



Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 14, 2023 10:00 am - 12:00 pm



Father's Day Brunch

Sunday, June 18, 2023 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Please Note:

Our Officers work very hard and give a lot of their time to make sure the Lodge runs smoothly. At times, they would like to come to the Lodge and relax, as all Members do. Please be mindful of their commitment to the Lodge and its Members. There have been times when they are bombarded with guestions, comments and complaints that they can do nothing about at that time. We have a suggestion box in the bar area and we hold regular meetings. Consider using those for your comments and suggestions.



Flag Day Ceremony

Join us in a moving ceremony honoring the Flag of the United States of America

> Sunday, June 11 at 11:00 am in the Lodge Room



Blood Drive

Sunday, June 25, 2023 10:30 am to 4 pm in the Lodge Room

There is always a need for blood, especially so in the summer. Please consider donating.

Volunteer Opportunity:

The Lodge is in need of volunteers to help with our weekly bingo held on Thursday evenings.

We are looking for people to call the bingo numbers, work the bingo floor and also the snack bar.

If you are interested, please contact ER Karen Travers at 951-538-0138,

Greetings to my Elks family,



My first month of leadership is now behind me. I would like to thank everyone for their support and encouragement. I will be forever humbled and grateful.

PER Paulette Nainteau, on April 4, 2023 at the lodge meeting awarded 1 Year Trustee Tom Bradley the Elk of the month award. Ms. Cindy

Ritter had the honor of the Citizen of the Year award. Prior awards were given to Mr. Bud Watts for Elk of the year. Ms. Pam Depweg received the Tall Elk of the year. Congratulations to each of you. Thank you for your time, dedication and for all you do for Lake Havasu City Lodge, # 2399 and the community.

Spring has sprung and winter visitors are now departing. There are many fun activities happening in May and June. The Elks are hosting a Family swim Day at the aquatic center on May 20 at 12 pm. A few of us will be attending the annual AEA convention in Tempe in May 2023. The PERS are hosting the Mother's Day Brunch on May 14 starting at 10 am. The Elkettes an Elkettes Bunco on May 25 at 11am.

June events: The Elks are sponsoring our annual Flag Day Cere-

mony on June 11 at 11am, also a blood drive June 25 at 10:30 am. The Elkettes are hosting the following events LCR on June 4 at 11am and a Father's Day Brunch at 10 am on June 18 beginning at 10 am.

Let's not forget our weekly activities, Queen of Hearts, most Mondays at 4 - 6:30 pm. Country line dancing begins at 7 pm, and the amazing pasta crew serving from 4 pm-7 pm. Bingo on Thursday starts at 6 pm and doors open at 4 pm. There is also Karaoke in the dining room which begins at 7 pm. Come have fun and enjoy your lodge. The latest updates may be found at www.elks2399.com.

In closing a special Thank You for renewing your Elks membership and supporting the many charitable programs. Please remember this is your lodge and I hope to see you at a meeting or in the social quarters.

We are all one Team, Members, officers, volunteers. We all work for the Good of the Order and Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

> Fraternally, Karen Travers, **Exalted Ruler**

OFFICERS

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

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Wapiti Wind

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Carolyn Dieter Karen Turpin Elizabeth Ledingham

KITCHEN MANAGER Kevin Rogers

BAR COORDINATOR

BANQUET 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 House 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 information.

www.elks.org for any information regarding Elkdom.

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

elks2399.com for Lodge 2399 information.

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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.

> Jackie Turcotte Wapiti Wind Editor

ELK OF THE MONTH

2022-2023

April 2022 Hank Thonnard May 2022 **Gary Parsons** June 2022 Cindy Ritter July 2022 Karen Travers August 2022 Gabrielle Medley September 2022 **Kevin Rogers** October 2022 Debbie Herd November 2022 Joyce Bradley December 2022 Heidi Albrecht Jon Villalobos January 2023 Pam Depweg February 2023 Addie Angle March 2023 Tom Bradley



Tom **Bradley**

VOLUNTEERS

Want to volunteer at the Lodge?

