

West Seattle Eagles Newsletter

February 2026



PWP / Trustee
John Ledeman

Eagles Officer Nominations

Consider being an officer of our Aerie

I am reaching out to Members of the West Seattle Aerie, as the beginning of our Eagle's year is approaching faster than we think. We need members to fill various positions for the upcoming year. Nominations are April 17, 2026.

The commitment to being an officer is roughly 1-2 hours a week, two weeks a month (Aerie General meetings on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM) and offers a great opportunity to be involved in the business and fundraising aspects of the club.

In addition to supporting this club, West Seattle Aerie also offers the great benefit of being gifted the cost a "life membership" rewarded for completing a term as our Worthy President. This type of membership is not offered by many clubs and is a huge benefit having to only pay the Grand Aerie per-capita tax on the yearly membership dues.

I urge all Aerie members (newer members and those who are a bit more seasoned) with the time on Tuesday evenings, to participate as an Officer and give your time, knowledge, and opinions to help the West Seattle Eagles Aerie No. 2643 become the best Aerie possible.

Please reach out to me if you have an interest in taking on an officer role or have questions regarding officer positions, trustee positions, and the various time commitments.

- John Ledeman, PWP, Trustee



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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

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.

Events & Holiday Community Committee

Brand New Committee!

To All who love the holidays and having fun events throughout the year! A new JOINT committee has been formed to stream line everything from planning to decorations so that we can be both efficient while having FUN, FUN, FUN!!!

The committee has a Chair (Aerie officer Eric Kirkbride) and Co-chair (Aux officer Pm Thomas) currently and we are looking for several positions to be filled.

Vice Chair: Assists Chair /Co-chair in all matters.

Event/Holiday Coordinator: Gathers info on who is doing events/holiday decorations and when, then reports back to Chair/Co-chair.

Marketing Specialist: Sets up general events signage/advertising for event and holiday needs, then reports back to Chair/Co-chair.

Please contact the Chair or Co-chair about being on the committee!

Great Volunteer Opportunities

Lots of options for volunteering!

Volunteer Opportunities at the West Seattle Eagles

We have several upcoming projects and events that need member support. A sign-up sheet for all volunteer roles will be available in the Social Room.

Annual West Seattle Garage Sale Day – May 9

The West Seattle Eagles will open the front parking lot as a selling location for members during the neighborhood-wide garage sale. We are looking for:

- Two co-chairs to coordinate the event
- Volunteers to help sell Eagles merchandise during the day

If you enjoy organizing, greeting neighbors, or helping the club raise funds, we would love to have you involved.

New Interior Design Committees

We are forming two new committees to help shape the future look and feel of our club.

- One committee for the Auxiliary
- One committee for the Aerie

These groups will collaborate to create a shared master plan and recommendations for improving the interior of the club. If you have an eye for design or simply want to contribute ideas, let us know you are interested.

