

ALL AMERICAN LODGE 2003,04,08,09,10

BPO ELKS 2399

WAPITI WIND

April, 2011



Exalted Ruler's Message:

I would like to thank the new PER Judy McGrath for all the hard work she did as ER for 2010/2011

Thank you goes out to all the Committee Chairpersons-those continuing on and those who have taken on new positions. I look forward to working with you during the new Elk year and I will be contacting you to learn more about your planned projects and assist in finding additional members where needed.

This year we start with a full slate of officers. I'd like you to welcome all my new officers:

Hank Thonnard (Leading Knight), Sandy McNevin (Loyal Knight), Jim Joubert (Lecturing Knight), Judy McGrath (Esquire), Bob Brown (Chaplain), Richard Ross (Treasurer), Tom Bradford (Secretary),

Lue Tidmarsh (Organist), Dick Conway (5 Year Trustee), continuing Trustees, Wally Thornton, Jeff Brown, Jim Travis, and Jerry Gillen.

One of my goals for the 2011/2012 Elk year is to move our lodge forward, get more people involved through better communications to the membership and among our members. I want to expand camaraderie and fellowship for which Elkdom stands. In other words, please practice Brotherly Love-smile and say hi to members you don't know; they might be your neighbors from Nebraska. The Elks are not the Today's News Herald Orchids and Onions. We don't grow onions here in Elkdom and most particularly Lake Havasu City Elks 2399. Remember our motto- "*the faults of our members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory.*"

If you have positive suggestions for improving our lodge, please contact me directly. Fraternally, **Jim Fairbank** Exalted Ruler 680-7026

E.LK OF THE YEAR



BUD WATTTS

Annually Lake Havasu City Elks select a member who rises above the norm and contributes significantly to well being of each of us, or exemplifies themselves with outstanding contributions to the lodge. This individual cannot be an officer and their service, for the good of the lodge, is strictly on a voluntary basis, as is the case with this individual. These chosen few spend many hours helping others and improving the lodge image. Bud has made our veterans program a shining light in this community and in the state. Our annual contribution to veterans is without equal.

ELKETTE OF THE YEAR



KATHY CUMMINS

In keeping with the tradition followed by the Elks our beloved Elkettes also select an Elkette who meets the demanding requirements for Elk of the Year. The Elkette chosen for this prestigious honor is an individual that cares little for publicity, instead she merely volunteers unselfishly to make the Elkettes succeed in all their endeavors and that is the case with this person. Kathy has devoted untold hours contributing to the success of numerous Elkette and Elk projects and she is a fixture at all Elkette charitable events and functions. Kathy has previously served two terms as Elkette President.

OFFICER OF THE YEAR



GARY HAINES

Several years ago it was noted that the officers of the lodge chose an Elk for the prestigious honor of Elk of The Year; however no matter how much an officer contributed over and above their normal duties they were not comparably acknowledged. As a result a program was initiated to compensate for this incongruity and an Officer of the Year award was introduced and that individual is now selected by the lodge PERS. Gary has devoted so many hours to the success of the lodge that consideration was given to providing him with a bed.

OFFICERS

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

EXALTED RULER

Tim Fairbank

LEADING KNIGHT

Hank Thonnard

LOYAL KNIGHT

Sandy MacNevin

LECTURING KNIGHT

Jim Joubert

ESQUIRE

Judy McGrath

CHAPLAIN

Bob Brown

INNER GUARD

Mike Vail

TILER

Dennis Dunkirk

SECRETARY

Tom Bradford

TREASURER

Richard Ross

TRUSTEES

Wally Thornton

Jeff Brown

Jim Travis

Jerry L. Gillen

Richard Conway

ORGANIST

Lue Tidmarsh

Wapiti Wind

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.

Lodge No. 2399

3532 McCulloch Blvd.

Lake Havasu City, AZ 86406

928-855-2800 928-453-3557

OFFICE PERSONNEL

Karen Turpin

Sherry Batson

CLUB MANAGER

Al Stewart

NOTICE**ELKS BENEFITS PROGRAM**

There has been considerable comments concerning unsolicited advertising and mailings from businesses participating in the Elks Benefit Program, approved at a Grand Lodge Convention several years ago. Due to the negative feedback from the members and lack of revenue, plans are to terminate the program when contracts expire.

