



# AROUND THE NEST



OPEN DAILY AT NOON

Saturday and Sunday at 11:00 am

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**Fraternal Order of Eagles #1269**

25455 South River Road, Harrison Township, MI 48045

April, May, June 2026

No. 2-2026

## Aerie Insider: Presidents View

### Brothers of 1269,

It's hard to believe another Aerie year is already coming to a close. Our year runs from June 1 to May 31—and looking back, it's remarkable how much we've accomplished together. Even in the face of adversity, this Aerie has shown grit, resilience, and heart. None of it would have been possible without each and every one of you.

It has been both an honor and a privilege to serve as your Worthy President this past year. While the role comes with its challenges, it has been incredibly rewarding. Together, we've shared some outstanding moments—Bandtoberfest was another great success, the family picnic was unforgettable, and both Christmas and New Year's Eve brought our Aerie together in a big way. We're now looking forward to the pavilion reopening and spending some well-earned time outdoors. "Take Me Out to the Ballpark" was another strong event that supported our building fund—thank you to everyone who attended and contributed.

Aerie officer nominations will take place on the fourth Wednesday of April. If you are interested in running for office—or know someone who would be a great fit—please attend the April 22 meeting or submit a letter to the Secretary. Elections will be held on the second Wednesday in May.

You may have noticed our license plate collection continuing to grow. Thank you to the members who travel to other Aeries and bring those plates back home. It's a powerful visual reminder that we are part of something bigger—supporting the Fraternal Order of Eagles as a whole. That's "People Helping People" in action, straight from 1269.

This year also brought moments of reflection. We said goodbye to our brother, George Eiswirth—a man who truly embodied kindness, generosity, and what it means to be an Eagle. He left a lasting impression on everyone he met. If we can carry even a small part of his spirit forward each day, there is no limit to how high we can fly. He will be deeply missed. Godspeed, my friend.

There is no denying that times can feel difficult. The world around us can be challenging—economically, socially, and politically. But what makes this Aerie special is that we have a place to come together, set those burdens aside, and support one another. A handshake. A kind word. A shared moment. That's what brothers do. That's what Eagles do. That's what family does.

Kindness is not always the easy path. Anger and negativity come quickly—they require little thought and even less control. But they always come at a cost. Choosing patience, understanding, and kindness takes effort. It requires intention. I ask each of you to choose that path—to be deliberate in how you treat one another, and to never stop striving to be the best version of yourself. The return on that investment is greater than anything else we can achieve.

As we continue to grow stronger and accomplish great things together, remember:

**Be a Leader. Be Kind. Be Selfless.**

Fraternally,

**Ben Goers**

Worthy President

## Madam President's Thoughts

A letter from your Madam President

As my final term as President comes to an end, I find myself reflecting on the past two years with a deep sense of gratitude. Serving this Aerie has truly been one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. What I will cherish most are the friendships I've made and the many lessons I've learned along the way.

During this time, I've had the opportunity to attend State Conventions, enjoy time with the MERFC, and visit many other Aeries. Some were right here in our district through meetings, while others I was fortunate enough to visit during my travels out of state. Every stop reminded me just how special our organization is and how strong the Fraternal Order of Eagles family truly is.

One of the most uplifting parts of these past two years has been seeing our Aerie and Auxiliary working together as a team. The cooperation, support, and shared commitment to our causes has been incredible to witness. Together, we have worked toward raising \$50,000 for the Father Solanus Capuchin Soup Kitchen. Even with some of our fundraising efforts being stifled along the way, we have come remarkably close to reaching that goal. It's proof that when we come together as the true family we are, we can make a real difference in our community.

I feel truly blessed to have served as your President for the past two years, and I wouldn't change a thing about the journey. Thank you for the trust, support, and encouragement you've given me throughout my term.

As we move forward, we still have some great events coming up. I'm especially looking forward to celebrating the Kentucky Derby with all of you and continuing to spend time together as the strong community we've built.

Thank you again for the honor of serving you.

Respectfully yours  
Sheila Puglia #1269Strong!

