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BPO ELKS 2399

WAPITI WIND

May 2024

The Elkettes donated \$20,000 to the Elks Lodge Expansion fund. The Lodge is currently in the process of adding an additional 5,000 square feet of space to the current building. The funds donated were from various Concerts, Left Center Right games, Pie sales and other Elkette Fund-raisers. In the photo from the left is PER Paulette Nanteau and Lodge Trustee Gabriele Medley.



!!! 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.

Exalted Rulers Message

The month of April has come and gone. April saw the Awards Banquet honoring the past years Officers and their accomplishments. We also saw the Installation of the Fraternal year 2024—2025 Officers. I would like to thank all of the Lodge Officers that were recently Installed for stepping up and supporting our Lodge. Working together we can continue to make our Lodge the great Lodge that it is.

I would also like to thank all of those on our Long Range Planning Committee for all of the hard work put in getting everything set up to begin the Lodge expansion. It is going to happen and very soon. Attend the Lodge Meetings for updates on the expansion.

I cannot emphasize how important it is to always remember the cardinal principles of our Order. Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity. Always treat your fellow brother and sister elks with respect. Treat everyone as you would want to be treated. We are a large Lodge and many nights our staff of bar tenders, cocktail waitresses, chefs, cooks, servers, bussers and volunteers are pushed to the limits. Please be patient, as I know that they are doing their best to ensure you get served as quickly as possible.

April also found us starting the new Fraternal year (which runs from April 1st to March 31st), and with this came the requirement for all members to renew their annual dues. Grand Lodge statutes and our Lodge By-Laws require the members to pay their dues prior to April 1st, and they state that to enter the Lodge you must present a current and valid membership card. Notice is sent to all members in advance that dues are required to be renewed. It is your responsibility to ensure your dues are up to date. Annually, there are those that are upset because they are not allowed to enter the Lodge as they do not have their new cards. Please remember it is not the Door Greeters fault that the member has not done their due diligence.

As I walk through the Lodge I am amazed at the number of members and guests that are enjoying your Lodge. As always, our Committee's and staff will strive to ensure that you continue to enjoy the Lodge. Remember we are a Lodge with a bar and a restaurant and not the other way around. For information on what is happening within the Lodge, plan on attending the scheduled Lodge meetings. This is where the business of the Lodge is conducted.

Fraternally,
Chuck Fox, Exalted Ruler

VOLUNTEERS

Want to volunteer at the Lodge?

Please contact Elizabeth Ledingham:

E-mail: escogan@yahoo.com

Phone: 928-453-3557

(If no answer, please leave a message)



OFFICERS

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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 or e-mailed.

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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.

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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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

"ANNUAL EVENTS"

- May 8-11 AEA Convention
- May 12 Mother's Day Brakfast
- June 9 Flag Day Service
- June 15 Elkette Concert/Show
- June 16 Father's Day Breakfast
- July 4 Hamburgers/Hot Dogs/Potluck
- August 4-18 Lodge Closed (Cleaning)
- August 18 First Ladies Event
- September 2 Labor Day Bar Open
- September 8 Family Pic Nic
- October 14-15 District Deputy Visit
- October 26 Halloween Party
- October 27 Drug Awareness Lunch
- October 31 Halloween Main Street
- November 10 Elkettes Concert/Show
- November 28 Thanksgiving
- December 7 Elkettes Christmas Dinner
- December 20-21 Christmas Baskets
- December 24 ER Wassail
- December 25 Christmas Day
- December 31 New Years Eve Dinner
- January 1 Bar Open 10AM
- January 26 Special Olympics Lunch
- February 8 Fashion Show
- February 9 PER Super Bowl/Pizza
- February 22 Old Timers Dinner
- February 23 Volunteer Dinner
- March 1 Crazy Auction
- March 9 Elkettes Concert/Show
- March 22 Lodge Awards
- March 29 Officer Installation

