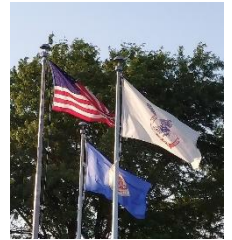




EAGLES 2228 NEWSLETTER



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**Christmas
HOURS**

December 24

Club Open
11 AM - 6 PM

Kitchen Open
11 AM - 5 PM

Tom & Jerry's
3 PM - 5 PM

December 25

CLOSED

DECEMBER

BINGO

Eagles Club

90% Saturdays

Dec 6 & Dec 20 @ Noon

**Ugly Sweater & Best
Christmas Outfit
Contest Dec 20**

Weds @ 7 PM

Dec 3, 10 and 17

**Cheers
TO THE
NEW YEAR**

**WE ARE OPEN ON
NEW YEAR'S DAY**

10AM - 7PM

KITCHEN OPEN

10AM - 6PM

Eagles Club

NEW YEAR'S

2026

BINGO

90% Bingo

New Year's Day @ Noon

It's gonna get...
UGLY

**Ugly
Sweater
CONTEST**

**AND....
BEST
CHRISTMAS
OUTFIT
CONTEST**

**SAT
DEC 20TH
BINGO
HALFTIME**



*Christmas
Eve
3-5 PM*

*Tom & Jerry
Cocktail*



New Year's Eve

DINNER

WEDNESDAY DEC 31

SERVED 4-8 PM

**Ribs or Stuffed Chicken
Breast for \$14**

**Includes Baked Potato,
Salad, Veggie, and Brownie**

No Presale Tickets; Served Until Gone

MUSIC BY COLT 45

8 PM -MIDNIGHT



**VIKINGS GAME DAY
SPECIALS**

*Prizes at the end
of each quarter*

**16 OZ MILLER LITE \$2.50
(DURING THE GAME)**

**BUILD YOUR OWN PIZZA
(Sunday and Monday Games)**

**Dec 7: Club opens at 7:45 AM
Bus leaves at 9 AM
Breakfast Sandwich Special**



WILD BUS TRIP

WILD vs

Thursday Jan 29

**\$120/TICKET; INCLUDES GAME TICKET & BUS
BUS LEAVES AT 5 PM; SIGN UP AT THE BAR**





DECEMBER MUSIC

DEC 6	SLIPPIN JIMMY	5-9 PM
DEC 13	SMOKIN COYOTES	5-9 PM
DEC 19	LAST CHANCE	7-10 PM
DEC 20	MED CITY MISFITS	4:30-8:30 PM
DEC 31	COLT 45	8-MIDNIGHT

MEAT RAFFLES

FRIDAY NIGHTS AND BINGO SATURDAYS

\$2 / TICKET



FROM BURT'S MEATS, EYOTA



KIDS Christmas Party DECEMBER 14 1 PM

Crafts, Cookies, Gifts, Activities

**Santa Arrives
at 2 PM**
Sorry,
Registration
Closed



4TH ANNUAL Winter MUSIC FEST

JANUARY 24

LIVE MUSIC ALL DAY
DETAILS
TO FOLLOW

Aerie Updates

New Aerie Member: Carmen Kasick, Bent Jorgensen, Bryan Barnett, Randy Petersen, and Robert Volden

Presidents Letter

Brothers and Sisters,

It is hard to believe that we are turning the calendar to December and preparing for the upcoming holiday season. This is a season of giving. So, with many of our community members struggling, if you are able, please consider donating money or time to local charities.

As 2025 comes to an end, we take time to reflect on the year that was. At the Eagles Club, we had many important events in 2025. Here, we take a moment to highlight just a few of the many great things that our Club does throughout the year.

January always means the annual 5th District Eagles Cancer Telethon and now, the return of the Winter Music Festival. Planning for both events in 2026 is in progress.

In **February**, we had the First Annual Super Bowl Party and the club participated in the Alley Cat Rally.

March saw the 4th annual Sunday Funday for a Cure. If you haven't been yet, you should consider stopping by to this great event as well as our Spring Member Appreciation event. Also in March, the annual visit from the Caledonia Pipe Band's for St. Patrick's Day - a very popular event.

April brought the return of the popcorn machine and the installation of the Bonus Hole coin pusher machine. So many of our quarters have not made it home due to that machine! April also featured the 2nd Annual Strike Out Cancer No-Tap tournament as well as the first Adult Easter Egg Hunt.

In **May** there was the return of pickleball and volleyball leagues and Jeff Hanson Memorial car shows.

