

West Seattle Eagles Newsletter

October 2025



Letter from the Board of Trustees

To the Aerie and Auxiliary Membership:



In accordance with the Grand Aerie Constitution and Statutes (Section 89.4) the Board of Trustees for West Seattle Aerie and Auxiliary remind its membership that: "Those who attend a Trustees' meeting other than the Trustees themselves have no voice in the proceedings".

Further, this Board has adopted the 'best practice' of having all communications with the Board of Trustees submitted in writing, via placing notes, requests, and questions in the Trustees' box in the Social Room. All submitted communications with the Board of Trustees should include: One topic/ subject, the member's name, and contact information (phone and/or email) for follow up if deemed necessary.

Only topics submitted to the Board, in writing, prior to the meeting, will be considered for discussion. Only those members who have submitted active communications should come to the meeting to listen to the resolution/ consideration for the topic submitted or be available to respond to the Board's questions related to that topic.

This structure will ensure that all members' ideas, questions, and concerns are documented and discussed appropriately, while maintaining decorum and efficiency during our business meetings. This change will go into effect beginning October 1, 2025.

Thank you,

• The Board of Trustees

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Seattle, WA 98116
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Social Room Hours:

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

Book club success!

It was "Super Fun!"

See the flyer in this month's newsletter for the next book, and meeting time.



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.



Ritual Practice is available to all current Aerie Officers, & those interested in becoming officers.

PWP John will be conducting Ritual training/practice on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month following the Trustees' meeting beginning around 7pm.

As officers, it is our responsibility to demonstrate to our membership the importance of our rituals. We can best do this by performing our ceremonies with confidence. I encourage you to come and participate.

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Thank you!

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

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

Anthony Evans
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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, Silent Auction, 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



A Message from our Worthy President

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Fall is officially here! We have a bunch of wonderful events planned for the Month of October! However, before we begin, I would like to take a minute and show gratitude for a previous month. Thank you all for your participation in all of the wonderful events in the month of September. We sold out of dinners on the triumph return of Obie's steak night. It was good to see everyone come out for that event. The social room has been packed watching the Seahawks, the Huskies, the Cougs, and the Mariners games. Thank you for being with us as we watched the Mariners win the NL West Division in 24 years! Not to mention all of Cal Raliegh's Home Runs. Also, we've had an awesome turnout for our other events this month as including Queen of hearts, Trivia, and Karaoke. A special Thank you to everyone that participated in the State Worthy President and State Madam President's dinner.

Now that October is here, we have a full calendar of events planned for it. We have the Oktoberfest celebration, which is always a good time and wonderful fundraiser, on the 18th. There are also many other dinners that are planned as well. Please participate in as many as you can. Please continue to support all of our regular monthly events. At the end of the month, there is also a Halloween Party that you should not miss. With these events and the future ones, we rely on volunteers for these events. Please look for the sign-up sheets in the social room to volunteer.

Before I end my letter, I just want to say again; Thank you! I am always encouraged from the feedback, well wishes, and support that I get from our members. You are our lifeblood! Again, I look forward to all your feedback. If you have any questions and/or concerns, please reach out to me at my WSE email: Steve@westseattleeagles.org. Thank you again for your time, energy, and efforts. I look forward to hearing from everyone and I look forward to another wonderful month at our club.

Sincerely,

Steve Rallins Jr.

Steve Rallins Jr., Worthy President



A Message from our Madam President



Hello Sisters and Brothers!

October is here — bringing crisp mornings, cozy evenings, and that unmistakable back-to-school energy. Fall sports are in full swing (including baseball!!! Go Mariners!!!), and our calendar is packed with exciting activities!

A huge thank you to our members! September was a whirlwind of fun, and we couldn't have done it without our amazing volunteers. Thank you for your time, energy, and community spirit!

What's Happening This Month: Our October calendar is filling up fast, and there's something for everyone. Be sure to check the calendar posted in the social room, and follow us on social media for the latest updates.

- We kicked off our very first book club last month, and it was a great success! It was wonderful to see new faces and dive into a lively discussion. This month, we're reading *The Women* by local author Kristin Hannah. Book club meets the last Wednesday of the month — come join the conversation!
- Craft Day – October 19th! We're planning another fun craft day this month. Details are still being finalized, but trust us — you won't want to miss it!
- Bunco Returns! We're excited to bring back Bunco on Sunday, October 26! Never played before? No problem — we'll kick things off with a quick lesson so everyone can join in the fun. It's a great way to meet new friends and enjoy a casual afternoon together.
- Oktoberfest – Save the Date! Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 18 — it's time for Oktoberfest! Expect an oompa band, games, and a silent auction benefiting charity. Plus, there'll be delicious schnitzel, cold beer, and a photo station to capture the festive cheer. Dust off those dirndls and lederhosen — this is one of our most beloved annual events!

