

ALL AMERICAN LODGE 2003,04,08,09,10,11,12,13 BPO ELKS 2399

WAPITI WIND

November 2023



Elks Memorial Service

The Annual Service to the Memory of our Departed Members will be held in the Lodge Room on Sunday, December 3, 2023 at 11:00 am.

"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".

Your Purple Pig Committee thanks you.

!!! Lodge Expansion Update !!!

ABBCO Builders is providing the Lodge with the steel specifications for our construction drawing.

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, Gary W. Parsons, PER Lodge Advisor



Exalted Rulers Message

Fall is upon us and that means our Lodge will get busier as the "Season" begins. It will get crowded in town also. I'm asking all our members to practice some patience in this busy season. Remember, Patience is a Virtue, although I believe it's probably one of the most difficult to achieve.

Having said that, I hope to see you all this Sunday for Breakfast at the Lodge, and Thank You to those who jumped in to help, and to our staff who worked hard to serve you, and let's not forget our chef Kevin and his kitchen staff. It can only get better going forward.

We all had our own reasons for becoming Elks, so be proud that you are a member, and show that card when you are asked to. The lodge is growing in membership so it is important that you abide by the guest rule. Remember you can sign in your guests 3 times only. If they live here and like the Lodge sponsor them for membership, it doesn't hurt, I promise.

Fraternally, Paulette Nainteau.

Exalted Ruler

Starting October 1, 2023

!!Breakfast at the Lodge!!

Sunday Mornings from 8-11 am. Limited menu. Come and support your Lodge.

VOLUNTEERS

Want to volunteer at the Lodge?

Please contact Elizabeth Ledingham:

E-mail: escogan@yahoo.com

Phone: 661-644-5656

(If no answer, please leave a message)

!!! DRINK CHIPS !!!

Did you Know????

Reminder: When you use your drink chips, they do not include gratuities.

Surrender your chip when placing your order for a bever-

OFFICERS

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Kevin Rogers

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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.

<u>www.arizonaelksassociation.org</u> for any information about our state association.

elks2399.com for Lodge 2399 information.

To join our <u>Facebook Page</u>, search Lake Havasu City, AZ Elks Lodge #2399

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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



HAPPY NEW YEARS

Get your Tickets for the annual New Year's Party.

Tickets go on sale Novem-

ber 1st at 9:00★ AM at the★ Lodge.

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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 Šhoot 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

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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

Fraternal Committee

All American Lodge/Training Pauline Thonnard Americanism Pam Depweg Constitution & By-Laws Elks National Foundation Gary Parsons Jerry Gillen

Flag Day Elks Training Government Relations Guest Monitoring Interview Committee Orientation Lodge Inspection/Accident Major Projects Major Projects (Purple Pig)

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Hank Thonnard

Bud Watts

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Lunch 11-2 pm Pork Ribs 4-7 pm	2 Lunch 11-2 pm Dinner Menu 4-7 pm Bingo 6 pm (doors open 4 pm) Karaoke 6 pm	3 Lunch 11-2 pm PER Meeting - 2 pm Dinner Menu 4-8 pm Music: Legends	4 Hot Dogs 11-2 pm Dinner Menu 4-8 pm Music: Legends
<u>5</u> Hot Dogs 11-2 NFL Package	6 Hot Dogs 11-2 pm Pasta Night 4-7 pm Queen Of Hearts 4-6:30 pm	7 Taco Tuesday 11-2 pm, 4-7 pm Lodge Meeting 7:30 pm	8 Lunch 11-2 pm Pork Ribs 4-7 pm	9 Lunch 11-2 pm Dinner Menu 4-7 pm Bingo 6 pm (doors open 4 pm) Karaoke 6pm	10 Lunch 11-2 pm Dinner Menu 4-8 pm Music: Terry Hopple & Peter	11 Hot Dogs 11-2 pm Dinner Menu 4-8 pm Music: Stanton Creek
12 Hot Dogs 11-2 NFL Package Elkettes pre- sent South- west Surfers 4 pm	13 Hot Dogs 11-2 pm Pasta Night 4-7 pm Queen Of Hearts 4-6:30 pm	14 Taco Tuesday - 11-2 pm, 4-7 pm Elkette Meeting 6 pm House Commit- tee/Trustee Meet- ing: 7 pm	15 Lunch 11-2 pm Pork Ribs 4-7 pm	16 Lunch 11-2 pm Dinner Menu 4-7 pm Bingo - 6 pm (Doors open - 4 pm) Karaoke 6 pm	17 Lunch 11-2 pm Dinner Menu - 4-8 pm Music: Fritz	18 Hot Dogs - 11-2 pm Dinner Menu - 4-8 pm Elkettes Holiday Boutique 9am- 2pm Music: Fritz
19 Hot Dogs 11-2 NFL Package	20 Hot Dogs 11-2 pm Pasta Night 4-7 pm Queen Of Hearts 4-6:30 pm Orientation 7 pm	21 Taco Tuesday - 11-2 pm, 4-7 pm Lodge Meeting/ Initiation 7:30 pm DDGER Visit 3:00pm-??	22 Lunch 11-2 pm Pork Ribs 4-7 pm Office Closes at 12:00 noon.	23 Thanksgiving Day Bar Open 10-4pm Pot Luck 11-2pm Bring a side dish.	24 Lunch 11-2 pm Dinner Menu - 4-8 pm Music: Stormy Davis Band	25 Hot Dogs - 11-2 pm Dinner Menu - 4-8 pm Kids turn to shop 9am-Noon Music: Whiskey River
26 Hot Dogs 11-2 NFL Package	27 Hot Dogs 11-2 pm Pasta Night 4-7 pm Queen Of Hearts 4-6:30 pm	28 Taco Tuesday - 11-2 pm, 4-7pm MCL Mtg 7 pm	29 Lunch 11-2 pm Pork Ribs 4-7 pm	30 Lunch 11-2 pm Dinner Menu 4-7 pm Bingo - 6 pm (Doors open - 4 pm) Karaoke 6 pm		

