

# *Fraternal Order of Eagles Coeur d'Alene Aerie 486*

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## *December 2023*

### *Aerie President's Message*



Hello Friends,

Wow, here we are in December already. My grandmother was right (as she usually was), time does start speeding up with each passing year. I love seeing the Christmas lights going up around the neighborhoods. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. Thank you to Gene and volunteers for putting on a free meal for our members. Through generous donations, all the food was paid for with some left over to go to charity.

This time of year really is magical. For those of you who came downtown for the Christmas Parade and Lighting Ceremony, we witnessed the best in our town and area. The streets were packed with everyone coming together under a beautiful cold, clear night for one of the best parades and fireworks shows. The Social Room was busy, and everyone was friendly and kind. We appreciate everyone's understanding about the guest rules on one of our busiest nights of the year.

During December, we have several ways our members can help our community. The Eagles Watching Eagles Cruise on December 15<sup>th</sup> will benefit Birds of Prey Northwest and Safe Passage. Gene has a new drawing for gift cards that will benefit our State Aerie President's Charity, Matt's Place Foundation. The Toys for Tots Christmas Toy Drive is underway, and their donation box is set up by the Aerie Secretary's office. We have the Giving Tree set up in the front foyer, which benefits the students at the Kootenai Bridge Academy. Whether you actively shop for gifts, buy tickets for our charity fundraisers, volunteer your time, participate in our weekly bingo nights or simply patronize the Social Room, you are People Helping People.

On the fraternal side of our organization this month, we have the District 4 Meeting at the Sandpoint Eagles on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 pm, the Joint Aerie & Auxiliary Officers Meeting, which is open to all members, on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the ballroom, as well as our usual Trustee and Aerie meetings. I encourage everyone to attend the monthly meetings. This is our members' Aerie, not just the officers. When you attend the meetings, you gain a better understanding of how things work, take ownership of our future by participating and meet interesting people.

If you have questions, concerns or Eagle of the Month nominations, I am available via email at [president.cdaeagles486@gmail.com](mailto:president.cdaeagles486@gmail.com).

This month I will leave you with a portion of the Ode to the Candidates: "In justice to yourself be true and help us in life's fight, then if we do the same by you, Life's burdens will be light, And if we try most earnestly to do each other good, we shall ring true from every view of this great Brotherhood". Spread kindness and holiday cheer to show the world that Eagles are People Helping People.

Merry Christmas Everyone,

Laura Sutherland, Your Coeur d'Alene Aerie 486 Worthy President



## Auxiliary President's Message



Merry Christmas Month Sisters!

Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I had a busy November and December will be busy as well. If you have been in the Lodge lately, you will see that our Tree of Giving is up in the lobby with tags for the students at Bridge Academy. We have done so well for these students the past few years, and they are so appreciative that we are doing it again! Thanks for all your support and for being so generous.

The Auxiliary put on a dinner on Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> for our Dear Sister Barb Smalley to help with her stay in Seattle as she is receiving her cancer treatments. Please say a prayer for her. She is fighting hard. Hope you got your ticket for the dinner and enjoyed the live music provided by my Husband David Gray...a wonderful singer if I do say so myself.

On Saturday the 2<sup>nd</sup> Laura (my VP) is putting on her kids' Christmas Party up in the Ballroom...always a great time for the kiddos. Hope you can bring the kids and grandkids.

The Aux Christmas Party will be at our meeting on Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup>. Bring a snack and...we are doing a gift exchange...no more than \$10.00...it is always fun.

Hope you all have a very Happy Holiday!! Be Safe if you are traveling!

Happy Santa Trails 🎄🎄🐾🐾🎄🎄

Auxiliary President Cathy Hudson

## Aerie Trustee Message

Greetings from your Board of Trustees,

Your Trustees sincerely hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and enjoyed this special time with your friends and family. Our Thanksgiving feast was a huge success with around 60 people joining us for the festivities! We would like to thank Gene and his crew for volunteering their time on a holiday to put this together for our members. We also received several donations for the event, so we will be able to donate those funds to charity.

The Friday night Lighting Ceremony was spectacular, it was standing room only in the Social Room. Again, thank you to the staff and volunteers who did an outstanding job on a very busy night.

