



DAFFODIL NEWS



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FROM YOUR AERIE PRESIDENT:

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

June ended up being a very busy month. New Aerie/Auxiliary Officer installation took place at the beginning of the month. As all new officers have been seated, I wish you the best of success in the coming year! Following up the officer installation was State Convention mid-month in Yakima. It was a fun, fulfilling, and productive event for our Aerie. The highlight of state convention is the presentation of our charitable giving at the evening banquet on Thursday, June 12. This is what it's all about. Everything we do throughout the year is for charity. We tend to forget that, when we're knee deep in the work required to generate money for these funds. All funds generated by raffles and special events throughout the year are presented to the fund recipients during the banquet. A few facts:

TOTAL CHARITABLE DOLLARS GIVEN BY WA STATE - \$351,831*

TOTAL CHARITABLE DOLLARS GIVEN BY DAFFODIL AERIE/AUX 2308 - \$41,961*

**includes grants from Grand Aerie and fundraising dollars at local level*

Lastly, total dollars raised by Worthy State President Dave Andrews for his designated charities was \$53,000 of which \$35,000 to Fred Hutch and \$18,000 to the Children's Therapy Unit of Mary Bridge Hospital. I had the opportunity to visit the Children's Therapy Unit with Dave earlier this year, and I can honestly say what they do there is nothing short of remarkable. Next time you see Dave, ask him about the Smile Factory. Dave, congratulations for a job well done as our Worthy State President during your term 6/1/24-5/31/25. You have made our Aerie proud. We welcome you home after logging over 12,000 miles visiting each and every Aerie within the state!

Also, at Convention, your Aerie/Auxiliary ritual teams took 1st place in the ritual competition. As the ritual is a critically important component of our organization, competitions occur at the state and national level to keep this tradition relevant and alive. Each of you have participated in ritual during your initiation. I encourage you to attend our meetings on the 4th Wed of the month to observe the ritual of initiation. It's pretty impressive. Your ritual Aerie & Auxiliary teams represented our Aerie extremely well in the state competition. Job well done ladies & gentlemen!

Moving forward, as we begin July, I'd like to wish our Grand ritual teams the best as they compete at Grand Convention in Grand Rapids, July 5-10, for the "Lombardi" trophy, so to speak. They're well prepared and will undoubtedly do well at Grand if their success at state convention is an indicator. Also, in July, don't forget our annual summer picnic is July 19 at Swiss Park. Save the date. It's our annual opportunity to bring all members together in fellowship and fun, celebrating our People Helping People core value. If you wish to volunteer, please contact Jonas White (253-389-3327) or Loni Andrews (253-845-5056). We can always use the help.

In closing, we appreciate all of our volunteers for everything you do! Without you, our Aerie ceases to exist. Additionally, we thank our members for supporting our Aerie. Life gets in the way. We understand that. Busy families, schedules, work. I encourage each member to ask yourself, "How can I help?" If you're unable to volunteer, you can contribute in other ways by coming down to have a bite and a beverage and supporting the events we put on each month. When you consider the end result of our work, our charitable giving, it becomes work worth doing when you begin with the end in mind.

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Gary Plumb - Recipient of the WA State Aerie Hall of Fame Award

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FROM YOU AUXILIARY PRESIDENT:

Hello Sisters,

As your incoming Madame President, it was an honor to attend the 119th Washington State Convention in Yakima. What a year our Auxiliary had in 2024-2025. Our ritual team, once again, brought home the first place trophy. Way to go ladies! We also received, not one, but two prestigious awards for Woman of the Year and Hall of Fame. Please be sure to congratulate our Permanent Mother Phyllis Dickson for 50 years as an active member and for making a difference.

Another part of the convention we all look forward to is presenting checks to our charities at the banquet. You all worked hard all year to support them and it showed. The Grand Aerie/Auxiliary raised \$166,377.00. Total grants for this year was \$185,459.12. The Washington State Eagles total for the year was \$351,831.22! This is the highest number yet for the Eagles in fund raising.

If you are asking yourself why you joined, this is why. As a member, you have chosen to support the fundraisers that help millions of people each year. We are not just a bar... we are people helping people. Please take the time to say hi to our new members and assist with any questions they might have or direct them to the person that can.

Fraternally,
Steve Banigan and Edie Bottemiller
Aerie and Auxiliary Presidents



**Phyllis Dickson - Recipient of the
WA State Auxiliary Hall of Fame
AND Woman of the Year Awards!**

**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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TRUSTEES' CORNER

Summer is finally here! The Trustees would like to encourage those brothers and sisters who have not been to the Aerie in a while to come and check it out. We have a full sports TV package on all the time for your favorite game. Tap TV tournaments every Tuesday, as well as Bingo the third and fourth Tuesday of the month. For your dining pleasure, we have our bar menu available every night from 4:30-7:00 pm and special dinners throughout the month; please check the calendar for times and dates. We offer numerous brands of your favorite wines, canned and draft beer. There is also a wide selection of top shelf alcohol for your favorite mixed drink. If there is an activity you would like to see us have, please drop a note in the suggestion box. This is your Aerie to use and enjoy. It takes all members patronage to keep us functioning.

