



DAFFODIL NEWS



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FROM YOUR AERIE & AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS:

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Alas, as winter is finally fading in our rear view, let's take a look back at a successful and fun March. Our annual Jailhouse Rock event at the beginning of the month raised over \$1,000 for Alzheimer's research. Our thanks to Doug and Wendy Davidson, along with our Pink Ladies, for making this a hugely successful event. Our annual Oyster and Ham feed, along with Texas Hold-Em, Chicken and Joes, Sunday breakfasts, Burger Dips, Fish & Chips, Eddie Spaghetti, Bunco, Bingo, and Rock N Roll Bingo, underscores our charitable giving within our community both nationally and locally. Additionally, at the end of the month, we hosted our WA State Aerie/Auxiliary Presidents. Our thanks to those who assisted and attended, sharing our well-known hospitality. And lastly, but certainly not the least, in the immortal words of former Dallas Cowboy coach Jimmy Johnson, "How bout that parking lot?" Our thanks to our wonderful Auxiliary and Trustees for making this happen. Ideally, the preference was to have the entire lot paved; however, budgetary constraints make it challenging. That said, it's a great start, and "from little acorns grow tall oaks" as they say. The entire completion remains on the radar, and we're optimistic this will occur at some point when the economic timing is right. Again, thank you, Trustees and Auxiliary. Looks good, job well done!

As we move into April, at the top of the April events list is the District Mtg we're hosting at our Aerie on April 12. A highlight of the meeting will be the "Eagle of the Year Award" presentation to a member of our Aerie and Auxiliary. We invite you to join us for breakfast and a fun-filled meeting.

Some of our events in April:

- **April 12** – District Meeting @ Puyallup. Breakfast 8:00-10:00 am; Meetings 10:00-12:00 pm. Bake sale at 8 am!
- **April 18** – Taste of Italy Dinner supporting the Auxiliary President's charity for cancer in conjunction with the Auxiliary Grand Madam President's visit. Dinner tickets can be purchased in the bar or from Edie Bottemiller and Michelle Thompson.
- **April 19** – Texas Hold 'Em

For additional details on these and other events, including our bi-monthly Aerie/Auxiliary meetings, please refer to the April events calendar.

April is also the time when we begin looking ahead to the new Aerie 2026-2027 fiscal year 6/1/26 - 5/31/27. Nominations for next year's officers will take place at the last Aerie/Auxiliary mtgs in April, with elections taking place at the first meeting in May if needed. Serving as an officer is one of the best ways to help guide the future of our Aerie/Auxiliary. If you've ever considered becoming more involved, we encourage you to step forward. New ideas and participation from our membership are essential to our continued success. If you wish to nominate a member for an officer position, please attend your respective Aerie/Auxiliary mtg during the 4th week of April. The member you are nominating must be in attendance to accept. If he/she is unable to attend, they must submit an acceptance letter to the Aerie/Auxiliary Secretary at any time prior to the meeting. Please reference the calendar for additional details on mtg dates and times. If you need any additional info on the process, please reach out to an officer.

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FROM YOUR AERIE & AUXILIARY PRESIDENTS:

As always, we appreciate you for your engagement, dedication, generosity, and pride in our Aerie. We're truly blessed to belong to such a special organization with incredible members. Whether you participate in fundraisers, volunteer your time, attend meetings, or simply come in to enjoy a bite and/or beverage, each of you plays an important role in the success of our Aerie. Your involvement helps keep our organization economically viable, aids our sustainability, while strengthening our charitable muscle. In keeping with our core value of People Helping People, please reach out and ask, "How can I help?"

Fraternally,
Steve Banigan and Edie Bottemiller
Aerie and Auxiliary Presidents

**Nomination of 2026/2027 Officers will be opened
at the following meetings:**

Aerie - April 22 @ 7 pm • Auxiliary - April 23 @ 7 pm

2025/2026 DISTRICT #7 MEETING SCHEDULE:

Sept 14 Wilkeson #1409
Oct 12 Orting #3480
Nov 9 Buckley #1387
Feb 1 Tacoma #3
Mar 8 South Tacoma #2933
Apr 12 Puyallup #2308
**May 3 Mt. Rainier for Aerie
and Wilkeson for Auxiliary**

Breakfast usually available
around 8 am (cost TBD)

Joint meeting @ 10 am
followed by separate Aerie &
Auxiliary meetings

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TEXAS HOLD 'EM



Well players, we had another great turnout of 51 and 7 lucky players made it to the final table. So nice to hear all the laughing & respect that these players have for each other.

