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BPO ELKS 2399

# WAPITI WIND

December, 2012

## ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE

SUNDAY DECEMBER 2, 2012

1:00 PM-Lodge Room.

The first Sunday in December of each year shall be a day commemorated to the memories of departed Members and shall be known as "Elks Memorial Day." Every lodge will hold Memorial services. "Grand Lodge Statute 2.020." This year the service will be at 1:00 PM with a light buffet lunch to follow.

Join your fellow Elks and honor those members who have passed through the light into everlasting peace and are on their journey through eternity.

## EXALTED RULER'S WASSAIL

Sunday December 16, 2012

Your Exalted Ruler Hank Thonnard invites all members to join him in bringing in the holiday season with a bit of holiday cheer; to sing along; listen to and dance to the cheerful music of Lue Tidmarsh and the Elks own "Sentimental Journey." Christmas carols 1:30 PM, dance until ??? Hours.

You can also wish our retiring Club Manager Al Stewart the best.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday December 15, 2012

Cocktails 5:00 PM

Dinner 6:00 PM

Menu-Steak, Baked Potato & Veggie Dress, Semi Formal

New members and Past Presidents Free  
All Others \$15.00 Open to All Elks And

Guests-Music by Fritz

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM

FRIDAY December 21st

Annually, we Elks of 2399 open our hearts and our wallets to make Christmas a more enjoyable occasion for the less fortunate of Lake Havasu and this year is no different. We will deliver around 40 baskets of Christmas cheer to needy families. This is a truly heart warming experience and if you care to help contact Tom Bradford @ 453-4557.

There is still time to make contributions of non-perishable food items in containers conveniently located in both entrances. These containers are not garbage cans. Please! No perishable food items or opened containers. Through the generosity of the Elks Bingo program perishable items will be provided, and thanks to the Elkettes there will be a gift for each child in the family.

## THANK YOU LODGE VOLUNTEERS

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR



**Exalted Ruler's Message:** Thanksgiving has come and gone and Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year will be here before we know it. Although it is cool this time of year it is warm in our hearts. Our food collection for the Christmas Baskets is progressing nicely, thanks to your generosity. Your participation proves *Elks Care~Elks Share*.

If you carry a donor card with your drivers license, like I do, Grand Lodge has asked each of us to support the nationwide donor registry. The Arizona registry is [www.azdonorregistry.org/registernow/registration.aspx](http://www.azdonorregistry.org/registernow/registration.aspx). There is no cost involved but if you do register please let our office staff know. Grand Lodge is hopeful that at least 25 members from each lodge will participate making the BPOElks the greatest organizational donor to the program.

Once again the Lodge Decorating Committee, headed by Al and Kay Jedrey, have done a fantastic job of preparing the Lodge for the holi-

days. Please give them a big thumbs up when you see them around the lodge and thank them for their hard work all year long.

The Lodge recently paid down the mortgage by \$20,000.00 on the one remaining lot, thanks to the donations to the Move Forward Project. The Plaque Board in the dining room exemplifies the spirit of Elkdom. Check out the variety of messages displayed and come up with a great message of your own. Even it is only your name it is greatly appreciated and needed to reach our goal.

Your Lodge Officers wish each and everyone of our members and their families the best holiday season ever.

I invite each of you to join me on the 16th of December for a pleasant afternoon and a holiday toast during my Wassail.

I'm available to hear any supportive suggestions to better our Lodge and can be reached @ 702-327-4294.

Or email: [thonnard@frontiernet.net](mailto:thonnard@frontiernet.net)

*Hank Thonnard*, Exalted Ruler

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PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS  
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AMERICA

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Richard Conway  
Tim Fairbank  
**ORGANIST/MUSICIAN**  
Lue Tidmarsh

Wapiti Wind

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**OFFICE PERSONNEL**  
Carolyn Dieter  
Karen Turpin  
**CLUB MANAGER**  
Al Stewart

**THANK YOU ALL!**

The Lake Havasu City Fright Night event was a huge success because of your generous candy donations. The Lodge had a booth with a banner indicating we were the Elks Lodge 2399 and over 4,000 children visited the booth, usually accompanied by their parents. Great exposure! Lue Tidmarsh Youth Activities chair.

**Hello Elkettes Members.** *The Elkettes have been busy and within 30 days we have had 3 successful events. The Fashion show, the 1940's USO Show and the craft Fair kept me busy. Before the new year begins we also have the Kids-Turn-To-Shop, the sale of See's candy and our Christmas party. Just a reminder to all the new members and past presidents, your dinner is free this year.*

*Deborah Haines and Kathy Cummins, chairpersons for the Fashion show, were able to announce the donation of \$800.00 to Hospice of Havasu. The models got their share of whistles as they paraded down the walkway. Thanks to all volunteers for giving us such a magnificent show and to the lodge PER's for serving the meal and cleaning up. The room was beautifully decorated with fall colors and there were many beautiful baskets and certificates for the raffle.*

