

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

WAPITI WIND

November 2024

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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)

MEMORIAL SERVICE December 1, 2024

Join us in this beautiful service in honor of our fellow Elks that are no longer with us. Service starts at 11:00AM.



Exalted Rulers Message

October has come and gone, and we are getting ready to start the Holiday Season. This is always a busy time at the Lodge. Welcome back to our Members that are returning from their summer retreats.

As you all have noticed, the Lodge Expansion project is well underway. The Expansion Committee Team has done an excellent job in keeping this project on track. With the ongoing construction, we have had to cancel or change some of the events that take place. Required Lodge events are of great importance to the Lodge and take priority over some events. During these trying times, please be patient. Our employees and our Officers are working diligently to make sure that our members can still enjoy their Lodge. With the number of members/visitor's utilizing the Lodge and the Social Quarters, it will continue to get busier. Please be respectful to our staff and others in the Lodge. At times it may take a little longer to get seated for meals, or receive your beverages. Please bear with us. Our Lodge is a "GREAT" Lodge and I am confident that it will continue to be the "GREAT" Lodge that it is.

During the month of October we were visited by the Arizona Elks Association State President Susan Krausman and her husband Jimm. We also were visited by the Arizona Elks West District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler Brad Lucas and his wife Yvonne. Both of these visits were very successful. October also saw several of the Lodge Officers heading to Tempe, Arizona for the annual mid-year convention. This was well attended by our Lodge and gave those in attendance the chance to learn more about the Elks programs within both Grand Lodge and the state of Arizona.

Many events were held this past month that were hosted by both the Lodge and the Elkettes. Refer to your Lodge Calendar for upcoming events. Come out and support your Lodge and our Community. Get involved with your lodge by volunteering or be-

come an Officer of the Lodge. All of your Officers and Trustees are volunteers. Support them and their efforts.

In closing, I would like to say "Happy Holidays" to all of you and thank you for supporting your Lodge.

Chuck Fox Exalted Ruler Lake Havas City Lodge #2399







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Lodge business is conducted during the official Meetings - not at the end of the bar. Get the facts at a Lodge Meeting or 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 infor-

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

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Wapiti Wind Editor

"ANNUAL EVENTS"

June 15 Elkette Concert/Show June 16 Father's Day Breakfast July 4 Hamburgers/Hot Dogs/Potluck August 4-18 Lodge Closed (Cleaning) September 2 Labor Day Bar Open September 8 Family Pic Nic September 15 1st Ladies Event October 14-15 District Deputy Visit October 26 Halloween Party October 27 Drug Awareness Lunch October 31 Halloween Main Street November 17 PER Pizza November 28 Thanksgiving December 1 Elks Memorial Service 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 1 Charity Ball 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

Chuck Fox, PER

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Activities-Volunteers Awards Banquet Bingo Blood Drive

