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Aerie Updates

New Aerie Members: Scott Zadrow, Mark St Peter, Michael Peterson, and Ron Ingersoll

Deceased Member: Wesley "Ole" Johnson and David Alexander

Auxiliary Updates

<u>Re-enrolled Members:</u> Jeanne Hamm, Ginny Lee Schultz, Charlene Eide, Dorothy Horsman and Carol Eveslage

Presidents Letter

Brothers and Sisters,

As we turn the calendar to the month of October, the excitement for fall activities is on full display. These activities may include visiting local orchards, carving pumpkins, and planning your Halloween costume. The crispness in the air makes for some wonderful evenings sitting around the campfire with friends. If you're an avid football fan, the season is in full force with high school playoffs starting at the end of the month as well. For those that are Vikings fans, there are some great game day specials during the games. You should think about coming down to the club to watch the game with your fellow fans.

Also at the club, while the car shows may have come to an end, many will be excited for Bingo to start up again. Pool leagues are starting up soon, see the sign-ups in the pool room or talk to Kevin if you are interested - the spots are filling up fast. There is still live music scheduled for October, so please consider stopping down to support these local artists.

Your Eagles Sister and Brother,

Tamara Larson
Madam President
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Get to Know Your Officers

Jim Backus is serving as the Aerie Treasurer. This is his 8th year being an officer and 9th year being a member of the Aerie. Jim enjoys interacting with and meeting new people at the club and says it's the best part of being a member. Jim also enjoys working out, listening to live music and collecting first responder (Fire/EMS/Law enforcement) patches. Jim also enjoys playing golf, pickleball, and playing cards.

Denise Haefner is the Auxiliary Treasurer. This is her 20th year being an officer and 23rd year being a member of the Auxiliary. Denise states that the memories and friends she's made from all of the various club activities bus trips, car shows, Telethon, etc. Away from the club, Denise bowls in various leagues and is involved in several groups including her HOA board, the SE MN Law Enforcement Memorial, and the 5th District Cancer Telethon.



HAPPY HOUR EVERY DAY SUN-SAT 3:30 - b:30 PM KITCHEN OPEN MON - SAT UNTIL 8PM: SUN 7 PM Greetings my Brother and Sister Eagles,

Planning has begun for the 72nd Annual 5th District Cancer Telethon. The Telethon will be held the weekend of January 17th and 18th, 2026 and we are very excited about this year's Telethon and to be able to invite you to consider joining our team!

I joined the Eagles in 1999 and always wanted to work on the Cancer Telethon. I saw the dedication and the passion of Telethon volunteers and it inspired me. They give of their talents and time to help people they do not know through raising money for cancer research; it is truly inspiring! I am not surprised by the selflessness our volunteers possess, I mean "People Helping People" is the motto of our Order, but it is clear that this team takes that motto and elevates it to another level.

Over the past few years, it has been my pleasure and honor to work closely with these amazing people! They work so very hard and have the satisfaction of knowing that the fundraising efforts can literally change lives both in our local area and around the world through innovative treatments for cancer patients by funding groundbreaking research at the University of Minnesota Masonic Cancer Center (Minneapolis), The Hormel Institute (Austin), and the Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center (Rochester).

"They" say that as adults it can be difficult to make new friends. I have not found that to be the case in our clubs or in our Telethon family. The Telethon has allowed my wife, Gina, and myself to build new friendships and ties that will endure a lifetime. This year, we have opportunities for volunteers to work as a member of our talent committee. Volunteers on this committee help with checking talent in upon their arrival at the Mayo Civic Center, verifying that their music is correct, and escorting the talent to our practice rooms and the stage.

I will be meeting with our Talent Chair in the near future to find out more details such as how many volunteers are needed for the 2026 Telethon and what the volunteers will be doing during their shifts. So, you want to make a difference and make new friends? If so, and you would like to volunteer on our talent committee, please reach out to me via email directoreaglestelethon@gmail.com or by calling or texting me at 507-398-9197. I will answer any questions that you may have and forward your contact information to our Talent committee. We would love to welcome you to our team!

Fraternally,

Brett L. Carlson



Congratulations to Bryce W! He was the winner of the Grand Prize (\$500 Visa card) for the 2025 Jeff Hanson Memorial Car Cruise-In. To qualify, Bryce had to attend at least 10 times with his car and get his card punched to be entered in the drawing. Other winners included:

Chelsea F	Weber Grill	Brian	Sweatshirt
Kari R	Drill Set	Steve H	Clock
Dave C	Car Care Basket	Robert C	Sweatshirt
Dick B	Sweatshirt	John S	Sweatshirt
Chad R	\$10 Gift Card	Sandy M	T-shirt

During the Car Cruise-Ins this year Harry and Rudy collected donations to go to the Eagles Cancer Telethon. They collected \$1784!!! Thank you, Harry, for coming up with the idea and Rudy for helping out. A big shout out to Ralph Bebee for making the sign. And thanks to everyone that donated!



Eagles Kids Christmas Party!! Sunday December 14th 1:00 PM

Open to children and grandchildren (ages 10 and under) of Eagles members! A parent or grandparent must be a member. Each child will receive a gift and there will be crafts for them to do. Gift distribution will start with kids ages 1 and younger when Santa arrives. Please complete the registration form below for your kids to attend (and so Santa knows what to bring!). Registration forms may be dropped off at the club (in the Aerie Secretary Box) or mailed in.

