

# SOAR 2024

WENATCHEE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES NEWSLETTER

REMINDER!  
YOUR DUES  
ARE EXPIRING  
SOON!

## MAKING PROGRESS BOOTHS INSTALLED APRIL 29!

Your donations have accomplished a lot of renovations this last year! We've laid new flooring, painted the walls, bought new bar stools, and installed new booths. While we've encountered a few delays in getting pictures and décor back up on the walls, we remain confident that our renovation will be completed by the end of May.

There is still some finish painting to wrap up, along with reinstalling trim in a few areas. Looking ahead, we're excited to introduce a **digital communication board** to help keep everyone informed about upcoming events.

We'll also be showcasing our **Eagle photo history** more prominently and, for the first time in years, displaying our past presidents' plaques. And yes—the license plates will be making their return to the walls soon!

Thank you for your patience as we work through the final stages of this phase—we're in the home stretch. At this time, we will be pausing fundraising efforts for new tables and chairs so we can focus on addressing other important maintenance needs around the club.

## SHARE YOUR STORIES

Our Aerie is more than just a building—it's a community filled with stories, memories, and moments that matter. And we want to hear all about yours!

As we continue to grow and strengthen the spirit of 'People Helping People,' we're inviting all members and their families to contribute to our newsletter.

Whether it's something recent or a piece of Aerie history, your contributions help keep our traditions alive and our members connected.

## Do you have...

- Photos from past events, gatherings, or special moments?
- Memories or stories from your time as a member?
- Member spotlights or recognitions you'd like to share?
- Ideas, topics, or questions you'd love to see featured?
- Upcoming announcements?



Trustees meeting  
on the new seats!

## MAY EVENTS

### CINCO DE MAYO

Tuesday, May 5

Dinner/Drink Specials  
with Live Music

### MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Sun, May 10, 10-1

Moms Eat Free!

### DAN Q's BBQ

Sat, May 16 & 30

5-8:00 pm

### PAINT & SIP

Member Appreciation  
(registration is full)

Sat, May 16, 4:00 pm

### CLOSED

MEMORIAL DAY

Mon, May 25

## IMPROVING COMMUNICATION FROM WITHIN

As part of our ongoing efforts to operate more efficiently and serve our members better, we are making an important shift in how we handle communication within the Aerie.

Moving forward, we are asking members to contact the appropriate individuals or groups directly, rather than relying on the Secretary's office to pass along messages. This change will help ensure that questions, concerns, and ideas are addressed more quickly and by the people best equipped to respond.

To help make this as easy as possible, please use the following contact points based on your needs:

- Bar Operations, Employee Matters, Entertainment & Banquet Room Rentals:

**Email: [Eagle204Manager@gmail.com](mailto:Eagle204Manager@gmail.com)**

- Building Upkeep, Planning, & Overall Aerie Operations

**Email: [Eagle204Trustees@gmail.com](mailto:Eagle204Trustees@gmail.com)**

- Newsletter Submissions & Communications

**Email: [Eagle204Newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:Eagle204Newsletter@gmail.com)**

- Gaming Questions, Suggestions, or Comments

**Email: [Eagle204GamblingManager@gmail.com](mailto:Eagle204GamblingManager@gmail.com)**



By reaching out directly, you help us streamline communication, reduce delays, and ensure your message gets to the right place the first time.

We appreciate your cooperation and support as we continue working to improve how our Aerie operates and communicates.

## Volunteer COMMITTEE Opportunities:

Want to get involved? Committees are a great way to get involved and make a difference:

**Membership Committee** – Recruits, welcomes, and retains members.

**Charity & Community Service** – Organizes fundraising and community outreach efforts.

**Events & Social Committee** – Plans dinners, dances, and special events.

**House Committee** – Oversees building maintenance, improvements, and facility needs.

**Finance Committee** – Assists with budgeting, financial planning, and audits.

**Entertainment Committee** – Coordinates bands, games, and club entertainment.

**Kitchen / Hospitality Committee** Supports meals, service, and special functions.

**Publicity / Communications** – Promotes events and shares news with members and the community.



## CALLING ALL WRITERS!

We're looking for members who enjoy writing and would like to contribute regularly to the newsletter.

Whether you're interested in Covering events and recaps, writing member spotlights, sharing personal reflections or stories, helping highlight community involvement, or bringing your own ideas to life—we'd love to have you on the team!

No formal experience needed—just a willingness to share and be part of something meaningful. Your voice helps shape our Aerie's story. By sharing, you're helping preserve our history, recognize our members, and build a stronger community for the future.

Please drop your stories, photos, or ideas off at the Aerie office or send them to **[eagle204newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:eagle204newsletter@gmail.com)**. Be sure to include your name and a brief description so we can share your contribution properly.

