West Seattle Eagles Newsletter September 2025

Membership Drive success!

From Saturday, August 23rd.

Great night. Fajitas served by Susie and Barb sold out and were delicious. The Ropers lit up the club in the caftans and wigs. Red House rocked the night away. Several new members signed up on both sides of the

house. Plenty of volunteers for whom we are eternally thankful. Great night

in the social room and beautiful weather to boot!













PEOPLE

2643

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Wednesday: 3pm-11pm

Thursday: 3pm-11pm

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Eric Kirkbride

Treehouse, a Charity for Foster Youth

From Sandi Evans, our Madam Inside Guard

Hello Eagles,

My name is Sandi and I have the privilege of being your Auxiliary inside Guard. Some of you may know I also work for Treehouse, a charity that we have sponsored in the past. Treehouse is an organization that works in Washington state with foster youth. Started in 1988, Treehouse is the only nonprofit in Washington state focused on the specific educational, material and financial needs of youth in foster care.



Our approach is to walk alongside youth and support their unique needs. Together, we are creating a road to hope and possibility for youth in foster care in Washington state. My specific role with treehouse is the Store Coordinator. We provide a free retail space where our youth can come shop for clothing, shoes, school supplies, hygiene and other essentials. This space helps our youth get the things they need to build their confidence, and self esteem to remove some of the barriers that so many of them are trying to overcome. The youth we serve have so much otherness to overcome and having clothing and hygiene shouldn't be one of them. Generous community members and their donations help us make this a reality. We could not do what we do without the kindness and generosity of people like you. People who just want to do good in



their communities. So in an effort to help with back to school resources and supplies we are doing a fund raiser of selling apples to hang on the walls of the Aerie for 5 dollars an apple. These funds go a long way to helping the youth we serve get school supplies, back packs, clothing, shoes and more to make their back to school season a positive and uplifting one. The Aerie has also been kind enough to allow us to put a barrel in the lobby to collect hygiene items. Sometimes hygiene products don't always come to mind when we

talk about youth's needs, but they are so important. Along with feeling good in new clothes and having new back to school gear, we also want to make sure they feel clean, smell good and have the basic hygiene items that we all appreciate having. Like soap, shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste/toothbrushes anti-perspirant/deoderant and even feminine products. It sounds basic but these items go a long way with helping our youth feel good in their own skin. The barrel will be placed in the lobby so people can bring basic hygiene items to donate. In an effort to boost hygiene donations I will be offering a free drink chip on Queen of hearts nights in September. When you bring 5 hygiene items I will give you a free drink chip.

I look forward to meeting all of you as a member of the Aux. I appreciate you all for allowing me to do a shout out to a cause that I hold close to my heart. I think all kids should have an opportunity to be kids. Backpacks not Barriers. You are all so kind and generous and it warms my heart to know that I am a part of an organization that is people helping people. Thank you all so much for your time and I look forward to

meeting you all. I also look forward to cooking for you all again soon. Come on fall. We need Gumbo Season!!!!



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

If you wish to add something to our newsletter, please contact:
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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!



SAVE THE DATE

- What: The West Seattle Fraternal Order of Eagles is happy to announce the return of our annual OKTOBERFEST. The amazing Oompa band, food, games and raffles are all back for another year.
- When: Saturday, October 18, 2025
- Where: 4426 California Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98116
- **Time:** Band will start at approximately 5:00 PM with full food service beginning around 5:30 PM.

All proceeds will benefit: Treehouse









Crafting is Back!

As summer winds down, we're bringing back our monthly craft afternoons—a perfect way to relax, get creative, and connect.

Join us for our first session: Sunday, September 28 2:00 – 4:00 PM

- Sip & Paint-by-Numbers
- \$10 Suggested Donation
- All supplies provided!

Come unwind with us—bring a friend, sip something tasty, and paint your stress away.

Stay tuned for a Fall/Halloween-themed craft afternoon in October!