On that note, let's all remember House rule #2, only Eagles in good standing and their guests are permitted the privileges of the Social Room. Guests may be admitted only twice before they are required to submit an application for membership to the Aerie or Auxiliary. Also, please remember to sign your guests in at the front door. For clarification, spouses are required to join after 2 visits as well. Let's keep our membership in accordance with the Grand Aerie rules!

We are still seeking to fill an open Trustee position. If interested, please see our Worthy President, Laura Sutherland. If you have some extra time, PLEASE consider volunteering. We have a lot of upcoming events and could use some help to continue to support our ongoing fundraising efforts.

Christmas is coming up, and the Trustees would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and the best New Year ever!

Sincerely,

Judey Brown, Board of Trustees Secretary – Matt Sullivan, Board of Trustees Chairman – Rod Stach, Board of Trustees – Jim Colla, Board of Trustees

## People Helping People

### Aerie 486 Charity Chairman Message

Happy December All,

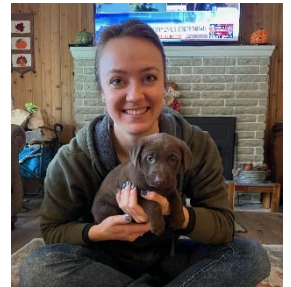
Our next fundraiser begins on December 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be gift cards for the holidays totally \$1,000. Yes, I said \$1,000. Two of the gift cards will be \$350 to Nosworthy's Bar and Grill and the other card will be \$50 for Hudson's. The remainder, which is \$600, will be for the Winner to select. Tickets are \$20.00 each, and there are only 100 tickets. We will accept credit cards, and all the proceeds go to charity. Get your tickets early, because this sells out fast. Thank you to all the members for supporting our fundraisers for charity.

The Thanksgiving dinner was another successful event. Due to the generosity of the members, we paid for the food and gave money to charity. I want to thank all the volunteers who gave up part of their Thanksgiving to help put on this free dinner for our members.

As you can see our dog Eagle is getting big. We will have a viewing of Eagle at the Club sometime in January. He will start his training in the near future.

I hope everyone has a great holiday. You can always call me with any ideas or concerns.

Gene McCloskey  
208-929-0634



## Giving Tree



**In the front foyer, we have the Giving Tree.** For the last several years, we sponsored the tree to show the students at the Kootenai Bridge Academy that there are caring people in their community. The students at KBA are working hard to get their high school diplomas while navigating challenges such as homelessness and being young parents. **The wishes on tags may be small to us but make a world of difference to them. Please return the unwrapped or wrapped gifts, with the tag on the outside, to the Social Room by December 13<sup>th</sup>.** This will allow time for distribution by their Christmas break.

If you have questions, please reach out to Julie Robinson at 208-215-9350.

## Toys for Tots Drive and Party

Through mid-December, we will continue collecting **unwrapped toys** for the **2023 Marine Toys for Tots drive/program**. A collection bin is available in the Social Room for your donations. The primary goal of Marine



Toys for Tots is, through the gift of a new toy, help bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America's less fortunate children. **An opportunity to make a child's Christmas brighter!**

**On Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, we will be having a Toys for Tots Party from 1 – 3 pm.** Be sure to bring your unwrapped toys and a potluck item (if you would like to bring one) and celebrate the joy of giving.

## Aerie By-Law Change

**A proposed Aerie by-law change has been submitted** through the by-law committee. The third reading and discussion will take place at the Aerie business meeting on Wednesday, December 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. The proposed by-law change will increase the maximum pay allowed for the Social Room Manager from \$5,000 to \$6,500 at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. The purpose is to keep up with the local economy and labor market. After discussion regarding the change, a vote will be taken of all members attending the meeting to adopt or reject the proposed by-law change.

## Entertainment News

### Upcoming Events in December



**Karaoke by Jerry – Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6-10 pm**



### **Live Music**

**Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> (6-10 pm)– Agape Band** (multi-genre) – Open to **members** and their guests in the Social Room.

**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> (6-9 pm) – Bill Bosley** (Pop/Rock) – Open to **members** and their guests in the Social Room.

**Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> (5:30-7:30 pm)– Music by Josephine** (Indie/Country/Rock) – Open to **members** and their guests in the Social Room.



### **Spaghetti Fundraiser for Barb Smalley – Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup> from 5 to 7 pm**

Please join us for a **spaghetti dinner fundraiser** in honor of Barb Smalley. All funds will go directly to Barb to help with her expenses while in Seattle for cancer treatment. The cost is \$10 per person and non-members are welcome. Dinner will include: spaghetti, bread, caesar salad and dessert (take out is available). **Your support is greatly appreciated!**

If you have any questions, please contact Laura at 208-755-3042.





