman, John Hall, Thomas Parlett, William Jacobs, Douglas Deusterman

Not Pictured: Renee Abbe. Steven Bertling, Todd Bremner, Walter Burke, Richard Cartwright, Randy De Blauw, Paul Dietrich, Charles Dowler, Kurt Fury, Paul Gevas, Jack Hansen, Buster Johnson, Wayne Johnson, Charles Koopman, David Lannigan, Jim McDaniel, Michael Miller, Larry Norton, Steven Proctor, Joe Rodriguez, Kenneth Rogers, Robert Rogers, James Schneider, Michael Simendich, Terry Wicketts, Ronald Worthen



Old Timers Recognition Night (Continued)

25 Years

Pictured: Susan Underwood, Frank Thompson, Thomas Setterlee, Douglas Van Lohn, Philip Shoaf, George Olsen, William Meehan, Gary McDonald, Roger Burley, Richard Marsh

Not Pictured: Sharon Andersen, Robert Bailey, Melvyn Balcom, Will Berger, Thomas Binder, Richard Cates, Leroy Chamberlain, Michael Cline, Albert Daggett, Jan Darrow, Jack Gabelhausen, Kurt Garrett, Randy Gates, Robert Ghera, Gareth Goetz, Donald Houston, Robert Johnstone, Larry Jones, Norma King, Donald Levensailor, Roger Maier, Lydia Mills, Ronald Oliver, George Olsen, David Piano, Dave Ross, Rochell Scott, Rodney Sparks, Jim Tammen, Quentin Ward, Robert Weatherly, Robert Wilson



20 Years

Pictured: Kieth Pruett, William McClean, Shirley Napolitano, Larry Moore, Patrick Keller, Frank Loncto, Janet Capone, William Horton Not Pictured: Steve Allen, Ernest Balogh, David Barreira, David Barthelmeh, Dan Bernas, Bernie Bidwell, James Bishop, Laurence Boles, Tom Branaman, Keith Brown, George Bryant, Edward Buchanan, Joseph Cangro, Manuel Dardoso, Michael Cline, Shelly Coleman, Richard Croonquist, Nate Delaquil, Sharon Demarinis, Thomas Doty, Eloise Driggers Rush, Don Drinkle, Norman Dubane, Roger Ellis, Lance Feher, James Filbin, Keith Franklin, Kent Garrigues, Warren Geiske, Glenda Hardy, Thomas Henderson, James Higbee, Lloyd Holloway, Glenn Hubbell Jr., Lester John, Larry Kerns, Robert Knapp, Sharon Korman, Randy Laswell, George Link, Wesley Luhr, Russell Mascari, Steve McDaniel, Douglas Mead, Roy Meek, Jonathan Mills, Charlie Mozzer, Rodney Nelson, Cherly Newhouse, Roland Othling, Glenda Pearson, Curt Pepper, Philip Pinard, Shirly Plassman, George Pultz, John Rawls, Donald Reinhardt, Michael Robbins, Darrell Rock, Joe Romero, Matthew Russo, Janett Shepherd, Richard Sigler, Raymond Simone, Michael Smith, Rosalie Smith, Devin Snyder, Robert Stapp, Tracy Stoner Jr., Thomas Sweeney, Robert Vandenberg, Louis Verbrugge, Joseph Vrunom, Leroy Watson, Ralph Wilbur, Evelyn Woodward, James Wyers, William





Elks Lodge #2399 is sponsoring Elk Member/Veteran David Ira to join other Veterans on the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. on April 23, 2024. In the photo on the left is David Ira who served as a LtCol with the 2/1 F/O 11th Marines in Vietnam form March 1968—April 1969. On the right is Lodge Veterans Services Chair Bid Watts.



The Lodge hosted dinner for all of our great volunteers. On behalf of our Volunteer Coordinator (Elizabetj Ledingham) and the Officers of the Lodge "Thank You". Our Lodge could not run without the donation of your time. Great Job everyone.

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