

West Seattle Eagles Newsletter

May 2026



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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

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.

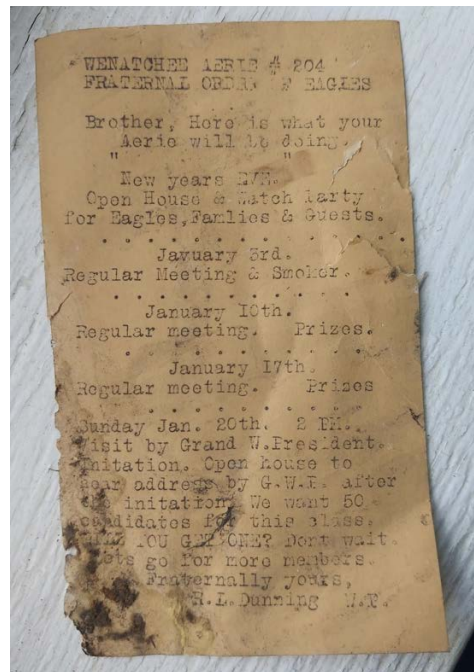
* It is the bartender's discretion to stay open past the hours posted.

** Social Room may open early for televised sports or special events.

Easter Brunch 2026

Thank you, Auxiliary!

A big, big thank you to our amazing volunteer crew for this delicious Easter brunch. We are so thankful for their help today! Please remember we always looking for more help in the kitchen. Whether it be a week day, weekend or a holiday event, we would thrive from more member engagement! Happy Easter to all!



Old Newsletter Found

Someone posted this on Facebook a while back in a Washington history page (I can't remember which one!) This is what one Aerie's (Wenatchee #204) newsletter looked like almost 100 years ago! Had to share. ~Anthony

Events and Holiday Committee

Information for May

We wish everyone a Happy May Day on May 10th! We humbly thank all those who work hard in the West Seattle Eagles and the Community at large! Also we are still looking for committee members so please speak to Co-Chair Pam Riccardo and Chair Eric Kirkbride.





Learn about Hosting a Meal!

*Kitchen orientation and cooking
with Chef Dylan May 14th at 6 PM*

Curious about hosting a meal at the Eagles but feel intimidated or unsure about using the kitchen? This is your chance to learn!

Join Chef Dylan for a hands-on cooking session where we'll prepare a full meal together. You'll get practical experience and have plenty of time to ask questions—whether it's about using the equipment, planning a menu, or handling clean-up.

On the menu: roasted chicken, veggies, salad, potatoes, and dessert.

There's no cost to participate, but please sign up in the social room in advance so we know how much food to supply.

Trustees Corner

On Behalf of the Trustees...

- Foot rail installed on bar in Social Room
- Looking to begin permitting process for the deck in May
- Very successful member drive on 4/18.
- Next member drive on 7/18 during West Seattle Grand parade
- Successful officer nominations for completed and we have a full slate of Aerie officers to install in May
- Looking forward to the Mother's Day Brunch on 5/10

Please put any suggestion in our box. We appreciate all the hard work our members are doing for the Club!

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,

It's hard to believe our Eagle year is already coming to a close at the end of this month. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your president this past year—it has truly been an honor.

I'm so grateful for all the new connections I've made and for the support and knowledge so many of you have shared along the way. This role has been a wonderful learning experience, and I've had a lot of fun doing it!

As we look ahead to the new year, please remember to renew your dues by May 31st. Your support is essential to keeping the club running smoothly and continuing all the great activities we enjoy—from dinners and live music to crafts and more. Not to mention our amazing bartenders, chef, staff!

I'd also like to extend a big thank you to the volunteers who prepared and served our Easter breakfast—it was absolutely delicious! And a special shoutout to the Easter Bunny for stopping by with goodies for the kids (and kids at heart).

With warmer weather on the way, we have plenty of exciting events coming up—which means lots of opportunities to get involved. There are opportunities large and small, so don't worry if you only have an hour or two to spare. It's a rewarding experience to give back to the club, but you'll also be surprised how much fun it is! Be sure to check the sign-up boards in the social room for upcoming opportunities.

Thank you again for all your support this past year. I look forward to seeing you around the club!

