

Fraternal Order of Eagles Coeur d'Alene Aerie 486

209 E Sherman Avenue, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814

February 2024

Aerie President's Message



Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

We made it through January and are inching closer to spring. I know I am ready for a little sun during the gray days of winter. February will bring a fair amount of change to our Eagles. By now everyone has heard that Christine had decided to move on from the position of Social Room Manager. I would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication to our Aerie and wish her the best in future endeavors. The trustees have done a great job of advertising, interviewing and selecting a new manager. Thank you Trustees for inviting a few dedicated Aerie, Auxiliary and staff members to observe the interviews and give feedback. This process ensured different points of view were taken into consideration to find the best candidate for the position.

With any changes to the status quo there are always rumors floating around the Social Room. I would ask all of you to ignore rumors and find the truth out for yourselves. I encourage you all to attend meetings to find out what is really happening. We may have different opinions on a subject, but we need to remember to treat each other with respect. We are all volunteers trying to do our best to improve our Aerie and raise money to give to our community. We are all a big family and as with any other family, we will have our moments of disagreement, but we need to keep our focus on the main goal, in my opinion, the Good of the Order. When making a decision I ask myself "is this for the good of the order or for the good of me?". Sometimes the ego wants more attention, but the correct decision must always be for the betterment of the Eagles.

The fundraiser auction has been postponed until later this year. With the change of managers and other events, we want to make sure we plan properly to ensure it is a fun event. With the end of football, the Social Room will open at noon on the weekends for now. As the days get longer and warmer, we will go back to the earlier opening time. The entertainment committee is working hard on upcoming events like Mardi Gras, Super Bowl, St Patrick's Day and a 50's Sock Hop. Gene will be starting a new fundraiser that will benefit Habitat for Humanity. The employee party will be on Sunday, March 3rd, so the Social Room will be closing at 6 pm.

If you have questions, comments or Eagle of the Month nominations, please reach out at president.cdaeagles486@gmail.com.

I know change can be uncomfortable, but it is the only constant in life. I ask you to keep this thought in mind going forward, be open to the possibility that change can be good. It might not be a good change, but it may turn out to be the best thing ever.

With kindness and respect,

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



Auxiliary President's Message



Happy February Sisters,

Well January was a long one, as it usually is, and darn cold so hope everyone stayed nice and warm. Not a whole lot going on this month. Our Bingo is on Monday nights, and Penny is on top of that. We are doing breakfast once a month, but we are thinking of doing it twice a month if we can get enough volunteers to help. Please come to a meeting if you would like to help us.

I want to say thank you to my Officers who come to our meetings...they are keeping the Auxiliary going and I do appreciate it. We really need to have more ladies come to our meetings to help us out. They are on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm upstairs in the Ballroom.



Happy Valentine's Day to you all!!!

Happy Trails

Auxiliary President Cathy Hudson

Aerie Trustee Message

Greetings from your Board of Trustees,

We hope that all of our Aerie members got through the recent deep freeze unscathed. If you had any issues resulting from the freeze and need help, please reach out.

The trustees have been busy reviewing numerous applications for the Manager position. We had almost 40 resumes to consider, and we narrowed it down to the final 7, who we interviewed on Tuesday, January 30th. **The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that we have hired Mark Van Heel as our new General Manager.** Mark brings a wealth of knowledge from his many years of food and beverage management experience, and we look forward to working with him to make our Aerie the very best it can be. We welcome Mark to our Aerie.

We recently tweaked our food menu, and we are looking for feedback. What suggestions do you have for food options? We want to hear from you.

We have a lot of upcoming events that will need volunteer assistance. We are always looking for volunteers to help with decorations and other needs to make our events a memorable experience. Volunteers can come from both the Aerie and Auxiliary so if you have some extra time, PLEASE consider volunteering. We could use some help to continue to support our ongoing fundraising efforts. If you are interested in helping, please contact Judey Brown at 208-699-2727 or downtown@judelybrown.com. Thank you.

See you at the Aerie!