Auditing & Acct. Audit/Acct. Inventory	Chairman Jamie Rogers TBD	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	Eva Fox Joyce Bradley Lodge Office Marty Weston Tom Duff Charlie Ferguson Pam Depweg Debbie Herd Donna Pineau Elizabeth Ledingham Julie Talbert Debbie Herd
Activities Committee Activities-Volunteers Awards Banquet Bingo Blood Drive	Chairman Elizabeth Ledingham Hank Thonnard Chuck Davis Paulette Nainteau Jackie Turcotte Steve Shirley Wanda Parsons Pam Depweg Jon Villalobos	Fraternal Committee All American Lodge Americanism Constitution & By-Laws Elks National Foundation	Chairman Pam Depweg Gary Parsons Jerry Gillen Eva Fox Joyce Bradley Gary Parsons Gary Parsons Sue Thomas Paulette Nainteau Pam Depweg Pat Costello Gary Parsons Eva Fox Pat Costello Sheri Sanderson Nikki Harvey Jay Bidwell Vanessa Brewster Jackie Turcotte Hank Thonnard Bud Watts Chuck Fox
Bowling Bulk Mailing Charity Ball Christmas Baskets Community Activities Decorating Committee Door Greeters Drug Awareness Elkettes Entertainment Committee	Eva Fox Sheri Sanderson Pam Depweg Vanessa Brewster Eva Fox Sheri Sanderson Pam Depweg Jerry Boyce Vanessa Brewster Scott Brown Debbie Herd Dan Dieter Pam Depweg Tom Harvey Bud Watts Wanda Parsons Gary Parsons Gary Parsons Gabrielle Medley Patrick Lee Hank Thonnard Glen Petty Chuck Fox	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	

May 2024

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 11 am—?? Bridge 6 pm Karaoke
Tuesday	12-4 pm Hand & Foot	Friday	12-4 pm Poker
Wednesday	3 pm Desert Singles		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<u>1</u> Lunch Menu 11-2pm Sheriffs Lunch 12pm Desert Singles 3pm Dinner: Ribs 4-7pm	<u>2</u> Lunch Menu 11-2pm Bingo 4pm Dinner Menu 4-7pm Karaoke 6pm	<u>3</u> Lunch Menu 11-2pm Office Closes 12pm PER Meeting 2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Slade Rivers 7pm	<u>4</u> Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Slade Rivers 7pm
<u>5</u> Breakfast 8-11am	<u>6</u> Pasta Night 4-7pm Queen of Hearts 4-6:30pm Monday Night Dancers 7pm	<u>7</u> Taco Tuesday 11-2 & 4-7pm Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	<u>8</u> Lunch Menu 11-2pm Desert Singles 3pm Dinner: Ribs 4-7pm	<u>9</u> AEA Convention Lunch Menu 11-2pm Bingo 4pm Dinner Menu 4-7pm Karaoke 6pm	<u>10</u> AEA Convention Lunch Menu 11-2pm Office Closes 12pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Sam & the Band 7pm	<u>11</u> AEA Convention Fishing Club 1pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Sam & the Band 7pm
<u>12</u> Mother's Day Brunch 10am	<u>13</u> Pasta Night 4-7pm Queen of Hearts 4-6:30pm Monday Night Dancers 7pm	<u>14</u> Taco Tuesday 11-2 & 4-7pm Elkette Meeting 6pm House Committee/Trustee Meeting 7pm	<u>15</u> Lunch Menu 11-2pm Desert Singles 3pm Dinner: Ribs 4-7pm	<u>16</u> Lunch Menu 11-2pm Bingo 4pm Dinner Menu 4-7pm Karaoke 6pm	<u>17</u> Lunch Menu 11-2pm Office Closes 12pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Fritz 7pm	<u>18</u> Yacht Club 2pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Fritz 7pm
<u>19</u> Breakfast 8-11am Yacht Club Champagne Brunch 10am	<u>20</u> DAV 1pm Pasta Night 4-7pm Queen of Hearts 4-6:30pm Orientation 7pm Monday Night Dancers 7pm	<u>21</u> Taco Tuesday 11-2 & 4-7pm Lodge Meeting/Initiation 7:30pm	<u>22</u> Lunch Menu 11-2pm Desert Singles 3pm Dinner: Ribs 4-7pm	<u>23</u> Lunch Menu 11-2pm Bingo 4pm Dinner Menu 4-7pm Karaoke 6pm	<u>24</u> Lunch Menu 11-2pm Office Closes 12pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Tim Cullen 7pm	<u>25</u> Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Tim Cullen 7pm
<u>26</u> Breakfast 8-11am	<u>27</u> Office Closed Bar Open 10am No Pasta Night No Queen of Hearts Monday Night Dancers 5pm	<u>28</u> Taco Tuesday 11-2 & 4-7pm MCL 7pm	<u>29</u> Lunch Menu 11-2pm LAPD Lunch 12pm Desert Singles 3pm Dinner: Ribs 4-7pm	<u>30</u> Lunch Menu 11-2pm Bingo 4pm Dinner Menu 4-7pm Karaoke 6pm	<u>31</u> Lunch Menu 11-2pm Office Closes 12pm Dinner Menu 4-8pm Music: Jules Damon 7pm	