Please contact Elizabeth Ledingham:

E-mail: escogan@yahoo.com 661-644-5656 Phone:

(If no answer, please leave a message)

Auditing & Acct. Audit/Acct.

Inventory

Activities Committee

Activities-Volunteers Awards Banquet Bingo Blood Drive

Bowling **Bulk Mailing** Charity Ball Christmas Baskets Community Activities **Decorating Committee** Door Greeters Drug Awareness Elkettes

Entertainment Committee Family Picnic Fishing Club Giving Tree Golf League Grants Administrator Hi-Way Cleanup Hoop Shoot Hot Dogs Information Technology Law & Order Night Lodge Activities Lodge Emails & Website Long Range Planning Monday Night Dancers Old Timers Night Pasta Night PER President Public Relations

Chairman

Jamie Rogers Tim & Darlena Collins

Chairman Elizabeth Ledingham

Hank Thonnard Karen Travers Paulette Nainteau Jackie Turcotte Steve Shirley Bob Clark Pauline Thonnard Jon Villalobos Jackie Turcotte Gabriele Medley Hank Thonnard Pam Depweg Gabriele Medley Ed Wdowiak Kay Wdowiak Pauline Thonnard Jerry Boyce Vanessa Brewster Scott Brown Debbie Herd Dan Dieter Pam Depweg Debra Broughton Gary Parsons Bud Watts Gary Parsons Gary Parsons Gabrielle Medley Lynne Hall Hank Thonnard Marilyn Butcher Bill Horton Jackie Turcotte

Queen of Hearts Retail Sales RV Club (Vagabonds) **RV** Parking Scholarships Soccer Shoot Special Olympics Taco Tuesday Night Volunteer Coordinator Yacht Club Commodore

Youth Activities Debbie Herd Fraternal Committee

All American Lodge/Training Pauline Thonnard Americanism Constitution & By-Laws Elks National Foundation

Flag Day Elks Training Government Relations Guest Monitoring Interview Committee Orientation Lodge Inspection/Accident Major Projects Major Projects (Purple Pig) Mediator Membership/Lapsation Memorial Service Presiding Justice Protocol Ritual Coach Ritual Word Coach Veterans Services Wapiti Wind

Eva Fox Joyce Bradley Lodge Office Don Underwood Bob Clark Barbara Volk Pam Depweg Bob Volk Donna Pineau Elizabeth Ledingham Sheryl Koesterer

Chairman

Pam Depweg Gary Parsons Jerry Gillen Eva Fox Angie Horton Gary Parsons Gary Parsons Sue Thomas Marti Johnson Pauline Thonnard Jon Villalobos Gary Parsons Ruth Morreale Tracy Konkel Addie Angle Joyce Bradley Jay Bidwell Deborah Troncale Jackie Turcotte Hank Thonnard Bud Watts

Jackie Turcotte

May 2023 Revised 5/3/2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Ritual Practice - 10:30 am Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Pasta Night - 4 pm - 7 pm Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm	2 Taco Tuesday - 11 am - 2 pm 4 pm - 7 pm Lodge Meeting - 7:30 pm	3 Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Pork Baby Back Ribs - 4 pm - 7pm Music: Michael Roberts	4 Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Chicken, Fish, and Meatloaf - 4 pm -7 pm Bingo - 6 pm (Doors open - 4 pm) Karaoke - 6 pm	5 Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm PER Meeting - 2pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Bar Road Time	6 Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Bar Road Time
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Elkettes Bunco 11:00 am	22 Interviews - 9 am Ritual Practice - 10:30 am Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Pasta Night - 4 pm - 7 pm Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm	23 Taco Tuesday - 11 am - 2 pm 4 pm - 7 pm MCL Meeting - 7 pm	24 Lunch - 11 am - 2 pmPork Baby Back Ribs - 4 pm - 7 pm Music: Fritz	25 Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Chicken, Fish, and Meatloaf - 4 pm - 7 pm Bingo - 6 pm (Doors open - 4 pm) Karaoke - 6 pm	26 Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Fritz	27 Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Fritz
28	29 Memorial Day Office Closed No Monday Night Dancers No Queen of Hearts Bar Open 10 am - 6 pm	30 Taco Tuesday - 11 am - 2 pm 4 pm - 7 pm	31 Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Pork Baby Back Ribs - 4 pm - 7 pm Music: Slade Rivers		Monday - Thurs 8:00 am - 4:00 p Friday 8:00 am - 1:00 p	day om

