



# EAGLES 2228 NEWSLETTER



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A festive New Year's Eve dinner flyer. The top half features the text "New Year's Eve" in a large, stylized red font, followed by "Dinner" in a slightly smaller red font. Below that is the date "Wed Dec 31 4-8 PM". A special offer is highlighted in blue: "Ribs or Stuffed Chicken Breast for \$14". Below this, in a larger blue font, is the text "Includes Baked Potato, Salad, Veggie & Brownie". The music information is in red: "Music by Colt 45 8 PM - Midnite". The bottom left has a "Welcome 2026" message in red. The bottom right features a decorative arrangement with a bottle of sparkling wine, two glasses filled with bubbles, a lit candle in a gold holder, and two gold ornaments. A small circular logo with an eagle and the letters "F E" is also visible.

**EAGLES CLUB**  
**NEW YEAR'S**  
**DAY**  
**BINGO**

**90% @ NOON**

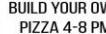
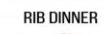
**CLUB OPEN 10AM - 7 PM**

**KITCHEN OPEN 10AM - 6 PM**

A neon-style sign with a yellow border. Inside the border, the words 'We are' are written in pink neon, and 'OPEN' is written in blue neon. The sign is set against a dark brick wall background. Below the sign, there is promotional text for business hours and special offers.

**EAGLES CLUB**

**DAILY SPECIALS**

|   |  |   |   |   |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| <b>MONDAY</b><br>CHICKEN<br>FRIED STEAK   | <b>MONDAY</b><br>BUILD YOUR OWN<br>PIZZA 4-8 PM                                      | <b>TUESDAY</b><br>MEATLOAF  | <b>WEDNESDAY</b><br>CASSEROLE   | <b>THURSDAY</b><br>RIB DINNER   |
|  |  |  |                      |  |
| <b>FRIDAY</b><br>FISH FRY   | <b>SATURDAY</b><br>PRIME RIB<br>SANDWICH   | <b>SUNDAY</b><br>ALL DAY<br>BREAKFAST   | <b>KITCHEN HOURS</b><br>MONDAY - FRIDAY 11AM - 8 PM<br>SATURDAY 10 AM - 8 PM<br>NEW!! SUNDAY 10 AM - 7 PM |   |
|  |  |  |   |   |

# Eagles Cancer Telethon Kick -Off Dinner

Friday January 16, 2026  
5:00 PM Social Hour  
6:00 PM Dinner

Choice of Ham, Broasted  
Chicken, or Vegetable Alfredo  
Served with potato, vegetable,  
salad and dessert  
\$40/ticket; Tables \$500 or \$1000

## Live/Silent Auctions (Open to the Public)



Tickets available at the  
Eagles Club or on-line at  
[www.eaglescancertelethon.org](http://www.eaglescancertelethon.org)

## Eagles Cancer Telethon Breakfast



Sun Jan 18, 2026  
8 AM - Noon

(Bar Opens at 10 AM)

Includes Pancakes, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,  
Hashbrowns, Biscuits & Gravy, Beverages,  
and Glazer Donuts

All Proceeds Go To The Eagles  
Cancer Telethon

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Jan 17 8 PM

Jan 18 4 PM

Mayo Civic  
Center

72nd Annual 5th District  
**EAGLES CANCER  
TELETHON**

[www.eaglescancertelethon.org](http://www.eaglescancertelethon.org)

## EAGLES CLUB SUPERBOWL PARTY



SUNDAY ♦ FEBRUARY 08

**FOOD X DRINKS X GAMES**

**WATCH FOR DETAILS**



Bus leaves @ 5PM  
Sign up at the Bar

## WILD HOCKEY



Thurs Jan 29

\$120 for bus ride  
& ticket



### MEAT RAFFLES

FRIDAY NITES & BINGO SATURDAYS

## Scotch Doubles Tournament

Jan 11  
11 AM  
\$20

Bring your  
own partner



|         |              |         |                  |
|---------|--------------|---------|------------------|
| 2:00 PM | The Danglers | 6:00 PM | J-Mo On the Beat |
| 2:40 PM | Reunion Band | 6:40 PM | Rockin' Hep Cats |
| 3:20 PM | The Danglers | 7:20 PM | J-Mo On the Beat |
| 4:00 PM | Reunion Band | 8:00 PM | Rockin' Hep Cats |
| 4:40 PM | The Danglers | 8:40 PM | J-Mo On the Beat |
| 5:20 PM | Reunion Band | 9:20 PM | Rockin' Hep Cats |

## Greetings My Brother and Sister Eagles

Planning is going well for the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Eagles Fifth District Cancer Telethon!

