

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

WAPITI WIND

October 2024



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Want to volunteer at the Lodge?

Please contact Elizabeth Ledingham:

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Phone: 928-453-3557

(If no answer, please leave a message)

BLOOD DRIVE

The Blood Drive scheduled for October 13, 2024 has been canceled.

Future Blood Drive dates to be determined.

Exalted Rulers Message

Hello my fellow brother and sister Elks. September has come and gone and the Fraternal Year is half way over.

The first thing I would like to say, is "Thank You" to all of our members for your patience and understanding during our Lodge Expansion construction. We have had limited space to conduct all of the Lodge business. This and keeping the dining room and bar open at the same time has been a challenge. Thanks to Vanessa Brewster for a job "Well Done" in managing this. If we cannot have the dining room and bar open, we have no income, and then we cannot pay the bills. So, again "Thanks" to all of you for your support during this chapter of our Lodge's growth.

As announced at the 10th of September House Committee/ Trustee meeting, the expansion has been making progress, and we should have the new restrooms and additional dining room space around the first of November. Many people are asking questions about the dirt area next to the lodge. This is where the addition of the 5,000 square feet to the building will take place. Construction takes time, and there is a lot that is being done on the inside of the current building that most of you don't see. It is happening and progressing well.

The month of September was a pretty busy one. A great event that was held, was the annual Family PicNic. Over two hundred people were in attendance and the food provided by the Lodge and all of the members that brought in their dishes to share was fantastic. A lot of cash prizes and baskets were won, and a list of the winners are posted on page 7 of this issue. September also saw the First Ladies Event take place. The show provided by Tom LaGravinese was very good and very entertaining. On the 21st of September, our Law & Order Nite was held for all of our Lake Havasu city "First Responders" and it was attended by the Arizona Elks Association State President Susan Krausman and her husband Jimm. Additionally there were many Arizona State and City Government representatives in attendance. As usual this event is very well attended and a big "Thanks" to member Bud Watts and his wife Diane for organizing it.

October looks to be another busy one. Coming up we have Bingo scheduled with the proceeds of this going to meet our Lodge Elks National Foundation goal. We also will be visited by our District Grand Exalted Ruler Brad Lucas. Eva and I and a few of the Lodge Officers will be attending the Arizona Elks Association Mid-Year Convention in Tempe, AZ. We will be having a lunch to celebrate the students in the city that have won awards in our Elks Essay and Poster contests. And our Halloween Party that will be held on the 26th of October don't forget about

Until next month, be safe and I will see you around the Lodge.

Chuck Fox
Exalted Ruler



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OF THE UNITED STATES OF
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TBD

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 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"

- 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 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
- March 22 Lodge Awards

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
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Vanessa Brewster
Eva Fox
Sheri Sanderson
Pam Depweg
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Debbie Herd
Dan Dieter
Pam Depweg
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Wanda Parsons
Gary Parsons
Gary Parsons
Gabriele Medley
Patrick Lee
Paulette Nainteau
Glen Petty
Chuck Fox

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/Accident
Major Projects
Major Projects (Purple Pig)
Mediator
Membership/Lapsation
Memorial Service
Presiding Justice
Protocol
Ritual Coach
Ritual Word Coach
Veterans Services
Wapiti Wind

Chairman

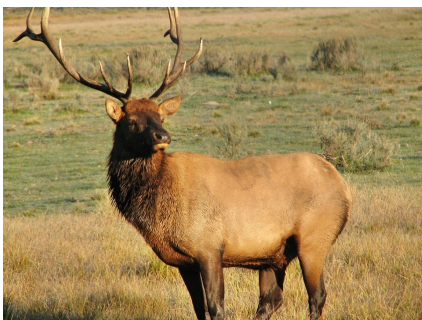
Gary Parsons
Pam Depweg
Gary Parsons
Jerry Gillen
Eva Fox
Joyce Bradley
Gary Parsons
Gary Parsons
Sue Thomas
Paulette Nainteau
Pam Depweg
Pat Costello
Gary Parsons
Eva Fox
Pat Costello
Sheri Sanderson
Nikki Harvey
Jay Bidwell
Vanessa Brewster
Jackie Turcotte
TBD
Bud Watts
Chuck Fox

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.

