

# The West Seattle Talon Tribune

## May 2025



## West Seattle Garage Sale

**Saturday, May 10th 9:00AM-3:00PM**



Happy Spring! West Seattle Garage Sale is a having a 20th Anniversary. Sisters & Brothers, let's get together and go sell!

Table fees will be \$10.00 to the table the seller provides, (a few might be available) and donations will be given to the Auxiliary. Please pay the person attending the bar to be a seller!!

Sign up sheets will be in the social room and hopefully it will be a super sunny Saturday. Lots of fun.

Any questions? Please contact me at [rickjobrown@gmail.com](mailto:rickjobrown@gmail.com) and hope to see you there!!

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## Let's Talk About Committees

**From Worthy Vice President Steve Rallins**

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Let's Talk about Committees...

Committees are the way that many events, projects, policies, and fundraisers are determined, planned, and executed in both the Aerie and Auxiliary. These things are worked on in committee and then brought to the Auxiliary and/or Aerie for either vote and/or additional requests. Many members have expressed many great ideas. Joining, and participating in a committee is one of the best ways to get these great ideas accomplished. If you have an idea and bring it to an Aerie or Auxiliary meeting, The President may even create a committee around that idea. Many of the improvements over the years have been accomplished through many of these committees.

Here is a list of past and current committees:

Entertainment Committee  
Fundraising Committee  
Nomination Committee  
Sign Committee  
Membership Committee

Game Room Committee  
Social Media Committee  
Photography Committee  
Beer Garden/Deck Committee  
Interviewing Committee

With Elections coming in May and a new Aerie year starting in June, there will be new committees created and announced. This will be your chance to assist and be active in the club. We welcome your input and need your participation to move the club forward. I encourage you to reach out to an officer or a trustee about being on a committee. I look forward to seeing you on a committee in the near future.



### Social Room Hours:

Sunday: 2pm-10pm  
Monday: 3pm-11pm  
Tuesday: 3pm-11pm  
Wednesday: 3pm-11pm  
Thursday: 3pm-11pm  
Friday: 3pm-12am  
Saturday: 12pm-12am

All guests must be signed in, and the member that signed them in is responsible for their actions.

\$10.00 minimum for all debit and credit cards.

\* It is the bartender's discretion to stay open past the hours posted.

\*\* Social Room may open early for televised sports or special events.

# Easter Buffet and Bunny Success!

*I asked Shannon to tell us her Easter Bunny story. Here it is!*

My Family have been Eagle members since the late 1940s Grandpa Albert Smolarick was a 65 year member primarily #2643. My Father Richard was President for Aerie #1 in Georgetown and Held a multitude of positions along with my mother Rosalie who was active in the Auxiliary and held many positions as well.

I literally grew up in the Eagles and called White Center and West Seattle my Home.

Born and raised in West Seattle I Grew up living and playing in the community of West Seattle. Taking after my parents who where community driven and Eagle members My activates included performing in parades, donating my time with eagle events and Helping people. It wasn't until the passing of my parents that it was my time to shine and give back.



Fast forward to Post Pandemic, I felt there was a need to bring the Easter Bunny to the WSE and promote happiness.

I started to help at White Center eagles right after pandemic for their Easter event in 2021, but the universe spoke and as I walked into a thrift store in the town of Snoqualmie , there was an Easter Bunny costume ready for me to take home and love. Hence the Easter Bunny had new EARS! With my new costume I was able to make West Settle #2643 the EASTER Bunny's permanent home with my very own EASTER BUNNY costume in 2022. In my past time I am a seasonal actor at the local Haunted House, and also play a holiday character named Krampus.

I love having fun, making people smile, and being as ridiculous as possible, after all our mission is people helping people!

you only live life once.. why not have FUN!

~Shannon

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

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Thank you!

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

All submissions, articles, advertizements, promotions need to be e-mailed to

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...at least one week before the end of the month. Newsletters are sent out to all members five days before the 1st of the month.

Thank you!

## MEMORIAL DAY MAY 26TH 2024



Our Past Worthy Presidents will be serving FREE hot dogs and burgers. 1:00-5:00

# A Message from our Worthy President



Hello my brothers and sisters of 2643

Well spring is here. And the trees and flowers are beautiful. I hope everyone had a good Easter. Thank you ladies of the auxiliary for another wonderful Easter Buffet event and great food. And thank you Easter bunny for stopping by.

May is here, as is the end of our Eagles calendar year. Next year's officers have been nominated, voting will be on May 6th if necessary, and installation of these officers will be on May 18th and all members are encouraged to come to the ceremony. Now as this letter is being published at the end of April, I will not ruin the surprise by naming them. I have no doubt that you will show the same kindness to our incoming Worthy President.