The Trustees would like to thank the following members for their help in cleaning out the two old storage containers and consolidating the contents into the newly purchased one: Alan Whipple, Dave Buck, Eric Kelm, Steve Banigan, Jonas White, Gary Plumb, Tom Dorsey, Mark Reetz, Wally Lochrie, Bill Heath, Jeremy Berge, and Don Jacobsen. Thanks to your hard work, we will no longer have to pay rent for storage containers.

Would you or someone you know like to be a Volunteer Bartender? The Aerie is looking for volunteer bartenders for various times and shifts. Please contact Loni Andrews if interested. You must have a MAST and health card.

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

~ Your Board of Trustees

FROM YOUR AERIE SECRETARY

Brothers, at the time of this writing, there are still over 300 Aerie brothers who have not renewed their membership. If you have not received a renewal notice, you can still send in your payment of \$57.00 for your 25/26 dues. Members who do not get their membership PROCESSED before July 18 will be dropped & will have to re-enroll. Those who have paid may also notice that your "Total Years" printed on your card is no longer there. We are transitioning to just relying on your "Member Since" number as many of the "Total Years" are incorrect as we have to change it manually every time you renew. However, IF YOU HAVE HAD TO RE-ENROLL in the past, that number will still be printed to keep your years of service accurate.

AERIE '25 SUMMER PICNIC

The picnic is scheduled for Saturday, July 19 at the Swiss Park in Bonney Lake from 11:00-6:00 pm. There will be burgers & hotdogs and some chicken and pulled pork too, along with cold beverages. We encourage and appreciate if you could bring a side dish or dessert to add to the complement of food the Aerie is providing.

- Food - Served from 12:00 pm-3:00 pm
(2nd serving after tournaments if needed)
- Horseshoe & Cornhole Tournaments - Entry fee required for each
- Raffle Drawing and 50/50 Drawing at 3:00 pm (ticket sales end @ 2:30 pm)
- Make your own Tye-Dye T-Shirt (cost TBD). Part of the proceeds will benefit the Cancer Fund.

If you wish to volunteer, donate a raffle basket, or provide cooking equipment, please contact Jonas at 253-389-3327 or Loni at 253-845-5056. Looking forward to seeing you there as we come together in fellowship and fun celebrating our core value of "People Helping People". ~ **Jonas White and Loni Andrews**

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.



TEXAS HOLD 'EM



The June Texas Hold 'Em went smoothly without me being there, sure happy about that! Thanks to the Volunteers for doing such a great job. Steve went to meeting and T.H. Fund is donating \$150.00 to the Picnic Fund. I'm hoping to have a raffle in October, so if you have any thing to donate, it is appreciated; bring anytime. RIP - Ralph Rosa.

June Winners in order were:

Ante Matanovic, Sean Monday, Dennis Gronholdt, John Meeker, Brad Stevens and Patti Saathoff. Congratulations!

Next game is July 13 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 and 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 the Aerie House Rules when attending.

Questions? Call Mary at 253-230-2308.

Thanks, **Steve Boisvert & Sean Monday**

Members must present their current membership card at the registration table - opens @ 11 am.

Cost:

- Members and children of members - FREE
- Non-Member - \$5
- Children of non-members ages 13-21 - \$3
- Children of non-members 12 and Under - Free

Think Your Ribs Can Win It All?

Then it's time to bring the heat and claim your place at the top of the grill game. Whether you're a seasoned pitmaster or just think you've got the best backyard recipe in tow, this is your shot! Mark your calendar for August 9, 2025!

For the Competitors:

Bring the flavor, bring the smoke (grill/or pit), meat and bring your A-Game. Bragging rights (and maybe a prize or two) are on the line. \$25.00 registration fee. Contact Dave Carter at aerievision2308@gmail.com to register.

For Everyone Else:

Come hungry and ready to party! We'll have:

Mouthwatering BBQ • Live music • Drinks • Games • Plenty of good vibes!

Whether you're cooking or just eating—we want YOU there. August 9 is going to be one smokin' good time!



AUXILIARY INFORMATION FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

Daffodil #2308 F.O.E.

Edie Bottemiller
Madam President

Theme: 60s

Motto: Stand tall and be proud just being you

Color: Tye-Dye

Flower: Daisy

Animal: Giraffe

Charity:
Cancer
Fund



Washington State F.O.E.

Myloe Smith
State Madam President

Theme: Working Together Hand in Hand for the F.O.E.

