

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

WAPITI WIND

July/August 2011



AND WE DID IT STILL ANOTHER TIME!!! ALL-AMERICAN LODGE FOR THE FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR AND, 6 YEAR TOTAL FOR AN ALL TIME ELK RECORD



Exalted Ruler Tim Fairbank congratulates PER Judy McGrath for leading the lodge to its fourth straight All-American award and the sixth in the history of the lodge. The plaque signifies this honor and will be installed with the other five.

Through the efforts of PER Judy McGrath, her officers, committees and volunteers Lake Havasu City Elks 2399 accomplished a feat never before reached by any Elk Lodge in the country; a historic four consecutive years and a total of six years as All-American Lodge.

Special recognition is in order for Richard Conway who made certain that all events required for All-American Lodge submission were done and submitted on a timely basis.

To celebrate this momentous occasion a gala party is scheduled for September 4, 2011. There will be a steak dinner for \$10.00, 50/50 drawings and other surprises. Mark your calendars for that date and come out and celebrate, you've earned the right!

In conjunction with the honor of

being the All-American Lodge for the sixth year the lodge was recognized for other noteworthy accomplishments. Under the leadership of Lodge Youth Activities Chairperson, Lue Tidmarsh the lodge was recognized as having the best Youth Week Program of any lodge in the country in Division VI.

Our community involvement and charitable endeavors were also rated the best in the nation in Division VI. For the second year in a row the brochure submitted summarizing these accomplishments gained first place honors. The brochure was compiled and submitted by Ace Johnson.

The Lodge bulletin, the Wapiti Wind, was judged best in the state as was our Memorial Service Program, submitted by Judy McGrath. Truly a "Red Letter Year." for 2399.



Exalted Rulers Message: As part of the moving forward theme I want to talk about improving communications with our members and between our members. We currently have the monthly mailing of our wapiti and posters hanging in the club identifying social activities. Some people read them others don't. I'm currently working with Sherry in developing email communications to our members. This would allow us to

email a copy of the Wapiti (In color) to our members and substantially reduce our monthly printing and mailing costs. We will be able to send out bi monthly newsletters highlighting the activities coming during the current weeks. If you would like to receive email please let us know at info@elks2399.org

Better communications is a two way street. We (your officers & trustees) want to learn more about our members and your thoughts

so we can make Elks Lodge 2399 even better for our current and future members. We will be sending a short survey with the September family picnic raffle tickets. Please take the time to fill it in and return it to the office.

In closing I would like to thank all the volunteers who make this lodge what it is today and make it work so well. As I become more involved I have met the great people who cook the meals, manage all our community charities and win the numerous Elk awards we are so proud to receive. I just want to say thank you. "The ultimate expression of generosity is not in giving of what you have, but in giving of who you are." If you are interested in becoming more involved as a volunteer please contact me @ 680-7026 or by email at ER-Tim@Elks2399.Org.

Fraternally, *Tim Fairbank*— Exalted Ruler

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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.

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ELKS MEMORIAL DAY

DECEMBER 4, 2011

The first Sunday in December of each year has been set aside as a day to remember our departed members. Living or dead, an Elks is never forgotten. Come join your fellow Elks in remembering those who have departed before us. Services will be followed by a light lunch.

Hi Elkettes. As I complete my first three months in my second year as President of the Elkettes, I continued to be overwhelmed by your devotion to what we do. I want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to continue to serve for another year. I am truly honored to be among you.

Thanks to the Elks for such a wonderful Mother's Day breakfast. The PER service was great. Also, thanks to all the Elkette volunteers who worked to serve the Father's and to the PERs for cooking on both Mother's Day and Father's Day.

We held a successful Mexican fiesta and our ladies worked hard to cook up the feast. We had a good crowd that enjoyed the food, the music and dancing. A 50/50 draw made five members \$45.00 richer and eleven lucky people each with a raffle basket. Thanks to everyone's help we raised \$700.00 for the Seniors Meals on wheels program.

At this time of the year, we take time to remember our fallen heroes and our serving service personnel. The Memorial Day Ceremony, held at the Veteran Memorial at Lake Havasu Memorial Garden was inspirational and well attended by Elk personnel. We continue to honor them through July 4th celebration. Take a minute to say a heartfelt "thank you" to any member of the military, past or present.

Remember we will not meet in July and August. Have a safe and enjoyable summer and meet us on September 13th.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday September 13, 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.

SMOKING

Smoking is a controversial topic at our lodge. We have members who rarely come to the lodge because of the smoke and we have had members demit because of the smoke.

As a step to addressing the concerns of the non-smokers I would like to propose a voluntary program that when meals are being served in the dining room that smokers consider retiring to the bar rather than smoke at the tables. This is a VOLUNTARY request that may help in improving our situation. Your thoughts on this would be appreciated.

MEETING TIMES

LODGE 1st Tuesday 7:30 PM July/Aug.
ELKETTETS; July/Aug. Dark
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
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



Family Swim Day Volunteers: Don Carter, Mario Perez, Lue Tidmarsh, Kathy Cummins, Judy McGrath, Larry Lee, Bart Sherwood, Linda Carter, Ken Sebahar, Tim Fairbank, Jack Zehr, Lori Myers, Gary Haines, Windy Quick, Pooch Piche, Steve Miller, Ace Johnson Photographer.



Mayor Mark Nexen proclaims May Elks Youth week. Don Callahan, Mayor Mark Nexen, ER Tim Fairbank, Youth Activities chair Lue Tidmarsh.