Daily / Weekly Events								
Mondays	11:30 pm 7 - 9 pm	Pinochle Monday Night Dancers	Tuesdays & Thursdays	12 - 4 pm	Hand & Foot			
Wednesdays	4:00 pm	Desert Singles	Thursdays (tables 18 & 19)	10:30 am - 3:30 pm	Bridge			
Fridays	12 - 4 pm	Poker Omaha hi-lo						

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	OFFICE SUMMER HOURS Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday 8:00 am - 1:00 pm			Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Chicken, Fish, and Meatloaf - 4 pm - 7 pm Bingo - 6 pm (Doors open - 4 pm) Karaoke - 6 pm	2 Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm PER Meeting - 2pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Bar Road Time	3 Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Bar Road Time
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Wednesdays 4:00 pm Desert Singles Thursdays (tables 18 & 19) 10:30 am - 3:30 pm Bridge

Fridays 12 - 4 pm Poker Omaha hi-lo

ELKETTE PRESIDENT MESSAGE



So many great things are happening this year. The Elkettes will host Bunco and LCR in May, June, July and August. These proceeds will go to the Expansion Fund for the Lodge. We have another concert series in July that will be amazing.

What I would like to share in this article is the great things our Pie Ladies (Pie Angels) do. I

attended a meeting last week of these wonderful ladies who give so much of their time and energy to bring us something sweet to eat and in turn give back to our community in so many ways. As you know the Elkettes have purchased equipment for the kitchen, land on which our Lodge sits and has given to previous expansion projects so that we may be the awesome Lodge we are today. The bonus is each month the pies make a substantial contribution back to our community. Milemarkers, Clothes Closet, Meals on Wheels, Search & Rescue, K-9 Unit, WASH (Western Az Humane Society), Sea Cadets just to name a few.

Below is a picture of Chris Dukey Pie Chair presenting a check to Sea Cadets from proceeds of pie sales. Please thank these ladies for their tireless efforts. They are truly angels. And thank you to Lisa Nutt for stepping into the co-chair role. Please thank these ladies when you see them in the Lodge because they are giving us something precious....their time. Thank you Elkettes!!



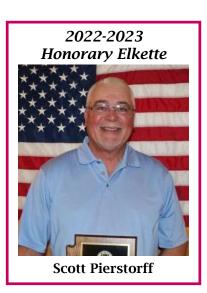
Pie Sales donation to Sea Scouts

From left: Alice Schmitz, Austen Schmitz, Chris Dukey and Aldo Pricco Jr.

Gabriele Medley Elkette President 2023-2024 336-317-4916









Lisa Nutt

Dorothy Toppin



FISHING CLUB NEWS



The dates for the May Derby's will be Wednesday, May 10th from 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday, May 24th from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Weigh-in is at Windsor Beach South with scales open for 30 minutes after the close of each Derby. Lunch will be served at the Lodge follow-

ing the fish cleaning process. **Help is always welcome at the fish cleaning station!!

The Board of Directors will meet at the Lodge on Monday, May1st 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, May 13th at 1:00 p.m.

The Derby on Wednesday, March 30th was won by Dan Obradovich and Mike Doddy with 5 fish weighing 10.89 lbs. Second Place was won by John Vodry and Mike Monez with 2 fish weighing 6.78 lbs. Jim Buchanan caught the Big Fish of the Derby with a 6.64 lb. striper.

Our next meeting on June 10th will be our last before summer break. This will be our Pizza and Beer meeting hosted by the Club. Please plan on attending. The Club will resume activities on September 9th.

