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## LVIA MEETINGS

**Leona Valley Improvement Association meetings are held in the Community Building at 8367 Elizabeth Lake Road.**

**General Meetings are on the third Thursday of each month starting at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome and invited to participate.**

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## From the LVIA Board...

Happy Holidays! We hope everyone has a great New Year. We are grateful to our entire community for their support. Many people volunteer and donate both time and money to help with our programs and events as well as maintaining our Community Building. Thanks to all of you!

We stayed busy in December with our traditional free Senior Dinner and the Holiday Craft Faire. The week before the Senior Dinner saw a lot of people doing a lot of cooking! We had two roasted turkeys, two smoked turkeys and two deep-fried turkeys, along with six hams and meatloaf. There were also plenty of mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, and sweet potatoes. And we can always rely on the ladies from the Lakes Women's Club to make delicious desserts! The weather was good and we had a big turnout with over 100 people served. Everyone seemed to have a good time catching up with friends they hadn't seen for a while. Next year we may try opening it up to all ages.

The week after the Senior Dinner we put on the Holiday Craft Faire. It was a beautiful day, we had lots of great vendors, but could have used more customers. There was a delicious holiday meal for only \$5, which many people appreciated. At the end of the day, the vendors all reported making money and being happy that they had attended. There has been some discussion about holding it earlier in the year, maybe November, in order to catch more holiday shoppers.

January will be a quiet month for us, but we are starting to plan for a Chili Cook-off in February. And, of course, we have St. Patrick's Day dinner on March 17<sup>th</sup> to look forward to!



Our LVIA President, Sal, has been busy portraying Santa Claus. First, at the Senior Dinner (after he was finished with cooking), and then, on the next weekend at the Lakes and Valleys Art Gallery. Sal, seen here with LVAG President Ann Salinas, posed with lots of families and children in addition to passing out the prizes for the winners of the Gallery's Santa coloring contest. He was a big hit with all the kids who truly believed he was the real thing!

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## LEONA VALLEY TOWN COUNCIL

The December meeting of the Town Council began with the swearing in of our new member, Justin Miller, who will serve as Member at Large for a two year term. Welcome, Justin, thank you for volunteering!

Deputy Bostwick reported that there are new problems with illegal dumping of construction waste and the County is working to combat it. It does not appear to be from the large fires that occurred last year. He reminded us that the Supervisor's office gives free vouchers for dumping, which can be obtained by calling 661-726-3600. He also reported that the owner of the burned down trailer on Godde Pass has said he has applied for demolition permits and will be fixing up the property.

There was a discussion about inviting personnel from Code Enforcement to attend our next meeting to explain how their procedures work and why it seems like the Dark Sky ordinance is not being enforced.

## Lakes & Valleys Art Guild

The current art show at the Gallery is our \$100 show, with every piece priced at \$100 or less. It is a great opportunity to buy from local well-known artists whose work is usually priced much higher. Add to your collection or pick up some pieces for gifts. The show and sale runs through January 3<sup>rd</sup>. Our art opening was also our annual Christmas Party. We had a great holiday dinner, Christmas carols and a gift exchange. Many of the 150 art pieces were sold that night, so our artists are bringing in more.

We hosted several days of Kid's Christmas Crafts and some of our artists had a great time helping kids make gifts for their friends and families. We have added a new workshop for artists and crafters who want to share their time with other like-minded people. Our Creator's Workshop is on the first and third Fridays of each month, from 1 to 5pm. Stop in any time and bring your latest project to work on. Check our website at [www.lakesandvalleysartgallery.org](http://www.lakesandvalleysartgallery.org) for all of our upcoming events. And be sure to follow us on Facebook.



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## Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Women's Club

### A Busy Year Begins...

We begin this article with a brief recap of our 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Treasures held last month. Our ladies generously spent \$1,000.00 on \$25.00 gift cards from Walmart and gave them to Antelope Valley Vets 4 Veterans. They will be used to assist our local veterans with things they need over the season.

What a great time everyone had at the Annual Children's Christmas Party, at the Lakes Community Club, helping the children to work on all the craft projects. When Santa arrived, they all charged outside to see him, and he was very attentive to them while they were on his lap. Every child received a stocking with lots of goodies, and all seemed to have a wonderful evening.

Don't forget to bring your Christmas trees to the Lakes Community Club on New Years Day. They will be piled high and lit up when it's dark. Our club will be offering grilled hot dogs, hot cocoa, and chips. Then, after the fire has burned down to coals, we will have a table outside for the kids to get the makings for smores. This is also free. Hope to see many of you there.

Starting the new year off we begin to vote on monetary donations. The Poppy Preserve, Operation Smile, and more will be getting checks from our club. We will also be donating to our District for the yearly Scholarships that they support. Our club area has had several students selected for this money.

Keep an eye open for the upcoming Easter Party. We don't have a date yet but plans are already being made. There will be crafts, cookies, the Easter Bunny, an Easter Egg Hunt and prizes too. Make sure that all our local children are in attendance.

And finally, here is advance notice of our Annual Yard sale coming up on the first Saturday in May. We already have some great items and will be looking for more later in the year. So put it on your calendar.

Information on our club is available on our Facebook page at Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Woman's Club or call our President Judy Miller at 661-609-4822.

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The Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes  
Women's Club

The LWC is a philanthropic organization dedicated to helping others not only in the local area but also beyond these borders.

Meetings are held the second Wednesday each month except December when we break for our annual Christmas party. We meet at 11 am in the Lakes Community Center on Elizabeth Lake Road. All ladies of the Lakes and Valleys area are welcome.

The LWC holds many fun events during the year, the biggest being Casino Night. In addition, most of the Lakes Community Center projects find the LWC helping in some way.

