

West Seattle Eagles Newsletter

April 2026



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.

Eagle Riders Group



Latest Report

The Eagles Riders Group has 20+ riders now and we are looking for more members. Also we will be having rides soon so please speak to the Riders president or the Sergeant at Arms for more information.

Special Committee Reports

Events and Holiday Committee

Events & Holiday committee has its first meeting this month and we are still looking for board members. The meetings are open so anyone can come check it out. Please come see the Committee Chair or Co-Chair for information about joining the committee or a new event you'd like to host. (All event information will be needed upfront to hand into the Aerie or Auxiliary) Thank you and we are looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting. Thursday the 2nd of April.



Thinking of Become an Officer?



Come to the informational happy hour!

The Officers of the Aerie and the Auxiliary will be hosting an informational Happy Hour on Saturday April 11th from 5-7pm (with light snacks) to answer any questions you may

have about becoming an officer of the Aerie or the Auxiliary. New officer nominations will occur at the last meeting for April for both the Aerie and the Auxiliary and we are seeking new officers to help lead the Club for the coming year.

We can answer questions about roles and responsibilities of each officer position and discuss the required time commitment. We know that our members have great ideas and passions that can be tapped to help lead the Club now and in the future, so come down and learn how you might help to steer the direction of the Club.

If you have any questions prior to the event, see an officer or a Trustee.

Trustees Corner

The Trustees would like to report the following:

- In conjunction with our Auxiliary Sisters, 16 new bar stools have been installed in the Social Room.
- New rubber mats have been purchased and installed behind the bar and in the kitchen to ensure safety for our bar and kitchen staff, as well as volunteers working the the kitchen;
- The Trustees are in the process of installing a brass foot rest for the main bar. We hope to have work completed by 3/30;
- We have purchased and installed a new ice machine and will be installing a small ice machine in the upstairs bar area to better serve our bar staff; and
- We have worked with our kitchen manager to begin serving mimosas during Sunday breakfast, and are contemplating other changes to the kitchen format as Chef Dylan brings his passion to upgrading our meal experience

We look forward to your comments via our suggestion box. The Trustees are visible in the Club and available to interface with all of our members. New officer nominations will occur in April. The Aerie and Auxiliary will be hosting an informational Happy Hour from 5-7p on April 11, 2026 to educate interested members on what becoming an officer looks like and encourage anyone interested in a leadership position at the Club to attend. Please see a Trustee or an Auxiliary officer if you're interested in the event and in becoming an Officer.

The Trustees would like to remind everyone that if there is an issue with respect to the overall governance of the Club, that you reach out to us directly or put a note in our box to request to meet with us. We acknowledge that not every member will agree with the multitude of decisions that we make with an eye towards making the Club better for everyone, but we ask that you speak to us and not air whatever you may disagree with outside of the Club. Everyone is to be respected and their opinions valued, but expressing those opinions outside of the Club creates dissension and disharmony, and is counterproductive.

Annual Dues Reminder

For the 2026-2027 Aerie Membership Year

As we prepare for the new membership year beginning June 1, 2026, we want to remind all Aerie members to check the due date on your Eagles card. The Grand Aerie is expected to approve updated by laws soon, which will include an increase in annual dues.

If you renew now, you can lock in the current rate of \$60. Once the new by laws take effect, dues will increase to **\$72 per year.**

Members are welcome to **pay multiple years in advance** at the current rate. This is a great way to stay active, avoid any lapse in membership, and save a little money before the new rates take effect.

You can pay the Secretary, pay the bartender during open hours, or mail in your payment.

Thank you for supporting Aerie 2643 and helping us keep our community strong.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

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

Anthony Evans
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!

A Message from our Madam President

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Spring is officially here—and if you're anything like me, that means two things: the urge to clear out the clutter that built up over winter, and excitement about brightening up the garden for the beautiful weather ahead. Luckily, our club has the perfect opportunity for both!