July 4 was celebrated with a Pickleball Tournament and then a week later, the 2nd Annual Eagle Stock Music fest. The shirts had the wrong date again and we believe that Kevin is doing it intentionally at this point.

August means the annual Cancer Telethon Golf Tournament. 2026 will mark the 20th Annual Tournament!

September saw the first Fall Member Appreciation event to replace the family picnic.

Bingo returned in **October**. We also had the first Trunk-or-Treat event. Over 200 trick-or-treaters attended.

Maintenance in **November** meant new light poles and lights installed by the volleyball courts as well as replacing the old decking with composite decking on the corner event deck. It is ready to host weddings for years to come.

December will bring the Kid's Christmas Party and the annual Tom & Jerry's on Christmas Eve.

I don't think any of us realize how many great events happen at our Club throughout the year. There were many nights with live music, visiting with friends, investing in pull-tabs, and overall enjoying the amazing space that we call our Club.

A quick reminder, there is no bingo on New Year's Eve, but there will be dinner and a band. Bingo will instead be as usual on New Year's Day. Lastly, we would like to thank you for being a member in 2025 and encourage you to invite new members to join the club.

Your Eagles Sister and Brother,

Tamara Larson
Madam President
tamara.larson@outlook.com

Eric Averbek
Worthy President
beck_am87@hotmail.com

Get to Know Your Officers

Mark Bilderback is the Aerie Conductor. He has been an officer for the last 10 years and a member for 20 years. Mark states that the best part of being an Eagle member is meeting new people and being part of an organization that is "People Helping People." Apart from being a member, his interests include umpiring, and sports- especially hiking and fishing. Mark is an Eagle Scout and is also active with the Vintage Base Ball Roosters. Mark also was a member of city council for 12 years. He enjoys volunteering and helping others.

Vicky Schoonover is the Auxiliary Conductor. She has been an officer for 43 years and has been a member since 1982. Vicky states the best part of being a member is the people we meet, the ability to get involved with community projects, and carrying on traditions. Outside of being a member, Vicky enjoys baseball.

Greetings my Brother and Sister Eagles

Let's face it - cancer sucks! We have all been touched by cancer, either directly or indirectly. If you would like to fight back for yourself, a loved one that is currently battling cancer, in memory of a loved one who has bravely fought cancer, or for any other reason, we would love to have you join us for our 72nd Eagles Fifth District Cancer Telethon! It is a great event, a great time, and the memories we make last a lifetime. If you would like to volunteer for a shift at the Telethon on January 17 and 18, 2026, please email me at directoreaglestelethon@gmail.com. Currently, we are looking for volunteers on our Hospitality and Talent teams. We already have some new volunteers and would love to have you join us in the battle against cancer!



We are very excited about this year's Telethon and looking forward to kicking off the Telethon with our Kick-Off Dinner at the Rochester Eagles Club on January 16, 2026, starting at 5pm with social hour and dinner being served about 6pm. Tickets for the Kick-Off Dinner will be on sale soon; look for them in early December. Tickets are limited and will be available for purchase at the club and online at www.eaglescancertelethon.org, so make sure to get yours early!! This year's dinner features your choice of broasted chicken, sliced glazed ham, or a vegan option (vegetable alfredo or similar) and will be accompanied by cheesy hashbrowns, green beans, Caesar salad and a dessert. We will have silent and live auctions at the Kick-off Dinner.

If you would like to donate an item for this year's Kick-off dinner, please contact me at directoreaglestelethon@gmail.com or Gina Carlson, our Auction Chair at cancertelethonauctionchair@gmail.com. Some ideas for a donation include (but are not limited to) merchandise, themed baskets, handcrafted items, gift cards, experiences, event and/or sporting event tickets, monetary donations (cash or check), etc. Your contribution, no matter the size, will go a long way in aiding the fight against cancer! Donation receipts can be provided. We would appreciate donations prior to Wednesday, January 7, 2026, but will accept them at any time! Donations may be mailed to or dropped off at the Rochester Eagles Club #2228, Attn: Cancer Telethon, 917 15th Ave SE, Rochester, MN 55904. Please include your name and phone number with your donation.

If you have any questions or need to coordinate pick-up of your donation by a committee member, please contact Gina at 507-455-1500. If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities and information, please contact Brett at 507-398-9197. We appreciate your time and consideration, and we look forward to hearing from you! Thank you for your support in the fight against cancer...together we can make a difference!