The majority of our time and effort goes to making turtle pillows, lap blankets, and quilts for the Painted Turtle Camp. The meetings for sewing these items are held most Mondays from 10 am to 2 pm. We take a break for a potluck lunch at noon.

Be a part of the fun and fellowship by calling our President, Judy Miller at 661-609-4822. You can also look us up on Facebook at Hughes-Elizabeth Lakes Woman's Club.

## Welcome to the "Kindness Corner"

Hello neighbors!

I am publishing these coupons of kindness each month for you to share with family, friends, and neighbors around town. I would love to see you share a photo of your experience.

Post your kindness nomination on the Leona Valley Improvement Association Face-book page or send what you did to my email at [kathy.owen919@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.owen919@gmail.com) or my phone 661-733-2295. The Board will pick a winner each month. I am sponsoring a \$25 gift card to a local restaurant for the presenter! All ages are welcome!..... by Kathy Owen

Kindness is the most tender and powerful way of leaving a memory inside people's hearts.

-Dodinsky

To: \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Good for one Act of Kindness

(Please pick something from your heart to pass on)

## GYMKHANA QUEENS HAVE BEEN BUSY!

Our Gymkhana Queens have been busy with holiday events and pageants. They devoted time to making craft projects to sell for fundraising, including boot bows and charms and horseshoe items. They suffered through the rain at an Acton craft fair, and then enjoyed the great weather at LVIA's Craft Faire. They have also been attending rodeo pageants, including the Miss Rodeo California and Miss Rodeo America in Las Vegas. They are working hard to get the word out that we have started up our program again and have plans to join them in coming years with great contestants.



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E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

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<input type="checkbox"/> Membership Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Valentine's Day Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Sertoma	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Related
<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> St. Patrick's Day Event	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Club	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Events
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<input type="checkbox"/> Building/Grounds Maintenance Crews	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Easter Egg Hunt	<input type="checkbox"/> Backcountry Horsemen	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> LVIA Boosters	<input type="checkbox"/> 4-H Memorial Day Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Leona Heritage Park and Pioneer Building	<input type="checkbox"/>
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The Leona Valley Racketteers had a great success with their fundraiser selling pies for Thanksgiving. Many local families enjoyed dessert without all the work of making it themselves. You know they must be good because they have so many returning customers! They also had a table at the LVIA Craft Fair where their sewing project sold many items they have been working on for the past few months. They are improving their sewing skills and learning how to market their products and handle sales. They will be busy finishing their projects for their fashion revue coming up in February. And the livestock projects are all working hard to raise their new animals.

The Leona Valley Community Queens were a great help at the Senior Dinner. They assisted with serving food and mingling with our residents. They have also been attending local parades and other holiday events.

The West Antelope Valley Historical Society was fortunate to receive donations from Bob Reader recently. He had items that had been given to him in pieces, which he then reassembled for us. They included a 100 year-old drum style butter churn made in Minnesota, which is operated by turning a handle and rotating the cream until it turns to butter. The other item is an old apple cider press, which is still operational, so we can use it for demonstrations when we have student tours. Thanks, Bob!

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**Terima Kasih**  
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**THANK-YOU**

**On Behalf of the families  
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and our partnerships**

*Merci*

Thanks to you, our community, and of course by

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Clothes and toy needs of the children

Families who are living in sobriety and recovering from abuse.

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**Hvala**  
**Kiitos**  
**Grazie**  
**Asante**



### Overwhelmed as Usual

We were once again overwhelmed by our community's kindness and generosity. Because of all of you, we are thrilled to share that as a result:

The children's lists, which included toys, clothing, and shoes, have been abundantly filled.

Every Family on our list will receive a full Christmas dinner and groceries.

Warm clothing has been provided to help them through the cold days and nights.

### What will Santa's Helpers be Doing as Christmas Approaches?

None of this would be possible without your continued support. Santa's helpers will personally deliver these gifts, meals, and clothing to each family. It is humbling to witness the smiles, gratitude, and joy your generosity will bring to their homes and hearts.

Thank you and God bless you

From all of us at BBMS Happy Children, and with deep appreciation to the incredible team at AC Dave Heating & Air, thank you, and may God bless you all. Merry Christmas!



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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### **WELCOME TO THE NEW YEAR - 2026!!!**

January 5 - Monday - WAVHS meeting, 5 pm  
January 12 - Monday - LV Town Council meeting, 7 pm  
January 15 - Thursday - LVIA General meeting, 7:30 pm  
January 19 - Monday - 4-H General meeting, 6:30 pm

February 2 - Monday - WAVHS meeting, 5 pm  
**February 7 - Saturday - LVIA Chili Cook-off**  
February 9 - Monday - LV Town Council meeting, 7 pm  
February 16 - Monday - 4-H General meeting, 6:30 pm  
February 18 - Thursday - LVIA General meeting, 7:30 pm  
February 21 - Saturday - Firearm Safety Class, 8:00 am

March 2 - Monday - WAVHS meeting, 5 pm  
March 9 - Monday - LV Town Council meeting, 7 pm  
March 16 - Monday - 4-H General meeting, 6:30 pm  
**March 17 - Tuesday - St. Patrick's Day Dinner**  
March 19 - Thursday - LVIA General meeting, 7:30 pm  
March 28 - Saturday - Gymkhana

### **April 4 - Saturday - LVIA Membership Breakfast**

Dates are subject to change. All events take place at the Leona Valley Community Building,  
8367 Elizabeth Lake Road, unless otherwise noted.

### **For Future Planning!**

February 7 - Chili Cook-off  
February 21 - Firearm Safety Class  
March 17 - St. Patrick's Day Dinner  
April 4 - LVIA Membership Breakfast

Use this Zelle QR code to pay for your membership or any LVIA events.