Daily / Weekly Events

Monday 11:30 am Pinochle

4-6:30 pm Queen of Hearts 7 pm Monday Dancers

Thursday

12-4 pm Hand & Foot 10:30–3:30 PM Bridge 6 pm Karaoke

Tuesday 12-4 pm Hand & Foot Friday

12-4 pm Poker Omaha Hi-Lo

Wednesday 3 pm Desert Singles

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ELKETTE PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Hard to believe that is already November and the holidays are upon us. The Elkettes will be selling See's Candy beginning with the Craft Fair on November 18th. We will be selling See's candy every night after that in the Lodge except on Sunday. This is a great fundraiser and makes an awesome gift. Teresa Bremenour is the Chair for this event. Teresa has done this for 9 years and does an amazing job of organizing this fundraiser. Don't forget to attend the Craft Fair. Another great way to get your holiday shopping done. So many great ideas and artists that will be selling. The bake sale is always full of wonderful goodies. Kids Turn to Shop is November 26^{th.} If you have items to donate, please reach out. Call Vanessa Brewster or Gabriele Medley. This event is near and dear to my heart because this helps children who would otherwise not be able to purchase gifts for family members the opportunity to give a gift. A win/win and just seeing the happiness on their faces is priceless.

Just a reminder we will be announcing nominations at the January meeting. We you are interested in serving on the Board or

if you have any questions let me know. This is a commitment that requires you to be at meetings monthly as well as performing duties for the office you will be holding. We are dark in July and August so you have some down time to travel.

Remember to get your tickets for the concert on November 12th. Southwest Surfers have an awesome beach vibe.

Gee Whiz information: In April of 1976 the Elkettes purchased the lot between the Lodge & Gallagher's and in March 0f 1977 the Elkettes paid off the parking lot loan. As many of you know we recently got approval for our Lodge Expansion. This will be a 5000SF addition or our Social Quarters, new parking area and new bathrooms in the dining area allowing for the kitchen expansion. The Elkettes will be holding numerous events to help with the Building Fund. As our history shows the Elkettes have been a driving force in supporting the funding for the Lodge. Look forward to seeing you at our events! Thanks for all you do!! You

make our Lodge great!

Gabriele Medley - Elkette Presi-

Lodge Challenge Coins (pictured below) are currently being sold to Lodge Members by the Elkettes as a fund raiser to support the purchase of new security cameras for the Lodge and RV Park. Challenge Coins may be purchased in the Lodge Office, or on Thursday evenings at the Elkette Table. Contact Jon Villalobos for more information. (602) 820-3896

LODGE #2399 **CHALLENGE COINS**



Front



Back

Welcome to our new RV Park Hosts Mike Matejov and Tracy. Say "HI" to them the next time you see them around the Lodge.



Veteran's Day November 11, 2023 11am to 2 pm

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Hot Dogs/Hamburgers *** Veterans eat free, \$5 for ★ all others. Come and visit with the Veteran's of our community.