This is my last letter to the Aerie as Worthy President. I want to thank each and everyone of you for your support, volunteerism, and "sweat equity" you have all invested. You have made this session of the Aerie very special for me personally and very successful for our entire Aerie. I thank the trustees for keeping our building and social room working, and a special thank you to all the Aerie and Auxiliary officers for all their great events and just being the great people that you are.

I will be moving to the station of the Junior Past Worthy and have a seat on the board of trustees. So you haven't gotten rid of me.

Thank you all again

Fraternally yours

*Russell Martiens*

Russell Martiens

Worthy President



# A Message from our Madam President

Sisters and Brothers

Well – this will be my last newsletter article. Please welcome Amy Ojendyk as your new Auxiliary President along with all the other new officers for the 2025 – 2026 Eagle year.

Easter brunch was a success. The Easter bunny even showed up. Thanks Shannon Broderick! We appreciate you.

The plant and craft sale was awesome. Thank you to all who attended and those who made this work.

I wish you all the best in the coming year.

Fraternally yours,

*Linda Fittro*

Linda Fittro  
Madam President



# Aerie #2643 Events Calendar

## May 2025

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

**SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER FOR THE PARKING LOT AND SPRING CLEANING ON SATURDAY, MAY 3RD!**

Auxilliary Meeting 6:30  
**OFFICER ELECTIONS**

**Parking Lot & Spring Cleaning**  
Hot Dogs & Chips 12-3 \$3  
Manicotti, Salad, Bread Dessert 5:30 \$15  
Band: Chili  
Heads 7:30-10:30

Cribbage 2:00

Bar food 5:30  
Queen of Hearts

Trustee Meeting 6:00  
  
Aerie Meeting 7:30 **OFFICER ELECTIONS**

Taco Night

Obie's Steak Night 5:30 \$25  
Karaoke 7:30

**West Seattle Garage Sale**  
Burgers & Dogs Food  
Band: Danny Godinez & Freinds 7:30-10:30

**Mothers Day Brunch** 10:00-1:00. FREE to all #2643 mothers  
Adults: \$15, Kids \$10, Under 10 free

Bar food 5:30  
Queen of Hearts

Calendar Meeting 5:30  
  
Trustee Meeting 6:00w

Taco Night  
Cribbage 6:00

Auxiliary Meeting 6:30

Hall Rental 12:00-4:00  
Hot Dogs & Chips 12-3 \$3  
Dist. 5 Memorial @ Salmon Bay  
Band: John Stephan Band 7:30-10:30

**Aerie and Auxiliary OFFICER INSTALLATION** 1:00  
Cribbage 2:00 upstairs

Bar food 5:30  
Queen of Hearts

Trustee Meeting 6:00  
  
Aerie Meeting 7:30

Taco Night  
Trivia with Grant Varney 6:30-8:00.  
Generous donation requested.

Karaoke 7:30

Hot Dogs & Chips 12-3 \$3  
Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans & Rolls 5:30 \$13  
Spyrographs 7:30-10:30

Memorial Day Burgers & Hot Dogs 1:00-5:00 FREE  
Queen of Hearts

Trustee Meeting 6:00

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Taco Night

Poker 6:30

Karaoke 7:30

Hot Dogs & Chips 12-3 \$3  
Dinner TBD  
Mod Men 7:30-10:30



# Live Music Saturday Nights!

Come and have a good time!



**May 3rd**  
**Chili Heads**



**May 10th**  
**Danny Godinez  
& Friends**



**May 17th**  
**John Stephan  
Band**



**May 24th**  
**Spyrogaphs**



**May 31st**  
**MOD MEN**

**Dinner at 5:30**  
**Music from 7:30-10:30!**

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**MONDAYS**

**QUEEN OF HEARTS**

RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD UNTIL 6:45. DRAWING AT 7:00

**Mothers Day Brunch**  
Sunday, May 10th -  
10:00-1:00

FREE to all Aerie #2643 members who are mothers.

Adults \$15  
Kids \$10  
Under 10 = free



**2024-2025  
Aerie Officers**

Jr. Past Worthy President	<b>John Ledeman PWP</b>
Worthy President	<b>Russell Martiens PWP</b>
Worthy Vice President	<b>Steve Rallins</b>
Worthy Chaplain	<b>Thomas Maddy</b>
Worthy Secretary	<b>Marcus Higbee PWP</b>
Worthy Treasurer	
Worthy Conductor	<b>Anthony Evans</b>
Worthy Inside Guard	<b>Ken Spencer</b>
Trustee	<b>Paul Leonardo PWP</b>
Trustee	<b>David Wolff</b>
Trustee	<b>Armando Juarez PWP</b>
Trustee	<b>John Ledeman PWP</b>
Trustee	<b>Steven Spadoni</b>
Aerie Father	<b>Zane Fitterer PWP</b>