Come help us kick off the 2026 Telethon by joining us for our Telethon Kick-off Dinner to be held on January 16, 2026, starting at 5 pm in the Rochester Eagles Banquet Hall. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

The 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Eagles Fifth District Cancer Telethon will begin at the Mayo Civic Center starting at 8 pm on Saturday, January 17, 2026 and continue for 20 hours concluding at 4pm on Sunday, January 18, 2026. In addition to watching the show and cheering on our talented performers, there are many ways for you to enjoy the 2026 Telethon:

- Be part of this year's Survivor's Moment Live at the Telethon! If you are a cancer survivor or someone who is currently battling cancer, please join us on stage for our Survivor's Moment at 2:00 pm Sunday! Arrive at the auditorium by 1:30 and report to the Talent Check-In table for more details.
- Enjoy the the acts in person at the Mayo Civic Center. Admission is free! Stream it online, or watch it on television.
- Light a candle or purchase a ribbon in honor of/in memory of/or in support of someone.
- Back by popular demand, Meet the Mascots on Sunday (time to be determined).
- The American Dairy Association will be back again this year.
- Enjoy a cooking demonstration at the Mayo Clinic Food Station with fruit pops for kids and quinoa bowls for the adults.
- Call in a donation...friendly volunteers are waiting for the phones to ring!
- Donate in person!
- Attend the Eagles Cancer Telethon Breakfast (Sunday).

And much, much more!!

Don't forget, the Eagles Cancer Telethon Breakfast will be held on Sunday, January 18, 2026 at the Rochester Eagles Aerie #2228. Breakfast is served from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

As you can see, there are many ways you can have fun at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Eagles Fifth District Cancer Telethon and support the world class research provided in our own backyard at the University of Minnesota Masonic Cancer Center (Minneapolis), Hormel Institute (Austin), and the Mayo Clinic Comprehensive Cancer Center (Rochester).

I am very excited to be working with this amazing group of volunteers, without whom, the Telethon would not be possible. We are all looking forward to another successful Telethon and we hope that you will take the opportunity to join us in many of the activities this year's Telethon has to offer.

**ITS NOT TOO LATE...**we still have some volunteering opportunities available!! So, if you have any interest in volunteering, please call me at 507-398-9197 or email me at [directoreaglestelethon@gmail.com](mailto:directoreaglestelethon@gmail.com). If I do not answer, please leave me a message with your contact information and I will get back to you as soon as I can. We would love to have you join our team that is putting on the **"Longest Locally Run Telethon in the Nation"**. PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE is who we are and it only takes a couple of hours to make an impact in this fight against cancer to find treatments and cures to help our family, friends, and loved ones living with cancer today! Together We Can Make a Difference!

Fraternally,

Brett L. Carlson

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## Aerie Updates

New Aerie Member: Edgar Johnson

Deceased Member: Sheldon Soma

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## Auxiliary Updates

New Auxiliary Member: Michelle Lee

The **Auxiliary** will be selling chocolates from **The Chocolate Shop in Mantorville on January 1st** during Bingo. The cost this year is \$6.00 per package. All proceeds will go to the Eagles Cancer Telethon. Be sure to pick up yours at the club or contact an Auxiliary Officer.

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## Presidents Letter

Brothers and Sisters,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2026! As we step into January, winter has settled in with its familiar mix of crisp air, sparkling snow, and the perfect backdrop for coming together as a community. This month brings one of our most meaningful traditions—the 72nd Annual 5th District Eagles Cancer Telethon. Festivities begin on Friday, January 16th with the celebratory Kick-Off Dinner, where social hour starts at 5:00 PM. The Telethon officially begins at 8:00 PM on Saturday, January 17th and continues nonstop until Sunday at 4:00 PM. Be sure to join us Sunday morning for the Cancer Telethon Breakfast from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Tickets for all Telethon events can be purchased at [eaglescancertelethon.org](http://eaglescancertelethon.org), and you're encouraged to watch the broadcast live at the Mayo Civic Center—an inspiring experience that truly brings our mission to life.

We're also kicking off the year with something sweet! On New Year's Day, the Women's Auxiliary will once again be offering the beloved Mantorville Chocolates for \$6 per bag. These fan favorites will be available during 90% Bingo at 12:00 PM, with additional chances to purchase throughout January while supplies last, proceeds go to the Cancer Telethon. If you enjoy our Auxiliary Bake sales—whether you love donating your delicious creations or purchasing them—great news! Our next bake sale is planned for right before Easter, so keep an eye out for more details in the coming month or two. And don't worry if you miss the chocolates in January; they'll be available again in February with proceeds supporting the Max Baer Heart Fund.

January has even more in store! The 4th Annual Winter Music Fest returns on January 24th, with band announcements and performance times coming soon. Later in the month, join us on January 29th for our bus trip to cheer on the Minnesota Wild as they take on Calgary—sign-up is available at the bar. And as always, our crowd-favorite weekly events continue: Friday Night Meat Raffles featuring delicious cuts from Burt's in Eyota, and Saturday Bingo, where the fun, prizes, and camaraderie never disappoint.

Your Eagles Sister and Brother,

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## Rambling Ren's Corner

Fellow Members,

Think about that word “Member”. What does being a member of Aerie 2228 mean to you? According to Merriam-Webster, member means being “one of the individuals composing a group” or “a part of a whole”. The Grand Aerie website says that as one of “650,000 members at 1,300+ locations across the United States and Canada, you’ll always have a place to call home”. Hopefully, that rings true for you.

