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WAPITI WIND

March 2025

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)

!!! Notice !!!

The paper copies of the "Wapiti Wind" newsletter will no longer be mailed to our members. The Wapiti will now be distributed electronically and can be viewed at the Lodges Website (elks2399.com). There will be limited paper copies available at the Lodge. The company that previously provided this service has been sold and the new company has requested an increase in the price that we pay. Going all online will save the Lodge approximately \$25,000 per year.

This change was approved by the Lodge House/Committee and Trustee's and will be effective beginning with this issue of the newsletter.

Chuck Fox (Exalted Ruler)

Exalted Rulers Message

March is here and we are about ready to wrap up our Fraternal Year 2024-2025 and begin the new Fraternal Year.

It has been my honor to have served as your Exalted Ruler over this past year and I would like to thank all of the members of this Lodge and especially the Officers that have served with me for all of your support. Without all of you, we would not have the "Great" Lodge that we do.

With the expansion of the Lodge, we have had to make many changes to our regular Lodge activities. At times it has been hectic, but I am sure that once the addition of 5,000 square feet to our social quarter is completed, our Lodge will be a better place for all of us. I look forward to its completion. Thanks to all of you for being patient and understanding during this time. A special thanks to our Club Manager Vanessa Brewster and all of our employee's and volunteers. You are all fantastic and greatly appreciated.

March will see the installation of your new Officers for the Fraternal Year 2025-2026. I wish all of these "Volunteers" good luck in the coming year and thank you for stepping up and leading our Lodge. I can only hope that you all will give them the support you have shown me.

We have many events coming up this month. Starting with the Elkette's Crazy Auction, the Awards Banquet to honor those Officers of the Fraternal Year 2024-2025 and the Installation of your incoming Officers.

A special thanks to my wonderful wife (your First Lady) Eva Fox, who has always supported me in every way this past year.

Again, thanks to all of you for your support this past year. Always remember, "you get out of the Lodge what you put into it".

Respectfully and Fraternally,

Chuck Fox Exalted Ruler





"CAPITAL CAMPAIGN FOR LODGE EXPANSION"

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

Donations can be dropped off at the Lodge Office

Thank You!

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

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Chuck Fox, PER Wapiti Wind Editor

"ANNUAL EVENTS"

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 22 Lodge Awards March 29 Officer Installation



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Activities-Volunteers
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March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						10am Elkette Crazy Auction 11am-2pm Hot Dogs 4-8pm Dinner 7pm Music: Nicole & Glennis
2 11am-2pm Hot Dogs	3 11am-2pm Hot Dogs 4-7pm Pasta Night 4-6:30pm Queen of Hearts 7pm Monday Dancers	4 11am-2pm Taco Tuesday 4-7pm Taco Tues- day 7:30pm Lodge Mtg	5 11am-2pm Lunch 12pm Sheriffs Lunch 4pm Desert Singles 4-7pm Ribs	6 11am-2pm Lunch 11:30am Bingo 4-7pm Dinner 6pm Karaoke	7 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm PER Mtg 4-8pm Dinner 7pm Music: Steve Wayman	8 NO HotDogs 11:30 Fishing Club Fish Fry 4-8pm Dinner 7pm Music: Steve Wayman
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16 11am-2pm Hot Dogs	17 "St. Patrick's Day" 2pm until gone-Corn Beef & Cabbage 4-6:30pm Queen of Hearts 7pm Orientation 7pm Monday Dancers DAV Chptr 27	18 11am-2pm Taco Tuesday 4-7pm Taco Tues- day 7:30pm Lodge Mtg/Initiation	19 11am-2pm Lunch 4pm Desert Singles 4-7pm Ribs	20 11am-2pm Lunch 11:30am Bingo 4-7pm Dinner 6pm Karaoke	21 11am-2pm Lunch 4-8pm Dinner 7pm Music: Fritz	22 11am-2pm Lunch 4-8pm Dinner 5pm Lodge Awards Banquet 7pm Music: Fritz
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The Elkettes donated \$1,000 to the Dementia Connection in Lake Havasu City from their See's Candy sales during December. Picture (L to R), Elkette Donna Pineau, See's Candy Chair Teresa Bremenour, with Dementia Connection staff, Chancity Bryant, Heather Minery, Libbe Gilbert, Jennifer Capovilla and Teressa



The Elkettes donated \$1,000 to the Clothes Closet with funds raised during their See's Candy sale during the month of December. Pictured (L to R) are See's Candy Chair Teresa Bremenour, Clothes Closet CEO Christine Watson Buntemeyer and Elkette Donna Pineau.

ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE

NOTICE

Membership Renewals for Fraternal Year 2025-2026.

It is that time of the year when we all have to pay our Dues. Reminders have been mailed. To enter the Lodge starting April 1, 2025 you must have paid your dues for the upcoming year. It is your responsibility to make sure your Membership Card is current. Don't be late.