"FOR SALE"

In Lodge Office:

Almost New T4 Pro Thermostats. \$25.00 each



VAGABONDS CLUB NEWS



Hello Vagabonds friends;

As I write we are preparing for our annual Wickenburg outing which we all look forward to. Our September Williams outing

was huge success. The hosts Cami Luke/Carl Priestrup and Mike/Joyce Grabowski did a fabulous job and were successful in earning the club \$523.48 by taking donations for the Vagabonds Bar, selling flags, several Left, Right, Center games, a Cornhole tournament and, of course, 50/50. Thank you, Cami/Carl, and Mike/Joyce, for your hard work.

As fall is upon us, we start a new season of adventures and we would like for you to think about excursions you would like to take. We sent out a Campout Questionnaire prior to the Wickenburg outing with hopes the results of that survey will give us some direction for the fall/winter/spring months. We will publish the results as soon as they come in. As always, we love to have you present your ideas at our monthly meetings or talk to a board member at one of our outings and we will be happy to include your ideas on our meeting agendas.

As Don has says, "This is your club" ... and, we are looking forward to new and exciting ideas to present to our membership. If you are not able to host your proposed destination, we can always ask for volunteers to organize

the outing and you can choose to cohost or let somebody else assist. We are a team!

Safe travels, Jackie Newbeck





ELKS YACHT CLUB

On Thursday September 21st the Yacht Club met at the bowling alley to play 2 games. We had 7 bowlers and 4 people observing and playing poker. Each observer picked a bowler, and for a mere one dollar they were given a 5 card poker hand. With each strike or spare the bowler and observer got to remove one card and get a new card from the deck. The hope was to create a winning poker hand. First game high score went to Debbie Newell. Second game high score went to Judy Thompson. Winners of the poker hands went to Fred Wick and Steve Miller. It was a great chance to get out of the heat.

Octoberfest was held on October 8th. Starting at noon and continuing until 4:00PM. The menu included: Bratwurst on a bun, hot German potato salad, sauerkraut. Dessert was German Chocolate Cake. Water, tea and coffee were provided and the bar offered \$2.00 pints of beer. Music was provided by Fritz. We were happy to have our lodge members that came to share in our celebration. Fritz had all of us singing German beer songs, and dancing country to German Omm-Paa bands from his early days.

Check your schedules for November 21st. Save the date for a grand Pigfest; another Yacht Club event. Tickets will go on sale Wednesday October 11th from 3:30 to 7PM. See Julie and Glenn Talbert at the door. If you would like to join the Yacht club and attend our events, contact Marsha Kaltenberg at 503.746.3598 or come join us at our regular scheduled meeting on the 3rd Saturday of each month at the Lodge at 2:00p.m. We would love to have your fellowship.

Marsha Kaltenberg; Secretary 503-746-3598



The Elks Bowling League

The Elk's Bowling League has gotten off to a "rolling" start this year with 20 partial teams sharing in the fun at Havasu Lanes. We have added a lot of new bowlers to the rosters this year which is always welcomed and enjoyed. We are still waiting on a few of our winter friends to arrive to complete all those teams. If you are interested in joining us, we can always add bowlers to our "Subs" list, as there is always someone who is traveling or attending doctors' appointments that can't be avoided. Give Carol a call at 928/412-0193 or just show up at the Lanes on Thursday afternoon, before 1pm and we will see if you can fill a spot.

So far this season:

Women's High Game
Bonnie Reynolds – 196 Larry Key – 258
Patti Pannier – 193 Dave Pannier – 235
Sylvia Lovvorn – 184 Tim Medley – 225
Bill Klootwyk – 225
Eugene Brady - 225

FISHING CLUB REPORT

The dates for the November Derby's will be Wednesday, November 1st from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Wednesday, November 15th from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Weigh-in will be at Windsor Beach South with scales open for 30 minutes from 12:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served at the Lodge following the fish cleaning process. As always, help is appreciated at the fish cleaning station!!

The Board of Directors will meet at the Lodge on Monday, November 6th 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, November 11th at 1:00 p.m. The candidates for Board of Directors will be completed at this meeting and sent to the membership for the December election.

The Derby on September 20th was won by the team of Mike Michels and John Woods with 5 (five) fish weighing 9.68 lbs. Big Fish won by Mike Michels weighed 2.98 lbs. Second Place went to John Burns and Jerry Boyce with 1 (one) fish weighing 1.99 lbs.

