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Reminder of Newsletter Changes!!

Beginning this month, the newsletter will only be available as an electronic copy sent to your email address or viewable on the Eagles web page (www.rochestermneaglesclub.com). Please contact Eric (secretary@rochestermneaglesclub.com) or Cindy (auxiliary2228@gmail.com) if you have questions or wish to have your email added to the distribution list. If you have items to put in the newsletter, please email them to rentschr1@gmail.com by the 20th of the month. Please note that many links in the newsletter are active. Just click on the link.

Upcoming Golf Tournaments

**3RD ANNUAL KIDS DREAMS COME TRUE
BIG CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT**



Friday May 21st, 2021 AT MAPLE VALLEY GC
(Rain or Shine)
4 PERSON BEST SHOT BIG CUP
REGISTRATION: 10:00 AM
SHOTGUN START: 11:00 AM
COST: \$360 PER TEAM OF 4 – LIMITED TO 46 TEAMS**

Includes: 18 holes plus ½ cart
Dinner and Banquet @ the Eagles
Prize raffles @ the Eagles
Evening Entertainment @ The Eagles

Kids' Dreams Come True is a 501(c)(2) volunteer driven organization seeking to bring happiness and joy to children with life-threatening illnesses in Southeastern Minnesota

**15TH ANNUAL EAGLES CANCER
TELETHON
GOLF TOURNAMENT**



THE "FUN\$RAISER"
FRIDAY, AUGUST 6th 2021 AT MAPLE VALLEY GC
(Rain or Shine)
4 PERSON BEST SHOT
REGISTRATION: 9:30 AM
SHOTGUN START: 10:30 AM

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE EAGLES CANCER TELETHON
COST: \$360** PER TEAM OF 4 – LIMITED TO 46 TEAMS

Includes: 18 holes plus ½ cart per person
Chances to win Hole in One Prizes
Dinner and Banquet
Prize raffles
Evening Entertainment

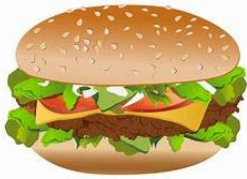
RETURN THE PORTION BELOW WITH YOUR PAYMENT IN ORDER TO SECURE YOUR SPOT IN THE TOURNAMENT.
All highlighted areas must be completed!!
NO SPOTS WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR. TOURNAMENT WILL FILL ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS

Forms for both tournaments are available on the Eagles webpage and in the Club Pool Room
Spots are going fast!



New Club Hours!

Monday - Friday 11:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 10:00 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM



Eagles Kitchen Hours and Menu

Monday - Thursday 11:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 Friday 11:00 AM - 8:30 PM
 Saturday 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
 Sunday 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM



<p>Monday Burgers All Day</p>	<p>1/3 lb. Burger \$2.75 Toppings & Sides Additional</p>
<p>Tuesday Pasta All Day</p>	<p>Spaghetti & Meatballs Or Chicken Fettuccini Alfredo \$7.50</p>
<p>Wednesday Broasted Chicken</p>	<p>Broasted Chicken 5:00 PM - 8:30 PM 2-piece dinner \$7.50 or 3-piece dinner \$8.50 Served with mashed potatoes, gravy, coleslaw and dinner roll</p>
<p>Thursday Ribs All Day</p>	<p>Ribs served with mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable and dinner roll \$10</p>
<p>Friday Fish Dinner</p>	<p>Fish Dinner Regular \$12.00 Senior \$10.50 Served with fries or baked potato, coleslaw and dinner roll</p>
<p>Saturday Prime Rib Dinner</p>	<p>Lunch Special: 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM Prime Rib Sandwich with side \$10 10 oz Primer Rib 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Served with mashed potatoes, gravy, vegetable, dinner roll, & horseradish sauce \$20</p>
<p>Sunday</p>	<p>Breakfast Quesadilla All Day \$7.50</p>
<p>Saturday & Sunday Mornings</p>	<p>Breakfast Menu: 9:00 AM - Noon 3 pancakes <u>OR</u> French toast and choice of bacon or sausage links. Comes with butter and syrup \$7.00 B.Y.O. 3-Egg Omelet - served with hash browns or breakfast potatoes. Adds include bell peppers, onion, mushroom, tomato, jalapeño, black beans, ham, turkey, & bacon \$6.50 Steak and Eggs served with 5 oz steak, hash browns, and 2 pcs toast \$10.50 Biscuits & Sausage Gravy; sausage or bacon & hash browns or breakfast potatoes \$8.50 Eagle Breakfast includes 2 eggs, sausage or bacon, toast and breakfast potatoes \$7.00</p>

All specials are in addition to the regular menu.
 Ask your server about weekly specials.
 View menu on the Eagles webpage or by clicking...