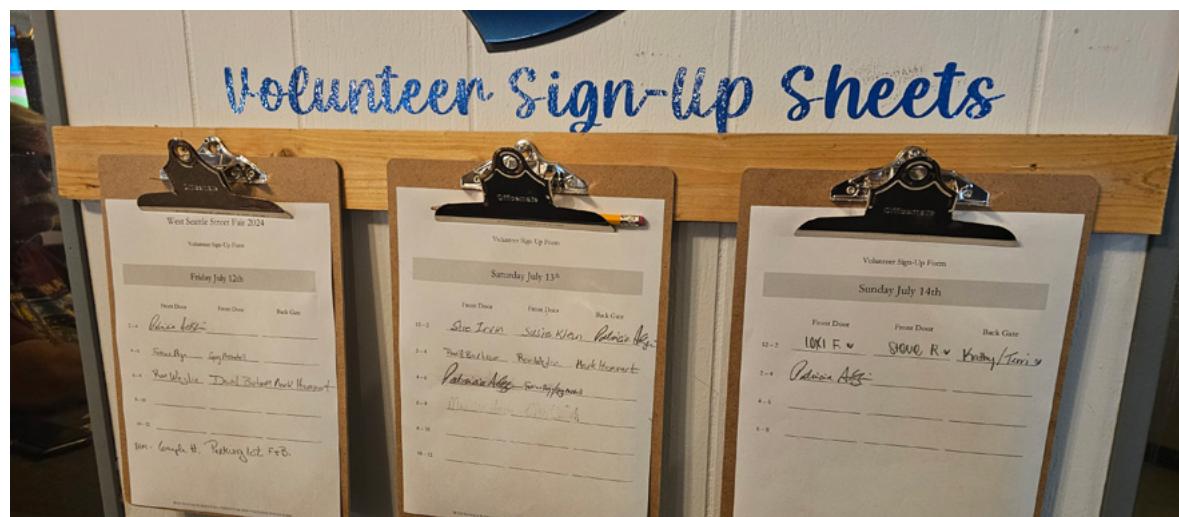
Club Parking Lot Cleanup – March 28

Join us for a spring cleanup of the club parking lot.

- Start time: 9:00 AM
- Come when you can
- Many hands make light work, and the more volunteers we have, the faster we will finish

This is a great way to support the club and spend time with fellow members.

[Click here to fill out the online form!](#)



Trustees Update

This will be a recurring article going forward...

Dear Members for 2643 the Trustees are happy to report the following:

- The addition of new TV's (70") in the banquet hall;
- New chairs (a donation from member Craig Wollgast) also for the banquet hall;
- Advertising in local church bulletins to increase non-member breakfast attendance on Sunday's;
- Working in conjunction with Dylan, our Kitchen Manager, to expand menu offerings, while still maintaining a profitable enterprise;
- Interior and exterior building clean up;
- Working with the Secretary and assigned Committee on furthering work to achieve groundbreaking for the patio, including permitting; and
- Looking at long term solutions for ensuring a roof that will last for the next 30+ years.

In addition, we are happy to report that all fixes have been effectuated to our Primp rental property.

While Trustee meetings are closed to maximize our ability to attend proactively with the business of managing our Club, as stated in a previous newsletter, if you wish to address a topic with us, please state your reason for wanting to speak with us by placing a note in our box prior to the end of Queen of Hearts each Monday, and we will reach out to you to attend our meeting the next Tuesday.

The Trustees are visible members of the Club and are accessible for you to speak to us as you see us in the Club. Many of you have our emails and cell numbers and we welcome you interfacing with us in that manner as well.

We appreciate all that you do as members of 2643 and please know that this article will be a regular feature of subsequent newsletters each month. Thank you for your service to the Club and we look forward to engaging.

With Kind Regards,

Paul M. Leonardo



Eagle Riders Update

"Ridin' on Twos!"

Hello fellow Eagles!

The Eagles Riders group will be having a meeting this February (please check calendar).

We will be discussing general "club" business and our next ride and a possible event for March. I encourage motorcyclists and enthusiasts in the Eagles to attend the meeting to get some crucial information!



A Message from our Worthy President

Hello brothers and sisters,

As i have recently taken the seat as worthy president i am honored. This came up quickly. I hope to have more info to share in upcoming newsletters. I have a goal to get the deck project going. Bear with me as i settle in to this position. We have a great club and need to do our best for our community. Thanks.

Thomas Maddy

Thomas Maddy, Worthy President



NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

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

A Message from our Madam President



Happy New Year, everyone! Okay, I realize it's February—but I spent the end of December offline, enjoying the holidays with family and friends, and missed the newsletter deadline. *Mea culpa!* I hope you were all able to unplug and spend meaningful time with loved ones over the holidays, too.

While I am eagerly looking forward to the lengthening days and spring just around the corner, I didn't want to let the opportunity pass to recognize the incredible generosity of our club members over the holidays. The Giving Tree, benefitting Westside Baby, was a **HUGE** success. I couldn't believe the piles of gifts and essentials under the tree. Thank you also to Lucy and Kevin Roberts for donating the beautiful tree from Holy Rosary! You may have noticed all the snowflakes that decorated our social room—thanks to everyone who purchased one, we are able to donate nearly \$500 to the West Seattle Food Bank, benefiting both people and their pets. We also enjoyed so many wonderful holiday events, including caroling, Member Appreciation Night, and a spectacular New Year's Eve celebration—and this year is shaping up to be just as special.

Our February calendar is packed with fun, including book club, craft day, a Super Bowl potluck (go Hawks!), live music and so much more. Keep an eye on our calendar and social media so you don't miss out!

