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BPO ELKS 2399

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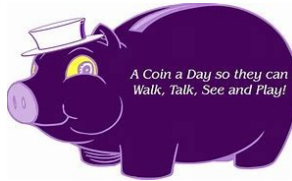
March 2024

## "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 Dec. 7th to Jan. 17 \$1,140.00 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,  
Gabriele Medley  
Lodge 4 Year Trustee

## Exalted Rulers Message



Greetings to all my Elk Brothers and sisters, as my term as your Exalted Ruler comes to an end. It has been a pleasure to greet and meet you, and I hope the hellos continue once I become just another member in the Lodge. Thank you for your support along the way and I hope I have served you well. I will always treasure the good times and the friends I've made along the way.

I'm very proud of all we've accomplished in the past year. It would not have been possible without my fellow Officers, Trustees, managers and of course our truly wonderful staff, whom I care so much about. You all Rock.

The Lodge expansion is back on track, and I hope we can all contribute to its completion. We sure do need the space this expansion will allow us, and when it's done, we will all enjoy the extra elbow room. Special gratitude to Gabriele Medley and her team who have worked diligently to get everything together despite a 6month delay, Kudos to all.

As we move forward with the new Officers, I would hope that your support continues, as it really is hard work and it's very important for the Lodge.

I will now look forward to seeing you all as I will continue to frequent this wonderful Lodge albeit not as your ER, just me.

Fraternally,  
Paulette Nanteau,  
Exalted Ruler

## St. Patricks Day Special

Sunday March 17, 2024  
Corned Beef and Cabbage served  
from 11 am until gone.

## VOLUNTEERS

Want to volunteer at the Lodge?

Please contact Elizabeth Ledingham:

E-mail: [escogan@yahoo.com](mailto: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.

**OFFICERS**

LAKE HAVASU CITY  
LODGE 2399 OF THE  
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OF THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA

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Elizabeth Ledingham

**KITCHEN MANAGER**

Kevin Rogers

**Club 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](http://www.elks.org) for any information regarding Elksdom.

[www.arizonaelksassociation.org](http://www.arizonaelksassociation.org) for any information about our state association.

[elks2399.com](http://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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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

**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 Mike Matejov

November 2023 Ron Silva

December 2023 Pam Depweg

January 2024 Gabriele Medley

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**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  
Information Technology  
Law & Order Night  
Library  
Lodge Activities  
Lodge Emails & Website  
Long Range Planning  
Monday Night Dancers  
Old Timers Night  
Pasta Night  
PER President

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TBD

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Elizabeth Ledingham  
Hank Thonnard  
Chuck Davis  
Paulette Nainteau  
Jackie Turcotte  
Steve Shirley  
Wanda Parsons  
Chuck Fox  
Jon Villalobos  
Eva Fox  
Elkettes  
Hank Thonnard  
Pam Depweg  
Gabriele Medley  
Ed Wdowiak  
Kay Wdowiak  
Pam Depweg  
Jerry Boyce  
Vanessa Brewster  
Scott Brown  
Debbie Herd  
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Pam Depweg  
Gary Parsons  
Bud Watts  
Wanda Parsons  
Gary Parsons  
Gary Parsons  
Gabriele Medley  
Lynne Hall  
Hank Thonnard  
Kevin Rogers  
Bill Horton

Public Relations  
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

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

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Lodge Office  
Don Underwood  
Tracy Konkel  
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TBD  
Pam Depweg  
Debbie Herd  
Donna Pineau  
Elizabeth Ledingham  
Sheryl Koesterer  
Debbie Herd