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OVER \$300,000 and COUNTINGTHANK YOU EVERYONE!!



The 67th ANNUAL EAGLES CANCER TELETHON is a success because of everyone coming together and filling in where needed and willing to make changes in a changing world. We went off the air on KTTC with just under \$300,000 but those numbers continue to change. Imagine the year we have all been dealing with and to look at this amount of dollars raised when so many events had to be canceled throughout the year.

- **Pulled Pork by SMOAK BBQ- SOLD out with over \$4000** raised here and we donated pork to Lyle and Blooming Prairie as well
- **Auction: First time On-Line over \$35,000 raised**
- Dawn and her group of volunteers were kept busy at the Eagles Club with donations being taken throughout the day.
- We will be announcing a new fundraiser coming soon and partnering with a local business that you will not want to miss!
- A sincere thank you to everyone for your continued support and your generosity. I am truly humbled and honored to be working with each and every one of you. "Together we can make a difference" in the fight against cancer! **Teresa Chapman**

Upcoming Events

Saturday February 13

KDCT Cash Raffle Drawing at 8:00 PM (Tickets for this raffle are sold out)
Music by Southbound Country from 5:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Sunday February 14

Valentine's Day Special 3 Course Meal! Served from Noon - 3:00 PM

Meals are portioned for 2 people with house salad and 2 drinks
Your choice of:

Tuscan Steak and Shrimp served over Handmade Herbed Pasta \$30
or

Chicken Parmesan served over Handmade Herbed Pasta \$25

Dessert is Strawberry Crostata with Chocolate Drizzle and Macerated Strawberries

Limited number of dinner tickets available at the bar for purchase



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CASH RAFFLE

Looking for some extra cash? Who isn't? We will have a cash raffle on **May 21, 2021** with **\$21,020** in prizes and the grand prize of **\$2,100** (do you see the trend here?). You can be **winner 17** and still win **\$2021!** Proceeds go to benefit the Eagles Club and to support our worthy charities. Tickets are \$10 each with 4000 tickets max sold. Would you like to be a good member and help by selling tickets? Contact Kevin for a book.

2021

CASH RAFFLE

2021 CASH RAFFLE \$10 TICKETS GRAND PRIZE \$2100.00			
21 WINNERS \$21020.00 IN CASH PRIZES MAX TICKETS SOLD 4000			
DRAWING @ THE EAGLES CLUB FRIDAY MAY 21ST @ 7PM			
GRAND PRIZE \$2100			
1ST \$2021	6TH \$1021	11TH \$521	16TH \$221
2ND \$1021	7TH \$521	12TH \$221	17TH \$2021
3RD \$521	8TH \$221	13TH \$2021	18TH \$1021
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Do you know your Aerie and Auxiliary Officers? Would you like to become an officer?
 Contact your secretary regarding positions available and meeting dates.

<u>Aerie</u>	<u>Aerie 2228</u>	<u>Auxiliary</u>
James Backus	Past President	Judy Hanson
John Mueller	President	June Callier
Dan Hanson	Vice President	Denise Haefner
Robert Nogosek	Chaplain	Beth Callier
Eric Averbeck	Secretary	Cindy Novotne
	Treasurer	Vicky Schoonover
Darold Sharar	Conductor	Beth Callier
	Inside Guard	Rosemary Lutzi
Clarence Schleusner	Trustee	Susan Blood
Tim Macken	Trustee	Diane Sackett
Karig Durst	Trustee	Nicki Novotne
Larry Ritten	Gambling Manager	
Kevin Hanson	Club Manager	

Aerie Secretary
Auxiliary Secretary

Eric Averbeck secretary@rochestermneaglesclub.com
Cindy Novotne auxiliary2228@gmail.com
Eagles Website www.rochestermneaglesclub.com

Aerie Updates

Become an Eagles Member Today!

- Any NEW Aerie applicant will receive a \$15 Eagles gift card upon completion of initiation! Applications are by the front door.
- Any Aerie member that has dropped in 2020 can rejoin the Aerie for only \$30 and maintain their status and years of membership.

