



WA State Aerie E-News



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Welcome to the E-News!

Thank You to Burien Eagles for the first submission to the new E-News! Check out the poster on Page 3.

If you have something of interest you would like posted, please send it to:

wa.state.foe.eneews@gmail.com

Deadline will be the 25th of each month.

The Editor

Membership News

Currently there are 33744 Aerie and 16569 Auxiliary Members in the State of Washington.

There are currently 98 brothers earning the keychain award and 25 who have earned the bottle opener. We are still working to the prize delivery process, but SWP Dave will be dropping off prizes during his travels.

Top Aerie Producer
Cecila Sanchez Vashon 3144
58 Members

From State President Dave

Boy, was August a busy month! Starting off with Grand Convention in hot and humid New Orleans, Louisiana. We had a great time visiting a small part of an amazing city as well as taking care of business (including from very spirited discussions during session!) The Washington State Hospitality room was beautiful and spacious with a great view of the Mississippi river. Thank you to all who helped out to give our delegation a space to stop in and unwind. Not that I had much time to relax! Between meetings, ritual and my appointment on the Election Committee it seemed I was always on the run. We did take time to visit the French Quarter and some shops and restaurants near the hotel. All in all it was great fun.

No time to rest, as newly installed GWP Peter Akers was on his way to visit us! Starting off in Puyallup, he then went to Issaquah, Everett, Buckley, Wilkeson, Eagle Valley, Roslyn, Cle Elum, Wenatchee and Deer Park, as well as getting a short tour of the Fred Hutch Cancer Center in Seattle. That's a lot to do in 6 days! Big thanks to all the local Aeries who stepped up to show Peter and Cindy a great time in our state. I have to say we had had a great time hosting them and getting to know more about them.

As Roslyn was not able to host us, the only official visit in August was in Wilkeson and its always fun out there, or as they say, "Never a Dull Moment!"

We finished August with a wet and windy trip up to Everett for Funvention. The Past President's Club of Washington awarded scholarships to four fabulous contestants this year.

September looks to be a busy month, with more visits to the East side of the State. See the Visitation panel for details.

SWP Dave Andrews

GWP Peter Akers at Daffodil 2308



SWP Dave in Wilkeson





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September Calendar

District Schedule

Date	Dist #	Location
8 th	7	Wilkeson
8 th	14	Issaquah
15 th	8	Stevenson
15 th	11	Clarkston
15 th	12	Spokane Valley
22 nd	10	Republic

[For Complete District Info Click Here](#)

State President's Visits:

Sept 6th, Washougal #4390

Sept 7th, Stevenson #1744

Sept 16th, Sunnyside #2927

Sept 17th, Toppenish #2229

Sept 18th, Yakima #289

Sept 19th, Cle Elum #649

Sept 20th-22nd Eagle Valley

Harvest Fest

Sept 25th, Twisp #2584

Sept 26th, Chelan #2218

Sept 27th, Ephrata #3338

Sept 28th, Wenatchee #204

UNDERLINE = SWP Visit, all others Joint Visitations w/ SMP

Calendars Available at

waeagles.org

Save the Date

October 4th – 6th

Fall Conference at Yakima #289

Full Info at waeagles.org

October 18th - 20th

Pacific NW Regional Conference at Pendleton, OR

State Charities

Aerie Charity: Cancer

Cancer is a disease that affects so many people in this world, including many of our Brothers and Sisters in the Eagles. I lost my sister to cancer during Covid so I decided to dedicate this year to her and all those in our organization who have their lives changed by this disease. As I travel, I am asking the local Aeries to provide pictures and short stories that I will add to the poster boards that I travel with to show everyone just *why* we do what we do in raising funds for charity. If you have a story and picture you would like to share, you can also bring them to my visitations or you can send them to me at dnawoodworks@gmail.com and I will bring it along in my travels.

Any funds sent to the Washington State Aerie or presented to me during my visitations will be donated to the **Fred Hutch Cancer Research Center** in Seattle. I had the opportunity to visit and tour a small part of their campus and was amazed by the dedication of their staff and researchers. We were given the chance to see what two young researchers are working on, studying how certain proteins behave by looking at them under high magnification with an electron microscope. They are able to build 3D computer models of the proteins and hypothesize how they work, as well as compare healthy and mutated ones to work on treatments to repair them. One of the constraints we saw is they have to schedule their time to use the microscopes.

If you wish to share what you are doing or want more info on how to donate, Rich Kennedy from Elma #1440 is the Aerie State Cancer Chairman.

Aerie Special Project

Mary Bridge Children's Therapy Unit (CTU) At Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup, WA

I also had the opportunity to visit the CTU at Good Sam to see what they do there, and boy, did it open my eyes! It is so much more than just therapist helping kids recoup from injuries or deal with physical limitations. There are so many good people dedicated to this place and what they do.

The Smile Factory

One of the places we visited in the CTU was a workshop, equipped with most tools a good handyman would be proud to own. Standing in the middle of the cluttered, but clean, room was a gentleman wearing a blue shop coat. He gave us an idea of what he did there, everything from modifying a three wheeled bicycle with straps to hold the child in, changing the position of the pedals on a bicycle, and even customizing a dining room chair so a child can sit and eat dinner with the family instead of in their dedicated power chair. He told the story of a child who could only crawl and scoot along the ground so he built a ramp on wheels so the child could climb up onto the furniture. The family sent pictures of it in use and what was most noticeable was the huge smile on the child's face. It was then the he knew he wasn't just making equipment, he was "making smiles."

Donations checks should be made to WA State Aerie, Memo Special Project



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SAVING LIVES AT BOTH ENDS OF THE LEASH



Burien Eagles

**BBQ For
K9s For Warriors**

**Sunday Sept 8
1 PM - 4 PM**



Roughly 20 Veterans take their own lives every day. To help combat this national crisis, Secretary Nikki Sharp is hosting a BBQ For K9s For Warriors to create awareness and raise funds.

We will be open to the public for this event so please share this with all of your family and friends!

What is K9s For Warriors?

Determined to end veteran suicide, K9s For Warriors provides highly-trained Service Dogs to military veterans suffering from PTSD, traumatic brain injury and/or military sexual trauma. With the majority of dogs being rescues, this innovative program allows the K9/Warrior team to build an unwavering bond that facilitates their collective healing and recovery.

Advance purchase of BBQ plates are imperative to make this fundraiser a success! PLEASE PURCHASE YOUR PLATE EARLY!!! FOOD PRICES WILL INCREASE ON SEPTEMBER 1ST due to the time it takes to prepare the menu.

Gift baskets will be raffled off the day of the event.

Come listen to the Unknown Uncles while you enjoy a plate of BBQ and friends for a good cause!

Click here for BBQ Plate Tickets

burienegles.ticketleap.com/k9s-for-warriors/

Click here to donate directly to K9s For Warriors in the name of this event

https://secure.ggiv.com/event/k9sforwarriorscommunityfundraisers2024/account/1790731-burien_eagles_bbq_for_K9sForwarriors