ELKETTE PRESIDENT MESSAGE

When I say “We do great things” I mean it from the bottom of my heart. For the 2023/24 year the Elkettes donated \$67,812.25 to the Lodge and local organizations. \$10,500 of the total was raised from pie sales, they donate \$500 each and every month to a local charity. We are able to generate so much because of the generous hearts of all the Elkettes who give their time and energy. I would also like to thank all the Elks who support us by attending events and purchasing pies.

We had our first Left Center Right game of the year last month. We have a total of 10 scheduled for the year. Everyone who attends has a great time, you are able to sit at the same table with your friends for the whole game. If you haven’t come, please do. I want to thank Connie Jones for chairing this event and all the Elkettes who make this event happen. All proceeds from Left Center Right will be donated to the Lodge Expansion.

On June 15th Johnny Ace Palmer, Comedian Magician will be performing. We have a VIP ticket for \$30 and General Admission for \$22. There is limited seating, get your tickets early!

We have traditionally held our Fashion Show in November, this year we will be holding it on February 8th 2025. More information to follow as we get closer to the date.

Vanessa Brewster
Elkettes President 2024/25



The Elkettes donated \$2,100 to the LHC Military Museum from funds raised from their jewelry case sales. Pictured from left to right are Gabriele Medley (Elkette President), Addie Angle (Jewelry Chair), Trudy Hernandez (Military Museum President) and Military Adviser Greg “Grumpy” Logan.



The Elkettes Donated \$900 to the DAV with funds raised during their Crazy Auction. Pictured from left to right are DAV Chapter 27 Senior Vice Commander Frank Blain, and Elkettes Crazy Auction Co-Chairs Heidi Albrecht and Susan Seales.



Elks Lodge #2399 helped sponsor “Teen Break” with a \$4,000 donation in addition to 100 \$10.00 gift cards. Pictured left to right are Pam Depweg (Loyal Knight), ER Paulette Nanteau and PER and Youth Activities Chair



Elks Lodge #2399 donated \$500 to the Lake Havasu Special Olympics to help support their Volleyball Team travel to the Special Olympics tournament. Pictured from left to right are Debbie Herd (Lodge Special Olympics Chair), Chris Anderson (Special Olympics Volunteer) and Sergeant Cox with the County Sheriff’s Office.



The Elkettes donated \$1,000 to the DAV. Funds came from the tip jar during the January Concert by the Dueling Pianos. The Dueling Pianos generously donated their tips to a selected charity announced prior to the start of the Concert. In the photo from left to right are DAV Chapter 27 Senior Vice Commander Frank Blain and Elkette Chair person Sheri Sanderson.