Auxiliary Updates

Since the Auxiliary has not been able to have any bake sales due to Covid-19, they are asking people to donate the money they would have spent on bake sales to the Auxiliary. There is a locked Auxiliary box at the front door for donations, letters or new member applications.

Thank you for your donations!

New Aerie members: Jack & Carolyn Wesolowski; **New Auxiliary Member:** Teresa Snyder
Deceased members: Caroline Schuelke (Auxiliary Charter Member)



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Member Profiles

Each month we will be interviewing an Aerie and Auxiliary member to find out who they are, what they like about the club and how they became members. This month, we talk with **Bill Fisher and Norma King**

Aerie Member: Bill Fischer

How long have you been a member? Since 1956

What did you do as a profession? Worked at IBM for 38 years then mowed the Willow Creek Golf Course.

How many kids do you have? Three kids and lots of grandkids.

You've been at the same house for a long time...how long? 50 years.

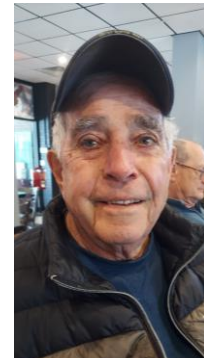
What is your favorite thing about the club? Being around all the people and seeing my friends every day!

What is your favorite beverage here at the club? Well, Vodka Diet, I guess.

You've seen a lot of things over the years at the club and have served as an officer. What was the highlight of all those years? Being a trustee for 9 years and seeing us move to this new location.

What was the lowlight of all those years? The fire at the old downtown club....and maybe getting to know Mark Hanson (LOL).

Bill really has seen a lot of things here at the club and in Rochester. Stop and talk to him more...and he says he's always up for a booty call!



Auxiliary Member: Norma King

How long have you been a member? Since 2017.

Why did you join? My husband, Jim, has been a member since 1969.

What did you do as a profession? I worked for an attorney.

Why did you retire? Because he (the attorney) retired.

Many people don't know this, but you and Jim are HUGE racing fans of both dirt track and NASCAR. What is your favorite track? Eldora in Ohio & Owatonna back in the day

When did you start going to the races? 1956.

What was the farthest race you went to? Daytona...for 30 years

How many races do you think you've been to? Well, we used to do 3-4 races a week both local and distant for about 20 years. A lot!

What is your favorite thing about the club? Sitting on the patio with friends and the Car Shows.

What is your favorite beverage here at the club? Diet Coke but sometimes I splurge and have a Bloody Mary or Screwdriver.

What is your favorite food at the club? Chicken strips.

What is the highlight of your life thus far? My family, friends, my husband Jim, of course.....and going to the races!

If you are a fan of racing and want to learn some great history, stop and talk to Norma (and Jim)!



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Employee Profile

Each month we will be interviewing an Employee from the Eagles. This month it's the Kitchen Head, **Derek Olgren**. Hopefully, we got all his info correct but one thing is certain, he has a lot of kitchen experience and some great ideas!

Tell us about your kitchen experience? I've worked in kitchens since 1996. In 2011 I started part time at Pescara and worked there for 4 ½ years and then was a Sous Chef at Terza for 4 ½ years with a stint as the Interim Executive Chef. Then on to the Country Club where I was Executive Sous Chef and Banquet Chef.

What new menu items are you bringing to the club? Each week I will have a different special that will make the menu a little more interesting. (We must tell everyone that the hand-dipped batter fried onion rings are amazing!)

What menu items won't you change? The fish fry and the liver and onions

How about the banquet menu? Anything new? The banquet menu will be streamlined with some items removed and some items added. I've done banquets with upwards of 700 people at the Country Club and I have an idea of what works best for using things wisely and pricing wisely.

What has been your worst kitchen disaster? The first time I made pizza dough from scratch I didn't read the recipe and just threw everything together and I ended up with a concrete mess! Lesson learned!

How many children do you have? 3 daughters. 10, 6, and 8. All with birthdays towards the end of the year (Near Christmas and New Year's)

What is your favorite thing to make? Homemade pasta. I learned how to do that at Terza. I would also like to at some point make homemade sauces for our pasta here.

Derek has a lot of cooking knowledge and has a great recipe for Italian Pasta. He is always looking for feedback.



Kids Dreams Come True Updates

The Craft Beer, Wine and Spirits Tasting has again been postponed. We are looking at a time maybe this spring or summer so we can have the event outside and comply with Covid-19 regulations. Check the KDCT website, Facebook and the Eagles website for updates.