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Chuck Fox

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					New Years Eve Tickets go on sale 9am 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm PER Meeting 4-7pm Dinner 7-10pm Music: Steve Wayman	2 11am-2pm Hot Dogs 11am Service for PER Jack Zehr 4-8pm Dinner 7pm-10pm Music: Steve Wayman
FOOTBALL 8-11am Breakfast 11am-2pm Hot Dogs 11:30am Bingo	4 11am-2pm Hot Dogs 4-7pm Pasta Night 4-6:30pm Queen of Hearts 7pm Monday Dancers	5 11am-2pm Taco Tuesday 4-7pm Taco Tues- day 7:30pm Lodge Meeting - Voting Election to Life Membership	6 11am-2pm Lunch 12pm Sheriffs Lunch 4pm Desert Singles 4-7pm Dinner Ribs 6:30pm-9:30pm Music: Off Center	7 11am-2pm Lunch 4-7pm Dinner 6pm Karaoke	8 11am-2pm Lunch 4-7pm Dinner 7-10pm Music: Bar Road Time	9 11am LOS for PER Hank Thonnard 11am-2pm Hot Dogs 1pm Fishing Club 4-8pm Dinner 7pm-10pm Music: Bar Road Time
10 FOOTBALL 8-11am Breakfast 11am-2pm Hot Dogs 11:30am Bingo	11 Bar open from 10am - 6pm. Time TBD - Veter- ans Day Parade 11am-2pm Free Hamburgers and Hot Dogs for Veter- ans NO PASTA NIGHT OR QUEEN OF HEARTS	12 11am-2pm Taco Tuesday 4-7pm Taco Tuesday 6pm Elkettes Meeting 7pm House Committee/Trustee Meeting	13 11am-2pm Lunch 4pm Desert Singles 4-7pm Dinner Ribs	14 11am-2pm Lunch 4-7pm Dinner 6pm Karaoke 7:30am Highway Clean-Up. Meet at Lutheran Church on Maricopa Ave.	15 11am-2pm Lunch 4-7pm Dinner 7-10pm Music: Legends	16 9am-2pm Elkettes Craft Fair 11am-2pm Hot Dogs 4-8pm Dinner 7pm-10pm Music: Legends
17 FOOTBALL 8-11am Breakfast 11am-2pm Hot Dogs 11:30am Bingo	18 11am-2pm Hot Dogs 4-7pm Pasta Night 7pm Orientation No Monday Dancers	19 11am-2pm Taco Tuesday 4-7pm Taco Tues- day 7:30pm Lodge Meeting/ Initiation	20 11am-2pm Lunch 4pm Desert Singles 4-7pm Dinner Ribs 6:30pm-9:30pm Music: Terry Hopple	21 11am-2pm Lunch 4-7pm Dinner 6pm Karaoke	22 11am-2pm Lunch 4-7pm Dinner 7-10pm Music: Fritz	23 11am LOS for PSP Dick Conway 11am-2pm HotDogs 4-8pm Dinner7pm- 10pm Music: Fritz
24 FOOTBALL 8-11am Breakfast 11am-2pm Hot Dogs 11:30am Bingo 2-5pm PER Pizza	25 9am Interviews 11am-2pm Hot Dogs 4-7pm Pasta Night 4-6:30pm Queen of Hearts 7pm Monday Dancers	26 11am-2pm Taco Tuesday 4-7pm Taco Tues- day 7pm MCL Mtg	27 12pm Office Closes 11am-2pm Lunch 4pm Desert Singles 4-7pm Dinner Ribs	28 Happy Thanks- giving!! Office Closed Potluck 11-2pm Bar Open 10-4pm	29 Office Closed 11am-2pm Lunch 4-7pm Dinner 7pm-10pm Music: Chuck E. Bumps	30 9am-1pm Kids Turn to Shop 11am-2pm Hot Dogs 4-8pm Dinner 7pm-10pm Music: Chuck E. Bumps



Daily / Weekly Events

Monday11:30 amPinochleThursday12-4 pm Hand & Foot4-6:30 pmQueen of Hearts11 am—?? Bridge7 pmMonday Dancers6 pmKaraokeTuesday12-4 pm Hand & FootFriday12-4 pm PokerWednesday3 pmDesert Singles

(Note): Card Players check with Club Manager for Availability.

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HELP WITH THE LODGE EXPANSION!

The Expansion Project requires that the Lodge put 26 new lighted Fans in the existing Dining Room and the Expansion area. The Lodge is looking for 26 members who can donate \$150 each to cover the cost of the Fans. Donors will have their name on a plaque in the Dining Room. The plaque will be titled: "FAN-TASTIC MEMBERS!.

Join in and be "FAN-TASTIC.







NEW YEARS PARTY

Tickets go on sale November 1st at 9:00am in the Lodge Office. Seats are LIMITED, so get them early.

Cost: \$75.00 per person

Menu: Prime Rib & Lobster

Includes: Party Favors, Midnight Champagne Toast, Entertainment by Kenton Weaver (Las Vegas Theme—Rat Pack Style Singing Impressions and DJ).

Cocktails @ 6:00pm Dinner @ 7:00pm

Veteran's Day November 11, 2024 11:00am—2:00pm

Free Hamburgers and Hot Dogs for all Veterans at the Lodge following the Veteran's Day Parade.

\$5.00 for Non-Veteran's and guests.

Come out, honor and enjoy the company of those that have or are serving our great Country.



From the Fishing Club

Saturday October 5 & 6, 2024 the Fishing Club assisted in the "Kids Day To Fish" event. They provided \$600 to purchase Bluegill fish for the small children to catch and manned the fish tanks. Pictured are Sabrina Robertson and her Grandpa Charles Robertson.







"CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR LODGE EXPANSION"

Remember, all donations to the Expansion Project to make our Lodge a comfortable place to enjoy is Greatly Appreciated. This project benefits everyone! If you have not already donated, please do so today.

Donations can be dropped off at the Lodge Offfice

Thank You!

"PARDON OUR DUST"

The Lodge Expansion Project is making progress. This project is much needed, and when finished will benefit not only the Lodge, but you as members. The Lodge Expansion Committee is working tirelessly to bring the project to fruition.

Until the project is completed, please be patient and understanding. To fulfill our duty as Elks to Grand Lodge and our Lodge, the employees have had to be very flexible in trying to accommodate our schedule changes and still provide the best service they can to our Members.