*The 1940's USO Dinner Dance was chaired by Eva Romines with committee members Gloriann Barton, Eileen Reed, Fran Bohl and Doris Perez. Our thanks to Kathy Fairbank for her guidance and assistance to Eva. The entertainment by the Elkettes and directed by Lue Tidmarsh and her band Sentimental Journey was just beyond words. My thanks to all the Elkettes who helped with the homemade salads, and horsd'oeuvres. It was 4 hours of chopping and mixing and washing dishes. Speaking of dishes I can't forget Tom Bradford, a talented KP dishwasher, who volunteered to do the dishes. Also, thanks to Jackie Turcotte and Ace Johnson for their judging of the dated costumes.*

*Kay Wdowiak has done a wonderful job getting everything ready for the Craft Fair. Jan Przysiecki handled the crafters and Kay made sure we were all fed with egg burritos*

*and donuts for breakfast and Sloppy Joes for lunch. Carol Lutgen headed the bake sale. It was a joint effort well done. It was nice to see the visitors enjoying all the handiwork of the many talented Lake Havasu residents.*

*Kay Wdowiak (453-0370) and I (453-4899) will be collecting items for the Kids-Turn-To-Shop which will be held on December 1st. If you have anything, new or used in excellent condition, that you think could be used you may contact or drop it off at the Lodge office. It's that time again when we will be selling See's Candy for the holiday season. This candy makes an ideal gift for those close that has everything. It truly shows you care.. For more information you can contact LaVaun Willson @ 855-5638.*

*My sincere thanks to all who volunteered to make this another banner year for the Elkettes and the Lodge.*

*I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.*

*Don't forget our meetings are the second Tuesday of each month @ 7:00PM and I hope to see you all there.*

*Lillian Graham*

Elkette President.  
wgraham@frontier.com

**MEETINGS**

Lodge 1st and 3rd Tuesday @ 7:30 PM  
Elkettes 2nd Tuesday @ 7:00 PM  
House Committee 2nd Tuesday 7:00 PM  
Trustee. Following House Committee.  
PER 1st Friday 6:30 PM  
Plan on attending meetings and become actively involved in lodge activities.

**Auditing & Acct.**

Audit/Acct.  
Inventory

**Chairman**

Burnell Dacus  
Jan Kahle

**Activities Committee**

Bingo  
Blood Drive  
Bocce Tournament  
Bowling  
Christmas Baskets  
Clothe-A-Child  
Community Activities  
Dart League (Thur.)  
Dart League (Mon.)  
Decorating Committee

**Chairman**

Jeff Brown  
Al Long  
Doris Perez  
Tom Bradford  
Tom Bradford  
Debra Bosch  
Ace Johnson  
Joanne Raymond  
Cindy Oates  
Al Jedrey

Penny Heredia/Mike Arlowe

Drug Awareness  
Fishing Club  
Golf League  
Hamburger Night  
Hi-Way Cleanup  
Hoopshoot  
Information Technology  
Leather  
Lodge Activities  
Public Relations  
RV Club (Vagabonds)  
Scholarships

Don Hall  
Jim Lammes  
Bill Horton  
Don Carter  
Sandy MacNevin  
Tim Fairbank  
Robert Piche  
Mario Perez  
Ace Johnson  
Bruce Joy  
Rick Stilson

**Scouts**

Soccer Shoot  
Spaghetti Night  
Special Olympics  
Yacht Club Commodore  
Youth Activities

**Richard Chinn**

Lue Tidmarsh  
Eddie Heredia  
Larry Sears  
Ron White  
Lue Tidmarsh/Ken Sebahar

**Fraternal Committee**

All American Lodge/Training  
Americanism  
Elks National Foundation  
Flag Day  
Government Relations  
Interview Committee  
Lapsation/Orientation  
Lodge Inspection/Accident  
Long Range Planning  
Major Projects  
Mediator  
Membership  
Memorial Service  
Presiding Justice  
Protocol  
Veteran Services  
Visiting Committee  
Wapiti Wind

**Chairman**

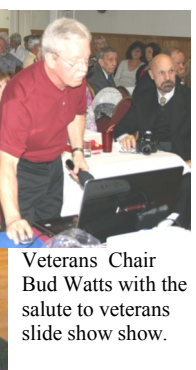
Richard Conway  
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Jan Kahle  
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Sandy MacNevin  
Mike Centofanti  
Richard Conway  
Bud Watts  
Ace Johnson  
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## ELKS ON PARADE-LONDON BRIDGE DAYS, VETERAN,S DAY



Lodge sponsored scouts and Jr. golfers. Lodge Drug Awareness display.



Veterans Chair Bud Watts with the salute to veterans slide show.

## VETERANS DINNER PARTY



Lodge Veterans Service chair Bud Watts presented another sterling salute to the Lodge Veterans. A sold out crowd enjoyed an excellent holiday meal, camaraderie and a moving slide presentation dedicated to all veterans. Bud surprised the crowd with another showing of his tremendously popular Lodge veterans when in uniform and as they look today. AEA State President Tom Shelby (left) made his official visit to the lodge and attended the Veterans Dinner when he was presented with an Elk statuette as memento of his visit. President Snyder had high praise for the lodge and the many outstanding achievements and was particularly impressed with the friendliness and the protocol. District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler (DDGER) Dan Snyder also made his official visit to the lodge and he too was highly complimentary of the lodge in all aspects. He stated that 2399 was a lodge all other lodges could be patterned after.