A Message from our Worthy President

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the beautiful month of September! I just want to say Thank you for everyone's participation and interest in the events of August. We tallied over 80 votes for the deck options, and the winner is the concrete option! Almost a 2-1 vote. Thank you for everyone that participated in the Roper Romp, Membership Drive, and the Aerie Social. Thanks to everyone that have also made the social room full during the Queen of Hearts and the Wednesday Taco nights. Let's continue to fill up the club this next month!

With the month of September amongst us, let us be reminded that fall is around the corner, but football season is officially here. Please join us for all the College and NFL games on the weekends. Of course, we will have the Huskies, the Cougs, and the Seahawks playing in the social room all season long. Don't forget we also have TVs in the game room and the banquet hall that should have the games on. We also have plenty of meals that go along with many of these games as well. If you are interested in participating in any of these meals, please reach out to any officer (both Aerie and Auxiliary) about how to get involved.

Before I close out my newsletter, I just wanted to add; that this month I have been reminded of the Fraternity of Eagles motto. "People helping People!" We are here and have been established to help our community and to help each other. This is our Charter. I was reminded that we were the 2021 Non-Profit of the Year by the West Seattle Chamber of Commerce. This was centered by the club giving back to the community, and the various charity work that we have participated in the past. Please remember that much of the dinners and events that we have planned facilitate this idea of giving back or charity. From the baskets in the front of the club, for Clothesline and West Seattle Food Bank, to our meals, events, and other endeavors that go to various charities both local and nationwide. Please let this be in the forefront of our thoughts as we proceed to create and curate more events and opportunities down the line. We need your help and participation to continue to meet and exceed this charter.

Again, I look forward to all of your feedback. I also look forward to seeing and hearing from everyone when I am in the social room. Thank you for all of the encouragement and well wishes that I receive on a regular basis. Thank you again for your time, energy, and efforts. I look forward to another good month.

Sincerely,

Steve Rallins Gr.

Steve Rallins Jr., Worthy President



A Message from our Madam President



Hello Sisters and Brothers!

As summer winds down, we're looking forward to the crisp energy of fall and all the fun it brings. We're excited to announce that Monthly Craft Days are back starting Sunday, September 28 at 2 PM! Join us in the banquet room for a relaxing Paint-and-Sip session. Check out the rest of the newsletter for more details, and keep an eye out for a spooky Halloween activity coming in October!

Got a craft idea or a hobby you'd love to share with the club? We're always looking for fresh ideas and new volunteers—just reach out to one of our officers and we'll help make it happen.

Football Season Is Here!

We're kicking things off with Seahawk Brunches—the first one is Sunday, September 14, 10 AM kick-off. And don't miss the Apple Cup Hot Dog Bar on September 20, complete with gourmet fixings. Stay tuned to our calendar and social media for updates throughout the season.

Introducing: Book Club!

You asked, and it's finally happening—Book Club starts this fall! We'll meet on the last Wednesday of every month, beginning September 24 at 7 PM. Our first book is The Midnight Library by Matt Haig. Bring a friend and come ready to discuss! We'll also vote on October's book at that meeting, so bring your suggestions.

Thank You, Volunteers!

We want to give a heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who make our events possible—whether you're cooking, checking IDs during membership drives, or lending a hand behind the scenes. Your efforts make a huge difference! Even attending events or enjoying a meal prepared by our volunteers helps support the club. If you're interested in hosting or helping with an event, talk to any of our officers or email me at amy@westseattleeagles.org.

Here's to a fun and festive fall season—we hope to see you soon!