We're excited to resume the tradition of recognizing our long-time members with Eagle pins, awarded in five-year increments. This tradition was paused during COVID, so we have a lot of catching up to do! If you've been a member for five years or more, there's likely a pin waiting for you. Join us at the first auxiliary meeting of the month to receive yours in person. Can't make it? Stop by the bar next time you're in the club and check in with the bartender.

Many of these fun new events — like book club, Bunco, and craft days — came from suggestions by members just like you! If you have an idea for something you'd like to see at the club, we'd love to hear it. Talk to one of our officers or email me directly at amy@westseattleeagles.org. Your input helps keep our community vibrant, welcoming, and fun!

Warmly,

Amy Ojendyk
Amy Ojendyk
Madam President



West Seattle Eagles #2643

Events Calendar October 2025

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



Taco Night
Cribbage 6:00

Eagle Riders
Meeting 6:00

Auxilliary
Meeting 6:30

Fettuccine
and Broccoli
casserole with
green salad
garlic bread
and dessert
5:30 \$13

Food 5:30
Castle &
Friends 7:00
Huskies @
Maryland TBA

Buccaneers @
Seahawks 1:05
PM

Bar food 5:30
Queen of
Hearts

Trustee
Meeting 6:00

Aerie Meeting
7:30

Taco Night
Cribbage 6:00

Poker 6:30

Obie's Steak
Night 5:30 \$25
Rutgers @
Huskies
6:00PM
Karaoke 7:30

Cougars @
Mississippi
9:45AM
Hall Rental -
evening. No
dinner or band

Seahawks @
Jaguars 10:00
AM
Auxiliary
Breakfast!
Eggs Benedict

Gumbo 5:30 \$15
Queen of
Hearts + Aux
50/50 raffle

Calendar
Meeting 5:30
Trustee
Meeting 6:00

Ritual Practice

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

Auxilliary
Meeting 6:30

Food prep &
decorations for
tomorrow!

Cougars @ Virginia
3:30 PM
Huskies @ Michigan
TBA
OKTOBERFEST
The Amazing Oompa
Band 5:00
Food 5:30

Crafting
2:00-4:00
\$10 donation
suggested

Shepherd's Pie
w/green salad
5:30 \$12
Queen of
Hearts
Texans @
Seahawks 7:00

Trustee
Meeting 6:00

Aerie Meeting
7:30

Taco Night
Cribbage 6:00

Poker 6:30

Karaoke 7:30

Toledo @ Cougars
12:30PM
Illinois @ UW
Huskies TBA
Teriyaki Chicken
w/ rice 5:30 \$12
Danny Waco 7:00

NO
SEAHAWKS
GAME. BYE
WEEK.
Bunco 3:00

Bar food 5:30
Queen of
Hearts + Aux
50/50 raffle

Trustee
Meeting 6:00

Ritual Practice

Taco Night
Cribbage 6:00

Book Club
7:00 Game
Room

Poker 6:30

Halloween
Party! Dinner
TBD 5:30
The
Digressors
7:00



Saturday Night Music

7:00 to 10:30

**Dinner at 5:30
(Check Calender!)**



October 4th

Castle and Friends

Our own Eagles supergroup returns,
playing danceable hits!

October 11th HALL RENTAL (No band)

October 18th
OKTOBERFEST! With
the Amazing
Oompa Band 5:00



October 25th

Danny Waco Band

A mix of soulful classic rock,
perhaps with a little classic country
twang, along with their own take on
contemporary classics.



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



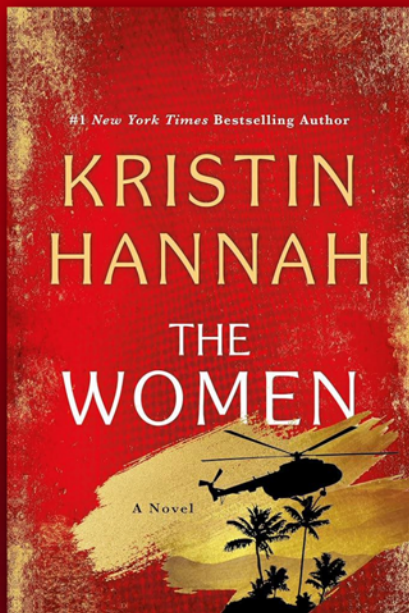
- We have at least (12) confirmed booths signed up for our Holiday Bazaar. There is room for additional participants.
- We welcome friends or associates of members to participate in the Bazaar too. 10' X 8' spots are \$20, please bring your own table and/or stands.
- This event is an ideal venue for 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

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Sue Irvin

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Eagles Book Club is back!