We have lots of volunteer opportunities at the club and would love to see some new faces involved. Whether you're a recent initiate or simply haven't had time in the past, getting involved is a great way to meet other members and give back to our community. Some upcoming opportunities include:

- Spring Clean-Up - In addition to sprucing up the exterior and parking lot, we'll be cleaning and organizing interior storage spaces. If you have a knack for organizing, we'd love your help!
- Deck / Patio Committee - With spring around the corner, we're re-energizing this group. Look for updates and volunteer opportunities in the newsletter and social room.
- Social Room & Interior Updates - New barstools are coming to replace our "well-loved" ones, and we're forming a committee to develop a long-term plan for refreshing our interior spaces. If you have experience with interior design or decorating, we'd love your input!
- Kitchen Volunteers - Help prepare meals that benefit your charity of choice! While we are incredibly grateful for our regular kitchen volunteers, we'd love to welcome some new faces. If you've never cooked at the club before, experienced volunteers will show you the ropes—from equipment to meal planning. Prefer to start smaller? We're always looking for help collecting money and assisting in the kitchen.

Sign-up sheets will be posted in the social room as details become available. I'm also always happy to help—feel free to email me at Amy@WestSeattleEagles.org, and I'll connect you with the right person if I don't have the answer myself. Remember, our club motto is "People Helping People." Together, we can accomplish great things!



Amy Ojendyk
Amy Ojendyk, Madam President

Thank you!

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

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

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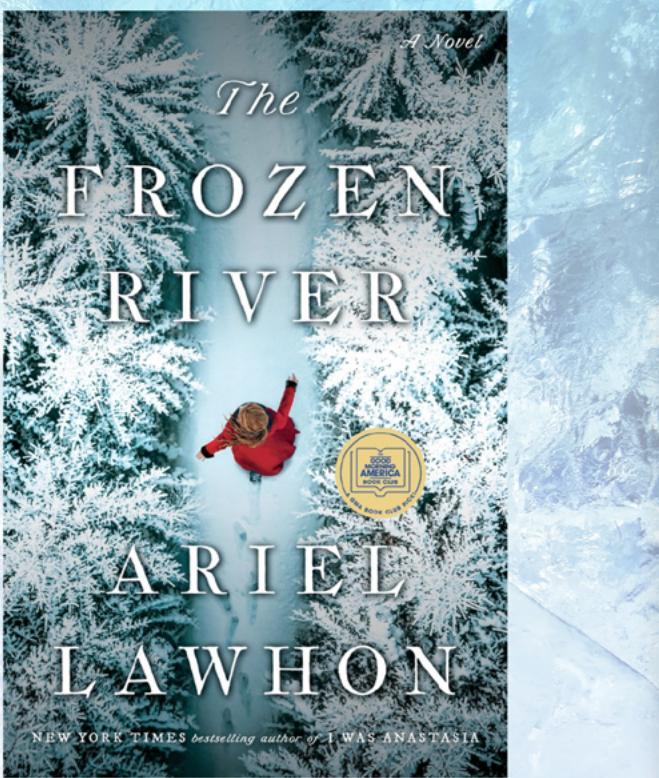
...at least one week before the end of the month. Newsletters are sent out to all members five days before the 1st of the month.

West Seattle Eagles Aerie #2643

Events Calendar - February 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Bar food 5:30 Queen of Hearts	2 Trustee Meeting 6:00 Aerie Meeting 7:30	3 Taco Night Cribbage 6:00 Eagle Riders Meeting 6:00	4 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30		6 Spyrographs 7:00
8 SUPER BOWL Pot Luck 3:00 PM. See "Special Events" at the end of this newsletter!	9 Bar food 5:30 Queen of Hearts	10 Calendar Meeting 5:30 Trustee Meeting 6:00	11 Taco Night Cribbage 6:00 Book Club 7:00	12 Poker 6:30	13 Obie's Steak Night 5:30 \$25 Karaoke 7:30	14 Dinner by Christine & Armando 5:30 Joey Romero 7:00
15	16 Bar food 5:30 Queen of Hearts	17 Trustee Meeting 6:00 Aerie Meeting 7:30	18 Taco Night Trivia with Grant Varney 6:30 PM Generous donation requested.	19 Auxiliary Meeting 6:30		20 21 Ham, Scalloped Potatoes & Dessert 5:30 \$14 Pleasure to Burn 7:00
22 Crafting 2:00-4:00 \$10 donation suggested	23 Bar food 5:30 Queen of Hearts	24 Trustee Meeting 6:00	25 Taco Night Cribbage 6:00	26 Poker 7:00	27 Karaoke 7:30	28 Spaghetti & Meatballs, salad, rolls 5:30 \$13 Michael Romero Band





