

# West Seattle Eagles Newsletter

## January 2026

### A New West Seattle Eagles Tradition!

*Christmas Eve at the Eagles, with authentic American Chinese food!*



Inspired by the dinner scene from 1983's "A Christmas Story" where the family has to go to the "Chop Suey Palace" to have dinner because their neighbor's dogs ate their turkey, Chef Dylan impressed, with a yummy Chinese dinner on Tuesday, December 24th, 2025. Sweet and Sour Chicken, General Tso's Chicken, Fried Rice, Chow Mein, and Egg Rolls!

Thank you Dylan and volunteers for making this happen. And the chili sauce was really good!



### Holiday Bazaar Success!

*Here's to Sue Irvin and Anne Weglin who put on a spectacular bazaar!*

The bar was open, the Seahawks were on, and the items for sale were top class! (And don't forget the baked goods...)



2643

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.

# Eagles Giving Tree Success

*Bless all who gave and gave and GAVE this year!*



These gifts went to Westside Baby. Thank you members, for being so kind and generous!



## Buy a \$5 Snowflake!

*Proceeds benefit the West Seattle Food Bank*



One third of the proceeds will go specifically to the pet fund to provide for the furry friends of families in need.



## Steak Night is back!

*Yes, Obie's Steak Night is back on Friday, January 9th. \$25*



# West Seattle Eagles Aerie #2643

## Events Calendar - January 2026

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



New Years Eve Party  
Wednesday, 12/31  
MOD MEN performing!  
Five Course Dinner  
\$25 - Get your tickets at  
the bar!