**Children’s Christmas Party – Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm**

Join us for our annual **Children’s Christmas Party with Santa, treats and games**. We hope you can join in the fun! Non-members are also welcome at this event.



**Annual Eagles Watching Eagles Cruise – Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Bloody Mary Bar – Social Room opens at 11:30 am**

**Eagles Cruise – 1:30 pm** (requires a ticket)

**Food Special – starting at 3:30 pm**

**We hope you can join us for this exciting annual event – please see the flyer sent previously via e-mail and also available in the Social Room for additional event details.**



**Members’ Christmas Party – Saturday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> from 4 to 8 pm**

Join us for our annual **Members’ Christmas Party with music, dancing and a dessert potluck**. Be sure to dress festively and bring your favorite dessert to share. Live music will be provided by Riverboat Dave and the Furtraders (multi-genre). A flyer will be available soon in the Social Room with additional details.



**New Year’s Eve Party – Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> from 7 to 12:30 am**

**Ring in the new year with us at the annual New Year’s Eve party**. Live music will be provided by JamShack (multi-generational/multi-genre music) in the Ballroom. We will be celebrating NYE East Coast time in the Social Room at 9 pm with live music provided by the Sean K Duo (all genres/generations music). The event in the Social Room is free to members. Tickets for the Ballroom Party will be available soon for purchase.

A flyer will be available soon in the Social Room with additional details.

**Shall We Dance?**



**Desert Rose Band/Dance in the Ballroom – Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 6-10 pm**

Come join in the fun with live music, dancing and socializing opportunities. **Open to members and non-members with no cover charge.**



**Cd’A Big Band in the Ballroom – Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 pm**

The Cd’A Big Band is an 18 piece musical organization that is one of the oldest performing groups in the area. Be sure to swing by! **Open to members and non-members with \$10/per person cover charge.**

**BINGO!**

**Every Monday in December except for Christmas day**, you don’t want to miss the fun with your fellow Eagles members and community guests – must be 21 or over to participate. Open to **members and non-members**, and the cost depends on the number of games you choose to play during the two rounds each evening.





## November 2023

### Aerie Presidential Eagles of the Month: Helen Monn and Jon Peters

**Two of our Aerie members are my selection for November's Eagle of the Month, Helen Monn and Jon Peters.** Jon and Helen wanted to raise money for charity through creating two of our most popular events, the Eagles Watching Eagles Cruise in December and our Poker Run Dart Crawl in the spring. They came up with the ideas, worked with our trustees and worked out the logistics with our Social Room managers. They help to organize and train volunteers and emcee the events, all while working full time. December 15<sup>th</sup> will be the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Eagles Watching Eagles Cruise with proceeds going to Birds of Prey Northwest and Safe Passage.

Helen also served as a trustee for two years and on the entertainment committee during that time. Members who follow through on ideas and turn them into successful events are invaluable. Helen and Jon are a huge part of what makes our Eagles 486 one of the best in the Fraternal Order of Eagles. **When you see Jon and Helen, please thank them for all their hard work.**

### October 2023 Eagle of the Month

**Charlie Cederquist**

(Photo: Charlie on the left)



### Thank You From Ronald McDonald House

**A big thank you from Ronald McDonald House to Laura Sutherland and those Eagle members that contributed to the recent pull tab collection efforts.** What you do does make a difference – another great job Eagle members!

### Are You Following Us...

Lots of great information related to upcoming activities and fundraisers can be found on our **Facebook page (facebook.com/cda.eagles)**. Be sure to follow us and check out our weekly posts!

(also facebook.com/people/Coeur-dAlene-Eagles-Auxiliary/100064776756596)





## Decisions, Decisions

We have a **new food menu** in the Social Room! Be sure to check it out the next time you visit the Social Room.