# WENATCHEE AERIE OPENS DAILY AT 1 PM

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Between Buzz Inn  
& Sumo's

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[eagles204.org](http://eagles204.org)

AERIE MEETINGS  
1st and 3rd Wed. of the  
month at 7pm.  
(Initiation 3rd Wed.)

AUXILIARY MEETINGS  
2nd and 4th Wed. of  
the month at 6pm.  
(Initiation 4th Wed.)

## COOLING OUR HOME - STRENGTHENING OUR FUTURE

As we continue to enjoy the camaraderie and community that make our Aerie so special, we are also faced with an important and immediate need. **Our current air conditioning system has reached the end of its life**, and replacing it is no longer something we can delay. To ensure a safe, comfortable environment for all members and guests—especially during the warmer months—we must raise \$27,000 to install a new air conditioning unit.

This is a significant investment in our Aerie home, but it is also a necessary one. A reliable cooling system not only improves comfort, it helps protect our facility, supports events and gatherings, and ensures we can continue to welcome members year-round.

Because of the urgency of this need, **we will be making several temporary operational changes beginning June 1** to help free up funds and focus our efforts:

- 1. Office Staffing Changes:** There will no longer be staff regularly available in the office. If you need to speak with the Secretary, please schedule an appointment by leaving a voicemail or sending an email. We will respond as quickly as possible.

- 2. Menu Adjustments:** Our regular menu will be reduced to three items outside of dinner hours. During the dinner hour (5–8:00 PM), we will continue to offer a full dinner menu.

- 3. Fundraising Focus:** All fundraising efforts will be dedicated exclusively to the air conditioning project through October, unless we reach our goal sooner.

We understand these changes may be an adjustment, but they are necessary steps to ensure we can meet this critical need without placing additional long-term strain on our Aerie's finances.

This is truly a collective effort. Every dollar saved and every contribution made brings us closer to our goal. You can also donate to this effort at any time simply by letting your bartender know how much you would like to contribute when you pay your bill.

Our Aerie has always been built on the principle of People Helping People, and this is another opportunity for that spirit to shine. Together, we can ensure our home remains a comfortable and welcoming place for all.

Thank you for your understanding, flexibility, and continued commitment to our Aerie.



## ONLINE RESERVATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Eagle Valley Camp  
reopened their campground  
on May 1, 2026!

GO TO:  
[eaglevalleycamp.com](http://eaglevalleycamp.com)

# A NEW ERA OF KARAOKE AT THE CLUB

We're excited to announce that our Aerie has officially transitioned from our previous karaoke system to **Karafun!** This change is part of our ongoing effort to modernize our entertainment offerings and create a more consistent, reliable, and enjoyable experience for everyone who joins us for karaoke nights.

## Why the Change?

In addition to looking for new features, this change was driven by ongoing challenges with our previous system. After software upgrades, the system became increasingly unstable, leading to frequent crashes and interruptions. Unfortunately, this meant lost singing time and a less enjoyable experience for both performers and guests. Moving to Karafun allows us to provide a smoother, more dependable karaoke night.

Karafun also brings several key benefits:

- **Simple and User-Friendly:** Karafun is easy to operate, which means we can now have backup karaoke hosts ready to step in when needed. This helps ensure that karaoke nights can continue smoothly without interruption.
- **Always Up-to-Date Music Library:** New songs are added automatically as they're released, keeping our catalog fresh and current without the need for manual updates or additional purchases.
- **Consistency with Other Venues:** Many other karaoke locations in the area use Karafun, so members may already be familiar with the system. This creates a more seamless and predictable experience for singers.

## What to Expect

While there are many advantages, there are also a few changes that come with the new system:

- **No More Personal CD Support:** Unfortunately, Karafun does not support members bringing in their own karaoke CDs. All songs must be selected from the system's digital library.
- **Fewer Song Variations:** Compared to our previous setup, there may be fewer versions of certain songs available. In some cases, older or more obscure versions may not be included in the library.

## Looking Ahead

We believe this transition will ultimately create a more reliable, flexible, and enjoyable karaoke experience for everyone. Most importantly, it means more time singing and less time dealing with technical issues.

We appreciate your understanding and encourage you to come give the new system a try. Whether you're a seasoned performer or just getting up the courage to sing your first song, we look forward to seeing you on stage! **Grab the mic and join the fun!**



## AERIE and AUXILIARY OFFICERS and TRUSTEES

### AERIE:

President Bill Walton, Jr. Past President Gary Moog, Vice President Robert Farley, Chaplain Clancy Frey, Conductor Ray Moog, Secretary Nathan Townsend, Treasurer Tina Graham, Guard/Auditor Chasity McCrum

### TRUSTEES

Dan Quinones, James Coker, Jeff Hampton, JJ Sharpe

### AUXILIARY:

President Karen Whitman, Conductor Chris Farley, Secretary Windy Farley, Treasurer Marlane Gurnard, Guard Zoe Tyrrell.

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Cheree Stephens, Katie Thompson