1

2

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Hall Rental  
1:00-4:00  
  
XPERIANCE  
ft.Clinton  
Ellison Jr. 7:30

4  
Seahawks @  
49ers - Time to  
be determined



5  
Bar food 5:30  
Queen of  
Hearts

6  
Trustee  
Meeting 6:00  
  
Aerie Meeting  
7:30

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

8  
Auxiliary  
Meeting 6:30

9  
Obie's Steak  
Night 5:30 \$25  
Karaoke 7:30

10  
John Stephen  
Band 7:00  
NFL  
PLAYOFFS

11  
NFL  
PLAYOFFS

12  
Bar food 5:30  
Queen of  
Hearts  
  
NFL  
PLAYOFFS

13  
Calendar  
Meeting 5:30  
  
Trustee  
Meeting 6:00

14  
Taco Night  
Cribbage 6:00  
  
Book Club  
7:00 Game  
Room

15  
Auxiliary  
Meeting 6:30

16

17  
District 5  
Meeting 11:00  
Christine &  
Armando Dinner  
5:30  
Danny Waco  
Band 7:00  
NFL PLAYOFFS

18  
NFL  
PLAYOFFS  
DIV ROUND

19  
Suzie and Sue  
Food 5:30  
Queen of  
Hearts

20  
Trustee  
Meeting 6:00  
  
Aerie Meeting  
7:30

21  
Taco Night  
Trivia with  
Grant Varney  
6:30.  
Generous  
donation  
requested.

22  
Joint Officers  
Meeting 6:30

23  
Karaoke 7:30

24  
Greek Food  
5:30 \$20  
Interactive  
Party Band  
7:00

25  
Crafting  
2:00-4:00  
\$10 donation  
suggested  
NFL PLAYOFFS  
CONF CHAMP

26  
Bar food 5:30  
Queen of  
Hearts

27  
Trustee  
Meeting 6:00

28  
Taco Night  
Cribbage 6:00

29  
Poker 7:00

30

31  
Baked Chicken,  
Roasted  
Potatoes, veg  
& dessert 5:30  
\$14  
Castle's "Gypsy  
Mambo" 7:00

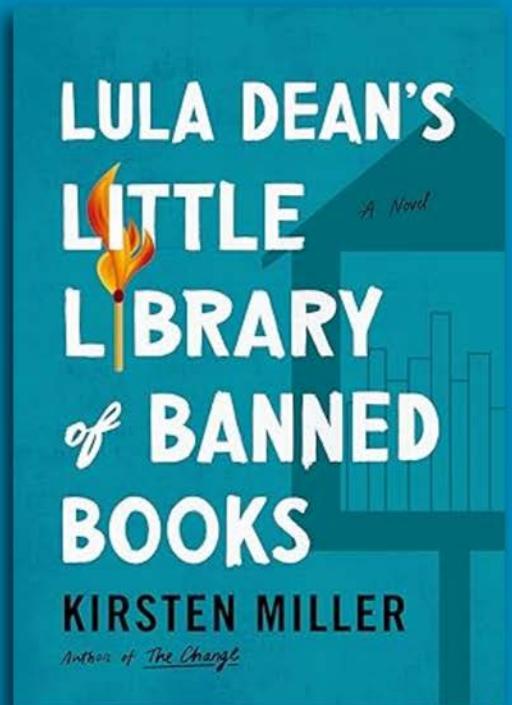
**Castle Farinas' band:  
“Gypsy Mambo” will be performing  
Latin, Soul, and Rock on  
Saturday night, January 31st!**



# January's Eagles Book Club

**The meeting will be 1/14  
(2nd Wednesday 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!



In the fictional town of Troy, Georgia, a woman named Lula Dean successfully campaigns to have several "inappropriate" books (which she hasn't actually read) removed from the public library shelves. To display her own idea of "worthy" literature, she sets up a little free library in her yard stocked with books she considers wholesome, such as etiquette guides and local history.

Unbeknownst to Lula, a local "troublemaker" (the daughter of her long-time rival) secretly swaps the contents of the little library with the very books that were banned, simply switching the dust jackets. Neighbors in the town borrow books from the library and find their lives changed in unexpected ways as they read works like Beloved, Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret, books on Black history, and more.

The ensuing drama and the impact of the banned books on the diverse townspeople lead to a showdown that addresses serious topics like censorship, racism, and LGBTQ+ issues, ultimately changing the town forever. The novel is a humorous yet poignant exploration of the power of books and the importance of intellectual freedom.



WEST SEATTLE EAGLES PRESENTS

**XPERIANCE**  
FEATURING CLINTON ELLISON JR.

FUNK   SOUL   R & B

**SATURDAY JANUARY 3RD**  
**7:30PM**  
**4426 CALIFORNIA AVE SW**

MEMBERS AND GUESTS ONLY - KIDS OK UNTIL 10:00 PM

# Live MUSIC

Every SATURDAY  
NIGHT IN JANUARY!