A group of Aerie 2228 members were recently in Laughlin and took a side trip to the Lake Havasu Eagles Club Aerie 4229. A group of 15 “lively” visitors walked into their club and were welcomed with open arms....once we showed our Eagles cards! Yes, they are a closed club, and someone was at the door checking cards. They are a fairly young club having been established in 1992 and have a very large club both in square footage and membership (over 4000). While I don’t know this for sure, I’m guessing they started to accommodate snowbirds and transplants from the North but managed to gather a number of other members in the process. While we were there, a fundraising event was going on. I talked to a Trustee who told me they do one of these each month with the proceeds going to a different charity. They had raffles, meat raffles, gift baskets and popcorn sales going on (Ask Randy about the jalapeno popcorn!). The Trustee told me that last month they raised over \$50,000. That’s a ton of money!! Another interesting fact, the bartenders were all volunteers! Whether that holds true for all the staff, I don’t know but these volunteers worked hard and did not slack!

I would encourage you to take your Eagles card with you whenever you travel and visit some clubs around the country. The card is your “passport” into any club, and you may be surprised how clubs differ....and you may also realize what a great club we have compared to some!

And by the way....December of 2026 is the 20-year anniversary of our move from downtown to the current location. I’m sure there will be some kind of celebration to mark the occasion. What a great and necessary move that was.

Do you make guests to our club feel welcome? Sometimes you can meet some amazing people and then there’s always that deal where they know someone who knows someone that you know....even if they are from out of state! One year at the old club, it was Christmas Eve, and I was talking with a couple from Milwaukee who were on their way to Mitchell, South Dakota to visit her father in a nursing home. She started telling me a story about how her father has an ongoing spat with a priest in a wheel chair....wait a minute...I’ve heard this story before! Turns out her father is in the same nursing home where a friend of mine’s mom works! How dumb is that? So, take some interest in the visitors, show them what it means to be an Eagle and invite them to join us so that they too, always have a place to call home.

PS...In last month’s newsletter, the new member that joined the Aerie really was named Bent. It wasn’t a typo.

Bob G....Newsletter’s out early and thank you for the beer...I like it when you win 😊

# A Special Thank you to Santa and His Elves.....

For another fantastic Eagles Kids Christmas Party held December 14. Despite the frigid temperature there were lots of kids, lots of fun and plenty of amazing gifts. Thanks to those that volunteered!



# January Events at Aerie 2228

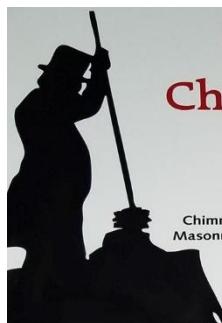
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| DEC 31    | New Year's Eve Dinner                    | 4-8 PM  |
| DEC 31    | Colt 45                                  | 8 PM - Midnite                                  |
| JAN 1     | New Year's Day<br>90% Bingo @ Noon       | Club Open 10 AM – 7 PM<br>Kitchen Open til 6 PM |
| JAN 3     | 90% Bingo                                | Noon  |
| JAN 6     | Aerie Meeting                            | 6 PM  |
| JAN 7     | Wed Nite Bingo                           | 7 PM  |
| JAN 10    | Ron Bublitz                              | 4:30 - 8 PM                                     |
| JAN 11    | Scotch Doubles Pool Tourney              | 11 AM   |
| JAN 13    | Auxiliary Meeting                        | 6 PM  |
| JAN 14    | Wed Nite Bingo                           | 7 PM  |
| JAN 16    | Kick-Off Dinner                          | 6 PM  |
| JAN 16    | Vintage Tones                            | 7:30 -10:30 PM                                  |
| JAN 17    | 90% Bingo                                | Noon  |
| JAN 17    | Element Band                             | 5:30 - 8:30 PM                                  |
| JAN 17-18 | Eagles Cancer Telethon                   | 8 PM - 4 PM                                     |
| JAN 20    | Aerie Meeting                            | 6 PM  |
| JAN 21    | Wed Nite Bingo                           | 7 PM  |
| JAN 24    | 4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Winter Music Fest | 2 - 10 PM                                       |
| JAN 27    | Auxiliary Meeting                        | 6 PM  |
| JAN 28    | Wed Nite Bingo                           | 7 PM  |
| JAN 29    | Wild Bus                                 | 5 PM  |
| JAN 31    | 90% Bingo                                | Noon  |
| JAN 31    | Monthly Drawing                          | 7 PM  |
| JAN 31    | Comedy Show-The Common Man               | 7:30 PM   |



**LIVE  
MUSIC**

*At the Eagles*

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|--------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Dec 31 | Colt 45           | 8 PM - Midnite  |
| Jan 10 | Ron Bublitz       | 4:30 - 8 PM     |
| Jan 16 | Vintage Tones     | 7:30 - 10:30 PM |
| Jan 17 | Element           | 5:30 - 8:30 PM  |
| Jan 24 | Winter Music Fest | 2:00 - 10:00 PM |



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