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 CLUB NEWS

As the winter season comes to an end, we find it to have been a very successful year. Congratulations goes out to Rod Thompson as the Club Champion for the 2022-2023 year. As we move to the summer season a reminder, that our starting time will be 7:00 am. Tuesday's.

As an invitation to all the new lodge members, the golf club is always accepting new members. Membership forms may be picked up at the lodge on the bulletin board, or if you show up 1 hour before golf on Tuesday, you can get a form and be able to play that day. We always play at the Lake Havasu Golf Club.

To all our winter visitors have a safe and happy summer, and we will see you in the fall.

Scott Brown Golf Club President





We would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Commodore for the 2023-2024 year.

Sheryl Koesterer has accepted the position and her Board members are as follows:

Vice Commodore – Pat Sewell Secretary – Marsha Kaltenberg Treasurer – Sandy Bigham

Our first event was Thursday, April 13, 2023. We had our Spring Brunch, held at Havasu Springs. The event was well attended and with the weather improving some took their boats. A great time was had by all. Our next planned event will be held May 7th at the Lodge for a Champaign Brunch. Tickets will be going on sale. It is our hope that as the weather warms more boating and water events will take place.

If you are interested in being a part of a fun energetic group please consider the Elks Yacht Club. We have our meetings the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Lodge at 2:00 p.m. Please stop by and introduce yourself. We are always happy to greet another smiling face.

Marsha Kaltenberg; Secretary 503-746-3598

Lodge Officers for 2023-2024

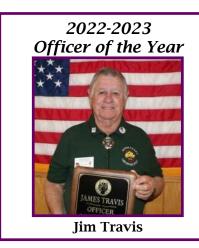


Front Row: Esteemed Lecturing Knight Joyce Bradley, Esteemed Loyal Knight Angie Horton, Exalted Ruler Karen Travers, Esteemed Leading Knight Pauline Thonnard and Esquire Anne Despol.

Back Row: 5 year Trustee Jon Villalobos, Tiler Pat Costello, Inner Guard Nikki Harvey, Chaplain Steve Stockett,
Treasurer Jim Travis and Secretary Janeen Lembke









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To Our Absent Members Mark Hasseler Vickie Eads Gary Toy Bill Ensley Frank Resendez Richard Clark Paul K. Mowey Bruce Lee Kessler Until the Hour of Eleven Regularly Returns

Crazy Auction Donation



Proceeds in the amount of \$1,850.00 were donated to Search and Rescue for the purchase of gear and equipment needed for their Swift Water Rescue training. Pictured are from left: 1st Lt. Dave Quiggle, Team Leader Capt. Mike Beets, Crazy Auction Chair Heidi Albrecht and 2nd Lt. Dena Mangana.

Lodge Expansion Update

In the coming months we will be completing the Construction Phase drawings for the Lodge Expansion. You will see contractors coming and going in the process. The next steps for moving forward are:

- 1. Complete the Construction Phase drawings
- 2. Provide a complete application package for the bank loan
- 3. Submit to Grand Lodge for approval
- 4. Start the permitting process

All of these steps must be complete before any construction begins. As a Lodge we must follow the steps to get all approvals complete so it will not be immediate.

In the meantime we are still asking for your donations to support the Building fund. The more we have the less we borrow. That is a cost savings in itself! Any amount is appreciated. Thank you to all that have been so generous to give.

We will continue to update you through Lodge meetings, website and Wapiti. Please help us stop rumors and misinformation by attending Lodge meetings or referring to the updates provided. As always the committee and I are available to answer any questions.

Gabriele Medley- Planning & Expansion Chair

Please Note:

If anyone notices a discrepancy with who is in charge of what committee, please bring it to the attention of the Exalted Ruler. The ER is responsible for appointing Committee Chairs and can make necessary changes or corrections.

Monday Night Dancers Donation



A donation of \$250.00 was given to the Western Arizona Humane Society for their spay/neuter program. Accepting the donation from Monday Night Dancer Lynn Hall and all Line Dancers is Western Arizona Humane Society Executive Director Paty Gillmore.