Santa will make an appearance around 2:00 PM Registration forms must be received by Nov 18! Forms also available at the Club entrance We ask that you not sign-up kids if they can't attend

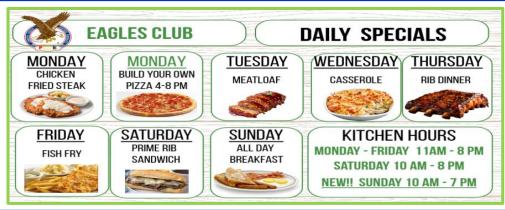
Eagles Kids Christmas Party December 14th !!! Open to Kids 10 Years Old and Younger Parent or Grandparent Must Be an Eagles Member

Parent or Grandparent Name	2.	
Parent or Grandparent Phone		
Child's Name	_ Age	_ Gender
Child's Name	_ Age	Gender
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Please drop into Aerie Secretary Box at the Eagles (or mail to the Club)

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Rambling Ren's Corner

Here's a new addition to the newsletter. Just some observations from around the club and around the world.

Thank you to everyone that came to the Member Appreciation event on September 14. The corn and hotdogs were great, and the music was good. Did anyone ever figure out what those Tito's cans were for? Flower vase? Pen holder? Well as it turns out they are refillable cans that Titos promoted so that you can make your own seltzer because they don't make seltzers. Very clever and they can run up to \$20 each if you buy them on-line (with a portion of the cost going to a charity of your choice).

Speaking of membership, I often get the question of who has been an Aerie member the longest? (Usually from Louie). Unfortunately, David Alexander recently passed away. He was a member for 72 years. Here's a list of other longstanding members:

Dewey Day	71 yrs	Bob Ludescher	64 yrs
Robert Hjelle	69 yrs	John Johnson	64 yrs
Tom Brogan	65 yrs	Darrell Musolf	60 yrs
Roger Harwick	65 yrs	Tom Rubenstein	60 yrs
Don Clark	65 yrs	Denny Bowe	60 yrs

Thank you to everyone for being dedicated members of Aerie 2228.

I did a very informal survey (not statistically significant for those who know what that means), of what food people like to order at the club. As you can imagine, the **Friday Fish Fry** topped the list, but many people said the **Broasted Chicken** was their top choice. However, the **Cranberry Apple Chicken Salad (or wrap)** was mentioned quite often. And the newest addition....**Monday Night Pizza...** is catching on. My personal favorite is the **Boneless Wings with Sweet Potato Fries....** I think the Eagles has the best sweet potato fries in town. What this means is that the Club has great variety on their menu and you should certainly check it out. But the positive comments on the food mean we have a great kitchen staff. Thank them when you see them.

October means Autumn, Football and Halloween. Here are some fun facts about Halloween.

- 1) Anoka, MN hosted the very first Halloween parade in 1920 and now is known as the" Halloween Capital of the World".
- 2) Illinois is the Pumpkin Capital of the US accounting for 75% of the country's canned pumpkin.
- 3) Halloween falls on a full moon every 19 years. The next one will be in 2039.
- 4) Reese's Peanut Butter Cups are the most popular candy in the US.
- 5) Trick or Treating began as "Souling" where poor children would go door to door begging for food or money during the Celtic festival of Samhian. In return they would pray for the souls of their recently past loved ones...hence the name souling.
- 6) During the Korean War, Tootsie Rolls were accidentally airdropped to American troops. They nourished the soldiers and were also useful for plugging bullet holes in vehicles and equipment because the candies would freeze in the frigid temps.
- 7) Candy Corn was originally called Chicken Feed.
- 8) Keene, NH has the record for most lit jack-o-lanterns....30,581!
- 9) In Des Moines, IA, they do Beggar's Night where kids dress up and go door to door but must tell a joke or do a trick to get a treat.
- 10) 74% of parents admit to stealing some of their kid's Halloween candy.

Eagles Charitable Gambling Donated to These Organizations in September

- Southeast Service Cooperative
- Gift of Life Transplant House
- Paws and Claws
- Aerie 2228 Eagles Kids Christmas Party

Thank Yous Were
Received From
Game Haven-BSA
Rochester Running Club
Lake Zumbro Forever Inc

	October Events at Aerie 22	228
OCT 4	KDCT Car Cruise	10:30 AM
OCT 4	90% Bingo	Noon
OCT 5	Club Opens for Vikes Game	8 AM
OCT 7	Aerie Meeting	6 PM
OCT 8	Wed Nite Bingo	7 PM
OCT 10	Vintage Tones	7-10 PM
OCT 14	Auxiliary Meeting	6 PM
OCT 15	Wed Nite Bingo	7 PM
OCT 18	90% Bingo	Noon
OCT 18	Gopher Tones	5-9 PM
OCT 21	Aerie Meeting	6 PM
OCT 22	Wed Nite Bingo	7 PM
OCT 24	Last Chance Band	6:30 – 9:30 PM
OCT 26	Trunk or Treat	1-3 PM
OCT 28	Auxiliary Meeting	6 PM
OCT 29	Wed Nite Bingo	7 PM
OCT 31	The Danglers	6-10 PM
OCT 31	Monthly Drawing	7 PM
OCT 31	Costume Contest	8:30 PM



Meat Raffles Returning in October!





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