Kudo's to our Club Manager and all of our Bartenders, Cocktail Waitresses and Wait Staff for all they do.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

We are excited to announce that it's time again for our annual Christmas Basket food drive!

Please help us bring joy to those in need by dropping off canned and nonperishable food items in the barrels located at both entrances of the lodge.

Donations are being accepted from October 19 to December 14, 2024.

Items Needed:

Canned Fruits & Vegetables Cranberry Sauce Gravy (Jars or Packets) Boxed Mashed Potatoes Boxed Stuffing/Dressing Pancake Mix Maple Syrup (24 oz.) Cereal Peanut Butter Jelly

Thank for your generosity!

If you have any questions or would like to sign up to volunteer, please contact Jon Villalobos (602-820-3896) or Heidi Albrecht (702-845-7972).



Elkette's President Message

This month the Elkettes have some of my favorite annual events. November 16th from 9 AM - 2 PM is the Craft Fair. For the first time ever we will have 40 crafters participating in this event. Chair Connie Jones has done an amazing job figuring out how to make this event work during our expansion.

As many of you know, See's Candy sales begin at the Craft Fair. Teresa Bremenour has chaired the See's Candy fundraiser for 11 years. Last year we sold out of See's in 18 days.

November 30th is Kids Turn to Shop. The doors open at 9 AM. If you are able to Volunteer please contact Karen Ford at (714) 396-5365. We will need help with set-up, cookie donations for the parents, working the event and clean-up. It is my favorite event we support. You will not regret volunteering for this event.

Be on the lookout for the "Angel Tree". We should start receiving names of children towards the end of November.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the "Pie Angels" and their fearless leaders "Pie Godmother" Lisa Nutt and Cheryl Beach. Everyone who volunteers day in and day out, month after month whether it is cutting pies, selling pies, setting up so people can sell pies, THANK YOU! Because of you all, we do great things! Every month \$500 is donated to a local charity and they donate additional monies to the lodge continually.

If you are new to the lodge and would like to join the Elkettes we would love to have you. You can find me in the lodge quite often, you can ask any of the pie sellers and the lodge office will help you. You can attend a meeting the second Tuesday of the month at 6:00PM.

I wish each and everyone of you a Happy Thanksgiving \square

Vanessa Brewster Elkettes President 2024/25



ELKETTES CRAFT FAIR

Date: November 16, 2024. For information or if you have questions, contact Chair Connie Jones at 928-733 -0357 or cj86406@hotmail.com.

"Highway Cleanup"

Highway Clean up is scheduled for November 14th. Volunteers need to meet at the Lutheran Church, 3163 Maricopa Ave. (2 blocks from Dairy Queen) at 7:30am. Sign up sheets are at the Lodge.

Thanks to all of the volunteers that participated in the Highway Clean up that was held on October 10,





2024.

If you have questions call Dan Dieter @ (815) 677-0012.

NOVEMBER MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT

Following is the scheduled music for the month of November. Come out and enjoy, cocktails, dinner, music and dancing.

November 1st and 2nd - Steve Wayman

November 6th - Off Center

November 8th and 9th - BarRoad Time

November 15th and 16th - Legends

November 20th - Terry Hopple

November 22nd and 23rd - Fritz

November 29th and 30th - Chuck E. Bumps



VAGABONDS CLUB NEWS



Hello Vagabonds friends:

Fall is here although you wouldn't know it from our weather; but our outings have begun for the fall so we can trust that we are just dealing with record breaking 3-digit weather.

In September we did our annual outing to Williams hosted by Cami Luke/Carl Piestrup and co-hosted by Carlene/Mike Dubel. We had some

weather issues but all in all it was a fabulous time for all who participated. Thank you to everyone who hosted ... the Dubel's tested the water to host for the first time and by all who attended attested that they did a fabulous job and, as always, Cami and Carl are the ultimate professionals! Barry Stilwell led the group of off-roaders but since there were issues with the weather some who came to off-road decided to stay inside instead. Thank you all who dedicate their time to make our outings fun for everyone!!!

Unfortunately, our October outing in Las Vegas was cancelled due to lack of participation.

Our Wickenburg event was moved from October to November because there were too many conflicting events. In the future we will do this event in early November. Joyce/Mike Grabowski and Don/Kelly Wilhite will be hosting this Nov 6-10 event and Barry will take lead on the runs.

We have some great outings on our calendar. Everyone should have received their event calendar by now, if not contact me and I will e-mail you a copy.