Hi Elkettes. Our officers are installed and we are ready to begin a new Elkette year. In looking back over the past year, I am overwhelmed at what we have accomplished. Our events raised over \$10,400.00 and we were able to contribute over \$4,000.00 to charitable organizations like Make-A-Wish, Havasu for Youth, and many more as well as transferring \$5,000.00 to our Elks Lodge. I am surrounded by an amazing group of Elkettes who are always ready, willing and able to make these contributions happen. This has been a fulfilling year for me as your President. I can only hope to improve in my second year. You have taught me much and I have much more to learn. Thank you all! Our calendar is set for the coming year and we will strive to meet or exceed our goals.

Jan Capone has been appointed Parliamentarian and Donna Goodine will continue on as Sergeant-at-Arms and Rosalie will continue as Chaplain. Thank you ladies.

Rosalie Smith did an outstanding job with this year's Crazy Auction. The items were fabulous and the event a lot of fun. The proceeds will benefit the Make-A-Wish foundation.

The Awards program was held on March 12th and as usual it was a special evening for us. Elkette-of-the-Year Kathy Cummins; Outstanding Elkette Marti Johnson; and Honorary Elkette Al Stewart. We appreciate all you have done for the Elkettes and the Elks.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday April 12, 2011 and I encourage you all to attend.

Thank you again for a wonderful experience as Elkette President. Pauline Thonnard, President Elkettes Paulinet@frontiernet.net.

CUB SCOUT PINEWOOD DERBY CHALLENGE.

All Elk members are invited to participate in the Pine Wood Derby on April 9th at 3:00PM.

Kits and registration is a \$10.00 donation which includes the BSA car kit.

We sponsor Cub Pack 85 and your support of this event is encouraged.

For more information contact Youth Activity Chairperson Lue Tidmarsh @ 680-9683 or Cub Leader Nicole Casada @ 928-230-3652

MEETING TIMES

LODGE 1st & 3rd Tuesday 7:30 PM

ELKETTES; 2nd Tues 7:00 PM

HOUSE COMMITTEE: 2nd Tues. 7:00 PM

TRUSTEES: Following the House Committee Meeting.