Our **Second Annual Plant & Craft Show** will be held on **April 26th**. There will be plenty of fun art, crafts, and plants to help spruce up your home and garden, so don't miss this fantastic event!

We'll also be hosting tables for the **West Seattle Community Garage Sale** coming up in early May. Be sure to check the social room for table sign-ups and keep an eye on our social media for more details. New this year, we'll have a special table featuring club items ready for a new home—so make sure the club is on your list of stops on garage sale day!

As we approach the end of our Eagle year, we're looking for volunteers to join our officer board for the coming year. Whether you're a new member or have been with us for years, this is a fun and rewarding way to get involved and give back to the club. Many roles have a low time commitment and are a great way to participate. To learn more, the Aerie and Auxiliary will be hosting a **joint information event on April 11th**. If you're curious about officer roles or just want to learn more about what our officers do, we'd love to see you there—everyone is welcome!

A quick reminder that **annual dues are due by May 31st**. As an added incentive, any Auxiliary member who renews by **April 15th** will automatically be entered to win one of three cash prizes: \$50, \$75, or \$100. Renewing early helps the club save on mailing costs and ensures you maintain uninterrupted access to all the great things our club offers.

As always, our calendar is full of fun events—be sure to follow us on Facebook and Instagram so you don't miss out!

Amy Ojendyk

Amy Ojendyk, Madam President



West Seattle Eagles #2643

Events Calendar - April 2026



Baseball is Back!
Watch at the Social Room!

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

			Taco Night Cribbage 6:00 Eagle Riders Meeting 6:00	Auxiliary Meeting 6:30	Dinner by Paul Leonardo TBD 5:30	Interactive Party Band 7:30
Easter Brunch by the Auxiliary! \$15 or \$10 for those under 12	Bar food 5:30 Queen of Hearts	Trustee Meeting 6:00 Aerie Meeting 7:30	Taco Night Cribbage 6:00 Book Club 7:00 Game Room	Joint Officers Meeting 6:30 PM	Obie's Steak Night 5:30 \$25 Karaoke 7:30	Xperience Band 7:30 Joint Officers Recruitment Event w/ appetizers 5:00-7:00
Breakfast 10:00-1:00	Bar food 5:30 Queen of Hearts	Calendar Meeting 5:30 Trustee Meeting 6:00	Taco Night Trivia with Grant Varney 6:30. Generous donation requested.	Auxiliary Meeting 6:30		Membership Drive 12:00-12:00 A Night in NOLA Cajun Dinner: Gumbo, Red Beans & Rice, Collard Greens Birdwatchers 7:30
Breakfast 10:00-1:00 Craft Day in the Game Rm. 2-4 PM Hall Rental	Bar food 5:30 Queen of Hearts	Trustee Meeting 6:00 Aerie Meeting 7:30 - Officer Nominations	Taco Night Cribbage 6:00		Karaoke 7:30	Food 5:30 Mod Men 7:30
Breakfast 10:00-1:00 Plant & Craft Sale 10:00-4:00 - Burgers & Dogs 11-2	Bar food 5:30 Queen of Hearts	Trustee Meeting 6:00	Taco Night Cribbage 6:00	Poker 7:00		