XPERIANCE ft. Clinton Ellison Jr.  
January 3rd



John Stephen Band  
January 10th



Danny Waco Band  
January 17th



Interactive Party Band  
January 24th



Castle Farinas' "Gypsy Mambo"  
January 31st

Latin, Soul, and Rock



Food at 5:30

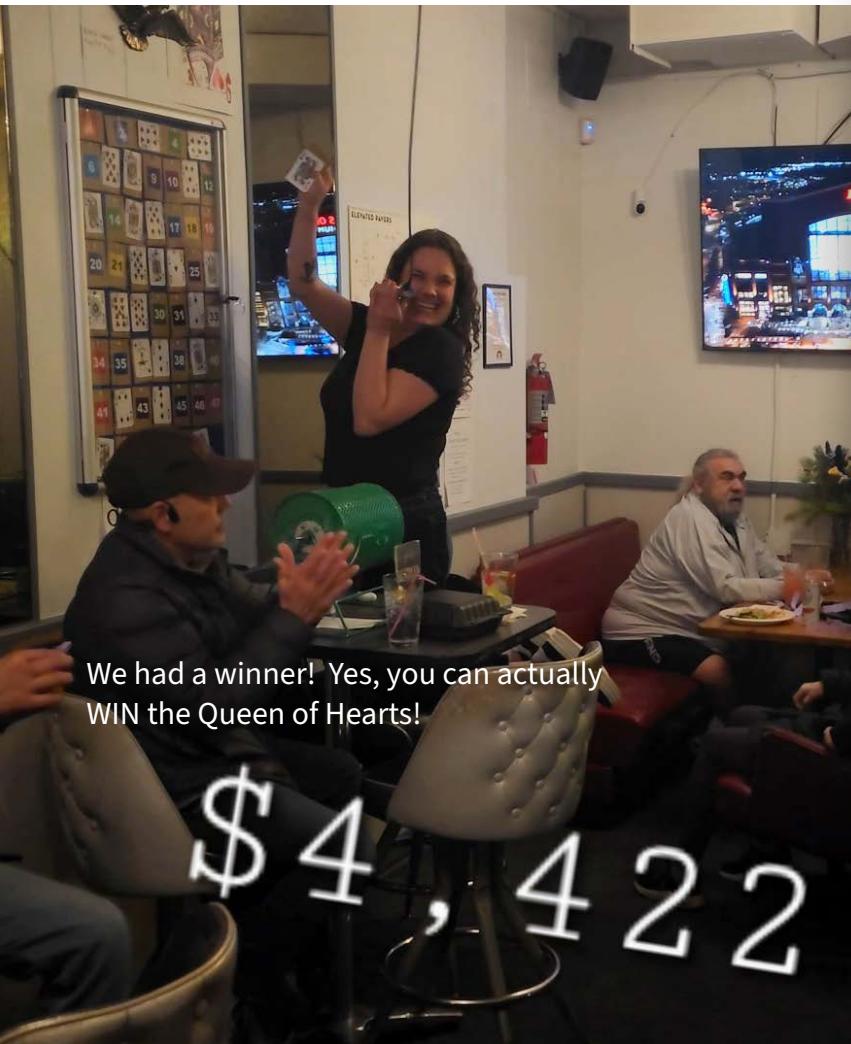
(Most Saturday Nights -  
Check the lobby calendar)

Music from 7:00 PM to 10:30 PM

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We had a winner! Yes, you can actually  
WIN the Queen of Hearts!





## 2025-2026 Aerie Officers

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



## 2025-2026 Auxiliary Officers

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

## 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

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.

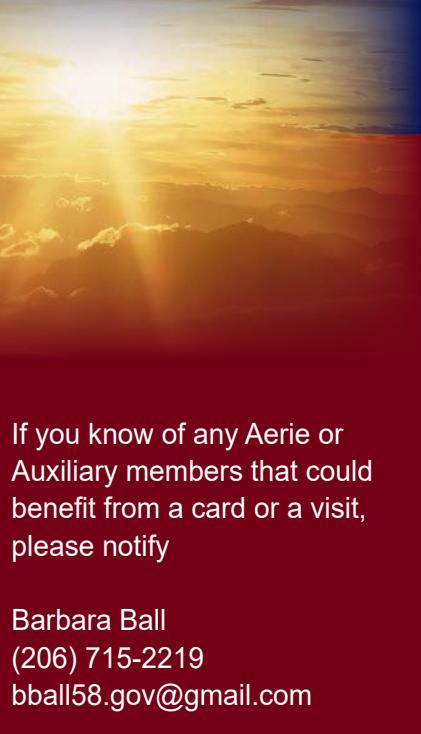
*"Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." – Mark 10:9*

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

**Call/Text: (206) 330-3262**

**Email: [IroncladCeremonies@gmail.com](mailto:IroncladCeremonies@gmail.com)**

# 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@gmail.com

Dear Brothers and Sisters, we are unable to provide a Sunshine Report this month. We will be definitely including all mentions for January and February in the next newsletter. Please accept our apologies.

## 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

## Recurring Events:

January 2026

### 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.

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!