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BPO ELKS 2399



WAPITI WIND

June 2025

Grand Opening of the Expansion Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



The expansion is open! Present to cut the ribbon were: PER Gary Parsons, AEA President Sue Krausman, Mayor Cal Sheehy, ER Pam Depweg, Planning Committee Chair Gabrielle Medley, Architect Paul Lehr and PER Chuck Fox



AEA President Sue Krausman (top) Mayor Cal Sheehy (right) and ER Pam Depweg welcomed those in attendance.



More than 800 members and guests visited the Lodge during our Grand Opening/Ribbon Cutting ceremony celebrating the long awaited expansion. They were treated to hors d'oeuvres, special beverages, music and a fun and friendly atmosphere.



We were honored by the presence of Elk Dignitaries. Among them were (not in order) Arizona Elks Special Deputy Jerry Grimes and his wife Linda, West District DDGER Brad Lucas and wife Yvonne, AEA President Sue Krausman and First Gentleman Jimm, AEA Vice President Ron Wilson, and from Sun City Lodge PER Vicki Way and her husband Michael.



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Wapiti Wind

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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 Elksdom.

www.arizonaelksassociation.org for any information about our state association.

elks2399.com for Lodge 2399 information.

VOLUNTEERS

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Seeing there is no longer a space limitation on the newsletter, any club submitting a letter can also include a photo from any of their events.

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Wapiti Wind Editor

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Audit/Acct.
Inventory

Activities Committee

Activities-Volunteers
Awards Banquet
Bingo
Blood Drive

Bowling
Bulk Mailing
Charity Ball
Christmas Baskets
Community Activities
CPR Defibrillator
Decorating Committee
Door Greeters
Drug Awareness
Elkettes
Entertainment Committee

Family Picnic
Fishing Club
Giving Tree
Golf League
Grants Administrator
Hi-Way Cleanup
Hoop Shoot
Hot Dogs
Information Technology
Law & Order Night
Library
Lodge Activities
Lodge Emails & Website
Long Range Planning
Monday Night Dancers
Old Timers Night
Pasta Night Volunteers

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Sheri Sanderson
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Vanessa Brewster
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Pam Depweg
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Bud Watts
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Paulette Nainteau
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PER President
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
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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Vanessa Brewster
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Bud Watts
Jackie Turcotte

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.

June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> Ritual Practice - 10:30 am Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Pasta Night - 4 pm - 7 pm Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm	<u>3</u> Taco Tuesday - 11 am - 2 pm 4 pm - 7 pm Lodge Meeting - 7:30 pm	<u>4</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Outcast - 3 pm Ribs - 4 pm - 8 pm	<u>5</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Bingo - 1 pm Dinner - 4 pm - 7 pm Karaoke - 6 pm	<u>6</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm PER Meeting - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Off Center 3 pic	<u>7</u> Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Fishing Club - 1 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Off Center 3 pic
<u>8</u>  Flag Day 11:00 am Lodge Room	<u>9</u> Ritual Practice - 10:30 am Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Pasta Night - 4 pm - 7 pm Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm	<u>10</u> Taco Tuesday - 11 am - 2 pm 4 pm - 7 pm Elkettes Meeting - 6 pm House Committee/ Trustee Meeting - 7 pm	<u>11</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Ribs - 4 pm - 8 pm	<u>12</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Bingo - 1 pm Dinner - 4 pm - 7 pm Karaoke - 6 pm	<u>13</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Terry Hopple	<u>14</u> Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Terry Hopple
<u>15</u> Father's Day Brunch 10 am - 12 pm 	<u>16</u> Ritual Practice - 10:30 am Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Pasta Night - 4 pm - 7 pm Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm Orientation - 7 pm	<u>17</u> Taco Tuesday - 11 am - 2 pm 4 pm - 7 pm Lodge Meeting/ Initiation - 7:30 pm	<u>18</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Ribs - 4 pm - 8 pm	<u>19</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Bingo - 1 pm Dinner - 4 pm - 7 pm Karaoke - 6 pm	<u>20</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Fritz	<u>21</u> Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Fritz
<u>22</u>  Blood Drive 10:30 am - 4:30 pm	<u>23</u> Interviews - 9 am Ritual Practice - 10:30 am Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Pasta Night - 4 pm - 7 pm Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm	<u>24</u> Taco Tuesday - 11 am - 2 pm 4 pm - 7 pm	<u>25</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Ribs - 4 pm - 8 pm	<u>26</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Bingo - 1 pm Dinner - 4 pm - 7 pm Karaoke - 6 pm	<u>27</u> Lunch - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Whiskey River	<u>28</u> Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Dinner Menu - 4 pm - 8 pm Music: Long Tyme Comin
<u>29</u> L C R 11:00 am	<u>30</u> Ritual Practice - 10:30 am Hot Dogs - 11 am - 2 pm Pasta Night - 4 pm - 7 pm Queen of Hearts - 6:30 pm		OFFICE SUMMER HOURS Monday - Thursday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm			

Daily / Weekly Events

Monday	11:30 pm	Pinochle	Tuesday & Thursday	12 - 4 pm	Hand & Foot
	7 - 9 pm	Monday Night Dancers			
Wednesday	3:00 pm	Desert Singles	Thursday (tables 18 & 19)	10:30 am - 3:30 pm	Bridge
Friday	12 - 4 pm	Poker Omaha hi-lo			

Boot Sale Donation



The Elkettes with Lodge donated \$1,700.00 to the Mohave county Sheriff's K-9 Foundation. Money came from their sales of \$700.00 in Cool Ceramic Boot sales and \$1000.00 from an anonymous donor.

