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BPO ELKS 2399

WAPITI WIND

January 2024

"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".

FYI - From the end of October to the 7th of December \$1,148.00 was donated through the Purple Pig Program.

Your Purple Pig Committee thanks you.



!!! Lodge Expansion Update !!!

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



I hope you all had a very Merry Christmas, and here's wishing you all the best in the New Year. I look forward to seeing you all at the Lodge.

Fraternally,
Paulette Nanteau
Exalted Ruler

"HAPPY NEW YEAR"

Reminder from the Editor — To enable the Editor to prepare and get the Wapiti Wind to American Graphics (our Printers), it is necessary for me to receive all input from individuals and CLUBS prior to the 10th of each month to ensure their information is included. For example the cutoff date for input into the January 2024 Wapiti was December 10, 2024. If a member is expecting to see information about their Club or Event in the Wapiti, they need to contact their respective Chairperson or President, Commodore, etc.

Send input to EvasFox@yahoo.com. If not sent to this email address I will not receive it. Thank you.

Chuck Fox, PER, Wapiti Wind Editor



Lodge #2399 Charity Ball

January 27, 2024 @ 5:00 PM
Information being Mailed in
November

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 beverage.

Please do not hoard the chips you receive for volunteering. If you don't use them for drinks, either turn them back in to the office, or give or sell them to a friend. This will prevent the Lodge from having to buy additional chips.

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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.

To join our **Facebook Page**, search Lake Havasu City, AZ Elks Lodge #2399

Website & Email Statistics 4/23-9/23:

Website Visitors 1,838, Hits 3,974

Email Members 3,326, Emails sent 32

Total Emails sent 105,917

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Chuck Fox, PER
Wapiti Wind Editor

ELK OF THE MONTH

April 2023 Bob Richards

May 2023 Marilyn & Dean Butcher

June 2023 Tom Duff

August 2023 Chuck & Doreen Davis

September 2023 Chuck & Eva Fox

October 2023 Ron Silva

Ron Silva - October Elk of the Month

**Auditing & Acct.**

Audit/Acct.
Inventory

Activities Committee

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Entertainment Committee

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Long Range Planning
Monday Night Dancers
Old Timers Night
Pasta Night
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Public Relations

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Gary Parsons
Gary Parsons
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Kevin Rogers
Bill Horton
Eva Fox

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
Americanism
Constitution & By-Laws
Elks National Foundation

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Elks Training
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Major Projects
Major Projects (Purple Pig)

Mediator
Membership/Lapsation
Memorial Service
Presiding Justice
Protocol
Ritual Coach
Ritual Word Coach
Veterans Services

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Eva Fox
Pam Depweg
Gary Parsons
Gary Parsons
Sue Thomas
Marti Johnson
Chuck Fox
Jon Villalobos
Gary Parsons
Eva Fox
Ruth Morreale
TBD
Sheri Sanderson
Joyce Bradley
Jay Bidwell
TBD
Jackie Turcotte
Hank Thonnard
Bud Watts

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.

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>1</u> Happy New Years Bar Open 10am – 7pm	<u>2</u> Taco Tuesday 11-2pm, 4-7pm Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	<u>3</u> Lunch 11-2pm Sheriffs Lunch 12:00pm Desert Singles 3pm Pork Ribs 4-7pm	<u>4</u> Lunch 11-2pm Dinner Menu 4-7pm Bingo 6pm (doors open 4:30pm) Karaoke 6pm	<u>5</u> Lunch 11-2pm Planning Committee Mtg 1pm PER Mtg 2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Bar Road Time	<u>6</u> Hot Dogs 11-2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Bar Road Time
<u>7</u> Breakfast 8-11am Hot Dogs 11-2pm NFL Package	<u>8</u> Hot Dogs 11-2pm Pasta Night 4-7pm Queen of Hearts 4-6:30pm Monday Dancers 7pm	<u>9</u> Taco Tuesday 11-2pm, 4-7pm Elkette Meeting 6pm House Committee /Trustee Meeting 7pm	<u>10</u> Lunch 11-2pm Vagabond Mtg 1pm Desert Singles 3pm Pork Ribs 4-7pm	<u>11</u> Lunch 11-2pm Dinner Menu 4-7pm Bingo 6pm (doors open 4:30pm) Karaoke 6pm	<u>12</u> Lunch 11-2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Legends	<u>13</u> Hot Dogs 11-2pm Fishing Club 1pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Legends
<u>14</u> Breakfast 8-11am Hot Dogs 11-2pm Special Olympics Lunch 12pm NFL Package	<u>15</u> Hot Dogs 11-2pm Pasta Night 4-7pm Queen of Hearts 4-6:30pm Orientation 7pm Monday Dancers 7pm	<u>16</u> Taco Tuesday 11-2pm, 4-7pm Lodge Meeting/Initiation 7:30pm	<u>17</u> Lunch 11-2pm Desert Singles 3pm Pork Ribs 4-7pm	<u>18</u> Lunch 11-2pm Dinner Menu 4-7pm Bingo 6pm (doors open 4:30pm) Karaoke 6pm	<u>19</u> Lunch 11-2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Fritz	<u>20</u> Hot Dogs 11-2pm Yacht Club 2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Fritz
<u>21</u> Breakfast 8-11am Hot Dogs 11-2pm Yacht Club Chili Cook-Off 12pm NFL Package	<u>22</u> Interviews 9am Hot Dogs 11-2pm Pasta Night 4-7pm Queen of Hearts 4-6:30pm Monday Dancers 7pm	<u>23</u> Taco Tuesday 11-2pm, 4-7pm MCL 7pm	<u>24</u> Lunch 11-2pm Desert Singles 3pm Pork Ribs 4-7pm	<u>25</u> Lunch 11-2pm Dinner Menu 4-7pm Bingo 6pm (doors open 4:30pm) Karaoke 6pm	<u>26</u> Lunch 11-2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Slade Rivers	<u>27</u> Hot Dogs 11-2pm Charity Ball 5pm Music: Top Shelf
<u>28</u> Breakfast 8-11am Hot Dogs 11-2pm NFL Package	<u>29</u> Hot Dogs 11-2pm Pasta Night 4-7pm Queen of Hearts 4-6:30pm Monday Dancers 7pm	<u>30</u> Taco Tuesday 11-2pm, 4-7pm	<u>31</u> Lunch 11-2pm LAPD Lunch 12pm Desrt Singles 3pm PER Ticket Sales 3:30pm Pork Ribs 4-7pm			