Sincerely,

Judey Brown, Board of Trustees Secretary

Matt Sullivan, Board of Trustees Chairman

Rod Stach, Board of Trustees

Jim Colla, Board of Trustees

Mickey Velilla, Board of Trustees

House Rule Voting

Three new house rules have been submitted to the By-Law Committee regarding flyers, reserving tables and entertainment in the Social Room. The third reading, discussion and **voting on these house rule additions will take place at the Aerie business meeting on Wednesday, February 28th at 7pm.** Aerie members, as always, are encouraged to attend all Aerie meetings.

Volunteers Needed

The Board of Trustees are compiling a list of members who would like to help with painting and general fix-it tasks around our Aerie. **If you work in the trades or have some general skills and would like to volunteer some time, the trustees would like to hear from you.**

Please email your information to cda486trustees@outlook.com.

Traeger Pellet Grill Fundraiser

Our Idaho State Aerie President, Terry Steiner, is raising money this fraternal year to benefit the Matt's Place Foundation. Part of his fundraising strategy is to have a drawing for a Traeger Pro Series 34 Pellet Grill at the Idaho State Convention in June 2024 at the Lewiston Eagles. We will help Terry reach his goals by selling tickets for the Traeger Grill March 1st through May 31st. The tickets are \$10 each or six tickets for \$50 and will be available at the bar.

People Helping People

Aerie 486 Charity Chairman Message

We had our first viewing of Eagle our disaster dog. She is really getting big and has a great personality. Everyone at the Eagles enjoyed seeing her for the first time. We also presented a check for \$1,500 to the Coeur d'Alene Fire Department to help with Eagles expenses. Eagle will start formal training in about a month. When Eagle finishes training, she will be ready to assume duties as a Fire Department disaster dog. The Fire Chief has agreed to let us have our logo on one side of Eagles coat worn during her duties as a fire disaster dog. We will see more of Eagle in the future as she progresses during her training.



Congratulations to Chuck Anderson who won the gift card fundraiser. No picture of Chuck because he was in Florida during the drawing.

During February, we will start our annual gun fundraiser. We have a 6.5mm Creedmoor Rifle with scope, a Smith and Wesson Bodyguard Pistol, and for those that purchase \$100 in tickets, they will be entered in a special drawing for a Kel-Tec 22 Pistol. There are only 250 tickets for this fundraiser. Remember you must meet all FFL regulations to obtain the guns.

I am still working on a new fundraiser. Stay tuned for more information.

Any ideas or questions, you can always reach me.

Gene McCloskey
208-929-0634

BINGO Until Spring

Thank you to everyone who attended our Bingo in the Ballroom during January. Because of your support, **our Bingo event will continue each Monday night, 6-8:30pm, into the spring.** We will keep the minimum player rule of at least ten to hold the event.

Entertainment News

Upcoming Events in February



Karaoke by Big Rock – Saturday, February 3rd from 6-10 pm

Live Music



Saturday, February 10th (6-10 pm)– Broken Mantle Band (rock/covers) – Open to **members** and their guests in the Social Room.

Saturday, February 17th (6-10 pm) – Strange Brew (a compelling combination of music genres) – Open to **members** and their guests in the Social Room.

Saturday, February 24th (6:30-9 pm) – Two Rivers Jazz Quartet (jazz) – Open to **members** and their guests in the Social Room.



Mardi Gras Party – Saturday, February 10th starting at 5 pm in the Social Room

Join us for a Mardi Gras celebration with beads, games and gumbo! There will be a best dressed prize and be sure to bring your quarters to join in on some fun games and win great prizes. Authentic Mardi Gras food will be served, plus Chicken Sausage Gumbo made by Jimmy Lewis, a king cake, Jello shots and drink specials. Laissez le bon temps rouler!



Super Bowl Party – Sunday, February 11th starting at 2:30 pm in the Social Room

Watch the big game on 3 TVs plus the projector! Eagles will be providing **free wings** – **be sure to bring an appetizer/dessert for the potluck.** Game day **drink specials** all day long! Gooooooooo Team!



Valentine's Day Celebration – Saturday, February 17th from 6 – 10 pm in the Social Room

Celebrate the holiday with your fellow Eagles and Strange Brew – red and pink attire is recommended.

Note: Eagles 486 Annual Auction originally scheduled in February **has been postponed** and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Dance, Dance, Dance



Desert Rose Band/Dance in the Ballroom – Thursday, February 8th from 6-9 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, February 18th 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.**

Mark Your Calendars – Upcoming Events in March



Closing Early on Sunday, March 3rd for the Employee Christmas Party

Last call will be at 5:30 pm on this date.