If you have had an address change or email change, please notify the office. This helps keep our information on you up to date, and allows us to make sure you get future notifications of upcoming events and the electronic version of our Lodge Newsletter (the Wapiti Wind).



The Monday Night Dancers donated \$300.00 to the VFW's Veterans Relief Fund. The local VFW offers a variety of medical equipment that veterans can borrow, such as wheel chairs, bed-side commodes and canes. By filling out a form and returning the items when no longer needed. The relief fund also assists qualified veterans with other needs. Pictured are the Monday Night Dancers with VFW Post Commander Omer Ethier.

CRAZY AUCTION

Be sure to mark your calendars for March 1st!!

We are excited to announce our Annual Crazy Auction, which will be held on **Saturday**, **March 1st at 10:00 AM** (doors open at 9:30). This fun-filled event is a fantastic opportunity to find unique treasures, support a great cause, and enjoy an exciting auction experience!

We are currently accepting donations of **new and gently used items**. Whether it's household goods, collectibles, or fun finds, your contributions are greatly appreciated and help make this event a success.

If you would like to volunteer, have items to donate or need more information about the auction, please contact **Heidi Albrecht at 702-845-7972.**

Your generosity makes a big difference, and we look forward to seeing you there for a day of fun, great deals, and community spirit!

"Elks National Foundation (ENF)"

Donations to the ENF helps build a stronger community by Investing in tomorrows leaders, and our youth with lifelong skills. Meeting the needs of today's veterans. Helping the state Elks associations accomplish their charitable objectives and Funding Lodge projects that improve the quality of life in local Elks communities.

Donate today with a cash donation or join the "Fidelity Club" online at enf.elks.org/Service Center. Meeting our goal gives us access to available Grants that we can use to help our community.

Elkette's President Message

How can this year be over? The Elkettes have done great things. They have worked diligently this year, raising money for us to donate to our Lodge and the community.

Lisa Nutt, the Pie Godmother, has led the Pie Angels with such grace and dedication. The Pie Angels have stepped up week in and week out to cut pies and to sell pies. They have donated \$500 to a local organization each and every month this year. I appreciate co-chair Cheryl Beach and her tenacity in tracking down the monthly numbers for the lodge office.

Connie Jones has led the remarkable LCR crew most months this year. She did not let the remodel deter her and found a way to continue to have this event. I want to thank all those who came and played. It was a fun way to wile away an afternoon. We will continue having LCR game days the last Sunday of every month starting in April. LCR has donated over \$10,000 to the lodge this year.

Julie Jackson came up with the idea to have a bake sale Super Bowl weekend. She and Cindy Q raised \$1000. Like everything the Elkettes do, they jumped in wholeheartedly and donated the most amazing baked goods and candies to this event. I for one greatly enjoyed this event.

Eva D. Fox and Sheri Sanderson produced a fantastic fashion show. Many Elkettes and a few Elks modeled. All look forward to this annual event.

Karen Ford led Kids Turn to Shop. She did a remarkable job of getting the word out in the community. Because of that, she had a phenomenal turn out. The Elkettes once again worked their magic and many had a Merry Christmas because of this event.

Connie Jones organized one of the most amazing craft fairs we have had to date. Two rooms full of vendors, it was so much fun.

Teresa Bremenour ordered all the See's Candy, managed every sales night and insured every Elkette who was selling had everything they needed. She also stepped into sales on nights that were not covered. Teresa just celebrated 13 years of chairing See's Candy.

Heidi Albrecht along with Julie Jackson and Cindy Q organized and ran the Crazy Auction. This event is so much fun and is the reason I became an Elkette years ago. I knew I had to be a part of this amazing organization.

Addie Angle does an amazing job keeping the jewelry counter filled with beautiful, fun jewelry.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention Gift Basket creator extraordinaire Wanda Parsons. She makes and donates beautiful gift baskets for EVERY Elkette event. Her generosity knows no bounds.

I am so thankful for the Elkettes Board Members who have shown up for monthly meetings, events and anything else that was needed. I could not have done good without you.

I have had the honor of working with the Elkettes for a while now. The kindness and generosity constantly leaves me in awe. We do great things!

Thank you for allowing me to be your President.

Vanessa Brewster Elkette President 2024/25

BINGO

Every Thursday. Doors open at 11:30am, games start at 1:00pm. Come on out and support our Lodge.

"You may be a Winner"

MARCH MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT

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

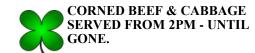
March

March 1 Nicole & Glennis March 7 & 8 Steve Wayman March 12 Long Time Commin March 14 & 15 Terry Hopple March 21 & 22 Fritz March 26 Terry Hopple March 28 & 29 Whiskey River



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

MARCH 17, 2025



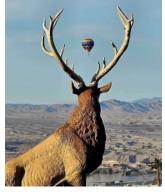


There will be no Hot Dogs or PASTA served on St. Patrick's Day.

Queen of Hearts will be played at it's regularly scheduled time.

Join us for a **GREAT** meal and a **GOOD** time.