LODGE COMMITTEES & CHAIRPERSONS**Accident Prevention, Trustees**

All American Lodge, Richard Conway

Americanism, Robert Piche

Auditing & Accounting, Dallas Adams

Community Services, Ace Johnson

Bingo, Gloria Smith

Blood Drive, Al Long

Bocci Tournament, Doris Perez

Christmas Baskets, Tom Bradford

Christmas Gifts, Elkettes

Clothe-A-Child, Sue Thomas/Ann Chiu

Highway Cleanup, Don Carter

HOSS, Sandy Silverman

Law & Order, Sandy MacNevin

Visitation, Sandy MacNevin

Constitution & Bylaws, Richard Conway

Elks National Foundation, Jerry Gillen

Elks Training, Richard Conway

Government Relations, Richard Ross

Inventory, Jan Kahle

Lodge Activities, Mario Perez

Bowling Coordinator, Steve Shirley

Charity Ball, Hank Thonnard

Darts, Katie O'Neal/Joanne Raymond

Family Picnic, Hank Thonnard

Fishing Club, Don Hall

Fourth Of July, Hank Thonnard

Flag Day, Hank Thonnard

Golf Coordinator, Jim Lammes

Leather, Robert Piche

Old Timers Night, Ace Johnson

RV Club, Bruce Joy

Travel Club, Susan Underwood

Yacht Club, Ed Perez

Lodge Inspection/Safety, Jim Travis

Long Range Planning: Richard Ross

Major Projects, Hank Thonnard

Mediator, Richard Conway

Membership, Richard Conway

Orientation, Marti Johnson

Interview, Jan Kahle

Lapsation: Marti Johnson

Memorial Service Jim Joubert

Presiding Justice, Mike Centofanti

Protocol, Richard Conway

Public Relations, Ace Johnson

Ritual Coach, Bart Sherwood,

Veteran's Services, Bud Watts

Volunteer Meals

Monday Spaghetti, Eddie Heredia

Tuesday Hamburgers, Bill Horton

Website. Tim Fairbank

Wapiti Wind Editor, Ace Johnson

Youth Activities, Lue Tidmarsh

Drug Awareness, Mike Arlowe/Penny Heredia

Hoop Shoot, Sandy MacNevin

Scholarships, Bill Ensley

Scouts, Richard Chinn

Soccer Shoot, Casey Zertuche

Special Olympics, Larry Sears

ELK AND ELKETTE AWARDS



The annual Elkette Appreciation, PER Recognition Awards dinner was successful and festive thanks to the Elkette decorating committee. Lodge awards were presented to those individuals who contributed above normal for the lodge the past year. Volunteers are the backbone of the lodge and some appreciation was afforded the most outstanding volunteers. Pictured from left top: PER Ken Conkey Tall Elk of the Year, Marti Johnson Outstanding Elkette, PER Leo Arsenault Exalted Ruler's Special award, PER Robert "Pooch" Piche Excellence in National Programs (911), PER Richard Conway Grand Exalted Ruler's Outstanding Service Commendation. Exalted Ruler Judy McGrath Grand Exalted Rulers' Special commendation. Not pictured, Bill Ensley Grand Exalted Ruler's Outstanding Service Accommodation. These awards represent many hours of volunteering. If you want a self satisfying experience sign up for one of our committees and donate some of your time.



In appreciation and recognition of our community servants 2399 recognizes these individuals with gratitude. Lake Havasu City Elks are a vital part of this community being involved in community projects and donating thousand of dollars annually to community charities. Pictured from left: Douglas Schuster Elks Law and Order Citizen of the Year; Charles Cassens Elks Citizen of the Year ; Elks Excellence in Community Programs Dean Barlow; Elks recognition for Excellence in Veteran's Support Programs Eileen Nexen and Donna Brister.

ELK OF THE MONTH

- April 2010 Bill Ensley
- May Barbara Gurley
- June Diane Fencil
- July Gloria Smith
- August Ed Heredia
- September Bob Stevenson
- October Craig Willson
- November Jan Capone
- December Don Kubela
- January 2011 Frank Rucker
- February Marti Johnson
- March

FAMILY SWIM DAY

April 30th is Elks Annual Family Swim Day at the Aquatic Center. Volunteers Needed! Free Swimming, Hot Dogs & Soft Drinks. 11:00AM till Noon.

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE MEMORIAL SERVICE

Wheeler Park
Saturday April 16, 2011
10:00AM
Buster Johnson Keynote Speaker

Donations-February, 2011

Sally's Place (Elkettes)	623.00
Hospice (From Yacht Club)	200.00
HAVEN (From Yacht Club)	200.00
Boy Scouts (Lodge Trustees)	250.00
Humane Society (Lodge Trustees)	250.00
Meals On Wheels (Lodge Trustees)	250.00
Parks and Rec. Teen Break	100.00
LHHS Baseball	100.00
Mohave Career Center	<u>100.00</u>
Total	\$2,075.00

BPO Elks A Fraternal
 Organization
 3532 N McCulloch Blvd
 Lake Havasu City
 Arizona 86406

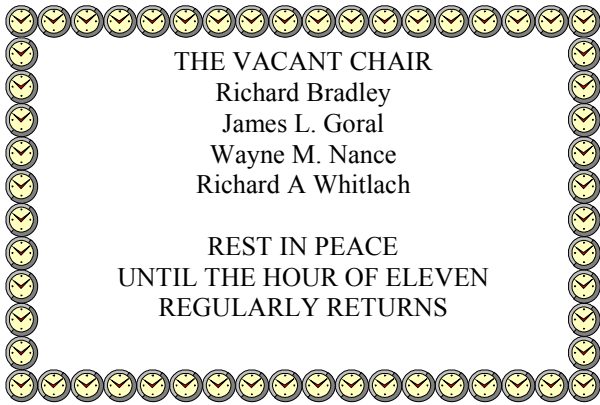
ELKS CARE



ELKS SHARE

NON PROFIT ORG
 U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
 LAKE HAVASU
 CITY, AZ