Warmly,

Amy Ojendyk

Amy Ojendyk Madam President



Aerie #2643 Events Calendar September 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| SUMMER IS NOT YET OVER! | Labor Day. Club opens 12:00 Burgers and Dogs Free for members Bar food 5:30 Queen of Hearts | Trustee Meeting 6:00 Aerie Meeting 7:30 | Taco Night Cribbage 6:00 Eagle Riders Meeting 6:00 | Auxiliary Meeting 6:30 | 5 | Food: 5:30 Champagne Cowboy w/Tripp Rezak 7:30-10:30 UC Davis @ Huskies 8:00PM San Diego State @ WSU 7:15PM |
| 49ers @ Seahawks 1:05 | Queen of Hearts + 50/50 raffle! Bánh Mì sandwich with sides \$13 | Calendar Meeting 5:30 Trustee Meeting 6:00 | Taco Night Cribbage 6:00 | | Obie's Steak Night 5:30 \$20 Karaoke 7:30 | WSU @ North Texas 12:30 Food: 5:30 John Stephen Band 7:30- 10:30 |
| Seahawks @ Steelers 10:00AM Bar Open at 10 - Country Fried Steak & Eggs Bloody Mary Bar | Bar food 5:30 Queen of Hearts | Trustee Meeting 6:00 Aerie Meeting 7:30 | Taco Night Trivia with Grant Varney 6:30-8:30. Generous donation requested. | Auxilliary Meeting 6:30 | 19 | Apple Cup 4:30 Hot Dogs & lots o' fixin's Chili Heads 7:30-10:30 |
| Saints @ Seahawks 1:05 | Bar food 5:30 Queen of Hearts | Trustee Meeting 6:00 Joint Officers Meeting 6:30 | Taco Night Cribbage 6:00 Book Club 7:00 Game Room | Seahawks @ Cardinals 5:15 Philly Cheesesteaks 5:15 \$? Poker 6:30 | Karaoke 7:30 State SWP/SMP visitation. See lobby calendar for more info | Ohio State @ Washington TBD WSU @ Colorado St 4:30 CDF Dinner 5-7 Band TBD 7-10 |
| Crafting 2:00-4:00 \$10 donation suggested | Bar food 5:30 Queen of Hearts | Trustee Meeting 6:00 | Taco Night Cribbage 6:00 | All music is back in the Banquet Hall, starting at 7:30. | | |

Live Music Seturday Nights!



September 6th
Champagne Cowboy
With Tripp Rezak
Original and Old-School
Country



September 13th
John Stephan Band
Original and Cover Blues



September 20th
Chili Heads
Groovin' Blues



September 27th
tobe determined!

Food at 5:30 Music from 7:30-10:30 West Seattle Eagles presents:

Holiday Bazaar

Save the Date! **Sunday December 7**, 2025 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM West Seattle Eagles Banquet Hall

Join us for a Holiday Bazaar in our club house event room.
We welcome friends or associates of members to participate in the Bazaar too. 10' X
8' spots are \$20, please bring your own table and/or stands.

This event is an ideal venue for artists, crafters and anyone who enjoys making unique creations to sell their items.

This fun event will be chaired by Anne Weglin and Sue Irvin.

Booth sign-up sheet is in the Social Room at the club. Any questions about the event or non-members can reach out to Anne or Sue to be signed up.

Anne Weglin Sue Irvin arweglin@mac.com irvdiamonds@comcast.net

A New Book Club Starting!

The Auxiliary is launching a Book Club and everyone's invited!

- When: Last Wednesday of each month
- Where: Upstairs Game Room
- Time: Come at 6:30 PM for drinks from the bar and tacos from the kitchen. Discussion kicks off at 7 PM.

First Meeting:

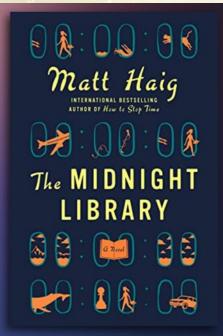
Date: Wednesday, September 24

Book: The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

Bring a book suggestion — we'll pick next month's read after the discussion!

All club members are welcome — and feel free to bring your book-loving friends along!

Hope to see you there!



Between life and death there is a library.

When Nora Seed finds herself in the Midnight Library, she has a chance to make things right. Up until now, her life has been full of misery and regret. She feels she has let everyone down, including herself. But things are about to change.