December 8 is our Christmas party and tickets are on sale in the Elks office. You will select your dinner choice: Flat iron steak or Chicken Piccata including salad, entrée accoutrements and dessert. Both choices are \$25 each. For the party we are asking for donations of gift baskets that we will sell tickets for. Any gift baskets will be welcomed. Please place a note on the outside listing the contents of the basket The lighting is bad and it's hard to see what's inside. You may get reimbursed up to \$35 for your donation.

January 21-25 we will venture out to Ehrenburg right on the Colorado river. We chose these dates as the Quartzsite RV show is running during this time and it is only about 15 miles from the resort in Ehrenburg. Barry will be organizing the off-roading and will be venturing out to Quartzsite ... this should be a very fun event. Jackie/Dennis Newbeck and Windy/Warren Geiske will be your hosts. Please make sure you look at the "Block Release" date at all these outings. Reservations must be made before these release dates, or the remainder of the block will be released, and you may lose your opportunity to be with our group.

Jackie Newbeck Vagabonds Secretary







Fishing Club News



The dates for the November Derby's will be Wednesday 11/6 and 11/20 from 7am to 12pm. Weigh-in is at Windsor Beach South with scales open for 30 minutes after the derby closes. Lunch will be served at the Lodge following the fish cleaning process. Help is always welcomed at the fish cleaning.

The Board of Directors will meet at the Lodge on Monday 11/11/2024 at 11am. All members are welcome to attend. After the Board's agenda is completed, questions or comments are accepted from all attendees. The Club's General Meeting will be held on Saturday 11/9/2024 at 1pm.

The Derby on 9/9/2024 was won by Danny and Randi Brockman with 5 fish weighing 6.48 lbs. Randi also had Big Fish at 1.48 lbs. Second Place went to Kevin and Jackie Swanson with 2 fish weighing 1.76 lbs.

The "Kids Day To Fish" was an amazing event. Hundreds of children participated and 200 fishing poles and reels were given out. The portable fish tanks were filled with Blue Gill for all the younger children to catch. Older children fished off the various piers around the lake, while other chose to fish from the shoreline.

The Elks Fishing Club purchased \$600 worth of Blue Gill to be placed in the fishing tanks and manned them Friday and Saturday. A special Thank You to all the members that participated in some way to make the event a success on such a hot weekend.

The Fishing Club's Semi-Annual Fish Fry was held on Saturday prior to the Club meeting. As usual, it was very well attended. The Elkettes made their pies available for purchase for dessert.

On a sad note, our Club lost a member to cancer last month. Bob Bowman, a new club member, but a long time Elk will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

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 the the office. In addition, all Elks interested 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.









"CONDUCT UNBECOMING AN ELK"

When becoming a member of this great Brotherhood, you are required to undergo the Ritual of Initiation. During this process a member is reminded that to become a faithful member among us, "You must at all times have in mind the solemn and binding Obligation that you have so recently Assumed". This requires you to adhere to the cardinal principles of our Order; Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

With this in mind, be kind to all. Name calling, berating another member or our staff and employees should not be done. This is a violation of our Statutes and considered "Conduct Unbecoming an Elk", and may cause you to lose your privileges in the Lodge or your membership. Remember you are also responsible for the actions of your guests.



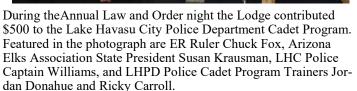
At the Annual Law & Order Dinner, the Lodge donated \$500 to the Community Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) in support of their "Knock Box" program. Pictured (I to r) are LHC Fire Chief Peter Pilafas, Arizona Elks Association State President Susan Krausman, C.E.R.T. Team Leader Bob McMillion and ER Chuck Fox.



During their Annual Law and Order dinner in September, The Lodge made a \$500 donation to Search and Rescue. Pictured from left to right are ER Chuck Fox, Arizona Elks Association-State President Susan Krausman, Search and Rescue Lieutenant Dana Magana, and Mohave County Sheriff Doug Schuster. The Search and Rescue team operates entirely on donations.













October 13, 2024 the Bingo Team held a special Bingo Day to help raise funds for the "Elks National Foundation" (ENF). The Grand Exalted Ruler has set a per member goal of \$5.00 per member for all Lodges. Meeting this goal allows Lodges to obtain different Grants from Grand Lodge to support Charitable, Youth and Veteran Organizations within our Community.

This event was enjoyed by many Members and people in our Community. Their generosity generated a little over \$2,000.00 towards our ENF goal.

Pictured below are some of the Bingo winners and Basket Raffle winners from the event.

Thanks to all of the Volunteers that helped with this event and congratulations to all of the !WINNERS!











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