## CDA Eagles Business Hours

Monday thru Thursday – 12pm – 9pm  
Friday – 12pm – 10pm  
Saturday – 10am – 10pm  
Sunday – 10am – 9pm

**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> – open early at 11:30 am (Bloody Mary Bar/Eagles Cruise)**  
**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – open from 12 – 8 pm**  
**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – closed for Christmas**

## Stay Connected with Your Eagles

Facebook: Cd'a Eagles - Coeur d' Alene Eagles Auxiliary - Eagles 15<sup>th</sup> Street Pavilion

Aerie Worthy President, Laura Sutherland: [president.cdaeagles486@gmail.com](mailto:president.cdaeagles486@gmail.com)

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We welcome your thoughts and ideas for consideration for upcoming Newsletters, please contact us at:

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## Coeur d'Alene Eagles Calendar – December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Aerie Secretary, Scott Sutherland 208-664-5612 <a href="mailto:cdaeagles486@outlook.com">cdaeagles486@outlook.com</a></p> <p>Auxiliary Secretary, Eleanora Capaul 208-765-1397 Leave Message <a href="mailto:eaglesaux486@gmail.com">eaglesaux486@gmail.com</a></p>		<p>Trustee Meeting Every Wednesday at 5:30 pm Basement <a href="mailto:486trustees@gmail.com">486trustees@gmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Upcoming in January:</b> 1/2 – Tacos &amp; Trivia 1/6 – Big Rock Karaoke</p>		<p><b>1</b> <b>Spaghetti Fundraiser</b> 5 - 7 pm</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>Auxiliary Children's Christmas Party</b> 11:30 am – 1:30 pm <b>Karaoke by Jerry</b> 6-10 pm Social Room</p>
<p><b>3</b> <b>District 4 Meeting Sandpoint Eagles</b> 1 pm  Free Pool</p>	<p><b>4</b> <b>Bingo</b> 6-8:30 pm Ballroom</p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>Trivia</b> 6:30-8:30 pm Social Room <b>Tacos</b> 5-7 pm Free Pool</p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>Auxiliary Orientation</b> 6 pm – Ballroom  <b>Meatball Sub</b> All Day</p>	<p><b>7</b>  <b>Thirsty Thursday</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> <b>Toys for Tots Party</b> 1 - 3 pm - Social Room  <b>Agape Band</b> 6-10 pm Social Room</p>
<p><b>10</b> <b>Auxiliary Breakfast</b> 9-11 am - Dining Room  <b>Aerie Orientation</b> 6 pm – Ballroom  Free Pool</p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>Bingo</b> 6-8:30 pm Ballroom</p>	<p><b>12</b> <b>Joint Officers Meeting – 6 pm</b> <b>Auxiliary Meeting w/ Initiation</b> 7 pm – Ballroom  Free Pool</p>	<p><b>13</b> <b>Aerie Meeting w/ Initiation</b> 7 pm – Ballroom  <b>Potstickers or Spring Rolls</b> All Day</p>	<p><b>14</b> <b>Desert Rose Band</b> 6-10 pm – Ballroom Free  <b>Thirsty Thursday</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> <b>Bloody Mary Bar – 11:30 am</b> <b>Eagles' Cruise</b> 1:30 pm <b>Food Special</b> 3:30 pm  <b>Bill Bosley</b> 6 – 9 pm – Social Room</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>
<p><b>17</b> <b>Cd'A Big Band</b> 3-6 pm – Ballroom  Free Pool</p>	<p><b>18</b> <b>Bingo</b> 6-8:30 pm Ballroom</p>	<p><b>19</b> <b>Trivia</b> 6:30-8:30 pm Social Room <b>Tacos</b> 5-7 pm Free Pool</p>	<p><b>20</b>  <b>Deli Sandwiches</b> All Day</p>	<p><b>21</b> <b>Music by Josephine</b> 5:30 -7:30 pm Social Room  <b>Thirsty Thursday</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> <b>Liquor Tasting</b> 3pm (Free to Members + 2 guests) Social Room</p>	<p><b>23</b> <b>Members' Christmas Party (w/ Riverboat Dave and the Furtraders)</b> 4-8 pm Social Room</p>
<p><b>24</b>  <b>Christmas Eve Hours: 12 – 8 pm</b>  Free Pool</p>	<p><b>25</b>  <b>Christmas Social Room Closed</b></p>	<p><b>26</b>  Free Pool</p>	<p><b>27</b> <b>Aerie Meeting</b> 7 pm – Ballroom (By-Law Vote)  <b>Chicken Parmesan</b> All Day</p>	<p><b>28</b>  <b>Thirsty Thursday</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b>  <b>31</b> <b>New Year's Eve (Live Music – Ballroom and Social Room)</b></p>