Fraternally,

Brett L. Carlson

MONTHLY CASH RAFFLE	OCTOBER WINNERS DRAWN OCT 31		
	\$500	Mark M	#078
	\$250	Wendy L	#116
	\$150	Rich R	#008
	\$100	Floyd D	#119
\$10/TICKET 120 TICKETS SOLD	\$50	Mark M	#071
NEXT DRAWING NOV 30 @ 7 PM			



72nd Annual
Eagles Cancer Telethon
January 17 and 18, 2026
Mayo Civic Center
Kick-off Dinner & Auctions
Friday January 16 - Eagles Club
www.eaglescancertelethon.org

Rambling Ren's Corner

The end of the year is a time for reflection and also a time to resolve to do more or be better in the year to come. Are you one to make a New Year's resolution? Google AI says that New Year's resolutions last less than 4 months with most failing within a few weeks. In 2015, I made a resolution to write in a journal every day. I can proudly say that 10 years later, I still do this every day. Sometimes the entry is a few sentences and sometimes

several pages about what I'm thinking, what's happening around me or what's happening in the world. My journal has been a source of great discussion. "Are you going to put that in your journal?" or "Don't put that in your journal", or "Am I in your journal?" (yes, you are Wendy!). It's also has served as a great reference for when or where something happened on a specific date (like Play Ball! on Christmas Eve 2018) 🤔. Where it has really come in handy is when I travel. I take it along and write down what I did and where I went so, I have some idea of what those pictures are about!

Sometimes I wish I had started this a long time ago so that I might remember more things...like when I met my good friend Sara and what softball team we were both playing on. But then again, there are things from my past that are better left forgotten. It takes some discipline to do it every day, but when I look at the stack of notebooks, there's satisfaction, especially when I find a date and event that I want to confirm. Looking back at them can be a source of happiness or melancholy about the way things used to be.

If journaling isn't your thing, try photographs, but **PRINT THEM OUT!!** I have a closet full of albums with photos from the last 40 plus years, and each is written on the back with the date and event so that when I'm in the nursing home, I can maybe remember and relive those days. I'm going to go through them this winter to see if I can figure out when I met Sara!

So, as we move into January 2026 and fresh beginnings, I hope that any resolutions you make (big or small) will last beyond 4 months. Give it a try and if you falter, try again. No one will judge you. For me, I feel proud to know I've been able to keep at least one resolution in my life...journaling. Now if I could only do that with the "lose weight and eat better" resolution I make every year! 🤔

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

To Bob G.....Sorry the newsletter didn't get sent on Friday night but I got to talking 😊



December Events at Aerie 2228

DEC 2	Aerie Meeting	6 PM
DEC 3	Wed Nite Bingo	7 PM
DEC 6	90% Bingo	Noon
DEC 6	Slippin' Jimmy	5-9 PM
DEC 7	Club Opens Early	7:45 AM
DEC 7	Vikings Bus	9 AM
DEC 9	Auxiliary Meeting	6 PM
DEC 10	Wed Nite Bingo	7 PM
DEC 13	Smokin' Coyotes	5 – 9 PM
DEC 14	Kid's Xmas Party	1 PM
DEC 16	Aerie Meeting	6 PM
DEC 17	Wed Nite Bingo	7 PM
DEC 19	Last Chance	7-10 PM
DEC 20	90% Bingo	Noon
DEC 20	Ugly Sweater and Xmas Outfit Contest	During Bingo Break
DEC 20	Med City Misfits	4:30 -8:30 PM
DEC 23	Auxiliary Meeting	6 PM
DEC 24	Christmas Eve	Club Open 11 AM – 6 PM Kitchen Open til 5 PM
DEC 24	Christmas Eve	Tom and Jerry's 3 – 5 PM
DEC 25	Christmas Day	Club Closed
DEC 31	New Year's Eve	Dinner 4- 8 PM
DEC 31	Monthly Drawing	7 PM
DEC 31	Colt 45	8 PM - Midnight
JAN 1	New Year's Day 90% Bingo @ Noon	Club Open 10 AM – 7 PM Kitchen Open til 6 PM



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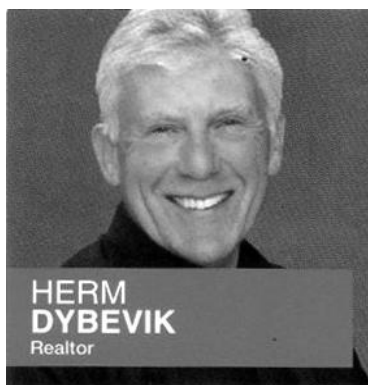


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