Craft Day: April 19th! Painting flower pots and rocks

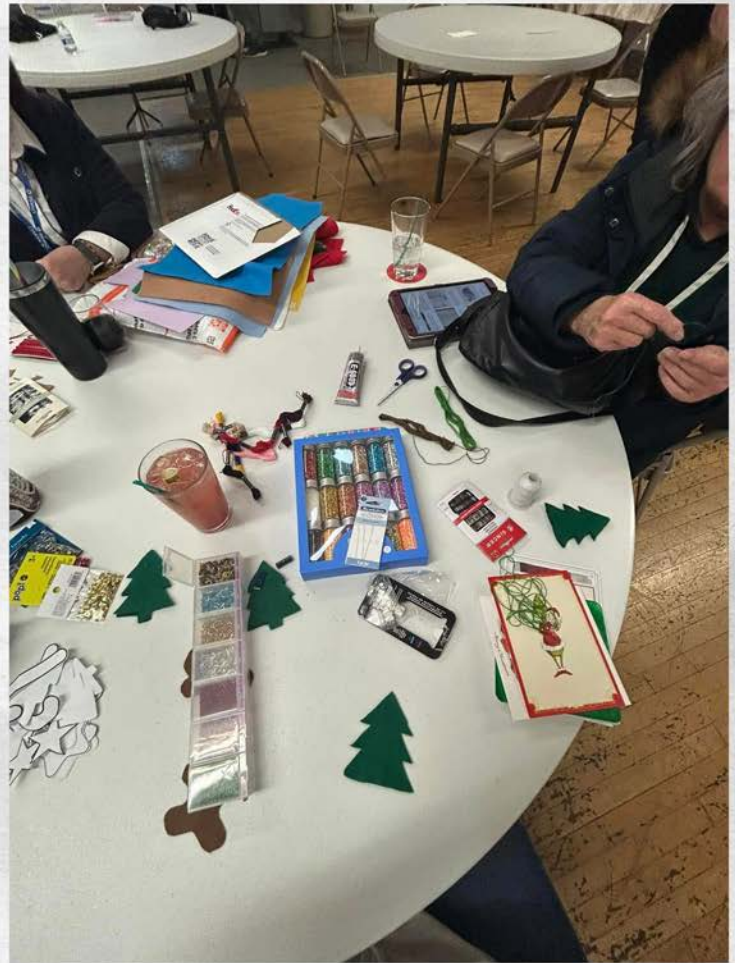
Plant and Craft Sale: April 26th!

April 19th Craft Day

2:00 - 4:00 PM



Our April craft will be held on 4/19 upstairs in the game room. We'll be painting flower pots and rocks — perfect for getting your garden or patio ready for spring/summer! \$10 suggested donation



WEST SEATTLE EAGLES

Welcome friends and guests!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Join us on Saturday, April 18, for a full day Membership Drive from 12 noon to midnight. This is the perfect time for the public to stop in, meet members, learn what the Eagles are all about, and enjoy a great day at the Aerie.

We'll be serving A Night in NOLA Cajun Dinner at 5:30 PM featuring Gumbo, Red Beans & Rice, and Collard Greens. Stick around afterward for Birdwatchers at 7:30 PM.

The event is open to all, and it's a great chance to bring friends, neighbors, and anyone curious about joining the Eagles.

12:00-12:00

APRIL
18

A Night in

NOLA



Get ready to laissez les bons temps rouler (let the good times roll)! We're bringing the sounds and flavors of New Orleans straight to you for a night that's pure NOLA magic on April 18. Kick back and get your dancing shoes on to **Joe Ross and the Birdwatchers**—the same amazing band from our Mardi Gras party last year—while we dish up classic Creole comfort food.



Choose your adventure: a bowl of red beans and rice or a hearty serving of gumbo (\$16 for one), or go all in and try both for \$20. Each plate comes with collard greens, crispy fried okra, and warm, buttery hoe cakes—and of course, dessert is absolutely happening.

April 4th

Interactive Party Band

Get on your feet and dance to the best grooves from the 70's-80's to now!



April 11th

Xperiance

Ft. Clinton Ellison Jr.

Funk, Soul, R&B



Live Music Saturday Nights

April 18th

Joe Ross and the Birdwatchers

Special "Night in NOLA" event/dinner!



April 25th

Mod Men

Danceable rock and pop from the '60s to today!



Plant and Craft Sale



APRIL 26, 2026 - 10:00 am – 4:00 PM
4426 CALIFORNIA AVE SW



22 booths of fine crafts by local artists, bakers and avid gardeners. There will also be **BBQ burgers and hot dogs** from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Proceeds will go to Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center.



