

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

WAPITI WIND

July/August , 2010

WE DID IT AGAIN !

LAKE HAVASU ELKS 2399 NAMED ALL-AMERICAN LODGE FOR AN UNPRECEDENTED FIFTH TIME.

Again, our Lodge has proven that we are the best among the best. My sincere thanks to the committee chairs and members who worked so effectively on programs that make the Elks organization such a powerful factor in our community. These programs go a long way in helping our young make good choices while having a good time, showing our veterans that we stand behind them always, and being a useful and helpful part of our community.

Most Lodges do these programs but, if they are not reported, no one knows the good we do. My thanks to our All-American Lodge Chairperson Dick Conway who put all the information on record and submitted all forms that are needed in a timely manner to Grand Lodge. Based on this submission we were awarded All-American Lodge. Thank you Dick and all who made this possible. You truly made my year as ER most memorable!
PER Marilyn Webber

RECOGNIZED FOR OUTSTANDING WORK



Bud and Diane Watts Rewarded

During the latest AEA Convention Lodge Veterans Affairs Chairperson Bud Watts and his wife Diane were recognized for their hard work supporting the Elks Veterans Programs. They were given both the Arizona State Association and Grand Lodge Volunteers of the Year Award. This is a first for Havasu!

Among their many achievements were: raising and delivering \$11,766 worth of goods to the VA Hospital in Prescott, held USO show for lodge Veterans, served as escort for honor flight for WWII Veterans to DC, provided support to the Adopt-a-Soldier program, held a Salute-to-Veterans luncheon and much more. Pictured from left: Diane Watts, Lodge Veterans Affairs chairperson Bud Watts and ER Judy McGrath

EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE:



The first three months of this fraternal year has disappeared, my how time flies when you're having fun! Although our summer months are relatively quiet there are still activities planned; the first is our annual Fourth of July picnic on Sunday the Fourth. This has proven to be a well attended fun event, with the lodge furnishing hamburgers & hot dogs and the members bringing their favorite potluck dish. The ever popular horse races will be featured for family participation. Plan now to attend and make this another happy time.

District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Val Bianchini will hold the West District DDGER Clinic here on Sunday August 15th. Please make an effort to attend these sessions and show the State VIPs why we are an All-

American Lodge.

The kitchen will be closed the last two weeks of August for annual cleaning, but the social quarters will still be open for your favorite libation and camaraderie. The summer months are historically slow for the lodge so your continued support during these months is not only needed but encouraged.

Thanks to ER Marilyn Webber and her committees we again gained the honor of All-American Lodge for the 5th time in the short history of the lodge. My congratulations to the entire membership for this unprecedented accomplishment and I will proudly accept the award during the Grand Lodge Session in July. All-American Lodge Chairperson Dick Conway, who did such an outstanding this year, will continue to encourage all committee chair-

person to get their submissions to him for processing and final submissions. With your help we can make it 6!

My congratulations to Bud Watts Lodge Veteran's Affairs Chairperson and Diane for receiving a Grand Lodge and AEA commendation for outstanding work with our veterans. I was indeed honored to be present at the State Association Convention when they received this well deserved recognition. Also, my congratulations to our Wapiti Editor and Public Relations Chairperson Ace Johnson for receiving national first place honors for the Community Service and Public Image Brochure submission. In addition the Lodge was recognized for the lowest membership lapsed rate and the highest percentage in membership gains. All of these accomplishments went a long ways in securing our All-American Lodge status.

Our long range planning committee has put together a plan for the future of our lodge and will hold a general membership meeting on August 14th for input. Following this meeting a final draft will be made and submitted to the general membership for approval. Your attendance at this meeting on the 14th of August is encouraged. This is your lodge and your input is essential.

I sorry to say that we need a Lodge Chaplain. There must be some one out there who will step forward and assume the responsibility of lodge officer. The pay is not great and the expense is minimal, but the satisfaction of contributing is gratifying and personally rewarding.