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

ELKETTE PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Elkette President Message



As I write this article it is hard believe we are already in a New Year! Happy New Year! Wishing everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year!

The Elkettes have had such a amazing year of events and successful fundraisers that support our community and Lodge.

We have Crazy Auction coming up on March 9th and a Silent Auction on March 16th. Both of these events will be fun! Please mark you calendar to come out and support these events.

The Elkettes have contributed to the purchase of updated security cameras in the Lodge. With funds from the Challenge Coin fundraiser and a generous donation by Nikki Harvey we will provide a donation for 75% of the cost of the cameras.

The Elkettes have also sponsored the High School sports team by purchasing T-shirts and sweatshirts. The cost was \$1,500.00 and the Elkettes gave \$500.00 with Elkette Cyndie Boatwright donating \$1,000.00 to this effort.

We are so lucky to have such

generous members who give so willingly with both donations and volunteering.

Thank you so much to all the Elkettes that volunteer. Without you we could not do all the great things we do! Looking forward to another successful and wonderful year!

Gabriele Medley – Elkette President



Elkette Nikki Harvey presenting a donation for the new Lodge Security Cameras to Elkette President Gabriele Medley.



The Dixie Belles performed during the Elkettes Christmas Dinner Event. A great time was had by all. Thank you Ladies.



A SoloRange Stove was donated to the Elkettes and was used to raise funds for the Giving Tree Program. The winner of the Solo Range Stove was an Elk member from Washington State, Barbra Biener. Congratulations.



The Monday Night Dancers donated \$250 to the Elkettes to purchase gifts for the Giving Tree. Presenting the donation check is Lil Aston.



VAGABONDS CLUB NEWS



Hello Vagabonds friends:

'tis the season for "parties, parties and more parties" ... We hope everyone is enjoying time with friends and family during this special time of year.

While we did not have any scheduled events for November, we did have our Vagabonds annual Christmas party on Sunday, December 3rd. It

was another successful and fun affair. Thank you to the 18 people who donated fabulous raffle baskets. As usual the food and music by Fritz was excellent. Fun was had by all....

We do not have any planned events in January other than a no-host event in Quartzsite at the end of the month. This will be on the agenda to discuss at our January 10th meeting.

February 29-March 3, Trisha Ito and Marty/Diane Weston will be hosting our event at Coachella Lakes RV Resort, 44790 Dillon Road, Coachella, CA 92236. You can check out the resort at: <https://verderanchrvresort.com>. Make sure to get your reservation in as our block will be released on January 11. Make your reservations at 442-325-9292 under the group name Elks Lodge RV Club.

March 18-21 we will have our event at the Oasis Las Vegas RV Resort, 2711 Windmill Ln, Las Vegas, NV 89123. You can make your reservations at 702-260-2000 under the group name The Vagabonds. Block will release on March 4th. We are still looking for a Host and Co-host for this event. Please contact me if you have an interest.

We currently have events planned for every month through October 2024. If you need a copy of our Event Calendar just text me and I will be happy to send. (760-484-3190).

Marty Weston has been researching Karaoke machines and will have some exciting news to share with membership at our January 10th meeting.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone. We look forward to seeing you in 2024!

Jackie Newbeck
Vagabonds Secretary

FISHING CLUB REPORT

The dates for the January Derby's will be Wednesday, January 3rd from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Wednesday, January 17th from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Weigh-in is at Windsor Beach South with scales open for 30 minutes from 12:00 p.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lunch will be served at the Lodge following the fish cleaning process. Help is always welcomed at the fish cleaning station!!