Book Club

Wednesday, February 11th 7:00

Come and discuss "The Frozen River" by Ariel Lawhon" up in the game room.



April 26th 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Sign up sheet will be in the Social Room.

\$20 for a 8 x 10 booth space.

Please contact Sue Irvin
irvdiamonds@comcast.net or
Anne Weglin arweglin@mac.com
for questions or details



Live Music Saturday Nights!

February 7th
Spyrographs



February 14th
Joey Romero



February 21st
Pleasure to Burn



February 28th
**Michael
Romero Band**



**Dinner at 5:30
Music from 7:00-10:00!**

come and have a good time!



2025-2026 Aerie Officers

Jr. Past Worthy President	Russell Martiens, PWP
Worthy President	Thomas Maddy
Worthy Vice President	
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	Pam Riccardo Thomas
Trustee	Debbie McGee
Trustee	Donna Klippert
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

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

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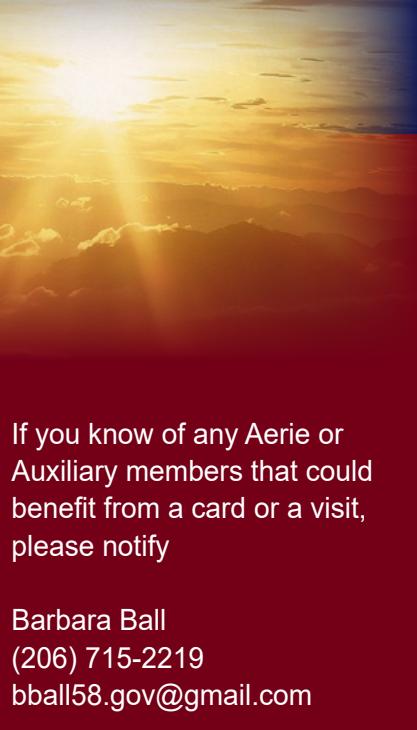
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Sunshine Report



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

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Sympathy		Thinking of You	
Susie Klein	Loss of Husband (Jack)	Diane Bals	Illness
Patricia McFadden	Loss of Sister (Loretta Jones)	Jim Bals	Procedure
Maurine McKenzie	Loss of sister (Christine Devine)	Lucy Clouse	Illness
Benny VanBuskirk	Loss of both Parents	Cliff Irvin	Procedure
Shaun Wistrom	Loss of Uncle	Debbie McGee	Hospitalized Twice
		Gladie Shellabarger	Eye Surgery
		Janet Toepke	Not Doing Well
		Other Loss	
		Castle Farinas	Loss of Cat

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:

February 2026

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. Second Wednesday of every month. 6:30 tacos and drinks, discussion at 7:00 upstairs in the game room.

Thursdays

Last Thursdays: **Poker tournament.** \$40.00 buy in. 7:00 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 7:00 to 10:00 PM inside the banquet hall.

Special Events:

Sunday, February 8th

Super Bowl Watch Party at the West Seattle Eagles

Get ready for the biggest game of the year. Join us at the West Seattle Eagles for our Super Bowl Watch Party. Bring your friends, bring your appetite, and bring your team spirit. Go Hawks!

Potluck Party

We will begin setting up the potluck around 3:00 PM so everything is ready before kickoff at 3:30 PM.

A sign up sheet is posted in the Social Room for anyone who would like to bring a dish. All contributions are welcome. Good Food, Good Company, Good Football.

Come enjoy:

- A full afternoon of football on the big screens

- Great food from our members

- A fun, relaxed atmosphere with your Eagles family

Whether you stay for the whole game or drop in for part of it, we would love to see you there.