The Elkettes donated \$400 to the Mohave County Sheriff K-9 Foundation, with funds raised from the sale of jewelry from the jewelry case at the Lodge. Pictured on the left is Foundation member Sandee Sherer and on the right Jo Black Elkette and Jewelry Chair .

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



VAGABONDS CLUB NEWS



Hello Vagabonds friends:

We hold elections in March every year. This year there were 3 non-contested nominations for Secretary -Jackie Newbeck, Treasurer-Janet Sims and Assistant Wagon Master-Barry Stilwell. There were 3 nominations for Wagon Master – Don Underwood, Ken

Ratliff and Marty Weston. Don withdrew his name prior to the election. Marty Weston was voted in as our new Wagon Master taking on his new role on April 1.

We had a dark month in March due to the location, The Oasis Resort in Las Vegas, not having a lot of interest even though it rated in the top 5 on our questionnaire.

Our next outing will be Camp Verde Ranch Resort from April 18-21 and that will be hosted by Marty and Diane Weston. This will be our 2nd consecutive year at Camp Verde Ranch Resort and it too rated in the top 5 of our questionnaires and we currently have 19 rigs signed up to participate.

Our final outing before we go dark for the summer will be Ruby’s Inn RV Resort in Bryce Utah. Jackie/Dennis Newbeck and Barbara/Les Campbell will be hosting this event which has 32 rigs signed up so this should be a great grand finale before we go dark for the summer.

We would really like to get feedback from membership regarding “any” of our outings so that we can better meet your travel goals. Always feel free to let us know how we’re doing.

Jackie Newbeck
Vagabonds Secretary

FISHING CLUB NEWS

The dates for the May Derby’s will be Wednesday, May 1st from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, May 15th from 5:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday May 29th from 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Weigh-in is at Windsor Beach South with scales open for 30 minutes after close of Derby’s. 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, May 6th at 11:00 a.m. All members are welcome to attend. After the board’s agenda is completed, questions or comments are accepted from all in attendance.

The Club’s General Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 11th at 1p.m.

The Derby on March 20th was won by Gary Visconti and Jim Hatter with 5 (five) fish weighing 15.89 lbs. Jim also had Big Fish with a 4.97 lb. striper. Second Place went to Dave Fanning and Kevin Johnson with 5 (five) fish weighing 9.21 lbs.

The Derby on April 3rd was won by Jim Hatter and Gary Visconti with 5 (five) fish weighing 16.92 lbs. Gary also caught Big Fish with a 4.81 lb. striper.

On June 8th, our last meeting before the summer break, the Fishing Club will host pizza and beer to all Fishing Club members.

Just a reminder that this will be the last article in the Wapiti until the September issue.

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.

Yacht Club News

Announcing our new 2024/2025 Board Members

Commodore: Julie Talbert
Vice Commodore: Glenn Talbert
Treasurer/Membership: Sandy Bigham
Secretary: Evie Pross

Elks Yacht Club 2399 welcomes it’s new Board Members and appreciates their time and effort.

In March of 2024, Elks Yacht Club donated \$500.00 to the Havasu Community Health foundation. Our member Evie Pross spent many hours collecting, wrapping and raffling off gifts for this much needed foundation. Donations received from EYC contributions wer given to their Alzheimer’s Awareness Program. We are so proud of Evie for her time and efforts with this contribution.

Julie Talbert - EYC Commodore

“Comedy Magic Show”

The Elkettes are presenting a Comedy Magic Show featuring Johnny Ace Palmer. Saturday June 15th in the Lodge Room from 2 - 3:30PM. Tickets go on sale May 1st at noon in the Lodge. VIP reserved \$30.00 and General Reserved \$22.00. Call Eva Fox at 916-417-3176 for more information. Seats will be limited.

“Highway Clean-Up”

A big Thank You to the 13 Elk Members that participated in the Highway Clean-Up that took place on April 3, 2024.

Dan Dieter (Highway Commissioner)



!!! DRINK CHIPS !!!

