

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

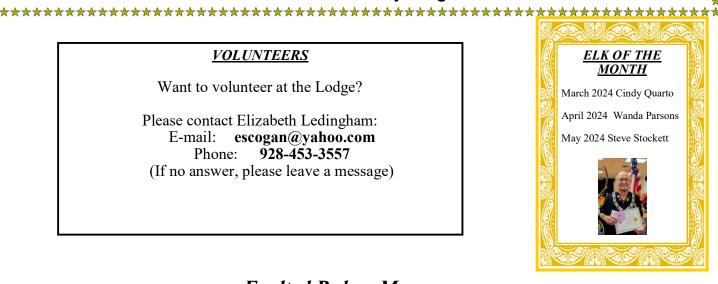
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July/August 2024

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)



Exalted Rulers Message

The past month has come and gone. June saw our annual Flag Day Service. This was attended by many to observe the history of our country's flag. It was followed by a light luncheon that was enjoyed by all.

June also saw our Father's Day Brunch and the Elkette's Comedy Magic show which was a success. Thanks to the Elkettes our Kitchen staff and the volunteers that make these events the success that they are.

July and August look to be busy as well. It will start off with my wife Eva and I attending the Grand Lodge Convention in Austin Texas to represent our Lodge. We will also be having our Annual Potluck on July 4th. As always, this is a well attended event and a good time. The Elkettes will be hosting another LCR game on July 28th. This is a great and fun fundraising event. Plan on attending.

Also just ahead of us is the beginning of the 1st phase of the Lodge Expansion. Once this begins, please be patient and understanding as there will be construction going on next to the building and in the parking lot. This is a very much needed Expansion and I am excited to see it beginning. Thanks to our Lodge Expansion Committee for all of the hard work that has gone into this project.

Our Lodge continues to be busy even though a lot of our "Winter Visitors" have gone. So, when you are in the Lodge, please remember to be patient, kind and understanding. We are all Elks and should always remember our Obligation and the principles of our order: Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity.

In my position a lot of things are brought to me, some good and some bad. I hear many complaints about our Lodge, the management, bartenders, wait staff, etc. One of the things I hear are comments about not being served at the bar. Arizona Liquor Laws require our bartenders to know when to, or not to serve an individual

alcoholic beverages. When the bartender says they cannot serve you another beverage, it is to protect our Lodge and the person requesting the beverage. Always remember, the Lodge has the "Right to Refuse Service to Anyone", and the Bartender IS IN CHARGE of the bar.

I have also heard complaints from several people about the Lodge and membership cards. In particular the cards that are issued to Widows of Elk Members who have passed. Elks Lodge #2399 has for many years issued Widows Cards to the Widows, this is something that the Lodge has done for free as a courtesy to Widows. The only thing this card does is give access to the social quarters of the Lodge to include the Bar, Restaurant and special events. Grand Lodge does not require any Lodge to issue Widows cards. As I mentioned previously, this is a courtesy that we extend. It is expected that those Widows who do use the social quarters will not abuse the use of these cards as it may result in the loss of their card and the use of the Lodge. Grand Lodge requires that guests may only be brought into the Lodge three (3) times (unless they are

family). Basically, if a Widow were to lose her card she would not be able to come into the Lodge, even as a guest, until she joined the Elks.

I apologize for rambling, but felt that some of these things needed to be brought into the light and the open. I hope that this will help all to remember their obligation and help foster good feelings towards all. The Officer's of the Lodge were elected by you the members, and we strive to do what is best for the Lodge. We have elections every year, and if you think there needs to be changes made, step up and run for one of the positions available.

I look forward to seeing you all around the Lodge.

Fraternally,

Chuck Fox **Exalted Ruler**





OFFICERS

LAKE HAVASU CITY LODGE 2399 OF THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS OF THE UNITED STATES OF **AMERICA**

EXALTED RULER Chuck Fox

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ORGANIST/MUSICIAN

Wapiti Wind

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KITCHEN MANAGER

Kevin Rogers

Club Manager

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 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

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

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"

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 Elkettes Concert 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

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 Volunteers PER President

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Chairman

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All American Lodge/Training Gary Parsons Americanism Pam Depweg Constitution & By-Laws Elks National Foundation