I appreciate the support you have extended to me during my first few months as Exalted Ruler and I sincerely hope you will continue to work with me for the rest of the year. Fraternalty:

Judy McGrath Exalted Ruler. 505-3738 elkjudy@frontier.com

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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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Hi Elkettes: As I complete the first three months as President of the Elkettes, I am continuously inspired by the wonderful cooperation and cohesiveness of the members. I have learned much thanks to your guidance and I appreciate all that you do.

Thanks to the Elks for such a wonderful Mother's Day Breakfast. The service and the food were great. Also, thank you to all the Elkette volunteers who served our Dads and to Pooch and His Gang who cooked on Father's Day. Both Holidays were enjoyed by all.

At this time of year, we take time to remember our fallen heroes and our service men and women who continue to serve to keep our freedoms intact. The memorial Day Ceremony held at the new Veteran's Memorial at lake Havasu Memorial Gardens was inspirational. It was good to see a large number of people who took time to pay tribute to our military and veterans. We continue to honor them through July 4th celebrations. I would ask you to take a moment to say a heartfelt "thank you" to any member of the military, past and present, that you meet. They appreciate that we care.

The Elkettes will not meet in July or August. Whether you are staying in town or traveling, I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer. I look forward to seeing you on September 14th. -Pauline Thonnard, Elkette President.

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Lap Quilts Needed For Veterans
Lap quilts 36" X 48" are needed for our trip to the VA Center in Prescott in December. These quilts have been a staple for all previous visits and are coveted by the veterans. I appreciate anyone taking the time to knit a quilt and I can assure you the veteran receiving the quilt will be elated. I thank all you caring ladies who have crafted these quilts in the past and hope you will find time to quilt more. Bud Watts Lodge Veterans Affairs Chairperson.

SILENT AUCTION

A silent Auction for an Elks Head with antlers. will be held with proceeds to benefit the Elks National Foundation (ENF)

Submit you sealed bids to the lodge office by Thursday, July 29, 2010. Winner to be announced Friday July 30, 2010.

Make sure your name and phone number is with your sealed bid.

MEETING TIMES July/August

Lodge: 7:30 PM 1ST Tues. July, 3rd Tues.

August

ELKETTES; Dark July and Aug.

HOUSE COMMITTEE: 7:00 PM

2ND TUESDAY

TRUSTEES: FOLLOWING HOUSE COM-

LODGE COMMITTEES & CHAIRPERSONS

Accident Prevention, Trustees

All American Lodge, Richard Conway/Dennis Danielson.

Americanism, Robert Piche

Auditing & Accounting, Dallas Adams

Building Maintenance, Orv Lutgen

Community Services, Ace Johnson

Bingo, Jeff Brown

Blood Drive, Al Long

Christmas Baskets, Tom Bradford

Christmas Gifts, Elkettes

Clothe-A-Child, Elkettes

Highway Cleanup, Don Carter

Law & Order, Walt Leitz

Constitution & Bylaws, Richard Conway

Elks National Foundation, Jerry Gillen

Elks Training, Richard Conway

Government Relations, Dennis Danielson

Lodge Activities,

Bowling Coordinator, Steve Shirley

Charity Ball, Windy Quick

Darts, Katie O'Neil/Joanne Raymond

Family Picnic, Windy Quick

Fishing Club, Don Hall

Fourth Of July,

Flag Day, Windy Quick
Golf Coordinator, Jim Lammes
Leather, Robert Piche
Old Timers Night, Ace Johnson
RV Club, Bruce Joy
Travel Committee, Tim Fairbank
Yacht Club, Ed Perez

Long Range Planning, Richard Ross

Major Projects, Wendy Quick

Mediator, Richard Conway

Membership, Richard Conway

Orientation, Dennis Dannielson

Investigation, Jan Kahle

Lapsation: Dennis Danielson

Memorial Day Leo Arsenault

Presiding Justice, Mike Centofanti

Protocol, Richard Conway

Public Relations, Ace Johnson

Ritual Coach, Bart Sherwood,

Veteran's Services, Bud Watts

Volunteer Meals

Monday Spaghetti, Rodney Welz

Tuesday Hamburgers, Mike Schuler

Website, Tim Fairbank

Wapiti Wind Editor, Ace Johnson

Youth Activities, LueTidmarsh

Drug Awareness, Sandy McNevin

Hoop Shoot, Mario Perez

Scholarship, Bill Ensley

Scouts, Mark Piacicilli/Nicole Kross

Soccer Shoot,

Special Olympics, Larry Sears

FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC

Plan now to join us for a gala 4th picnic.