**The meeting will be 10/29
(last Wed of the month)**

- 6:30 grab a drink and a taco and head to the upstairs game room to settle in
- 7:00 Discussion begins!
- 7:55ish – selecting next month's book
- All are welcome to continue the conversation or get to know each other better in the social room after!

Women can be heroes. When twenty-year-old nursing student Frances "Frankie" McGrath hears these words, it is a revelation. Raised in the sun-drenched, idyllic world of Southern California and sheltered by her conservative parents, she has always prided herself on doing the right thing. But in 1965, the world is changing, and she suddenly dares to imagine a different future for herself. When her brother ships out to serve in Vietnam, she joins the Army Nurse Corps and follows his path.

As green and inexperienced as the men sent to Vietnam to fight, Frankie is overwhelmed by the chaos and destruction of war. Each day is a gamble of life and death, hope and betrayal; friendships run deep and can be shattered in an instant. In war, she meets—and becomes one of—the lucky, the brave, the broken, and the lost.

But war is just the beginning for Frankie and her veteran friends. The real battle lies in coming home to a changed and divided America, to angry protesters, and to a country that wants to forget Vietnam.

The Women is the story of one woman gone to war, but it shines a light on all women who put themselves in harm's way and whose sacrifice and commitment to their country has too often been forgotten. A novel about deep friendships and bold patriotism, The Women is a richly drawn story with a memorable heroine whose idealism and courage under fire will come to define an era.

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**Queen of Hearts –
Auxiliary Takeover
on October 13th and
October 27th!**

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

October 13th:

Gumbo 5:30 \$15

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!





2025-2026 Aerie Officers

Jr. Past Worthy President	Russell Martiens, PWP
Worthy President	Steve Rallins
Worthy Vice President	Thomas Maddy
Worthy Chaplain	Anthony Evans
Worthy Secretary	Marcus Higbee, PWP
Worthy Treasurer	David Wolff
Worthy Conductor	Anne Weglin
Worthy Inside Guard	Eric Kirkbride
Trustee	John Ledeman, PWP
Trustee	Paul Leonardo, PWP
Trustee	Russ Martiens, PWP
Trustee	Carl Sweetland
Trustee	Grant Varney
Trustee	Carl Young, PWP
Aerie Father	Zane Fitterer, PWP



2025-2026 Auxiliary Officers

Jr. Past Madam President	Barbara Ball
Madam President	Amy Ojendyk
Madam Vice President	Lexi Fittro
Madam Chaplain	Susie Klein
Madam Secretary	Debbe Myers
Madam Treasurer	Sue Irvin
Madam Conductor	Gisela Grieb
Madam Inside Guard	Sandi Evans
Trustee	Debbie McGee
Trustee	Donna Klippert
Trustee	Anna Ojendyk
Auxiliary Mother	Linda Fittro, PMP
Auxiliary Grandmother	Mary Lou Wilkerson, PMP

State and Grand Schedule

District 5 Meeting Schedule 2025-2026

September 13th	Salmon Bay #2141 5216 20th Ave 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	White Center #2568 10452 15th Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98146 (206) 248-1400

Sunshine Report

Sympathy

Bob Fuelhart Loss of Partner
Sue Irvin Loss of two Close Friends
Linda Kaye Loss of Best Friend
Klippert Family Loss of Great Niece
Anna Ojendyk Loss of Stepmom

Thinking of You

Sue Irvin Medical Procedure
Christine Juarez Mom Fell/Hospitalized
Donna Klippert Sister not doing well
Linda Rackner Fractured Hand

The Klippert Family recently lost their Great Niece Jadalyn Good. Jadalyn was one of the four Military Personnel who died in the wreckage of a Military Black hawk helicopter that went down in Thurston County just outside of Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM) on September 17th. The Family are requesting prayers for the four individuals who lost their lives serving this Nation.

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

Barbara Ball
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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 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.

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

Recurring Events:

October 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. Bar Food!

Wednesdays

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

Cribbage. All Wednesdays except for the 3rd Wednesday. 6:00 PM

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

Book Club. Last Wednesday of every month. 6:30 tacos and drinks, discussion at 7:00

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)

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

Craft Day 2:00-5:00 (Most 3rd or 4th Sundays. See calendar)

Upcoming Special Events

Oktoberfest

Saturday, October 18th, See flyer!

Halloween Party!

Friday, October 31st!