Amy Ojendyk

Amy Ojendyk, Madam President



West Seattle Eagles Aerie #2643

Events Calendar - May 2026

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

CHECK OUT THE KITCHEN ORIENTATION WITH CHEF DYLAN ON MAY 14TH! 6:00-7:30. LEARN ALL ABOUT HOW TO HOST A MEAL! PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE SOCIAL ROOM.



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Mark Dufresne
Band 7:30

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Sunday Night
Dinner 5:00-
7:00

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Bar food 5:30
Queen of
Hearts

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Trustee
Meeting 6:00

Aerie Meeting
7:30

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Taco Night
Cribbage 6:00

Eagle Riders
Meeting 6:00

7

Auxiliary
Meeting 6:30

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

9

High Cheese
7:30

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**Mothers Day
Brunch 10:00
by your Aerie.**

Sunday Night
Dinner 5:00-
7:00

11

Bar food 5:30
Queen of
Hearts

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Calendar
Meeting 5:30

Trustee
Meeting 6:00

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Taco Night
Cribbage 6:00

Book Club
7:00

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**Kitchen
Orientation
with Chef
Dylan 6:00-
7:30**

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Soulful 88's
7:30

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Sunday Night
Dinner 5:00-
7:00

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Bar food 5:30
Queen of
Hearts

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Trustee
Meeting 6:00

Aerie Meeting
7:30

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

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Auxiliary
Meeting 6:30

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Karaoke 7:30

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Tommy Gun &
the Ambaum
Dukes 7:30

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Sunday Night
Dinner 5:00-
7:00

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Bar food 5:30
Queen of
Hearts

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Trustee
Meeting 6:00

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Taco Night
Cribbage 6:00

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Poker 7:00
\$40 buy-in

29

Michael
Romero Band
7:30

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Officer
Installation
1:00 rehearsal
2:00 ceremony
Sunday Night
Dinner 5:00-
7:00

**SEE FACEBOOK AND THE LOBBY
CALENDAR FOR UPDATES ON SATURDAY
NIGHT DINNERS AND OTHER EVENTS!**





Fraternal Order of Eagles

TIME TO RENEW

THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES

EAGLES ARE FAMILY

Renew your dues before May 31st, to retain access to our library of benefits and to our network for more than 1,300 Aeries.

May Eagles Book Club

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



From Grant Ginder, the bestselling author of *The People We Hate at the Wedding*, comes a generation-defining novel that is part love story, part tragic comedy. Five parties over the course of twenty years bring six college friends together, exploring the ways we run from and cling to our friends in love, life, and death.

For Marco and Mia, Sasha and Theo, Richie and Adam, the one constant in life after college together has been change. New jobs. New cities. New spouses. New children. Through it all, one thing they thought would always stay the same is their friendship.

But time has a way of breaking even the strongest bonds, and testing what we thought we knew. From East Village apartment parties and disastrous destination weddings, to fortieth birthdays and suburban backyard barbecues, Grant Ginder's resonant, funny, and deeply moving novel is a story about the growing pains of the Millennial generation, and a celebration of how love can shift, stumble, and grow into something bigger than we ever could have imagined.

MONDAYS

QUEEN OF HEARTS

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

Happy Mother's Day

Brunch: Sunday May 10th 10:00 AM

Aerie moms eat free
Everyone else is \$15
Kids age 5-12- \$10
Kids under 5 free

Live Music Saturday Nights!

Come and have a good time!



May 2nd
**Mark Dufresne
Band**



May 9th
High Cheese



May 16th
Soulful 88's



May 23rd
**Tommy Gun & The
Ambaum Dukes**



May 30th
Michael Romero Band

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

Plant and Craft Sale Pictures!





**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**
 Trustee **Brent Lindblom**
 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

Rick Chan Loss of Father

Thinking of You

Anthony Evans Illness
Christine Juarez Father not doing well
Johnny McGee Hospitalized

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

May 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, May 10th

Mothers Day Brunch - 10:00

Free for all Eagles Members who are Mothers. Others \$10

Thursday, May 14th

Kitchen Orientation with Chef Dylan

6:00-7:30 - Learn all about hosting a meal! Dinner provided. Please sign up in the social room so we'll know how much food to prepare.

Sunday, May 31st

Installation of new officers

Rehearsal at 1:00, ceremony at 2:00. ALL MEMBERS WELCOME to come and see our officers be installed!

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.