**2024-2025  
Auxiliary Officers**

Jr. Past Madam President	<b>Donna Klippert PMP</b>
Madam President	<b>Linda Fittro PMP</b>
Madam Vice President	<b>Amy Ojendyk</b>
Madam Chaplain	<b>Gisela Grieb PMP</b>
Madam Secretary	<b>Debbe Myers</b>
Madam Treasurer	<b>Barbara Ball PMP</b>
Madam Conductor	<b>Lexi Fittro</b>
Madam Inside Guard	
Trustee	<b>Debbie McGee</b>
Trustee	<b>Susie Klein</b>
Trustee	<b>Sue Irvin</b>
Auxiliary Mother	<b>Jennifer Young PMP</b>
Auxiliary Grandmother	<b>Mary Lou Wilkerson PMP</b>

## State and Grand Schedule

## District 5 Meeting Schedule 2024-2025

### 2025

February 15th	Salmon Bay #2141
March 15th	Burien #3523
April 19th	White Center #2568
May 17th	Salmon Bay #2141

# Sunshine Report

## Sympathy

Pamela Allyn      Loss of Sister  
Jen Orgaard      Loss of Father  
Linda Rackner      Loss of Mother

## Thinking of You

Lisa Bajocich      Illness Daughter  
Emme Bajocich      Illness  
Thao Coontz      Illness  
Barbara Jones      Hospitalization  
Pam Rehm      Illness Sister  
Donna Wilkins      Illness

If you know of any Aerie or Auxiliary members that could benefit from a card or a visit, please notify

Barbara Ball  
(206) 715-2219  
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## People Helping People

Do you have some free time and would like to have a more active involvement in our club and community? Come and talk to an officer and see what you can do to be a part of our raising money for charity and benefiting our community.

There are lots of opportunities to participate without spending a ton of time. Anything from doing dishes for a dinner or checking IDs during street fair or another event helps the club greatly.

If you want to take an even more active role in the club, talk to us about what is involved in becoming an officer. A couple hours a month is a worthy investment in helping to direct our path moving forward.



## Our Mission Statement

The Fraternal Order of Eagles is an international non-profit organization uniting fraternally in the spirit of liberty, truth, justice, and equality, to make human life more desirable by lessening its ills and promoting peace, prosperity, gladness and hope.

## Did you Know?

You can search for a nearby Aerie by going to [www.foe.com](http://www.foe.com) and clicking on the Aerie locator. Perfect for when you are planning a trip this summer. Or, you can pick up a book listing all the aeries in our social room.

# Recurring and Upcoming Events

## Aerie / Auxiliary Events:

### **Trustee Meetings**

are held every Tuesday at 6:00 PM.

**Aerie Meetings** are held twice a month on the first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 PM.

**Auxiliary Meetings** are held twice a month on the first and third Thursdays at 6:30 PM.

**Calendar Meetings** are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM.

**Joint Officer Meetings** are held quarterly. All Aerie and Auxiliary officers.

## Recurring Events:

*May 2025*

Events are subject to change. Keep an eye on the white board in the club entrance area and on Facebook for the most current information.

### ***Mondays***

**Queen of Hearts.** Dinner at 5:30. Raffle Tickets sold until 6:45. Drawing at 7:00 PM.  
Last Monday: **Cincinnati Chili** 5:30 \$12 (Occasionally - check the calendar!)

### ***Wednesdays***

**Taco Wednesday.** \$2.00 per taco, or three for \$5.00. From 5:30 until sold out.

2nd Wednesday: **Cribbage** 6:00 PM

3rd Wednesday: **Trivia Night by Grant Varney.** 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM.

### ***Thursdays***

Last Thursday: **Poker tournament.** \$40.00 buy in. 6:30 in the game room upstairs.  
Members only.

### ***Fridays***

Usually, there is an Aerie or Auxiliary dinner served at 5:30.

2nd and 4th Friday: **Karaoke** from 7:00 to midnight.

2nd Friday: **Obie's Steak Night** - 5:30 \$20

4th Friday (Occasionally - check the calendar!): **Dave's Broasted Chicken** - 5:30 \$15

### ***Saturdays***

Usually, there is an Aerie or Auxiliary dinner served at 5:30.

If no dinner is scheduled, Bar Food is usually served.

**Live Music** most Saturday nights 7:30 to 10:30 PM inside the banquet hall

### ***Sundays***

1st and 3rd Sundays: **Cribbage** 2:00

3rd Sunday: **Craft Day** 2:00-5:00 (Most 3rd Sundays. See calendar)

## Upcoming Special Events

### ***West Seattle Garage Sale - Saturday, May 10th, 9:00-3:00***

Table fees will be \$10.00 to the table the seller. Sign-up sheets in the social room.

### ***Mothers Day Brunch - Sunday, May 11th, 10:00-1:00***

FREE to all #2643 member MOTHERS

Adults: \$15, Kids \$10

Under 10 free

### ***Memorial Day BBQ by the PWWs - May 26, 1:00-5:00***

Burgers & Hot Dogs 1:00-5:00 FREE