VAGABONDS CLUB NEWS



Our winter outings are all lined up with one successful outing under our belt. In January we enjoyed our outing right on the Colorado River at the River Sands Resort in Ehrenburg, AZ. Although it was windy and cold, our group made the best of it and thoroughly enjoyed the location as well as the resort itself who bent over backwards to make our group as comforta-

ble as possible including a campfire right on the beach and providing smores for all who could bear the evening cold.

Barry Stillwell led a group of side/siders out to Quartzite during their annual Big White Tent RV show. On another day the side/siders ventured out to the sand dunes right outside the resort perimeter. Games were played; they had a social hour each evening and had a wonderful potluck on the final night. This event was hosted by Wendy/Warren Geiske and Marty/Diane Weston, with sever others pitching in to help. Thank you to all who put in so much to make these events the success they are.

Next month our event will be at the Wine Ridge RV Resort and Cottages from Feb 20-23 in Pahrump, NV. Your hosts for that event will be Joyce/Mike Grabowski and your Co-hosts will be Barbara/Les Campbell. The resort will be providing pancake breakfast on two mornings.

On Mar 18-21 the Weston's and Hall's will be hosting at Desert Canyon RV Park in St. George, Utah.

So far we are still working on and event in April, but right now this month is to be determined.

In May Floyd Davis and Misty Swanson/Dana Brink will host an event at the Bisbee RV Park in Bisbee, AZ.

We look forward to all of these events and making new members.

Jackie Newbeck

Vagabonds Secretary



'PER SUPERBOWL PIZZA/RAFFLE WINNERS'

\$1,000 Doug Butters

\$900 Diane Gouthro

\$600 Ivan Fredricksom

\$50 Jackie Zimmer

\$50 Edward Seav

\$50 Everett Dewey

\$50 Don Reinhardt

\$50 Ron Pate

Congratulations to all the "Winners" and thank you for supporting the Past Exalted Rulers Association of the Lodge.







The Valentine's Dinner and Dance was a "HUGE" success. Pictured left are some of our members enjoying the evening. A wonderful dinner prepared by our Chef Kevin and great music by Tim Hope made it an evening to remember.



Our annual Charity Ball was again a great event with entertainment provided by Kid & Nic. Pictured above are members and guests during the presentation of the "11 O'Clock toast. A great time was had by all.



Pictured above are the new members that were initiated into Elk's Lodge #2399 in January of 2025. Welcome to our Lodge.





"SPECIAL OLYMPICS"

The Lodge sponsored a luncheon for the Lake Havasu Special Olympics at the Elks Lodge. Along with lunch, each athlete spun the prize wheel and selected a prize with an attached praise ribbon that was read out loud to the audience.

There were 40 Special Olympian attendees along with 16 adult coaches and support staff. All were served meatloaf, potatoes, green beans and fresh cookies prepared by the Lodge Chef Kevin Rogers.

The athletes compete in bowling, bocce ball, basketball, softball and cheer.

Pictured (L to R) are athlete Lindsey Lehr, PER and Special Olympics Chair Debbie Herd, athlete Jana Strang, PER Paulette Nainteau, Exalted Ruler Chuck Fox, and Special Olympics

"ATTENTION"

Smoking is only permitted in the Patio Area in front of the Lodge. As a courtesy to our Members, please only smoke in this designated area. Do not smoke outside the entrance or exits.

THANK YOU

"Principles of Our Order"

CHARITY

JUSTICE

BROTHERLY LOVE

FIDELITY



"Queen of Hearts"



Starting in January, the payouts for cards drawn during the Queen of Hearts game on Monday nights will increase to the following:

2's thru 10's \$30.00 Jacks thru Kings 75.00 One Eyed Jacks \$150.00 Aces \$100.00 Jokers \$150.00 Queen of Hearts (JackPot)



The Elkettes donated \$500 to Cancer Care Resources in Lake Havasu City from their Pie Sales during the dinner hour at the Elks Lodge. The CCR provides Free Mammograms, No Insurance, and no cost to you. They also have weekly support groups.

Pictured above are volunteers from Cancer Care Resources with Elkettes Pie Chair Lisa Nutt and Elkette Karen Ford.



ELKS SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the raffle basket fundraiser. Your generous contributions and enthusiasm made this event a remarkable success. We appreciate your support in helping us raise funds for scholarships that will assist deserving students in achieving their educational goals. Congratulations to the raffle basket winner Kevin Burkhardt.

Thank you,

Cheryl Beach Scholarship Chairman

Elkettes of Elks Lodge #2399



LCR Left Center Right

Doors open @11:00am Lunch @ 11:30am Doors Close @ Noon

Sunday March 30th Door Prizes Raffle Baskets

\$15 BUY IN

Light Lunch Included Tickets Available at the Lodge @ at The Door. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC Elks Lodge, 3532 McCulloch Blvd N BPO Elks A Fraternal Organization 3532 N McCulloch Blvd Lake Havasu City, Arizona 86406



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