IN GOD WE TRUST



THE VACANT CHAIR

Richard Bradley
 James L. Goral
 Wayne M. Nance
 Richard A Whitlach

REST IN PEACE
 UNTIL THE HOUR OF ELEVEN
 REGULARLY RETURNS

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION REPORT

When you read this article we will be entering another Elks Fraternal Lodge Year and I encourage you to donate at least \$10.00 during the year to the Elks National Foundation (ENF) to assist in reaching our per capita goal established by Grand Lodge. Part of the All-American Lodge points are based on this accomplishment and your support is vital.

Our thanks to the following for their \$100.00 donation: Sandy MacNevin, Don MacNevin, Denny Dunkirk, William Lawton, William Fehner, Gary Kaye, James Garside and Ken Conky. If I missed your name look for it in the next Wapiti.

My thanks to all who donated during this past year.
 Jerry Gillen ENF chairperson and Lodge Trustee.

FISHING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Derby results for February 24th are: 1st place, Ernest Glowacki/ John Green 2 fish @ 5.77lbs; 2nd place, Calvin Deuir/Jerry Boyce 3 fish @ 5.16lbs; 3rd place Bob Dienes/Ron Gibson, 1 fish @ 4.65lbs.

Big fish of the Derby was landed by Ron Gibson, a 4.65lb striper. Big fish of the month was a 6.85lb striper taken by John Golka.

At the April 9th meeting at 1:00 pm at the lodge we will have the

New National Wildlife Refuge Ranger as guest speaker.

April Derby's are: Thursday the 7th and Tuesday the 19th from 6-11am. Cost \$30.00 per team with weigh-in at Windsor South. Lunch to follow at the lodge.

The next board meeting will be on May 2nd at 1:00pm at the lodge.

Anyone interested in joining the fishing group can contact Don Hall @ 505-6367.

ELKS VAGABOND RV NEWS

We now have patches for our vests and they looked sharp on those who wore them at the March meeting.

Our plaque to help pay for the adjacent lot is done. Check it out on the big board.

The February outing to Desert Palm, hosted by Clyde and Phyllis Reeves/Larry and Ilene, was great in spite of the weather.

The March outing at Chloride,

hosted by Hank and Pauline Thonard was complete with shooting games and other fun activities.

April is Tri-State in Tucson with Jim and Donna Goodine as hosts. All is finalized with 34 rigs going.

Remember the regular meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:00pm. Badges required or forfeit \$1.00.

Any one interested in joining can attend a meeting.

Bruce Joy, Chairman 928-486-4619

ELKS YACHT NEWS

Oops! Two typos. Fortunately I was only chastised with a wet noodle. Yacht Club meetings are always the 3rd Saturday of the month, never on Sunday.

Algodones, full bus, great time, great bunch.

Brunch at the Nautical was full house, great food, good music.

March pentathlon, hosted by Ann Chiu, was a great success for a fund raiser. Remember opening boat parade is on Sunday April 10th. Hope

all will participate whether your on the beach or in a boat. Dort Becker will host this event.

Time is running out to purchase tickets for the lobsterfest for April 17th at Campbell's Ranch at noon. Dues are due by March 31st and for those who have renewed can pick up their badges in the office or at the next meeting on the 16th.

Thanks for updating email addresses. Sandy Bigham, Secretary aspussykat@frontiernet.net

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
 Arizona will host the Grand Lodge Convention in Phoenix, July 17-21 and volunteers are needed for every category from welcoming to security. Benefits are a waiver of convention registration fees. Forms are available in the lodge office or call Dick Conway @ 855-0122 for more info. This is an opportunity to meet Elks from all over the country.

PLEASE

Lodge decorations, for the different festive occasions, are for all to enjoy and a great deal of work and planning goes into the decorations. The decorating committee volunteers hours of their time to make the decorations fit the occasion. Sad to say some ungrateful individuals have decided to take some of these decorations for their own, depriving the rest of us of the enjoyment. **WHO-EVER YOU ARE PLEASE DESIST!**