Hamburgers and hot dogs, compliments of the lodge. Pot luck dishes requested to make this a fun gathering! Horse Races to follow lunch. Post time 1:00 PM.



Mayor Proclaims Havasu B.P.OE Youth Elks Week
 Lake Havasu Mayor present Exalted Ruler Judy McGrath and Youth Activities Chairperson Lue Tidmarsh with a Proclamation from the Lake Havasu City Council certifying Elks Youth Week in Havasu. Drug Awareness Chairperson Sandy McNevin did another outstanding job with her creative Drug Awareness display.

FAMILY FUN SPLASH VOLUNTEERS

Standing: Jim Travis, Gary Haines, Linda Carter, Mario Perez, Pooch, Marilyn Webber, Windy Quick, Bart Sherwood, Laurie Myer, Ilene Lee, Hank Thonnard. Kneeling: Don Carter, Dusty Turpin, Karen Turpin, Lue Tidmarsh, Deborah Haines, Larry Lee, Sandy McNevin. Not Pictured: Mark



SPAGHETTI CREW

Our thanks to the volunteers who donate their time every Monday to provide us with the best spaghetti dinner in town at the most affordable price. Pictured L-R, standing: Eddie Herediz, Glen Olson, Rodney Welz Chairperson, Ron Chaell. Seated: Dave Walker, Linda Burrows, Claire Poff. Not pictured: Gary Snyder, Joe Troncone, Cliff Cooper, George Brister, Bobby Lynch.

THANK YOU!

For some people, being an Elk means belonging to a social club. While social aspect is indeed an important one, true Elks understand our solemn and binding obligation defines duties of membership as well as rewards. Embracing the cardinal principles of Charity is not only one such duty, it is also a reward. To that end, so may generous Elks work to either raise money or provide personal donations. During the 2009/2010 Elk year, Elks of Arizona were directly responsible for raising more than \$172,000 for Arizona Elks Major Projects. That's an average \$5.75 per member. In addition, a number of members gave their time and talents to make improvements to the Youth Camp. To each member who sent a donation, sold a raffle ticket, worked a fund raiser for AEMP, did physical labor or made a beanie for our premature babies, thank you! You are the reason being an Elk is so worthwhile. Yes, Elks love kids. We understand that our most precious resource is our children, not only in Arizona, but throughout the country. Linda Lewandowski, Director AEMP.



Marine Corps League/Honor Guard.
 We thank you for making our Flag Day Memorable!



WE HONORED OUR COUNTRY'S FLAG

An overflow crowd attended the Annual Flag Day Ceremony. ER Judy McGrath and the lodge officers conducted the ceremony. PER Ace Johnson, assisted by the Marine Corps League, presented the history of the flag. PER Leo Arsenault with PER Ken Conkie and young patriot Dusty Turpin paid tribute to the flag and the peoples of America. Ilene Lee made 100 handcrafted cards for mailing to veterans. Truly an patriotic pledge!

NOTICE

Parking lot to be resurfaced and restriped during the last two weeks of August Social quarters will remain open, so enjoy them often.

Donations—Months of April and May	
H.A.V.EN (Yacht Club)	400.00
Hospice (Yacht Club)	200.00
VFW Van	100.00
Hoss	62.50
Humane Society	25.00
AEMP (AZ Major Projects)	475.00
Special Olympics (T shirts)	200.00
Wounded Warriors	200.00
Rotary Park Shade Awning (From Elkettes)	60.00
People to People	50.00
Relay For Life (From Yacht Club)	150.00
Havasu Community Health Trust	300.00
H.A.V.EN. (From Travel Committee)	250.00
Students Award Dinner	343.00
Swim Day	275.00
Havasu For Youth (Project Graduation)	100.00
Salvation Army Youth Camp	100.00
Total	\$3,728.00