The Board of Directors will meet at the Lodge on Monday, January 8th 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, January 13th at 1:00 p.m.

During the Christmas meeting, the membership elected the following Board of Director's for the New Year 2024:

President: Jerry Boyce

Vice-President: Charles Robertson

Secretary/Treasurer: Jennie Robertson

Fishing Co-Ordinators:

Larry Boles

Dave Fanning

Larry Heller

Don Obradovich

Positions appointed by the Executive Committee:

Webmaster: John Burns

Indoctrinations: Jim Hatter

Sunshine Lady: Ester Theyer

The Derby on November 15th was won by Don and Melinda Obradovich with 4 (four) fish weighing 8.24 lbs. Melinda also had Big Fish with a 3.58 lb. striper. Second Place went to Charles and Jennie Robertson with 5 (five) fish weighing 5.49 lbs.

The Derby on December 6th was won by Mike Michels and Duane Webley with 5 (five) fish weighing 13.17 lbs. Duane won Big Fish with a 3.16 lb. striper. Second Place went to Charles and Jennie Robertson with 5 (five) fish weighing 8.53 lbs.

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.



!!Late Entry"



Here is a photo of your PER Pizza Crew that baked and served your Pizza's back in November. Standing (Left to Right) PER Dennis Danielson, PER Larry Branguin, PER Bill Horton, PER's Lady Debbie Horton, PER and Exalted Ruler Paulette Nainteau, PER Steve Stockett, PER Chuck Fox, PER Gary Parsons. Sitting (Left to Right) PER's Lady Kathy Fairbank, PER Jackie Turcotte, and PER Pat Martino.

If you see them in the Lodge, thank them for the best \$10 pizza around.

“Elks #2399 Donate to Prescott VA”



On December 12, 2023 Members of Elks Lodge #2399 delivered \$13,447.57 in Christmas gifts to the Veterans located at the Prescott VA Center. Gifts included 88 Handmade Quilts and Lapghans made by Elk members and their spouses, Playstation Games and many other gifts to make Christmas special for them. 150 Veterans will also get Christmas Cards with a Phone Card in it so they can call home.

In the photo from left to right is Elk member Kim McCoy (Past MCL Commandant), LCpl Melissa Tollison (1995-1997 Military Police), Army Veteran SSG Lloyd Bethea (2002 –2015 Transportation) and Elk member Bud Watts (Past MCL Commandant, and current Elks Lodge #2399 Veterans Service Chairperson).

Those who submitted quilts were: Eva Fox, Lil Meehan, Andre Bice, Vickie Weeks, Lori Cummings, Virginia Michels, Debbie Horton, Pat Weeks, the Nelsons, Lil Graham, Janeen Cooper, Marlene Subject, Lilia Grand and the ladies of DAV Chapter #27.



ER Paulette Nanteau and Member Bud Watts attending the Ceremony commemorating the USS Arizona. A piece of the USS Arizona was recently acquired by Lake Havasu City through efforts of the Local Marine Corps League.



The Elks donated \$1000 to the Fraternal Order of Police Association in support of their Shop-With-A-Cop program. Pictured (left to right) are Carla Duarte (Treasurer), Chris Lutgen (President) and Exalted Ruler Paulette Nainteau.



PER Gary Parsons delivered 65 pounds of aluminum pull tabs to Phoenix in support of the Ronald McDonald House charities program.



PER Chuck Fox being installed as Leading Knight by AEA Vice President West District/ PDDGER Hank Thonnard on December 5, 2023.










PER Super Bowl Pizza/Raffle

February 11, 2024










Pizza Served from 2:00pm –5:00pm (Eat In or Take Out)

Great Prizes and Fun. Look for your Raffle Tickets in your mail box, or you may purchase them at the event.

1st place = \$1100 + Lodge Jacket
 2nd place = \$900
 3rd place = \$600

5 winners will receive \$50 merchandise gift certificates.

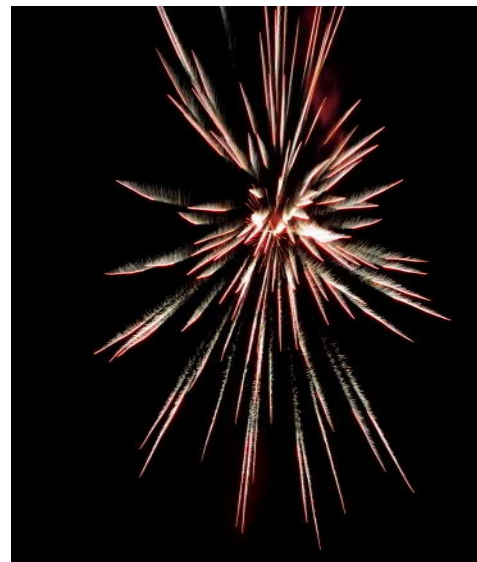
Come out and root for your favorite team and enjoy time with your fellow Elk members.










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Jean L Steele

To Our Absent Members

**Until the Hour of Eleven
Regularly Returns**