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

# March 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Daily / Weekly Events</b>  <b>Monday</b> 11:30 am Pinochle 4-6:30 pm Queen of Hearts 7 pm Monday Dancers <b>Tuesday</b> 12-4 pm Hand & Foot <b>Wednesday</b> 3 pm Desert Singles  <b>Thursday</b> 12-4 pm Hand & Foot 11 am—?? Bridge 6 pm Karaoke <b>Friday</b> 12-4 pm Poker Omaha Hi-Lo					<b>1</b> Lunch 11-2 p m <b>PER Meeting 2 pm</b> Dinner Menu 4-8 pm <b>Music:</b> <b>Steve Wayman</b>	<b>2</b> Dinner Menu 4-8 pm <b>Music: Steve Wayman</b>
<b>3</b> Breakfast 8-11 am <b>Yacht Club</b> <b>Lobsterfest</b> 4 pm	<b>4</b> Hot Dogs 11-2 pm <b>Pasta Night 4-7 pm</b> Queen of Hearts 4-6:30 pm <b>Monday Dancers</b> 7 pm	<b>5</b> Taco Tuesday 11-2 & 4-7 pm <b>Lodge Meeting</b> <b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>6</b> Lunch 11-2 pm <b>Pork Ribs</b> 4-7 pm Sheriffs Lunch 12 pm <b>Desert Singles</b> 3 pm	<b>7</b> Lunch 11-2 pm <b>Dinner Menu</b> 4-8 pm Bingo 6 pm (doors open 4pm) <b>Karaoke 6 pm</b>	<b>8</b> Lunch 11-2 p m <b>Dinner Menu</b> 4-8 pm <b>Music:</b> Terry Hopple	<b>9</b> Crazy Auction 10am <b>Fishing Club</b> <b>Fish Fry 11 am</b> <b>Fishing Club 1 pm</b> <b>Dinner Menu</b> 4-8 pm <b>Music:</b> Terry Hopple
<b>10</b> Breakfast 8-11 am <b>Elkette's</b> <b>Dueling Pianos</b> <b>Concert 4 pm</b>	<b>11</b> Hot Dogs 11-2 pm <b>Pasta Night 4-7 pm</b> Queen of Hearts 4-6:30 pm <b>Monday Dancers</b> 7 pm	<b>12</b> Taco Tuesday 11-2 & 4-7 pm <b>Elkette Meeting</b> <b>6 pm</b> <b>House Committee/</b> <b>Trustee Meeting 7 pm</b>	<b>13</b> Lunch 11-2 pm <b>Vagabonds 1 pm</b> Pork Ribs 4-7 pm  <b>Desert Singles</b> 3 pm	<b>14</b> Lunch 11-2 pm <b>Dinner Menu</b> 4-8pm Bingo 6 pm (doors open 4pm) <b>Karaoke 6 pm</b>	<b>15</b> Lunch 11-2 p m <b>Dinner Menu</b> 4-8 pm <b>Music:</b> Stanton Creek	<b>16</b> <b>Yacht Club 2 pm</b> Silent Auction 3-6 pm <b>Dinner Menu</b> 4-8 pm <b>Music:</b> Stanton Creek
<b>17</b> <b>ST. PATRICKS DAY</b> <b>No Breakfast</b> Corned Beef & Cabbage 11 am until gone.	<b>18</b> Hot Dogs 11-2 pm <b>Pasta Night 4-7 pm</b> Queen of Hearts 4-6:30 pm <b>Orientation 7 pm</b> Monday Dancers 7 pm	<b>19</b> Taco Tuesday 11-2 & 4-7 pm <b>Lodge Meeting/Initiation</b> <b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>20</b> Lunch 11-2 pm <b>Pork Ribs</b> 4-7 pm Desert Singles 3 pm	<b>21</b> Lunch 11-2 pm <b>Dinner Menu</b> 4-8 pm Bingo 6 pm (doors open 4pm) <b>Karaoke 6 pm</b>	<b>22</b> Lunch 11-2 pm <b>Dinner Menu</b> 4-8 pm <b>Music:</b> Fritz	<b>23</b> <b>Dinner Menu</b> 4-8 pm <b>Awards Banquet</b> <b>5 pm</b> <b>Music: Fritz</b>
<b>24</b> Breakfast 8-11 am	<b>25</b> Interviews 9 am <b>Hot Dogs 11-2 pm</b> <b>Pasta Night 4-7 pm</b> <b>Queen of Hearts</b> 4-6:30 pm Monday Dancers 7 pm	<b>26</b> Taco Tuesday 11-2 & 4-7 pm <b>Men's Golf</b> <b>Lunch 12 pm</b> MCL Meeting 7 pm	<b>27</b> Lunch 11-2 pm <b>LAPD Lunch</b> 12 pm Pork Ribs 4-7 pm <b>Desert Singles</b> 3 pm	<b>28</b> Lunch 11-2 pm <b>Dinner Menu</b> 4-8 pm Bingo 6 pm (doors open 4pm) <b>Karaoke 6 pm</b>	<b>29</b> Lunch 11-2 p m <b>Dinner Menu</b> 4-8 pm <b>Music:</b> Cocktail Katz	<b>30</b> <b>Officer Installation 4 pm</b> Dinner Menu 4-8 pm <b>Music:</b> Cocktail Katz
<b>31</b> <b>No Breakfast</b> Easter Brunch 10-2 pm <b>Happy Easter</b>	<div> <div>***NOTICE***</div> <div> <p>There will be no Hot dogs on Saturday, Sunday or Monday until Volunteers can be found to work in the Kitchen. Notify Elizabeth Ledingham (Office) or Vanessa Brewster (Club Manager) at the Lodge if you are interested in helping with this cause.</p> </div> </div>					