St. Patrick's Day Parade/Party – Saturday, March 16th

Green is the theme...with more information to follow.



January 2024

Aerie Presidential Eagle of the Month: Julie Robinson

My choice for January's Eagle of the Month is Julie Robinson. Julie has been an Auxiliary member for over 15 years and has been an Auxiliary officer for nine years. For the last several years, she has taken on the position of membership chair heading up the Auxiliary interview/orientation meetings for the incoming Auxiliary members. This is an important role as she is the first point of contact for the new Auxiliary members.

Julie approached the Aerie with the idea of the Giving Tree for the students at the Kootenai Bridge Academy and spearheaded the program. She is the one who contacts the Academy in the fall, facilitates getting the tags for the Christmas tree, collects the gift donations and ensures they are returned to the Kootenai Bridge Academy before the Christmas break.

Julie is one of the friendly faces helping the Auxiliary with their fundraising at the Thursday BBQs, helping at many of the Auxiliary events along with making sure the collected can tabs are delivered to the Ronald McDonald House. These are just a few of the ways she volunteers at the Eagles. I know she also helps our community through Meals on Wheels. **Thank you, Julie, for your dedication to our Eagles and the many hours donated to our community.** You are People Helping People.

Just in Case You Needed a Reminder...

In the Social Room... on **Sundays**, Bloody Marys are \$4...on **Mondays**, Domestic Draft Beer is \$2...and Thirsty **Thursdays** with a punch card is still available in 2024.

** CDA Eagles Business Hours **

Effective 2/17/2024

Sunday thru Thursday – 12pm – 9pm

Friday and Saturday – 12pm – 10pm

Stay Connected with Your Eagles

Facebook: Cd'a Eagles - Coeur d' Alene Eagles Auxiliary - Eagles 15th Street Pavilion

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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 – February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Aerie Secretary, Scott Sutherland 208-664-5612 cdaeagles486@outlook.com</p> <p>Auxiliary Secretary, Eleanora Capaul 208-765-1397 Leave Message eaglesaux486@gmail.com</p>				1 Thirsty Thursday	2	3 Karaoke by Big Rock 6-10 pm Social Room
4 Free Pool	5 Bingo 6-8:30 pm Ballroom	6 Trivia 6:30-8:30 pm Social Room Tacos 5-7 pm Free Pool	7 Auxiliary Orientation 6 pm – Ballroom Chicken Bacon Ranch Sandwich - All Day	8 Desert Rose Band 6-9 pm – Ballroom Free Thirsty Thursday	9	10 Mardi Gras Party 5pm Broken Mantle Band 6-10 pm Social Room
11 Auxiliary Breakfast 9-11 am - Dining Room Super Bowl Party 2:30 pm – Social Room Free Pool	12 Aerie Orientation 6 pm – Social Room Bingo 6-8:30 pm Ballroom	13 Auxiliary Meeting 7 pm Free Pool	14 Aerie Meeting w/ Initiation 7 pm – Ballroom Lasagna w/ Garlic Bread - All Day	15 Thirsty Thursday	16	17 Valentine's Day Celebration w/ Strange Brew 6-10 pm Social Room
18 Cd'A Big Band 3-6 pm – Ballroom Free Pool	19 Bingo 6-8:30 pm Ballroom	20 Trivia 6:30-8:30 pm Social Room Tacos 5-7 pm Free Pool	21 Chili Corn Dog All Day	22 Thirsty Thursday	23	24 Two Rivers Jazz Quartet 6:30-9 pm Social Room
25 Aerie Orientation 6 pm – Social Room Free Pool	26 Bingo 6-8:30 pm Ballroom	27 Auxiliary Meeting w/ Initiation 7 pm Free Pool	28 Aerie Meeting 7 pm – Ballroom * Voting on New House Rules Pastrami Sandwich All Day	29 Thirsty Thursday	<p>Trustee Meeting Every Wednesday at 5:30 pm Basement cda486trustees@outlook.com</p> <p>Upcoming in March: 3/2 – Karaoke by Big Rock 3/16 – St. Patty's Day Parade/Party</p>	