### Just a Reminder.....

Events are sometimes scheduled after this newsletter is printed, so please check at the Club and see if there is anything going on. Also, go to Facebook and like **Mt Clemens FOE 1269 Official Page**



# Officers Page

## Aerie Officers 2025 - 2026

## Auxiliary Officers 2025-2026

Dennis Plodzick	<b>Jr. Past President</b>	Debbie Palasik	<b>Jr. Past Madam President</b>
Ben Goers	<b>Worthy President</b>	Sheila Puglia	<b>Madam President</b>
William Dzieciolowski	<b>Worthy Vice President</b>	Loretta Baur	<b>Vice President</b>
Bill Ziegler	<b>Chaplin</b>	Rose Santarelli	<b>Chaplin</b>
Ed Courtemanche	<b>Secretary</b>	Jeanette Schaasberg	<b>Secretary</b>
James Springer	<b>Treasurer</b>	Jennifer Goers	<b>Treasurer</b>
Dan Kirby	<b>Conductor</b>	Ann Grabrowski	<b>Conductress</b>
Scott Frank	<b>Inside Guard</b>	Marti Reid	<b>Guard</b>
Mike Garvin	<b>Outside Guard</b>		

### **Aerie Trustees:**

Joe Ankrom, Mike Orlando, Ken Pasciak,  
Jim Schaasberg and Rick Dinkel

### **Auxiliary Trustees:**

Crystal Houk, Karen Mckay-Zielinski and  
Anne Mudridge

Grandmother of the Year	Dawn Cottle
Mother of the Year	JoAnne Manzo
Sister of the Year	Loretta Baur
Brother of the Year	Jim Schaasberg
Father of the Year	Ben Goers
Grandfather of the Year	Richard Flis

## REAC Officers 2025 – 2026

## Eagles Riders Officers 2025 – 2026

Pamela Schlaff	<b>President</b>	Tom Wright	<b>President</b>
Karen McKay-Zielinski	<b>Vice President</b>	Michelle Promo	<b>Vice President</b>
Jean Oleksiak	<b>Secretary</b>	Mary Corriveau	<b>Secretary</b>
JoAnn Carley	<b>Treasurer</b>	Jerry Scharff	<b>Treasurer</b>
Michael Santarelli	<b>Sargent at Arms</b>	William Ross	<b>Sargent at Arms</b>

How can YOU help?

# Volunteer

IF YOU CAN SPARE SOME TIME, A DESSERT OR A DONATION FOR ANY EVENT OR DINNER...REACH OUT TO US.

What is missing in vol\_nteer?  
"U" are!



HAVE FUN...MAKE FRIENDS...MAKE MEMORIES...



Mt. Clemens Eagles #1269

## Steak Out 5pm - 7pm

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March thru November

\$15

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Mushrooms and Onions  
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Vegetable and Salad  
with Dessert



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YOUR WAY



ENJOY  
AND

## Mt. Clemens Eagles #1269



For all our Eagles friends and family  
Dues are due by May 31<sup>st</sup>

The Grand Aerie will be sending out 3 separate  
reminders between now and then.

If you can, please try to pay early and save the Aerie and  
Auxiliary the postage fees for these reminders.

You can pay them anytime at the club or mail them!

Thank you!

Renewal cards are not mailed!

They are available behind the bar for pick up!



It's not too late to pay your  
REAC Dues.  
Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Tuesday at 6pm.  
Come on Down to  
the Club