This fun event is chaired by:
Sue Irvin irvdiamonds@comcast.net and
Anne Weglin arweglin@mac.com



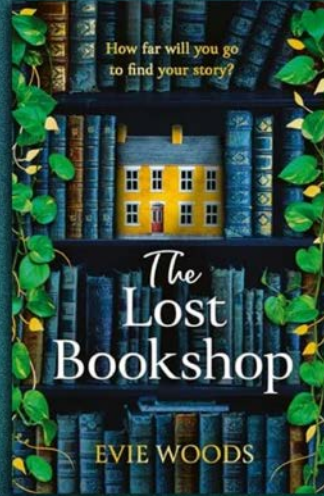
MONDAYS

QUEEN OF HEARTS

RAFFLE TICKETS SOLD UNTIL 6:45. DRAWING AT 7:00

April Eagles Book Club

Wednesday, April 8th



- 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!

The Lost Bookshop by Evie Woods

On a quiet street in Dublin, a lost bookshop is waiting to be found...

For too long, Opaline, Martha and Henry have been the side characters in their own lives.

But when a vanishing bookshop casts its spell, these three unsuspecting strangers will discover that their own stories are every bit as extraordinary as the ones found in the pages of their beloved books. And by unlocking the secrets of the shelves, they find themselves transported to a world of wonder ... where nothing is as it seems.

Auxiliary Early Bird Dues Renewal

Any Auxiliary member who renews their dues by **APRIL 15th** will automatically be entered to win one of three cash prizes.

\$100
\$75
\$50



Easter Brunch

Come get some yummy food and hang out with the Easter Bunny. Bring the little ones

◆ Date: April 5 ◆
Time: 10:00 AM

Ham, Bacon, Eggs, Hashbrown casserole, bis uits and sausage gravy plus more!

Adults \$15
Children under 12: \$10

Brought to you by the Auxiliary!



**2025-2026
Aerie Officers**

Jr. Past Worthy President	Russell Martiens, PWP
Worthy President	Thomas Maddy
Worthy Vice President	Paul Thomas
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	Carl Young, PWP
Aerie Father	Zane Fitterer, PWP



**2025-2026
Auxiliary Officers**

Jr. Past Madam President	Barbara Ball, PMP
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, PMP
Madam Inside Guard	Pam Riccardo Thomas
Trustee	Debbie McGee
Trustee	Donna Klippert, PMP
Auxiliary Mother	Linda Fittro, PMP
Auxiliary Grandmother	Mary Lou Wilkerson, PMP

State and Grand Schedule

June 18, 19, 20 State Convention -
Yakima

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.

Sunshine Report

Sympathy

Kristin Anderson Loss of Mother
David Anderson Loss of Mother-In-Law
Florence Combs Loss of Brother

Thinking of You

Diane Bals Procedure
Sandi Evans Surgery
Brent Lindblom Procedure
Don Lindell Injury

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

April 2026

Recurring Events:

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, April 5th

Easter Brunch by the Auxiliary! Come get some yummy food and hang out with the Easter Bunny. Bring the little ones. Always a good time!

Saturday, April 11th

Joint Officers Recruitment Event 5:00-7:00. Appetizers will be served. Wondering what it's like to serve a year's term as an officer? We'll be here to answer all questions and provide all the information you need.

Saturday, April 18th

A Night in New Orleans (NOLA) The Birdwatchers will be performing at 7:30, and there will be Cajun Dinner - Gumbo, Red Beans & Rice, Collard Greens and more! Served by Gisela and Chad. Proceeds to go to the American Red Cross.

Full day Membership Drive from 12 noon to midnight. This is the perfect time for the public to stop in, meet members, learn what the Eagles are all about, and enjoy a great day at the Aerie.

Sunday, April 26th

Plant and Craft Sale! 10:00AM to 4:00PM. Burgers and Hot Dogs will be served from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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.