October 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>Due to Sunday Breakfast and Bingo, Sunday Hot Dog Hours are now 12pm - 2:30pm</i></p>		<p><u>1</u> 11am-2pm Taco Tuesday 4-7pm Taco Tuesday 7:30pm Lodge Meeting</p>	<p><u>2</u> 11am-2pm Lunch 12pm Sheriffs Lunch 4pm Desert Singles 4-7pm Dinner-Ribs 7pm Music: Tim Hope</p>	<p><u>3</u> 11am-2pm Lunch 4-7pm Dinner 6pm Karaoke</p>	<p><u>4</u> Office Closes 12pm 11am-2pm Lunch 2pm PER Meeting 4-8pm Dinner 7-10pm Music: Swamp Donkey</p>	<p><u>5</u> 11am-2pm Hot Dogs 4-8pm Dinner 6:30-9:30 Music: Swamp Donkey</p>
<p><u>6</u> FOOTBALL 8-11am Breakfast 12pm-2:30 pm Hot Dogs 11:30am Bingo</p>	<p><u>7</u> 11am-2pm Hot Dogs 4-7pm Pasta Night 4-6:30pm Queen of Hearts 7pm Monday Dancers</p>	<p><u>8</u> 11am-2pm Taco Tuesday 4-7pm Taco Tuesday 6pm Elkettes Mtg 7:30pm House Committee/ Trustee Meeting</p>	<p><u>9</u> 11am-2pm Lunch 1pm Vagabonds 4pm Desert Singles 4-7pm Dinner-Ribs</p>	<p><u>10</u> 11am-2pm Lunch 4-7pm Dinner 6pm Karaoke</p>	<p><u>11</u> Office Closes 12pm 11am-2pm Lunch 4-8pm Dinner 7-10pm Music: Sam & the Band</p>	<p><u>12</u> 11am-2pm Hot Dogs 12pm Fish Fry 1pm Fishing Club 4-8pm Dinner 6:30-9:30 Music: Sam & the Band</p>
<p><u>13</u> FOOTBALL 8-11am Breakfast 12pm-2:30pm Hot Dogs 11:30am ENF Bingo</p>	<p><u>14</u> 11am-2pm Hot Dogs 4-7pm Pasta Night NO Queen of Hearts 7pm Orientation 7pm Monday Dancers</p>	<p><u>15</u> 11am-2pm Taco Tuesday 4-7pm Taco Tuesday 7:30pm Lodge Meeting/ Initiation DDGER Brad Lucas</p>	<p><u>16</u> 11am-2pm Lunch 4pm Desert Singles 4-7pm Dinner-Ribs</p>	<p><u>17</u> 11am-2pm Lunch 4-7pm Dinner 6pm Karaoke</p>	<p><u>18</u> Office Closes 12pm 11am-2pm Lunch 4-8pm Dinner 7-10pm Music: Kid & Nic AEA Mid Year Convention</p>	<p><u>19</u> 11am-2pm Hot Dogs 4-8pm Dinner 6:30-9:30 Music: Kid & Nic AEA Mid Year Convention</p>
<p><u>20</u> FOOTBALL 8-11am Breakfast 12pm-2:30pm Hot Dogs 11am L.C.R. 11:30am Bingo AEA Mid Year Convention</p>	<p><u>21</u> 11am-2pm Hot Dogs 4-7pm Pasta Night 4-6:30pm Queen of Hearts 7pm Monday Dancers DAV Chapter 27</p>	<p><u>22</u> 11am-2pm Taco Tuesday 4-7pm Taco Tuesday 7pm MCL Meeting</p>	<p><u>23</u> 11am-2pm Lunch 4pm Desert Singles 4-7pm Dinner-Ribs</p>	<p><u>24</u> 11am-2pm Lunch 4-7pm Dinner 6pm Karaoke</p>	<p><u>25</u> Office Closes 12pm 11am-2pm Lunch 4-8pm Dinner 7-10pm Music: Tim Hope</p>	<p><u>26</u> 11am-2pm Hot Dogs 12pm Drug Awareness 3pm Fall Fair Fest 4-8pm Dinner 6:30-9:30 Music: Tim Hope 7pm Halloween Party</p>
<p><u>27</u> FOOTBALL 8-11am Breakfast 12pm-2:20pm Hot Dogs 11:30am Bingo</p>	<p><u>28</u> 11am-2pm Hot Dogs 4-7pm Pasta Night 4-6:30pm Queen of Hearts 7pm Monday Dancers</p>	<p><u>29</u> 11am-2pm Taco Tuesday 12pm Golf Lunch 4-7pm Taco Tuesday</p>	<p><u>30</u> 11am-2pm Lunch 12pm LAPD Lunch 4pm Desert Singles 4-7pm Dinner-Ribs</p>	<p><u>31</u> 11am-2pm Lunch 4-7pm Dinner 5pm Halloween Fright Nite Candy (Main St.) 6pm Karaoke</p>		