The books in the Midnight Library enable Nora to live as if she had done things differently. With the help of an old friend, she can now undo every one of her regrets as she tries to work out her perfect life. But things aren't always what she imagined they'd be, and soon her choices place the library and herself in extreme danger.

Before time runs out, she must answer the ultimate question: what is the best way to live?

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Queen of Hearts -Auxiliary Takeover on Sept 8th!

Get ready for a special night of fun, food, and fundraising as the Ladies Auxiliary takes over Oueen of Hearts!

Enjoy a flavorful Bánh Mì sandwich with sides, prepared by Gisela – just \$13, with proceeds going to the American Red Cross.

We'll also be adding a special 50/50 raffle and a couple of extra prizes to increase your chances of winning! As always, Oueen of Hearts tickets will benefit the club, but this night offers something extra - great food, great prizes, and a great cause!





2025-2026 Aerie Officers



2025-2026 **Auxiliary Officers**

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State and Grand Schedule

District 5 Meeting Schedule 2025-2026

September 13th Salmon Bay #2141

5216 20th Áve NW Seattle, WA 98107 (206) 783-7791

November 15th

Burien #3523 920 SW 150th ST Burien, WA 98166 (206) 246-3350

January 17th

West Seattle #2643 4426 California Ave SW Seattle, WA 98116 (206) 938-4426

March 21st

White Center #2568 10452 15th Ave SW, Seattle,

WA 98146 (206) 248-1400

May 16th (District 5 Memorial, Installation of **District Officers**

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WA 98146 (206) 248-1400

Sunshine Report

| 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 bball58.gov@gmail.com

| Sympathy | | Thinking of You | |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Andrea Addington | Loss of Aunt | Dolores Anderson | Illness |
| Ednorah Arvelo | Loss of Brother | Carmen Clark | Illness Gato |
| Carlos Arvelo | Loss of Uncle | Sandi Evans | Injury |
| Zane Fitterer | Loss of Mother | Loretta Jones | Illness |
| Gisela Grieb | Loss of Friend | Debbie McGee | Hospitalized |
| Amy Siderits | Loss of Friend | Debbe Myers | Illness |
| | | Anna Ojendyk | Illness Stepmom |
| | | Janet Toepke | Not doing well |

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 helpes 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 and clicking on the Aerie locator. Perfect for when you are planning a trip this summer.

Or, you can pic 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.

Eagle Riders Meetings are held on every first Wednesday at 6:00.

Recurring Events:

September 2025

<u>Events are subject to change.</u> 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. Bar Food!

Wednesdays

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

All Wednesdays except for the 3rd 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

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

2nd Friday (Returning in SEPTEMBER) - Obie's Steak Night

2nd and 4th Friday: **Karaoke** from 8:00 to midnight. (Check calendar)

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 11:00 PM inside the banquet hall. 5:30-9:30 outside during the summer - weather permitting!

Sundays

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

Upcoming Special Events

Labor Day FREE Burgers and Hot Dogs

Monday, September 1st. The PWPs will be serving Burgers and dogs free to members in good standing. Donations are welcomed. The Social Room will open at 12 noon. Queen of Hearts that night as well.

Queen of Hearts - special Auxiliary take-over!

Monday, September 8th - 5:30

Bánh Mì sandwiches \$13 by Gisela, with proceeds going to the American Red Cross. We'll also be adding a special 50/50 raffle and a couple of extra prizes to increase your chances of winning! As always, Queen of Hearts tickets will benefit the club, but this night offers something extra – great food, great prizes, and a great cause!

New Book Club!

Wednesday, September 24th - 6:30 for tacos and cocktails, 7:00 meet upstairs in the game room. This will be a recurring event starting this month. We will meet every last Wednesday of the month. Hope to see you there!

Crafting is back!

Wednesday, September 28th - 2:00-4:00 - Banquet room. This will be a recurring event starting this month. We will meet every last Sunday of the month. \$10 suggested donation. All supplies provided!