We will have our cash raffle on **February 13**. Those tickets were sold out quite some time ago, but the Eagles 2021 Raffle tickets are on sale and that drawing occurs on May 21st. Also, on May 21 is the **3rd Annual Kids Dreams Come True Golf Tournament**. Spots are still available.



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President's Letter

Hello Brothers and Sisters of the Eagles,

We have closed the tumultuous year of 2020, which has been a year of hardship and strife and have now opened a New Year of hope in 2021. The New Year promises to be a better year for our world and our country. The Club has reopened its doors and is back to the business of helping our community recover.

Our club is fortunate to be supported by a lot of great people who use our venue and our charitable gambling endeavor. Our club is in a sound financial situation and can continue our charitable work. I would encourage all members, as well as the public, to continue to support our club in any way they can to better help those who are less fortunate in our community. The charitable work we do now is needed more than ever.

I wish everyone a healthy and prosperous New Year! Thank you for your support!

Worthy President,
John Mueller

Covid-19 Updates

The Covid-19 regulations and closures have impacted all of us and the Eagles Club was no exception. The Eagles Club was very fortunate to be in good financial standing prior to the pandemic and has weathered the situation better than most. However, that does not mean that the Club has not been affected financially. To date, the designation as a "social club" excluded the Eagles from any funding from State and Federal sources (including PPP) even though the Eagles Club has had to abide by all the restrictions and closures. After sending emails to over 400 Local and State elected officials by the Eagles Club, this glaring injustice is being addressed by local lawmakers. But good management and sound leadership will get the Eagles Club thought this.

In the meantime, please continue to follow the guidelines of masking and social distancing so that we can remain open. We thank you for your patience during all this and please be kind to one another.

Zumbro Aerie #2228 2021 Scholarship Information

The Fraternal Order of Eagles #2228 will again be offering 2021 scholarships to students in the surrounding public, private, and parochial schools. ALL students considering post-secondary education or training are eligible to apply.

Applications can be found on the Eagles website or copies are available at the Club and must be mailed or dropped off at the Club no later than **April 1, 2021** to be considered.

Eagles Scholarship Committee



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Gambling Updates

In looking back at December which is the typical way that I generate a monthly report- I have nothing as we were again closed due to Covid-19. We reopened January 11th and are gradually getting back our gaming options. The biggest demand currently is to resume bar bingo. We are finalizing plans to get that going again per the state restrictions and hoping to announce upcoming dates soon. The numbers to report are based on our fiscal year to date. Our fiscal year starts July 1 and goes through June 30th. So, in comparison to 2019...

The first 6 months of 2019	The first 6 months of 2020 (closed 6 weeks)
Total Gross was \$2,472,581.83	Total Gross \$2,468,176.23
Prizes paid were \$2,094,367.94 (84.7% of gross)	Prizes paid \$2,125,913.64 (86.1% of gross)

From the net profit: 26% for taxes, 45% for expenses and 29% for profit of which 50% plus is donated.

Patrons are rippin it up!

Larry Ritten Gambling Manager

**Eagles 2228 Charitable Gambling Committee: Tim Macken, Kraig Durst, Dan Hanson,
Clancy Schleusner, John Mueller**

Manager's Corner

Hey,
[We are open again!](#) Please stop down and see everyone at the club! However, we still need to abide by local and state guidelines in order to stay open, so please be patient and understanding. While events are limited, we have the Kids Dreams Come True Raffle on Feb 13 with music by Southbound Country starting at 5:30. On Valentine's Day we will have a luncheon special for 2 so come see what Derek has created. Tickets available for that at the bar.

We are taking volleyball league entries for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday nights but don't wait too long...the leagues are already over half full!

Remember the upcoming Golf Tournaments and we will also be organizing golf leagues for Monday evenings and Thursday afternoons at Maple Valley. Watch the website and check the pool room for more information on these leagues.

And best of all, car shows will be starting May 12!!

It's really great to be open again and to see everyone...even the annoying people! While things in the world may have changed, some things at the Eagles have not. Mark is still a permanent fixture at the bar and it's always good to heard BK laugh (even though now he's 40!).

<p style="text-align: center;">What is it?</p> <p>You may have seen the coyote decoys on the Eagles property. This is an effort to scare the geese. The jury is still out as to whether it works or not. Don't worry Burt, they're harmless!</p>	
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Kevin

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