## ELKETTE PRESIDENT MESSAGE



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Elkettes that work so tirelessly on fundraisers and events that support the Lodge.

It has been my honor to be part of such an amazing group of people. This will be my final article as Elkette President. The year has flown by. We have made contributions to local charities and have supported the Lodge in purchasing an upgraded camera system for the Lodge. The Elkettes are making a substantial contribution to the Lodge Expansion as we have in the past.

Kids Turn to Shop and the Giving Tree were a big success. Some of the Charities we have made contributions to: Meals on Wheels, Hospice of Havasu, Mohave County K-9 Unit, Search & Rescue, Band of Brothers, The Clothes Closet, Faith & Grace, WAHS, Kids on the Colorado River, Haven House to name a few. Additionally we sponsored the High School sports team.

We look forward to Crazy Auction on March 9<sup>th</sup> and Silent Auction on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for all your support! Looking forward to another successful year 2024-25.

Gabriele Medley – Elkette President



The Elkette's donated \$1,000 to the Clothes Closet with proceeds from See's Candy Sales. In the photo from left to right are Christine Watson Buntmeyer, (Clothes Closet Founder), Teresa Bremenour (Elkette See's Candy Chairperson) and Gabrielle Medley (Elkette President).



The Elkettes donated \$1,000 to the Dementia Connection of Havasu. In the photo from left to right are Dementia Connections Volunteers Joanne Jensen, Libee Gilbert and Pam Berry. See's Candy Chairperson Teresa Bremenour and Elkette President Gabriele Medley



The Elkettes donated \$900 to H.A.V.E.N. Centers Food for Kids program with funds raised from their fashion show. The donation will provide pantry food for school aged children to take home after school for the weekend. They have approximately 2,500 children per month that utilize this great program. Pictured on the left is H.A.V.E.N. Center advocate Ashley Buckles along with Elk/Elkette Fashion Show Co-Chairperson Sheri Sanderson.



The Elkettes donated \$900 from funds raised during their annual Fashion Show to Meals on Wheels. The donation will allow delivery of 100+ meals to our local community. Pictured (L to R) are Eva D. Fox (Fashion Show Chairperson), Addie Angle (Elkette and Meals on Wheels Fundraiser Coordinator), Cindy Galbraith (Meals on Wheels Volunteer Coordinator) and Paulette Nanteau (Exalted Ruler and Past Elkette President).