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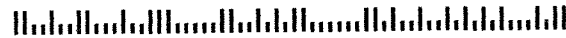
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IN GOD WE TRUST

THE VACANT CHAIR

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 Kenneth J. Evans
 William Gorgen

John Mustonen "Railroad John"

Stuart Robinson
 Douglas Spreng
 Terry Dean Taylor
 Larry Williams

REST IN PEACE

UNTIL THE HOUR OF ELEVEN
 REGULARLY RETURNS

FISHING COMMITTEE REPORT

The May Derby was completed with a total 62 fish @ 129.23 lbs. The big fish for the May 5th Derby was a 4.46lb striper taken by Don Hall. The big fish for the May 20th Derby was a 4.64lb striper landed by Bill Toon. Big fish of month for May was a 4.12lb striper taken by Randy Parks.

We will have our Christmas in August party Saturday August 14th with significant others included. The menu will be pot luck with A-L furnishing salads, M-R furnishing deserts and S-Z providing the main dish. The club will furnish chicken.

July Derby's are: 8th & 20th from 5-10 AM with weigh-in at Windsor and lunch at the lodge.

August Derby's are: 11th & 26th from 5:30-10:30 AM with weigh-in at Windsor and lunch at the lodge.

Next meeting Saturday July 10th @ 1:00 PM. The August meeting is on Saturday August 14th @ 12:00 noon, pot luck at lodge.

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

ELKS TRAVEL COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Passport information in lodge lobby.
 07/13/2011-12 Night Alaska Cruise. Call Susan @ 855-2169 for details

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION REPORT

The Elks Senior Bowling League season just ended and I thank all bowlers who purchased 50/50 tickets during the season. Thanks to you we were able to collect \$1,048.00 which will be split between the ENF and Havasu For Youth Bowling. This helps the Elks National foundation and helps the young Havasu bowlers with expenses. Thanks to James Castro for his donation of \$100.00. Please try to donate \$10.00 some-time during the lodge year as this fund helps with local and state charities along with the many youth and veteran's programs.



Jerry Gillen: Lodge Trustee & Elks National Foundation Chairperson.

As a fund raising event for ENF the lodge will hold a silent auction for an Elks Head with antlers. Submit your sealed bids by Thursday July 29th. Winners announced July 30, 2010.

Lodge Elks National Foundation Chairperson Jerry Gillen earned the Grand Exalted Ruler's recognition for our lodge exceeding the national per capita goal. Pictured accepting the award for the entire membership is Jerry Gillen and Exalted Ruler Judy McGrath.

ELKS VAGABONDS

In April the group attended the Ti-State Rally in Anthony, TX. Ten 2399 rigs caravanned together making stops at Elks lodges in Casa Grande, Wilcox and Deming. There were a totals of 141 rigs participating. The event will be held in Tucson, AZ next year, so start planning.

In May the group went to the Prescott Elks lodge in their RV Park with the Prescott Elks being super hosts. There was plenty of time for the ladies to enjoy their favorite past time-shopping, and a trip to the old town of Jerome.

The trail bosses were Royce & Sarah Morris and Paul & Barbara Blankenship. The next outing will be at La Paz County Park on Sept. 16th with Don & Sue Underwood and Dan & Alberta McNulty acting as trail bosses.

The November outing will be held at Lake Pleasant so watch your e-mail for dates. Bruce Joy, 486-4619.

ELKS YACHT COMMITTEE

Despite unusual weather there was a good turnout for the May 23rd BBQ, hosted by the Ziggy-Zaggy's.

The annual poker run on June 6th was hosted by Glenn & Julie Talbert with many members and public showing up to raise money for our local charities. Winners: 1st Bobbi Buffington, 2nd Bill Stech, 3rd Annette Newbanks.

July and August are boating months so check the bulletin board for dates, times and places.

September 12th our charity golf tournament, location to be announced.

Meetings are the 3rd Saturday of each month at the lodge at 2:00PM. Come early and have a hot dog starting at noon.

Check the bulletin board often for updates.

Sandy Bigham, Secretary. 453-6701
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REMEMBER THE 4TH PICNIC