<u>Daily / Weekly Events</u>			
<p>Monday 11:30 am Pinochle 4-6:30 pm Queen of Hearts 7 pm Monday Dancers</p>	<p>Tuesday 12-4 pm Hand & Foot</p>	<p>Wednesday 3 pm Desert Singles</p>	<p>Thursday 12-4 pm Hand & Foot 11 am—?? Bridge 6 pm Karaoke</p>
			<p>Friday 12-4 pm Poker</p>



“Lodge Expansion Construction”

Part of the Lodge Expansion involves getting new “Bathrooms” in the Social Quarters. Pictured is the progress being made on this area of the Expansion.

ELK OF THE MONTH

March 2024 Cindy Quarto
 April 2024 Wanda Parsons
 May 2024 Steve Stockett
 June 2024 Gary Parsons
 July 2024 Stephanie Michels
 August 2024 Pam Depweg





June
July
August



FIRST
LADIES
EVENT
WITH
TOM
LAGRAVANESE



Elkette's President Message

ELKETTES CRAFT FAIR

Happy fall ya'll!

So many things have changed around the lodge because of our expansion but so much has remained the same.

Our monthly meeting continues the first Tuesday of every month at 6 pm in the lodge room.

We will have our Craft Fair/See's Candy event in November along with "Kids Turn to Shop" and our Christmas Dinner Dance will happen in December.

We are collecting items for "Kids Turn to Shop". We are looking for new or gently used-Ball Caps, Wallets, Tools, Jewelry, Hair Clips, Trinket Boxes, Purses, Knick Knacks, Games, Toys. Anything new or gently used a child would like to give to parents, grandparents, siblings, cousins, aunts and uncles. We can also use new and gently used self stick gift tags, tissue and gift bags. Karen Ford is the chair for this event if you have any questions you can contact her at 714-396-5365. Items can be dropped off in the office or in my office.

On October 26 we will be having a Left Center Right game day. I know, I know we all know it as Left Right Center but we were wrong-who knew? If you have not attended one of these game days you are missing out! It is \$15 for a light lunch and an afternoon of fun. Monies raised from our game days go towards the expansion. Starting in April to date we have raised over \$6000. I

would like to thank Connie Jones for chairing the game days and every Elkette who shows up to set-up, work in the kitchen, run the games and clean up. Each and everyone one of you does great things.

I will see you around the lodge-

Vanessa Brewster
Elkettes President 2024/25



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 Ellette's Pie team contributed \$500 to the "Don't Be Greedy" non-profit organization in Lake Havasu, which assists cancer patients with medical expenses for out-of-town treatments. Pictured are Pie Chair Lisa Anderson Nutt, Elkette Karen Ford, and "Don't Be Greedy" Founder Heidi Greedy.