Motto: BELIEVE

(Be Kind, Experience, Loving, Inspiring, Exceptional, Valediction, Esteem)

Color: Lavendar

Flower:
Purple Rose

Mascot: Olaf

Charity: Autism

Special Project:
The TEARS
Foundation
(Puyallup)



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%



MESSAGE FROM GRAND MADAM PRESIDENT REBECCA PELKEY FOR 2025-2026

Governing

Our Rules & Regulations are designed to help an Auxiliary run as smoothly as possible. Our By-Laws take the personalities out of the equation and make things equal for all on the local aerie level. And Our House Rules govern our social rooms, making the club a safe and uplifting place for our members. If we follow the guidelines we have put in place, we can expect a smoothly running home. When we don't follow the rules, we create division and inhibit our ability to build the strongest Auxiliary we can. Stay loyal to the rules and your members will stay loyal to you!

Volunteering

Our organization was built on the idea of "People of Helping People.." Charity is the heart of what we do and what we stand for. Without it, we are simply a social room. We must keep charity at the forefront of our minds and hearts. When we recruit new members, we should emphasize the importance of volunteering and the need for assistance and helping hands with our charity events, raffles, dinners and more. This is your home, not a bar. So let's be proud of how we have gotten where we are and make volunteering the key focus of our organization this year.

Togetherness/Equality

Every successful Aerie home share one central quality - an Aerie and Auxiliary that work together. We are only as good as the togetherness and equality we show our Brothers and Sisters both on the National and Local levels. People view the Eagles as an escape from the hardships in their day-to-day life. When we work together as one, they value their time at the Aerie home and want to help make this incredible Fraternal organization even stronger. When that harmony doesn't exist, it makes people want to stay home and look for other ways to spend their free time. Work together, promote equality and create a positive, uplifting atmosphere that keeps your club full all year round!

Obligation/Ritual

The Obligation in our Ritual is what guides us as members. It is the central tenet of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and should be at the root of all words spoken, actions taken and people helped within our Order. Your word is your bond and when you break your obligation as a member, you're breaking your word. You are violating the promise you made before your Brothers and Sisters to do what is in the best interest of the Order and of each other. Don't forget the importance of these words and the power that they hold within the organization.

July 2025

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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 RV Club Mtg 7 pm	2 Aerie Trustees Mtg 5:30 pm	3	4 	5 <div>Grand Conv July 5-10</div>
6 QH Drawing 5 pm	7 Golfers Mtg @ 5 pm Steak & Salad Bar 4:30 – 7 pm	8 Eagle Riders Meeting 7 pm	9 Aerie Trustees Mtg 5:30 pm Aerie Meeting 7 pm	10 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm	11 Rock n' Dreams Bingo! 7:00 pm	12
Grand F.O.E. Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan - July 5-10						
13 Texas Hold 'Em Starts @ 12 pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 5 pm	14 Svc Clubs Mtg @ VFW 8 am Vision Comm Mtg @ 5:30 pm Steak & Salad Bar 4:30 – 7 pm	15 BINGO! Packets start selling @ 5 pm 1st ball called @ 6 pm	16 Aerie Trustees Mtg 5:30 pm	17	18	19 CLUB CLOSED FOR THE Aerie Picnic 11 am – 6 pm Swiss Park in Bonney Lake
20 Queen of Hearts Drawing 5 pm	21 Steak & Salad Bar 4:30 – 7 pm	22 BINGO! Packets start selling @ 5 pm 1st ball called @ 6 pm	23 Aerie Trustees Mtg 5:30 pm Aerie Meeting 7 pm (Initiation)	24 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm (Initiation) NOTE: Going forward, Aux Initiation has moved to the 2nd Thurs.	25 Rock n' Dreams Bingo! 7:00 pm	26
27 Queen of Hearts Drawing 5 pm	28 Steak & Salad Bar 4:30 – 7 pm	29 BINGO! Packets start selling @ 5 pm 1st ball called @ 6 pm	30 Aerie Trustees Mtg 5:30 pm Joint Officers Meeting 7 pm	31	Food Menu Available: Mon – Sat 4:30 – 7:00 pm Sundays 2:00 – 5:30 pm (unless another event has been scheduled)	
						TAP TV Competition with other bars & Aeries every Tuesday from 6 to 9 pm!



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IN MEMORIAM

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

- Rudy Cole,
49 year Member

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Eagle Valley Campground is owned & operated by YOU, the members of the WA State F.O.E. It features 90+ campsites (most with water/power hook-ups), clean restrooms with free showers, youth building with games, pool table and shuffleboard. We also have an 18 hole mini golf course, horseshoe pits, playground and more! Don't delay, reserve your campsites TODAY!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

STATE BBQ AUGUST 15-17, 2025

HARVEST FEST SEPTEMBER 19-21, 2025



Sisters, let's get groovy this year...attend meetings, volunteer, and promote peace and harmony! And Puyallup Daffodil #2308 Auxiliary rocked it this year at the State Convention! Congratulations to Loni Andrews, State Madam Vice-President/President-Elect and Robin Sheffer, State Madam Inside Guard!