Next game is April 19, bring your buddies & win their \$\$\$\$. Steve, Sean & Brad are doing a great job of running the game, and Stephanie, Judy & Mary are also doing their share to keep things running right.

On May 3. we're having a raffle to raise money for our Manager, Loni Andrews, during her year as State Auxiliary President. What an honor for Daffodil Eagles! We are collecting items for this event—ready made baskets, bottles of spirits, \$\$\$, & ????. Bring to Eagles and label with my name on the items and from whom. Thank you!

March Winners in order were:

Louis P., Judy P., Mark B., Ante M., Arnie H., Ken Brown & Ken Glihsman. Congratulations!

Next game is April 19 with a \$35.00 buy-in and an optional \$5.00 bounty & high-hand.

Sign-in by 11:45 am and game starts at 12:00 pm. First come, first serve to play. Must be 21 or older to play.

Non-members can play three times & then must choose to join the Aerie or Auxiliary. You must have your current Eagle's membership card with you to play. Remember to follow all Aerie House Rules when attending.

Questions? Call Mary at 253-230-2308.

Thanks, **Steve Boisvert, Sean Monday and
the Texas Hold 'Em Crew**

Dues Renewal Time

It's that time of year again, Grand Aerie has started to send out reminders to all of us to pay your Dues.

PLEASE, if you receive a notice and have already sent in your payment, DO NOT call the club/Secretary right away.

Chances are, as it takes nearly two weeks from the time Grand pulls the list until you receive the notice, that your payment has been received.

Also, if you wish to pay your Dues early, you do not have to wait for the reminder in the mail. You can mail in a check to (or drop it off in person):

**1106 East Main
Puyallup, WA 98372**

- Aerie Dues (yellow membership card) - \$57 per year
Checks payable to Daffodil Aerie #2308
- Auxiliary Dues (white membership card) - \$42 per year
Checks payable to Daffodil Auxiliary #2308

TRUSTEES CORNER

Last month, while giving tribute to our wonderful bar staff, we made a mistake and forgot to put our wonderful Miss Jenny in the list. She is #2 in seniority. Thanks to everyone for letting me know, we didn't think there were that many people who read this!

The Trustees want to thank the Auxiliary Sisters for their wonderful donation of the money for the first round of parking lot improvements. We still have a way to go but this first step is a great improvement. Thank you to Ellen Blakely for spearheading the effort.

Do you know anyone who wants to be a volunteer bartender? You must have a MAST and Health card; some experience is preferred but we can set up training. It's a wonderful way to give back to the club and meet all of the great Aerie members we have. Please contact Loni.

A couple of reminders: Queen of Hearts tickets must be filled out in the bar and deposited in the box. They cannot be removed from the bar for any reason and cannot be folded, torn or twisted. Any of these conditions will cause the ticket to be destroyed and not replaced. Also, the bar is for everyone to enjoy peaceful conversations, any loud discussions or foul language will not be tolerated. If the bartenders tell you to tone it down, listen to them and don't argue. Serious offenders will be reprimanded by the Trustees.

The Trustees would like to encourage all brothers and sisters to attend Aerie & Auxiliary meetings. At the member meetings you can learn and understand how the Aerie & Auxiliary function, learn about the finances and business of the Aerie & Auxiliary, and maybe win a raffle or drawing. Have a great April! ~ **Your Board of Trustees**

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SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, APRIL 18 FOR THE GRAND MADAME PRESIDENT VISIT & TASTE OF ITALY DINNER!

Join us for a great evening of fellowship, fundraising, fabulous food, and fun as we welcome Grand Madame President, Rebecca Pelkey, to our Aerie! (And maybe wear a red hat!)



The poster features a red and white checkered border at the top and bottom. A string of red, white, and green triangular bunting hangs across the top. In the center is a circular illustration of a chef with a white hat and a red scarf, holding a green olive. To the right of the chef is a green starburst that says "Raffle Baskets". Below the chef, the text "Taste of Italy" is written in a large, black, cursive font. Underneath that, "Saturday, April 18th" and "4:30-6:30" are written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. To the left of the date is a green starburst that says "Tickets \$20". To the right is another green starburst that says "50/50 Raffle". Below the date is a red ribbon banner that says "Supports Cancer Fund". At the bottom, the menu items "Chicken Parmesan, Fettucini Alfredo, Caesar Salad, Zucchini, Garlic Bread and Spumoni Ice Cream." are listed. At the very bottom, a white rounded rectangle contains the text "For tickets see: Edie Bottemiller or Michelle Thompson".

Kindness Matters

Volunteer cooks and bartenders don't make the rules.

If you have an issue, please come to a Trustee's Meeting.

Trustee Meetings are held each Wednesday at 5:30 pm in the Dining area.