Pictured from left: Mohave County Sheriff K-9 Foundation Board member Sandee Scherer and MCS K-9's Vice- President, Ginnie Howardson and Elk and Elkettes Heidi Albrecht and John Villalobos.

K9 Donation Donation

The Elkettes and the Lodge donated \$2,000.00 to the Mohave county Sheriff's K-9 Foundation. Money will be used to purchase K-9 "ACE" vest, designed to protect the canine from harm.



Pictured from left: Mohave County Sheriff K-9 Foundation Board member Sandee Scherer, MCS K-9 Vice- President Ginnie Howardson. Elkettes 1st Vice Connie Jones and Elkettes Karen Ford.

K9 Foundation Mission

The Mohave County Sheriffs Office K9 Foundation mission is to promote our 501(c)3 non-profit organization to educate the citizens of Mohave County the importance and significance of having the canines in the field, at our schools, and at special events. Through public education and assistance, we are able to fully fund our canine teams within Mohave County.



2025 - 2026 Lodge Officers

On March 29, a new slate of Officers was installed for the upcoming Lodge year. Congratulations and best wishes to them all.

Front row from left: Esquire Jackie Turcotte, Leading Knight Joyce Bradley, Exalted Ruler Pam Depweg, Loyal Knight Nikki Harvey, Lecturing Knight Scott Pierstorff, and Chaplain Stefanie Michels.

Back row: Secretary Janeen Lembke, Treasurer Jim Travis, 5 yr Trustee Tony Fowler, Inner Guard Steve Stockett, and Tiler Amy Fowler.

YACHT CLUB NEWS



It has been so good to see our members back at the lodge these past two months. Brief reminder...our monthly meetings are now back at the Elks Lodge, every third Saturday at 2:00 PM. Next meeting is June 21st.

Also, your annual dues are due now. They are \$25.

We held our annual Champagne Brunch on Saturday, May 31st. Great food provided by our Elks kitchen staff and wonderful music by Tim Cullen to dance to in the new dining room. Loved what the Elks Planning Committee and our contractors did with the new expansion.

Treasurer Sandy and Commodore Dana are still working on activities for the upcoming year. In the meantime, check out our bulletin board for updates on upcoming events. The EYC bulletin board is located above the popcorn machine in the bar. If you have an event you'd like to chair, don't be shy. Speak up at the meeting or send me or Sandy an email with what you'd like to do.

Mark your calendar for this year's Commodore Ball. It's on Sunday, December 14th, 5 PM - 9 PM. Menu and entertainment to be revealed later this year.

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VAGABONDS CLUB NEWS

Hello Vagabonds friends:



Deanna and Richard Marsh hosted an event at Grand Canyon Caverns from April 10-13 with Lee and Lynda Spillman assisting. They did a fabulous job keeping their group occupied with outdoor games, card games, evening socials and a potluck. Both the hosts/co-hosts were part of the large group of members who were first timers this year.

Our May meeting was the final meeting before going dark for the summer. Our annual questionnaire results will decide which locations our camping committee will be working on during the summer. Our new camping calendar will be out sometime during the summer but before our September meeting.

Best,

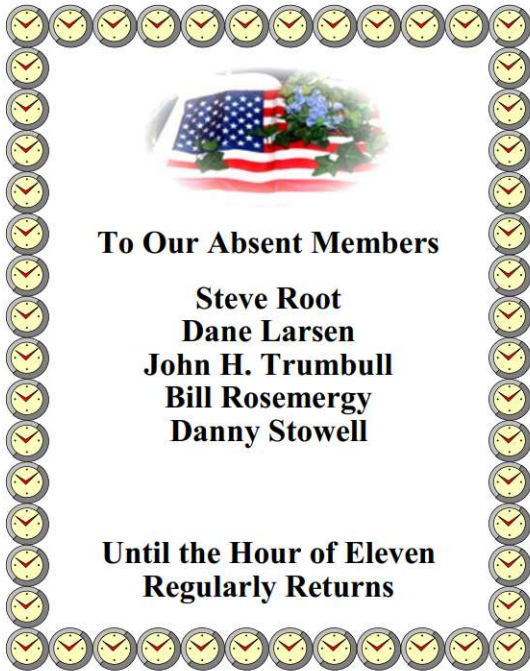
Jackie Newbeck
Vagabonds Secretary

Remember – BPOE – Best People on Earth

Lake Havasu City High School Evening of Excellence



The Scholarship Committee extends its congratulations to the following students of Lake Havasu High School for their exceptional efforts and academic achievements in 2025. The Elks Scholarship Awards were presented at the Evening of Excellence to the following recipients: Emma Aston, awarded \$6,000.00; Vega Higgins, awarded \$6,000.00; Cody Jaynes, awarded \$2,000.00; Austin Alba, awarded \$2,000.00; Mandee Bielecki, awarded \$1,000.00; and Rilee Thuneman, awarded \$1,000.00.



**ELK OF THE MONTH
2025-2026**

February, 2025	Howard Faulkner
March, 2025	Gabriele Medley
April, 2025	Heidi Albrecht

Heidi
Albrecht





Reminder:
No Trash Dumping at the Lodge

In an ongoing effort to keep our Lodge clean and reduce maintenance costs, we kindly remind all members that **dumping trash in Lodge dumpsters is strictly prohibited**. This includes household waste, bulk items, and any materials not related to Lodge activities.

Improper disposal not only increases costs for everyone, but also risks introducing prohibited or hazardous items.

We appreciate your cooperation in keeping our Lodge safe, clean, and welcoming for all members.

Lodge Trustees