Memorial Day Observed: Above pictured Elks attended the Havasu Memorial Service: Standing left, Pooch Piche, Pauline Thonnard, Tim Fairbank, Kathy Fairbank, Hank Thonnard, Marilyn Webber, Ray Lemieux, Jim Joubert, Judy McGrath, Frank Mayor Mark Nexen, Ken Sebahar, Bud Watts. Ace Johnson. Photographer



FLAG DAY OBSERVED

The Marine corps League Honor Guard advanced the colors to open the 2011 Flag Day Ceremony, and an overflow crowd attended the service to witness a patriotic salute to our Nations Flag. In attendance were Civic Dignitaries, Cub Scouts and representatives from the local fraternal and veteran organizations. Assisted by the Marine Corps League Ladies Auxiliary the history of the flag was recited by PER Ace Johnson as each historic flag was displayed. The Lodge Officers, led by ER Tim Fairbank glorified the flag ritualistically. PER Ken Conke presented the response and young patriot Dusty Turpin (Son of Karen Turpin) gave a stirring tribute to the flag.



Exalted Ruler Tim Fairbank and Scholarship Chairperson, Bill Ensley with lodge scholarship winners. Jason Conway & Megin Hall.

SPECIAL MEETING

The following proposal was made at the June 7th lodge meeting and laid over for a vote on the meeting of July 5, 2011.

“Pave a portion of the lodge’s unimproved property to provide additional seventy five parking spots. The cost of the improvement is estimated at \$100,000.00. Financing will be provided by combining that obligation with the current \$120,000.00 property purchase loan the lodge has with a local/member/lender. The financing information will be available at the July 5th meeting.”

If approved by the membership the proposal will be forwarded to Grand Lodge for their endorsement.

The area to be improved is presently covered with broken asphalt and is a safety hazard for members and guests using that area for parking. Please attend the meeting.

The lodge kitchen will be closed from August 14th through August 27th for cleaning. The bar will remain open so you can still enjoy your favorite libation in the cool

Donations-April/May, 2011

ASU Havasu College	1,000.00
Youth Activities (Swim Day)	600.00
AZ Highway Patrol	100.00
Big Brothers & Sisters	100.00
Havasu For Youth	100.00
Pearl Harbor Golf	500.00
Wounded Warriors (Card Players)	400.00
From Elkettes (AEMP)	500.00
Hospice	25.00
Meals On Wheels	700.00
Hospice (From Yacht Club)	<u>1,375.00</u>
Total	\$6,000.00

ELK OF THE MONTH

April Mike Arlowe
May Steve Miller

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 Art Bocher
 Charles E. Fletcher
 Thomas P Hayes
 Orville F. Lutgen
 Anthony C Mier
 Clair R. Riner
 William I Stech

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION

We are well into the new lodge year and if you haven't donated to the ENF as yet please try to find the generosity to do so. A \$10.00 donation (about the cost of two drinks) would be greatly appreciated and would help the lodge meet the State and National per capita quotas. Remember, the ENF has no huge overhead such as other charitable organizations and each year more is returned to the states then is sent in. Thanks to Robert Watts, for over the past few months, he has donated Over \$600. Also, thanks to Robert Paris for his donation of \$100. With your continued help, as you have in the past, we can again receive All-American Lodge Honors. Thanks, Jerry Gillen Lodge Trustee and Elks national foundation chairperson.

FISHING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Derby results for May: 1st place Don Hall/Dwight Johnson with 2 fish @ 8.34lbs. 2nd place Jerry Boyce/ Calvin Decuir with 2 fish @ 8.24lbs. Big fish of the Derby, Don hall with a 5.40lb Striper. Big fish of the month 5.79lb Striper landed by Jerry Boyce.

During the May mtg. a change was made to the pot luck events: any member not bringing a pot luck dish will have to pay \$10.00, before eating!

The Christmas in August party will be August 13th @ noon, mtg. to follow @ 1:00pm. Names from A-G main dish, H-

O salad, P-Z desserts. Club will furnish chicken.

July Derby's Thursday the 7th and Tuesday the 19th from 5-10am. August Derby's Wednesday the 10th and Thursday the 25th from 5:30-10:30am. Weigh -in @ Windsor South, meeting and lunch @ lodge.

The next meetings will be Saturday July 9th @ 1:00pm and August 13th with pot luck.

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

ELKS YACHT CLUB NEWS

Hello Yacht Club members: Summer has started for the months of July and august, we'll be boating , and more boating. Wednesday nite boating will still be at the White Cliffs unless notified otherwise. There will be boating play days thrown in. Attend your meetings, 3rd Saturday of each month @ 2:00pm, for updates. Pick up your cards and/or badges.

In September we will have a Western Night and a Charity Golf Tournament. Watch for more info via email. See you around the lodge or at boating functions. Sincerely: Sandy Bigham EYC Secretary. azpussycat@frontiernet.net 453-6701

Orville Lutgen Honored

Orville (Orv) Lutgen, a loyal and devoted Elk, has passed to realms on high. Orv personified the term volunteer by the many hours he dedicated to the success of this Lodge and for the members. Over the years Orv was recognized as Elk of the Year, Tall Elk and Honorary Elkette, and was frequently present assisting in different Elk and Elkette functions. Most notably Orv will be remembered for his building of the lodge the officer stations and altar in lodge room, and the jewel storage cabinet. His many improvements to the lodge will be a living reminder of his generosity. Orv also found the time to serve as Treasurer and Inner Guard.

In recognition of his outstanding service to the lodge the membership, at a regular lodge meeting, approved a motion to dedicate the lodge room in his name and to have a plaque placed at the entrance.

"Goodbye Orv, until the hour of eleven regularly returns. Thou are I and I am thou, your name will never be forgotten."