# Be part of it.



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Around the Nest		April 2026			Mt. Clemens Eagles #1269	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6p Ladies Pool 6p Aerie Interviews	2 6p Darts 6:30p Men's Pool	3 <b>Good Friday</b> 5p Hot Dogs & Brats <b>Take Me Out to the Ball Game</b>	4  <b>Smokin 45</b> <b>Queen of Hearts</b>
5 2p -5p Easter Dinner  <b>Easter Sunday</b>	6 5p Dinner Delicious Burger Night	7 6p REAC Mtg 7p Aux Mtg.	8 7:00p Aerie Mtg.	9 6p Darts 6:30p Men's Pool Banquet	10 Two Jokers	11 5p Steak-Out  <b>Highway 23</b> <b>Queen of Hearts</b>
12 Welcome Spring Brunch 10a-12:30p	13 5p Taco Night	14 6p Horseshoe Mtg 7p Euchre Initiation & Nominations Brotherhood Dinner	15	16 6p Darts	17 Two Jokers	18 5p – 7p Gyro Lamb Wrap with Tzatziki Sauce  <b>Blind Justice</b> <b>Queen of Hearts</b>
19 2p District Mtg Madison Heights #3206	20 5p VAD Dinner City Chicken	21 6p Horseshoes 7p Aux. Mtg. & Nominations	22 6pm Ladies Pool 7:00p Aerie Mtg. Initiation & Nominations	23 6p Darts	24 Karaoke	25 Bourbon Bones and BBQ Rib Dinner 5p-7p  <b>Classic Maniacs</b> <b>Queen of Hearts</b>
26	27 5p Dinner Delicious Burger Night	28 6p Horseshoes 7p Riders Mtg	29 6pm Ladies Pool 7p Aux. Interviews	30 6p Darts 6p Cornhole Mtg		

Around the Nest		May 2026			Mt. Clemens Eagles #1269	
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Karaoke	2 2 pm Kentucky Derby Party <del>Soul Crackers</del> <del>Strange Brew</del> <b>Queen of Hearts</b>
3	4 5pm Dinner	5 6pm Horseshoes 7 pm Aux Mtg Election Day <b>Cinco de Mayo</b>	6 6pm Ladies Pool 7pm Aerie Interviews	7 6p Cornhole	8 Karaoke	9 5 pm Steak Out  <b>Situations Band</b> <b>Queen of Hearts</b>
10 Aerie Dinner <b>Mother's Day</b>	11 5pm Mexican Monday Dinner	12 6pm Horseshoes 6pm REAC Mtg 6:30 pm Joint Officer's Meeting	13 6pm Ladies Pool 7pm Aerie Mtg	14 6p Cornhole	15 Karaoke	16  <b>Silver Studs</b> <b>Queen of Hearts</b>
17 District Meeting	18 5pm Dinner	19 6pm Horseshoes 7 pm Aux Mtg initiation	20 6pm Ladies Pool	21 6p Cornhole	22 Karaoke	23 5pm Jim & Sheila Turkey Wraps-Bldg. Fund <b>8 Track Allies</b> <b>Queen of Hearts</b>
24	25 5pm BBQ Dinner  <b>Memorial Day</b>	26 6pm Horseshoes 7pm Riders Mtg	27 6pm Ladies Pool 7pm Aux Interviews 7pm Aerie Mtg Initiation	28 6p Cornhole	29 Karaoke	30 5pm Stuffed Pork Chops Capuchin Dinner Check Presentation <b>Third Wave</b> <b>Queen of Hearts</b>
31 Dues Expire *Be sure to renew!	<b>Renewal cards are not mailed!</b> <b>They will be available at the bar to pickup</b> 					

Around the Nest

June 2026

Mt. Clemens Eagles #1269

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6pm Horseshoes 7 pm Aux Mtg	3 6pm Ladies Pool 7pm Aerie Interviews	4 6p Cornhole	5 Karaoke	6 Joint Installation  <i>Mojo Filter</i> Queen of Hearts
7	8 5pm Mexican Monday Dinner	9 6pm REAC Mtg 6pm Horseshoes  State Conference	10 6pm Ladies Pool 7pm Aerie Mtg	11 6p Cornhole	12 Karaoke	12 <i>Classic Maniacs</i> Queen of Hearts  State Conference ends
14  Flag Day	15	16 6pm Horseshoes 7pm Aux Mtg Initiation	17 6pm Ladies Pool	18 6p Cornhole	19 Karaoke	20  <i>Under Pressure</i> Queen of Hearts
21  Father's Day	22	23 6pm Horseshoes 7pm Riders Mtg	24 6pm Ladies Pool 7pm Aux Interviews 7pm Aerie Mtg Initiation	25 6p Cornhole	26 Karaoke	27  <i>Highway 23</i>
28	29	30 6pm Horseshoes				




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