

West Seattle Eagles Newsletter

December 2025



Call for Volunteers:

By Laws and House Rules Committee

this December. We're looking for dedicated members who want to help shape and strengthen the foundation of our Aerie.

What do the By Laws and House Rules do?

- **By Laws:** Define the structure of our organization, including officer roles, membership requirements, and how decisions are made.
- **House Rules:** Provide practical guidelines for day to day operations, ensuring fairness, respect, and smooth functioning within our social spaces.
- Together, they safeguard our traditions while keeping our Aerie running effectively.

Committee Details

- **Purpose:** Review, amend, and approve updates to our by laws and house rules.
- **Meeting:** Scheduled for December (exact date/time to be determined).
- **How to Join:** Sign up on the sheet posted in the Social Room, or email Carl Sweetland directly at carlsweetland@outlook.com.

Your voice matters—help us keep our Eagles community strong, fair, and future ready!



Worthy Trustee: Carl Sweetland

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



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.

Caroling in the Corral

Yes, we're going to sing Christmas Carols outside!

Join us Dec 19th for Caroling in the Corral. This will be an all ages event so bring the whole family. There will be chestnuts roasting and hot chocolate to keep us warm. Caroling will start approx 6:30pm. Dinner by the Auxiliary will be served at 5:30pm. Tater Tot Casserole and side for only \$12. Caroling to follow in the corral. All ages welcome!



A Message from our Worthy President

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

I can't believe that December and the end of the year is here! Where did the time go? I want to take the time to thank the entire membership of both the Auxiliary and the Aerie for their participation and volunteerism for the month of November. We had great success this past month with the Steak Night, our Taco Wednesdays, as well as the various dinners that many of our volunteers had this past month. We have also had a packed house in the social room for most of Queen of hearts Mondays. And I must include all of the volunteers that we had for our Thanksgiving dinner, both the meal prep and the actual dinner.

Now for the month of December, which is going to be another special month at 2643. We have so many special events scheduled this month. First off, we have the Christmas Drag Show. This is on December 6th and please get your tickets as soon as possible before they sell out. It is a dinner and show, again don't miss out! There is also a Christmas Bazaar on Sunday, December 7th. Our PWP's club has a special, "Love You" Party as a gift to all our members on December 18th. We also have a special Christmas Eve dinner with Chef Dylan that you should check out. If you have not had his food, it has been amazing to say the least! This is all on top of our regular scheduled events that you continue to support, such as taco nights, steak night, queen of hearts, trivia, and our other band and dinner nights. December is action packed!

Before I close my letter out, I just want to mention that it has been my honor and privilege to serve this great fraternity for the past 6 months as President! Everyone here at the West Seattle Eagles make up one of the best memberships in the whole state. And Trust me, many people from the State and Grand Aerie have acknowledged the same thing when they have come to visit. Let us please keep this momentum going in the next upcoming year. I appreciate your efforts, your insights, your suggestions, and your participation. We still need your help. As I stated before, Volunteerism is our lifeblood. All of the officers, many of the people in the kitchen and our staff are volunteers for our club. We still need volunteers! Not only for many of the events that are scheduled, but with things that are not scheduled and our meetings. If you have an idea, drop it in the trustee's box or present it at The Aerie or The Auxiliary meetings. If you have an event that you want to create or promote, please come to the calendar meeting. All of which will make our club so much better.

Thank you again for being a part of our club, our fraternity, and being an Eagle member! I hope you have a great holiday and a blessed New Year!

Sincerely,

Steve Rallins Jr.

Steve Rallins Jr., Worthy President



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

If you wish to add something to our [newsletter](#), please contact:

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If you wish to add something to our [Facebook page](#) or our Website, please contact:

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Thank you!



A Message from our Madam President



Happy holidays! I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season. As this year draws to a close, I find myself reflecting on all the amazing things our club has accomplished. I am continually inspired by the generosity and kindness of our members—both toward one another and toward the broader community—and I am deeply grateful for the dedication of our volunteers. I'm excited to see what we can accomplish together in the new year!

As is our tradition, we will have a giving tree set up in the social room. If you are able, you can select a tag from the tree to purchase a gift for a child in need. This year, we are also adding a new way to support our community during the holidays: we will be selling paper decorations to benefit the West Seattle Food Bank. A portion of the proceeds will be designated for the pet fund at the food bank, so our furry friends will be cared for as well!

I'd like to extend a big thank-you to Ednorah for hosting our November craft day. We had an amazing turnout for holiday card-making, and I was blown away by the beautiful cards our members created! If you missed the event, you can stop by her booth at the holiday bazaar to pick up some of her wonderful creations. Craft day will return in January—stay tuned for more details!

Our calendar this month is packed with fun events:

- **Book Club on 12/3 at 7 PM.** This month's selection is Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt. All members and non-members are welcome! Shelby Van Pelt is a local author, and the book is set in the Puget Sound area. It's a quick read, so don't worry if you haven't started yet—we'd love to have you join us! We will be selecting our January book at the meeting so bring your ideas!
- **Holiday Craft Bazaar on 12/7 from 9 AM–3 PM.** Come find the perfect gift for those hard-to-shop-for people on your list! The social room will open early for the Seahawks game, and breakfast burritos will be served. It's sure to be a fun day!
- **Caroling in the Corral on 12/19 at 6:30 PM.** All ages are welcome to spread holiday cheer by singing favorites around a fire in our outdoor space. Hot cocoa and roasted chestnuts will be served to round out the festive experience!
- **Auxiliary Meetings.** Due to holiday conflicts, our December meetings will be held on 12/4 and 12/11, and our January meetings on 1/8 and 1/15. All auxiliary members are welcome to attend our meetings — we'd love to see you there!