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Debbie Herd

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Chuck Fox

July 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 4pm Pasta Night 4pm Queen of Hearts	2 11am Taco Tuesday 4pm Taco Tuesday 7:30pm Lodge Mtg	11am Lunch 12pm Sheriffs Lunch 3pm Desert Singles 4pm Dinner - Ribs	4 11am 4th of July Potluck 10am-4pm Bar Open No Bingo No Karaoke	5 11am Lunch 12pm Office Closes 3pm PER Mtg 4pm Dinner 7pm Music: Steve Wayman	4pm Dinner 6:30pm Music: Steve Wayman
7 8am Breakfast	8/4pm Pasta Night 4pm Queen of Hearts	9 11am Taco Tuesday 4pm Taco Tuesday 7pm House Committee Mtg	10 11am Lunch 3pm Desert Singles 4pm Dinner - Ribs	11 Tlam Lunch 4pm Bingo 4pm Dinner 6pm Karaoke	12 11am Lunch 12pm Office Closes 4pm Dinner 7pm Music: Bar Road Time	13 1pm Fishing Club 4pm Dinner 6:30pm Music: Bar Road Time
14 8am Breakfast	15 4pm Pasta Night 4pm Queen of Hearts	16 11am Taco Tues- day 4pm Taco Tues- day	17 11am Lunch 3pm Desert Singles 4pm Dinner - Ribs	18 11am Lunch 4pm Bingo 4pm Dinner 6pm Karaoke	19 11am Lunch 12pm Office Closes 4pm Dinner 7pm Music: Fritz	20 2pm Yacht Club 4pm Dinner 6:30pm Music: Fritz
21 8am Breakfast	22 4pm Pasta Night 4pm Queen of Hearts	23 11am Taco Tuesday 4pm Taco Tuesday	24 11am Lunch 12pm LAPD Lunch 3pm Desert Singles 4pm Dinner - Ribs	25 11am Lunch 4pm Bingo 4pm Dinner 6pm Karaoke	26 11am Lunch 12pm Office Closes 4pm Dinner 7pm Music: Tim Cullen	27 4pm Dinner 6:30pm Music: Tim Cullen
28 8am Breakfast 11:30 Elkettes LCR	29 4pm Pasta Night 4pm Queen of Hearts	30 11am Taco Tuesday 4pm Taco Tuesday	31 11am Lunch 3pm Desert Singles 4pm Dinner - Ribs			

Daily / Weekly Events

Friday

12-4 pm Hand & Foot 11 am—?? Bridge 6 pm Karaoke 12-4 pm Poker Monday 11:30 am Pinochle Thursday 4-6:30 pm Queen of Hearts
7 pm Monday Dancers
Tuesday 12-4 pm Hand & Foot
Wednesday 3 pm Desert Singles

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August 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 11am Lunch 4pm Bingo 4pm Dinner 6pm Karaoke	2 11am Lunch 12pm Office Closes 2pm PER Mtg 4pm Dinner 7pm Music: Lounge Lizards	3 12pm Free Swim Day @ Aquatic Ctr 4pm Dinner
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OUEEN OF HEARTS

Due to the closure of the Lodge 8/4/2024 through 8/24/2024, there will be no Queen of Hearts drawings during the month of August. Queen of Hearts will resume on 9/2/2024.



Elkette's President Message

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Even though the Elkettes are dark in July and August we continue to do great things.

I will be collecting food to take to H.A.V.E.N. throughout July and August. If you would like to make a donation, you can bring it to my office in the lodge or to the main office.

The lodge is holding a Fourth of July picnic. Hotdogs and hamburgers will be served and members bring a potluck dish to share with everyone. Traditionally the Elkettes manage the pot aspect of this event. If you would like to volunteer for an hour, I would be thrilled to have you. The times are 10am to 11am,11am to 12pm,and 12pm to 1pm please let me know if you are available. I look forward to seeing you there.

We have LCR on July 28. Be on the lookout for emails and Face-book posts pertaining to this event. A giant thank you to Connie Jones and every Elkette who shows up to work these events, make gift baskets and play. I thank you. LCR game day is a great way to spend some time in an air-conditioned environment having a great time with your friends.