The Derby on October 4th was won by Mike Chambers and Dan Stowell with 5 (five) fish weighing 11.74 lbs. Second Place went to Dale Bremonour and Rick McPherson with 3 (three) fish weighing 4.10 lbs. Third Place was won by Gary Visconti and Jim Hatter with 2 (two) fish weighing 2.0 lbs. Big Fish was won by Mike Chambers with a 3.10 lb. striper.

The Club's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, December 9th. Social hour will be from 5:00p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. The menu will be your choice of flat iron steak (medium or well only) with baked potato and string beans or ½ chicken baked with rice pilaf. The Board of Directors will be contacting all members to ask for their food selection before the event. The Christmas meeting will have 8 (eight) \$50 dinner tickets to city restaurants added to our 50/50 raffle. All Fishing Club members who attend are the Club's guests. All others will be charged \$20 per person for dinner. Club hats and shirts will be available for pick up or purchase at this meeting.

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.



The Elks Lodge donated \$300 to the Lake Havasu High School Swim Team. Pictured are Debbie Herd Youth Activities, Judy Tassie LHHS Booster Club President and Paulette Nainteau Exalted Ruler.



Elkette President Gabriele Medley presents Exalted Ruler Paulette Nainteau \$500 in gift cards and a check for \$500 to be presented at the October State Elks Conference in support of the Arizona Elks Major Projects Program.



Youth Activities donated \$300 to the Stingrays Swim Team. Pictured are Coach Rich and Coach Victoria, the Stingray Swim Team, Youth Activities Debbie Herd and Exalted Ruler Paulette Nainteau.



The Elks Lodge combined three grants, Spotlight, Beacon, and Gratitude to give a \$9,000 donation to the after school program for scaled and free tuition and field trips. Pictured are Grant Administrator Debbie Herd, Program directors Sarah Roos and Leslie Murray, and Exalted Ruler Paulette Nainteau.



Elks Lodge 2399 donated \$600 to LHHS Athletic Booster Club. Pictured are Debbie Herd Youth Activities, Judy Tassie President of the LHHS Booster Club, and Exalted Ruler Paulette Nainteau.

Kids Turn to Shop, November 25, 2023

Looking for new or gently used:

Ball Caps, Wallets, Tools, Jewelry, Hair Clips, Trinket Boxes, Purses, Knick Knacks, Games and Toys. Anything new or gently used a child would like to give to parents, grandparents, siblings, aunts and uncles. We can also use (new & gently used) self sticking gift tags, to and from tags, tissue paper, gift bags (assorted sizes).

Items can be dropped off at the office or items can be picked up.

Call Vanessa Brewster KTS Chair (707)363-13565

Elkettes Concert Series featuring: "The Southwest Surfers" November 12, 2023 4:00 PM Tickets on Sale starting October 2,



"LAW and ORDER Appreciation Dinner"

The Law and Order Appreciation Dinner was a complete success. Police, Fire Department, Sheriff's Office, CERT (Civilian Emergency Response Team and Search and Rescue personnel were in attendance.



Pictured Left to Right, Exalted Ruler Paulette Nainteau, Officer of the Year, Corporal Brent Skancke, and Police Chief Troy Stirling.



Law and Order Appreciation Dinner attendees.

"Elkettes Fashion Show"

The Elkettes Fashion Show was a huge success and raised money for several local charities. A good time was had by all. Below is a picture of all of our Models.

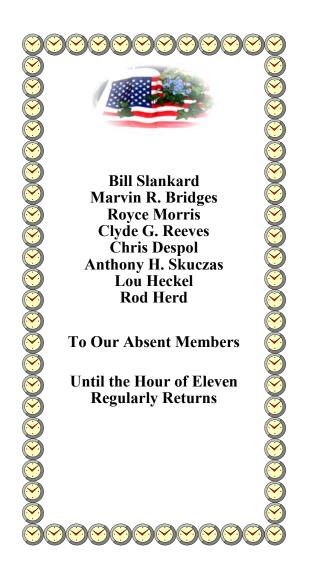


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IN GOD WE TRUST



JOIN THE DOOR GREETERS TEAM! 'Meet", "Greet" and "Get to Know" our members as they enter the Lodge. Volunteer greeters needed to be at the door from 4pm to 7pm Monday thru Saturday at the height of the season. Training will be pro vided to all volunteers. We aim to schedule greeters for only two days a month. **COUPLES ARE ENCOURAGED TO** VOLUNTEER AS A TEAM! SINGLES ARE FINE. As a token of the Lodge's appreciation 2 drink chips per person will be provided at the end of each shift. Please call Hank Thonnard PDGGER (702 327 4294) for details or to volunteer some