As always, if you have ideas for events you'd like to see in the new year, please reach out to me or any of our officers. We are always happy to help with logistics if you're not sure where to start!

Wishing everyone a joyful holiday season!

Amy Ojendyk

Amy Ojendyk
Madam President



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

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

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anthonix@comcast.net

...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!

Aerie #2643 Events Calendar

December 2025

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



Holiday Craft Bazaar 9:00-3:00
Seahawks @ Falcons 10:00
Breakfast Burritos

Colts @ Seahawks 1:25

Bar food 5:30
Queen of Hearts

Seahawks @ Panthers?

Bar food 5:30
Queen of Hearts

Bar food 5:30
Queen of Hearts + 50/50 Raffle

Bar food 5:30
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Trustee Meeting 6:00
Aerie Meeting 7:30

Calendar Meeting 5:30
Trustee Meeting 6:00

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Aerie Meeting 7:30

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Taco Night
Cribbage 6:00
Book Club 7:00
Eagle Riders Meeting 6:00

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Cribbage 6:00

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

Christmas Eve Chinese Dinner 4:00
White Elephant Gift Exchange & Pajama Party!

New Years Eve Party!
(Details to come)

Auxiliary Meeting 6:30

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(NEW DAY THIS MONTH)

Rams @ Seahawks 5:15 PM
Bottle Raffle
Poker 6:30
PWPs Love You Party Baked
Potato Bar - free

CLOSED



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

Tator Tot Casserole and Side: 5:30 \$12
Caroling in the Corral! 6:30. All ages welcome.

Karaoke 7:30

Drag Show! Cash only
Door 5:30
Dinner 6:00
Show 7:00
Buy tickets at the bar

Baked Ziti 5:30 \$15
West Seattle Big Band 7:00-10:00

Hall Rental



West Seattle Eagles presents:

Holiday Bazaar

Sunday December 7, 2025

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

West Seattle Eagles Banquet Hall

We look forward to seeing friends, members and associates at our bazaar.

We have many artists and crafters signed up. Will also be selling breakfast burritos.

This bazaar is open to the public using the back entrance.

The event is chaired by Ann and Sue. See you there!



Hand Crocheted Hats



Nice and soft



Anne Weglin
Sue Irvin

arweglin@mac.com
irvdiamonds@comcast.net

WEST SEATTLE BIG BAND

Saturday December 13th 7:00 PM

at the

West Seattle Eagles

Big Band Swing & Jazz
Blues, Pop & Rock
with
Seasonal Favorites



Dinner @ 5:30 PM

Benefitting
James Madison Middle School
Instrumental Music Programs



Welcome to Our Christmas Show

A Drag Cabaret
Dinner Extravaganza

Saturday
December

6th
2025

Doors
5:30

Dinner
6:00

Show
7:00pm

\$45

Adv. Tickets
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**December 8th
50/50 raffle!**





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 White Center #2568
(District 5 Memorial, 10452 15th Ave SW, Seattle, WA
Installation of District 98146
Officers (206) 248-1400

Joint Meetings at 11 AM. Aerie &
Auxiliary meetings at 12 Noon.
District meetings are now on the third
Saturday of every other month.

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.

Wedding Officiant / Reverend Services

Your wedding day is one of the most important and memorable moments of your life—let's make it truly meaningful.

As an experienced Christian Reverend & Licensed Wedding Officiant, I provide heartfelt, personalized ceremonies that reflect your love, faith, and unique story. Whether you prefer a traditional church service, a modern celebration, or an intimate outdoor ceremony, I work with you to create vows and blessings that fit your vision.

Services Offered:

- Christian & Non-Denominational Ceremonies
- Vow Renewals & Anniversary Blessings
- Pre-Marital Counseling (optional)
- Customized Sermons & Readings
- Travel to your venue



**Eric
Kirkbride**

With warmth, sincerity, and professionalism, I am honored to guide couples as they enter into a covenant of love and commitment before God, family, and friends.

"Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." – Mark 10:9

Let's make your special day sacred, joyful, and unforgettable.

Call/Text: (206) 330-3262

Email: IroncladCeremonies@gmail.com



Sunshine Report

Sympathy

Sue Nealson Loss of Sister in Law

Marc Patnode Loss of Wife

Kayla Preston Loss of Stepfather

Thinking of You

Pamela Allyn Serious Fall

Marie O'Connell Still not doing well

Anne Weglin and Family Mom not doing well

Bob Wenger and Family Checking on You

John Powers and Family Checking in on You

Lighter Note

Rachel and Ethan New Baby Girl

Grant, Terri and Family New Baby Girl

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

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:

December 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. First Wednesday of every month. 6:30 tacos and drinks, discussion at 7:00

Thursdays

Second and Last Thursdays: **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 - 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!

Upcoming Special Events

Drag Show!

Saturday, December 6th. A Drag Caberet Dinner Extravaganza! \$45 advanced tickets (cash only) Doors 5:30, Dinner 6:00, Show: 7:00!

Past Worthy Presidents "Love You" Party!

Thursday, December 18th 5:00 PM

Free Baked Potato Bar!

Christmas Eve Chinese Food Dinner!

Wednesday, December 24th 4:00

Enjoy a "traditional" Chinese Dinner at the club on Christmas Eve. Provided by our own Dylan! Also, there will be a WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT EXCHANGE and PAJAMA PARTY!

Caroling in the Corral

Friday, December 19th - Chestnuts, hot chocolate, Tater Tot Casserole dinner!