The Elkettes contributed \$500 to the H.A.V.E.N. Center's Food 4 Kidz program, funded by pie sales during dinner at the Elks Lodge—one slice at a time. Additionally, the Elkettes gather snack-type foods at their monthly meetings for delivery to the center. This initiative supports homeless and at-risk students who may lack food over the weekends. For further details, visit www.guidestar.org/profile/65-1225164. Featured in the photograph, from left to right, are Elkette Treasurer Donna Pineau, Elkette Pie Chair Lisa Nutt, and H.A.V.E.N. Victim Advocate Kelsey Thurman

VAGABONDS CLUB NEWS



Hello Vagabonds Friends,

Summer is behind us and our group is ready to start travelling again. We have Williams in September and Wickenburg in November (a change from previous years). Other than December, which is when we have our Christmas party, we have a new calendar set for the remaining 2024-2025 yrs. If you don't have a calendar, you can email me at jackienewbeck@gmail.com and I will be happy to send you one.

Our Camping Committee (Jackie Newbeck, Diane Weston, Misty Swanson and Leon Newbanks) worked hard over the summer to pull this fabulous calendar together but now we need volunteers to Host and Co-host these events or they will have to be cancelled. Our Camping Committee worked to revise the Camping Host Guidelines which are available at every meeting, or you can email me and I would be happy to send you one.

Our group will be at our annual Williams event at Railside RV Ranch when you receive this newsletter ... so, I will have an update on that event in next month's newsletter.

Safe travels,

Jackie Newbeck

Vagabonds Secretary

“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, Brotherhood 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. This also applies to all widows/widowers.

Fishing Club News



The dates for the October Derby's will be Wednesday, October 9th and Wednesday, October 23rd from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. 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 station!! The Club has already stored enough fish for the Fish Fry, so all the fish caught in the derby will be given to the participants to take home.

The Board of Directors will meet at the Lodge on Monday, October 7th 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, October 12th following the Fish Fry. All Elks and their guests are welcome to attend. Food will be served beginning at 11:30 a.m. Second helpings will begin after everyone has been served and will continue until all the food is gone.

Kids Fishing Day will be held on Saturday, October 5th. The Elks Fishing Club will supply live fish for the kid's fishing tanks, and Club members will also supply the staff to man the event. On Friday, October 4th, the fishing tanks will be staffed from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. for handicapped kids only. On Saturday, the fishing tanks will be open to all other kids from 8:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

John Burns will need a list of volunteers that want to work at the tanks. Due to insurance, only Elks in good standing may work there. Call John at 530-394-7627 to submit your name.

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.



Monday Night Dancers

Monday Night Dancing will return starting Sept. 30th, 7-9pm. The 3rd Monday of each month we will dance 2-4pm. Monday Holidays we dance from 4pm - 6pm. All dancing welcome!!!

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

!!! 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.

“FAMILY PICNIC PRIZE WINNERS”

- 1st Place \$500 Karen Ford
- 2nd Place \$400 Joe Bahan
- 3rd Place \$300 Robert Zeins
- 4th Place \$200 Warren Langley
- 5th Place \$100 Joe Bahan
- Basket #1 Sandy Doerfler
- Basket #2 Brad Canepa

Congratulations to all the “Winners”

RV PARK HOSTS



This season’s RV Park Hosts, Pam and Jim Youker are now on site. Make them feel “Welcome” and say “Hi “when you see them in the Lodge.



“Family Picnic” - “Approximately 200 members and their families attended the annual Lodge Family Picnic. In addition to Hamburgers and Hot Dogs, members brought in their favorite dishes to share. Baskets were raffled along with drawings for cash and basket prizes.



“Basket Raffle Winners”



Wanda Parsons and Barbara Martino selling tickets for the Raffle Baskets.

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To Our Absent Members

Until the Hour of Eleven
Regularly Returns