CHOOSE
kindness

Grand F.O.E.

Rebecca Pelkey



Grand Madam President

Motto: We Are Better Together - Hand in Hand

Color: Black & Red

Flower: Stargazer Lily, Peonies

Symbol: Hat w/Dragonfly

Charity: F.O.E. Cancer Fund

Special Project: Brattleboro Retreat

Membership Goal: Net Gain + 2%

(See our July 2025 newsletter for GMP Rebecca Pelkey's message for the 2025-2026 year)

For tickets see:
Edie Bottemiller or Michelle Thompson

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
HOURS OF OPERATION: Mon & Tues 3 PM – 9 PM Wed, Th, Fri 3 PM – 10 PM Saturday 12 PM – 10 PM Sunday 1 PM – 7 PM <i>(HOURS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)</i>			1 Aerie Trustees Mtg 5:30 pm	2 Eddie's Spaghetti 4:30 – 6:30 pm or until sold out	3 Rock n' Dreams Bingo! 7:00 pm	4
5  CLOSED for Easter	6 Golfers Mtg @ 5 pm Queen of Hearts Drawing @ 6 pm	7 RV Club Mtg 7 pm Tap TV Competition @ 7 pm	8 Aerie Trustees Mtg 5:30 pm Aerie Meeting 7 pm	9 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	10	11 BUNCO! 4 pm – 6 pm \$20 pp (Benefits the Alzheimer's Fund)
12 District Mtg @ Puyallup – Bake Sale 8 am Bfast 8-10 am Joint mtg 10 am Queen of Hearts Drawing 5 pm	13 Vision Committee Mtg 5:30 pm	14 Eagle Riders Mtg 7 pm Tap TV Competition @ 7 pm	15 Aerie Trustees Mtg 5:30 pm	16 Fish & Chips 4:30 – 6:30 pm (or until sold out)	17 Rock n' Dreams Bingo! 7:00 pm	18 Grand Madame President's Visit and Taste of Italy Dinner 4:30 – 6:30 pm (Benefits the Cancer Fund)
19 Texas Hold 'Em Starts @ 12 pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 5 pm	20 Auxiliary Interviews @ 6:00 pm Past Presidents' Meeting 7 pm	21 BINGO! Packets start selling @ 5 pm 1st ball called @ 6 pm Tap TV @ 7 pm	22 Aerie Trustees Mtg 5:30 pm Aerie Meeting 7 pm (Initiation & Nominations)	23 Burger Dips 4:30 – 6:30 pm (or until sold out) Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm (Initiation & Nominations)	24	25 Eagle Riders' Chicken & Jos 3 – 7 pm
26 Queen of Hearts Drawing 5 pm	27	28 BINGO! Packets start selling @ 5 pm 1st ball called @ 6 pm Tap TV @ 7 pm	29 Aerie Trustees Mtg 5:30 pm Joint Officer Meeting 7 pm	30	Food Menu Available: Mon – Sat 4:30 – 7:00 pm Sundays 2:00 – 5:30 pm (unless another event has been scheduled)	Steak & Salad Bar every Monday from 4:30 – 7 pm



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AERIE OFFICE HOURS:

Secretary:

M, T, W 4:30-7 pm

Asst Sec:

M & Th 9-11 am

IN MEMORIAM

So often the passing of one of our Aerie Brothers and Sisters goes unnoticed to the Membership. To this end we will publish the names of those who have passed and were reported to each Secretary each month.

- Craig W. Standley, 3 year Aerie Member
- Evelyn N. Balch, 4 year Aerie Member
- Laurel Vogel, 11 year Auxiliary Member

Puyallup Farmer's Market

Eric Kelm has secured two dates this season to have a booth/table at the Puyallup Farmer's Market to promote membership to our Aerie:

Saturday, May 16 and Saturday, August 22

Hours are 8:30 am-2:00 pm, with setup being completed by 9:00 am. He needs volunteers from the Auxiliary, so if you're interested in working a shift, please reach out to Eric Kelm.

Donations to Puyallup Food Bank

As we Eagles help one another, donations so far this year to the Puyallup Food Bank has been **210 lbs of food and non-food items and \$479 from three monthly events of Texas Hold 'Em**. These and future donations are so greatly appreciated!

Donations are accepted year-round and the collection bin is located in the lobby. In addition to what folks are already donating, here are some additional food donation suggestions: condiments like mustard, ketchup, mayo; any jelly; salad dressings; food seasonings; salt & pepper; pasta sauce; canned ready-to-eat meals like beef-a-roni, spaghetti; and any breakfast cereals. Thanks again!!