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.

“NOTICE” EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

The Lodge will no longer be accepting Flags for disposal. The Flag Drop Box has been removed. Do Not bring flags to the Lodge or the Office for disposal. We currently do not have a means of disposing of, or storing the abundant quantity of flags received.

Gary Snyder and the entire Snyder Family would like to offer our sincere Thanks to the Elks Lodge, Staff and Volunteers for their efforts in making Sandra Snyder’s celebration of life such a wonderful and memorable celebration. We are thankful for the many wonderful friends, who she loved so much , who were able to attend. It was light-hearted and friendly in a way in a way we think she would have liked.



The Elks Lodge #2399 Monday Night Dancers donated \$200 to the Clothes Closet. In the picture are the Monday Night Dancers and Clothes Closets Cindy Keasey receiving the check.



Arizonal Elks Association

The First Lady, Eva Fox is gathering diapers and funds for Gift Cards to support the AEA Major Projects program and Steele Childrens Hospital for the May Convention. Join her in filling up the back of her truck with Diapers. You can find a collection bin in the Lodge Foyer for the Diapers and donations for Gift Cards can be made at the Office or by contacting Eva Fox or the Club Manager, Vanessa Brewster.

Items need to be collected no later than May 6, 2024.



“Fraternal Year 2024 - 2025 Installed Officers”

Pictured (Left to Right) Joyce Bradley (Loyal Knight), Tom Bradley (Chaplain), Pam Depweg (Leading Knight), Janeen Lembke (Secretary), Nikki Harvey (Lecturing Knight), Chuck Fox (Exalted Ruler), Pauline Thonnard (Inner Guard), Tony Fowler (Treasurer), Amy Fowler (Tiler), and Steve Stockett (Esquire).

“ANNUAL LODGE AWARDS RECIPIENTS”



Gabriele Medley
“Officer of the Year”



Vanessa Brewster
“Elk of the Year”



Tom Duff
“Tall Elk”



“Fraternal Year 2023-2024 Outgoing Officers”

Pictured (Left to Right) Chuck Fox (Leading Knight), Pam Depweg (Loyal Knight), Steve Stockett (Chaplain), Nikki Harvey (Inner Guard), Paulette Nanteau (Exalted Ruler), Tom Harvey (Trustee), Tracy Konkel (Trustee), Gabriele Medley (Trustee) and Jon Villalobos (Trustee)



Elkettes 2024 - 2025 Incoming Officers and their Escorts

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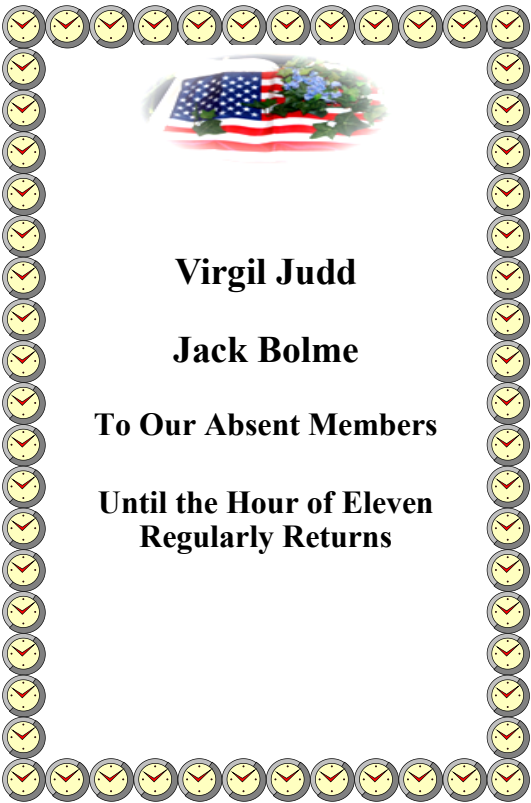
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To Our Absent Members

**Until the Hour of Eleven
 Regularly Returns**