## 1940's USO DANCE

The Elkettes followed the Veteran's Dinner Show with their own tribute to veterans with another packed house. Their version of a WWII canteen, complete with dance hostesses, cigarette girls, the Andrews Sisters, dance music of the 40's with our own "Sentimental Journey," was enthusiastically received. They crowded the dance floor as they reminisced with big band music of such notables as Benny Goodman, Harry James, The Dorsey Brothers and Glenn Miller.

A sentimental journey back and a not soon forgotten evening. Thank you Elkettes for the memories!



The Sentimental Journey Trio  
Lodge Loyal Knight Denny Dunkirk, Lodge Organist/Musician Lue Tidmarsh, and Ken Sebahar



The Andrews Sisters  
Editors note. This was the music we WWII vets danced to during our high school proms!

DONATIONS OCTOBER, 2012	
AEMP	\$1,000.00
St. Vincent Food bank	200.00
HAVEN	100.00
Soccer Team	250.00
From (Elkettes) AEMP	<u>600.00</u>
Total	



Remember gals like this doing there hawking?  
Doris Perez & Eva Romines

ELK OF THE MONTH	
April, 2012	Michael Chinn
May	Ace Johnson
June	Bill Ensley
July	Jeff Brown
August	Jan Kahle
September	Craig Willson
October	Rhonda Olson
November	Don Carter
December	
January, 2013	
February	
March	

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## IN GOD WE TRUST

REST IN PEACE  
UNTIL THE HOUR OF ELEVEN  
REGULARLY RETURNS  
Harold (Bill) Barrett  
Barney Lee Glenn

### MEN'S ELKS GOLF CLUB

During the October mtg. the following were elected officers for the coming year: President Norm Stevens, In Town chair. Jerry Pockrandt, Out of Town chair Steve McDaniel, Handicap chair Dan McNulty, Rules chair Billy Ponder and Treasurer Jim Lammes.

Anyone wishing to join the men's Golf club can contact any of the officers.

During the mtg. \$150.00 was raised for HAVEN.

I thank the officers for a great year. Chuck Wahlstrom.  
Club President.



Pictured left: Norm Stevens  
Men's Elks Golf Club  
President for the next year.

### ELKS YACHT CLUB NEWS

Hi to all Yacht Club members! It's been a busy couple of months and looking ahead it doesn't appear it will slow down. October fest was a huge success for us and the lodge, thanks to Sue and Steve Miller and all their volunteers. Thanks to Kristie White and her helpers the Halloween party was a good time for all who attended. Kudos to Bruce and Kristen and their volunteers for a spectacular job for the

pig in the ground at the lodge. Next big event is the Commodore's Ball on December 9, 2012. January will see us at the Springs for brunch.

A big thank you to Dub Campbell for digging the pit for the pig in the ground. Thanks to Joe Cummins and Sandy Bigham for their hard work.

It's been a fun year and I am privileged to be your commodore. Ron White.

### ELKS VAGABONDS RV CLUB NEWS

The October outing was at the Grand Canyon Caverns with 45 rigs. Thanks to Georgia & Burnell Dacus with Mike and Cheryl Lomeli the outing was full of activities and fun time for all. Check with Don Underwood for his Solo Cup award!

The December dinner mtg. will be on December 12, 2012 with the election of officers.

The January outing will be Quartzite, with the tent there from the 20th to the 27th.

Remember, April is the Tri-State Rally hosted by The Vagabonds at Black Rock RV Park Brenda, AZ. It will entail a lot of work but should be fun. Meetings are the second Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM in the lodge room with lunch to follow.

Membership is open to all Elks.

Bruce Joy Vagabond Club chairman.

### YACHT CLUB COMMODORE'S BALL

Sunday December 9th  
Cocktails 5:00PM  
Dinner 6:00PM  
Choice of Prime Rib or Tilapia  
Fish with Shrimp Sauce  
Salad, Baked Potato, Broccoli

Cost \$20.00/person

Music by Fritz

Pictures by Ace Johnson

Beer and wine while supplies last!

Dress: Semi-Formal

Door prize

50/50 Draw

Tickets on sale November 17th

### MERRY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

### FISHING COMMITTEE REPORT

Don't forget our Christmas dinner is Friday December 14th. Cocktails and check in 5:00 PM and dinner promptly at 6:00 PM. There will also be drawings.

Dues are due this month for the 2013 year, \$30.00 per member.

The December Derby's are Tuesday the 4th and Wednesday the 19th. \$30/team.

Next Board mtg. is Monday November 26th @ the lodge @ 1:00PM. The next Fishing Club Mtg. is Saturday December 8th at 1:00PM @ the lodge.

Anyone interested in joining the Fishing Club, or obtaining more information, please call Don Hall @ 505-6367