## VAGABONDS CLUB NEWS



We recently realized that a large portion of our membership enjoys karaoke as evidenced by an evening event that the Grabowski's and Weston's hosted in Wickenburg in October. At our November meeting membership voted that we purchase a karaoke system and approved funding for this purchase.

Marty Weston volunteered to be the point person to do research for this purchase. In February Marty found the system that would best meet our needs and made the purchase. Marty also purchased a disc with 500 songs that came with a typed list of all the songs available.

We now have a karaoke system that will be available to be used by the hosts/co-hosts at any event. It will not be mandatory for hosts to use the machine as the hosts develop their own itinerary; but it will be available and we have several members who can train how to run the machine.

Thank you, Marty, for all your hard work!!!

Jackie Newbeck

Vagabonds Secretary

## FISHING CLUB NEWS

The dates for the March Derby's will be Wednesday, March 13th from 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and Wednesday, March 27th from 6:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Weigh-in is at Windsor Beach South with scales open for 30 minutes from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 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, March 4th 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, March 9th following the Club's Bi-Annual Fish Fry. The Fish Fry will start at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will begin after the fish are all gone.

The Derby on January 17th was won by Ron Zajac and John Dontz with 5 (five) fish weighing 12.35 lbs. John also won Big Fish with a 3.35 lb. striper. Second Place went to Dale Bremenour and Rick McPherson with 5 (five) fish weighing 9.69 lbs. In Third Place was Kevin Johnson and Peter Utkin with 2 (two) fish weighing 4.20 lbs.

The Derby on January 31st was won by Ron Zajac and John Dontz with 5 (five) fish weighing 20.51 lbs. Ron also won Big Fish with a 4.89 lb. striper. Second Place went to Jim Hatter and Gary Visconti with 5 (five) fish weighing 12.65 lbs. Third Place went to Dale Bremenour and Rick McPherson with 2 (two) fish weighing 3.84 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.



Lake Havasu City's Paisley Jacobs took 3rd place in the Elks West District Hoop Shoot I Wickenburg, AZ for her age group 8-9 year olds. On her left is Randy Sterling, West District Hoop Shoot Chairman and on her right Al Kayal, Arizona Elks State President. Way to go Paisley!!!



## CLUB MANAGER COMMENTS

Our Super Bowl Party was fun. The bartenders and cocktail servers went above and beyond like they do every day. It was great to have PER pizza available. Having the Big Screen was a fun alternative. A good time was had by all.

Our Valentine's Dinner was a great success. Our kitchen did an amazing job and as did our Servers, Cocktail servers, and Bussers.

Speaking of our amazing staff, I wanted to share some numbers with you all. From Wednesday January 31st through Sunday February 4th. The kitchen and front of house staff served 1,757 meals. That does not include the two private events on Saturday one for 25 people and the other for 150 people which brings the grand total to 1,932 meals. The breakdown is absolutely mind boggling.

Wednesday: Lunch 94 meals

Dinner 304 meals - 76 meals per hour, a meal plated every 80 seconds. Ribs Night.

Thursday: Lunch 83 meals

Dinner 294 meals - 74 meals per hour, a meal plated every 80 seconds. Broasted Chicken/Full menu.

Friday: Lunch 74 meals

Dinner 394 meals - 98 meals per hour, a meal plated every 60 seconds. Full menu with specials.

Saturday: Dinner 367 meals - 92 meals per hour, a meal plated every 65 seconds. Full menu with specials.

Sunday: Breakfast 157 meals

I do not know of any other businesses who can do what we do. With all of this in mind please be kind to all who work here. They are doing everything within their power to ensure you are taken care of. If you have a problem with a meal let me know immediately we strive for excellent service.