The Lodge will be closed the first week in August 4th-11th for deep cleaning. The second week August 12th-18th the bar will be open from 10 AM until 6 PM. The third week in August 19th-25th the bar will be open 10 AM until 6 PM. Please look for an email to let you know the status of the kitchen and if it will open the third week in August. We will have LCR on August 25, an email will come out letting you know what volunteers are needed and what we are doing.

I hope each and everyone of you are enjoying your summer. I look forward to our September 11th meeting at 6 PM.

Thank you for all you do! Vanessa Brewster Elkettes President 2024/25 "We do great things!"



Lodge Officers performing our annual Flag Day Service.



Exalted Ruler Chuck Fox receiving a Certificate of Appreciation for out Flag Day Service from Congressman Gosar's representative Jeremiah Cota.





ELKETTES CRAFT FAIR

Elkettes Craft Fair applications will be available in the Lodge Office starting July 5, 2024 or a request can be sent to Chair Connie Jones at 928-733-0357 or cj86406@hotmail.com

Note: Only completed and paid applications submitted and date stamped by the office and a text/email sent to the vendor by Connie Jones will be eligible for this year's Craft Fair. The first 27 table applications received and notified by the Craft Fair Chair will be accepted.

We expect the event to sold out early, so don't wait to apply. Table placements cannot be assigned until we get closer to the actual date of the event November 16, 2024 due to Lodge remodeling/expansion..

Connie Jones, Craft Fair Chair



The Elkettes from Elks Lodge #2399 in Lake Havasu City have contributed \$500 to KIDS on the Colorado River, raised through pie sales in May. These funds will aid in educating about the Lake and Desert, as well as support the annual Community Day event organized by the group.



Marine Corps League presenting the Colors at the opening of

<u>" ALWAYS KEEP IN MIND"</u>

"CHARITY"

The voluntary provision of assistance to those in need. It serves as a humanitarian act, and is unmotivated by self interest.

"JUSTICE"

In it's broadest sense is the concept that individuals are to be treated in a manner that is equitable and fair.

"BROTHERLY LOVE"

Feelings of humanity and compassion toward one's fellow humans.

"FIDELITY"

Faithfulness to a person, cause or belief, demonstrated by continuing loyalty and support.

GRANT ACTIVITY 2024-2025

Our Lodge has been actively participatin in the Elks National Foundation (ENF) Community Investments Program (CIP) for a number of years. There are two types of grants: Competitive and Non-Competitive.

The Freedom Grant - is Competitive and ENF awards only 300 Lodges with funding. Our grant started six years ago with the first Lake Havasu City, Stand Down. This is an event that brings services together for Veterans. Our Lodge does the food for the entire day and creates emergency backpacks for Veterans in need. The backpacks contents are funded with the grant funds of \$1,000.

The Beacon, Spotlight and Gratitude grants are all money that is guaranteed by ENF to receive these funds, you must have a project with a community need.

This year's Beacon Grant is once again a donation to the Parks and Recreation for free and scaled tuition for the after schools programs. This is an ongoing, yearly donation supported by all the vists Drug Awareness and Youth Activities volunteers complete.

The Spotlight Grant is a focus on hunger this year, so our Lodge will once again collect cake and frosting for Thanksgiving and Christmas to accompany this \$2,000 donation to Meals on Wheels.

The Gratitude Grant funds of \$3,000 will help support Teen Break by renting the Gaming Trailer for the three day event where Youth Activities and Drug Awareness volunteer.

Grants are Lodge projects and I'm just the writer. I take an idea for a project, develop a goal and objective, and create Elk involvement. Each grant require writing, administration and evaluations. This year, we will give away \$10,000 to charity which is the very best of my job as Grant Administrator.

Debbie Herd PER/Grant Administrator

"HOT DOGS"

Hot Dog sales will only take place on **Saturday** and **Monday** during the months of June, July and August. We will be

adding Sundays starting the month of September. This is due to very few sale of Hot Dogs on Sundays at this time.





ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION (ENF) and ARIZONA ELKS MAJOR PROJECTS

"Become a monthly Donor to the ENF program at elks.org and the Arizona Elks Major Projects program at http://azelksmp.org".