Vanessa Brewster  
Club Manager



The Elkettes Valentine's Dinner Dance was a big success. Great atmosphere, great food, great entertainment. A good time was had by all. Thank You Elkettes!!! A big shout out to our Kitchen Staff, Bartenders, and Cocktail Servers!!!

### \*\*\*PER Super Bowl Raffle Winners\*\*\*

1st Prize \$1,100 + Jacket - Lenny Moschcau

2nd Prize \$600 - Larry Christensen

3rd Prize - Sue Tucker

\$50 Gift Certificate - Leigh Wheeler

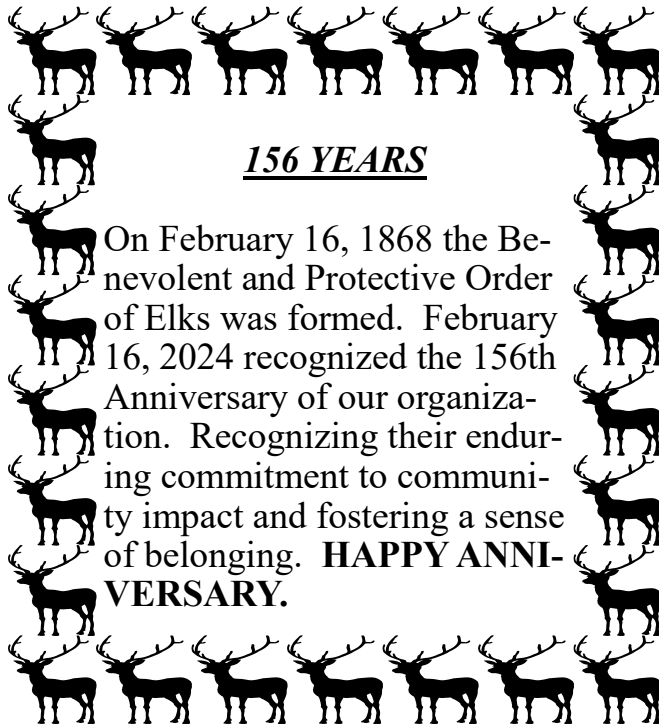
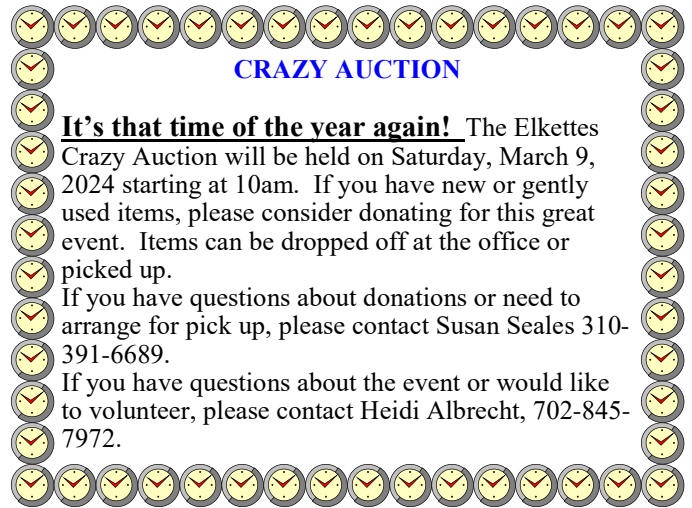
\$50 Gift Certificate - Dick Wettstein

\$50 Gift Certificate - Diana Reed

\$50 Gift Certificate - Dana Butters

\$50 Gift Certificate - Kevin Minnich

The PER's congratulate you. Thank you for participating and supporting the Lodge.



**Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 4-6 pm**

**Tickets go on sale Jan 16, 2024**

**In the lodge at 12pm**

**Call Eva Fox for more details at (916) 417-3176**

**All Tables reserved in the Dining Room**

**VIP Gold \$45 (Includes Fun Drink), General Reserved Seating \$25**

**Presale Pizza Pepperoni or Cheese**

**½ pizza \$10 2 slices \$5**

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