You can donate as little as \$5 per month and help the Lodge of meeting it's ENF goal of \$4.80 per member. Meeting this goal is how our Lodge is eligible to receive the ENF Grants.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION (GRAND LODGE POLICY)

PRIVACY AND SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

FACEBOOK, TWITTER AND OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

Like E-mail accounts, Facebook, Twitter and other Social Media accounts create a permanent record even after materials are deleted. Courts are increasingly allowing for the discovery of materials posted on such accounts as evidence in cases relating to discrimination, defamation of character and other similar civil legal proceedings that can result in heavy financial penalties. They also reach an extremely broad audience, and each reader has his or her own standards reach an extremely broad audience, and each reader has his or her own standards reach and discretion when posting. Liquor control commissions, Gaming Commissions and taxing authorities are known to prowl these social media accounts of fraternal groups looking for violations. Above all, social media outlets should never be used to discuss confidential matter of your Lodge or the Order, or to air personal grievances against fellow Members of the Officers of your Lodge or Members of other Elk entities. This is a violation of your obligation to never disclose the confidential matters of the Order and to protect the good names of our Members and their families.

Personal Accounts:

- Never post any confidential matters of the Elks in general or your Lodge in particular, including without limitation posting on a friend's Facebook page an announcement of confidential discussions or disputes that took place at a Lodge meeting.
- Do not advertise a fund raiser that includes any personal information regarding the intended beneficiary of the fund raiser without his or her specific written permission.
- 3. Never post an event that involves gambling of any type (including raffles) unless you have a special license issued by the state to conduct the event.
- 4. Never post an event as being "open to the public" where alcohol is being served unless you are licensed to sell alcohol to the general public.
- 5. Do not advertise your status as a Member of the Elks in a manner designed to support a business or political candidate or issue.
- 6. Do not insult any Member or engage in a war of words against a Member on any social media outlet. It could result in possible charges for conduct unbecoming an Elk, and create a negative image of the Elks in general.
- 7. Feel free to post how much you enjoyed an event at the Elks or about your positive, non-confidential, experiences as an Elk. Be proud of who we are and what we stand for!

OUR MOTTO

"The faults of our Members we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory."



Tori Whitaker, a third-grader at Oro Grande Classical Academy in Lake Havasu City, won 1st place in the Drug Awareness Poster Program at the state level. The photograph showcases, from left to right, Principal Brett Bitterman, Pam Depweg, the Drug Awareness Chairperson and Leading Knight, Tori Whitaker, and Chuck Fox Exalted Ruler. Tori was awarded a plaque and a check by the Arizona Elks Association, and her poster will advance to the national-level competition. Tori received a Plaque and a check from the Arizona Elk Association.



Addison Huerta, a sixth-grader at Oro Grande Classical Academy in Lake Havasu City, won 1st place in the Elks Drug Awareness Essay Program at the state level. Pictured (L to R) Ashley and Ryan Huerta with their daughter, Addison. Chuck Fox, Exalted Ruler and Pam Depweg, Drug Awareness Chairperson and Leading Knight. Addison was awarded a plaque and a check by the Arizona Elks Association, and her Essay will advance to



Elks Lodge #2399 of Lake Havasu City awarded Bella Aune, a 7th grader at Calvary Christian Academy, with the 2nd place prize in the state-level drug awareness essay contest. In the photo, from left to right, are Krystal Norman, Principal of Calvary Christian Academy, Pam Depweg, Elks Drug Awareness Chair and Leading Knight, awardee Bella Aune, and Chuck Fox, Elks Exalted Ruler.

!!! 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.

The Bingo Committee will be holding a Elks National Foundation (ENF) Fundraiser Event on October 13th, 2024.

Doors will open at 11:00AM and Bingo will start at 1:00PM in the Lodge Room.

Pizza, Sodas and water will be available for sale. There will be two (2) raffle baskets. Players can buy tickets for a chance to win.

All funds from the raffle baskets, food sales and 50% of the Bingo sales will go directly towards meeting our ENF goal. The other 50% of Bingo sales will go to the players.

See you there.....Chuck & Doreen Davis, Committee



Elks Lodge #2399 of Lake Havasu City awarded Mason Click, an 8th grader at Calvary Christian Academy, with the 1st place prize in the state-level drug awareness essay contest. In the photo, from left to right, are Krystal Norman, Principal of Calvary Christian Academy, Pam Depweg, Elks Drug Awareness Chair and Leading Knight, award recipient Mason Click, and Chuck Fox Exalted Ruler. Mason also received a check from the Arizona Elks Association.

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