

# EAGLE *Fraternal Order of* Eagles ECHO

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## WHERE DO YOUR DONATIONS GO?

The Eagle Riders went two days before Thanksgiving to present checks to Lake Taylor Children's Place, part of the Lake Taylor Transitional Hospital where some of the clients at the Children's Place will age into as they get older.

Riders President Chuck Dupree told the Eagle Echo, "They were very excited to see us, and told us our monies will go to providing stimulation toys, games or tablets. Most [of the children] are bed ridden for the rest of their lives, on ventilators and don't communicate well. I'm glad we chose them to be one of our charities; it's a really good cause to keep supporting."

The entire children's area was renovated earlier this year with four pods that can hold up to 24 beds each focusing on transitional care, rehabilitation and recovery services, the unique environment at LTTT provides patients with the opportunity to transition from hospital to home.

Chuck added, "Visiting the charities we support helps us know where the monies are going. It's worth doing when you realize how much you can positively affect others lives. Thank you to our fellow Aerie members for all your support and I'm pretty sure you had a good time at our event while raising funds for this important facility."





# Presidents' Messages

It's hard to believe we have entered a New Year! 2024 was very productive for us and our charities, and I am excited to see what we accomplish in 2025!

As we make and pursue our New Year resolutions, include a resolution to try and be more involved in the happenings at 3204. Please make a commitment to attend meetings and volunteer for at least one fundraiser. When we work together, it never seems like an effort and the camaraderie we build makes it fun! Please let me know if there is something you are interested in, and I will make sure you are kept updated. Unfortunately, when we are organizing events it seems that the people involved are the ones present at the time. No one is intentionally excluded but I can see how it might be perceived. If you cannot make meetings, I will be more than happy to keep you updated and included! That's MY New Year Resolution!

Remember, people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money or the most awards. They are simply the ones that care the most. So my wish to all is that 2025 is a blessed year for everyone and we walk into it with gusto!

Corinne Smith, Auxiliary Madam President

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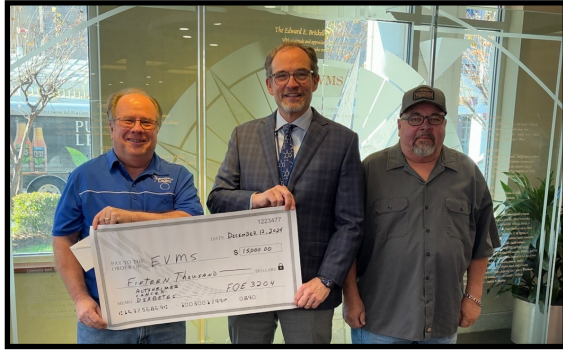
We've made it through a busy holiday season and into a new year. 2024 was an eventful one for us here at 3204 and we really accomplished a lot. There's plenty to look forward to coming up and I hope we can have an even better 2025.

A new year usually brings out some resolutions or goals that we want to accomplish. I think it's important to have some short term, mid term, and long term goals as individuals and an organization. I know a goal for a lot of people here has to do with our building and the future plans for our Aerie home. Big shout out to the building committee for conducting the survey and working hard to make sure all members have a voice in what they want. A goal I'd like to see us work towards as a whole is to really look at how we treat each other as brothers and sisters. We don't all have to agree all the time, but we do need to treat each other with respect. So many times people forget that there are multiple sides to a story or a different viewpoint and I think we should challenge ourselves to look at things from someone else's perspective. Try to be open minded and accept ideas from anyone or anywhere.

One last thing I'd like to talk about is why we're all here as members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. We are people helping people and we all want to do good things in our community and for others who need our help. Anyone can bring a charity, group, or cause that they care about to the floor and ask for a donation or to hold an event for them. There are so many worthy causes that we can help, so bring some information and let's work for them. There have been some complaints about certain charities or groups getting donations over other ones. The ones we donate to we're brought up on the floor in a business meeting. If you want to bring something, please do it. We always want to help as many people as we can. We can't help if we don't know. Please bring up a cause that would benefit from our help instead of tearing down or poking holes into the organizations that were brought up to receive help. This is a charity organization and we should be here to help, not hurt.

I'm looking forward to this year and see what all we can accomplish. Let's work as a united team and carry 3204 to new heights. Always be part of the solution and if you have questions, ask them.

Jon Hooten, Worthy President



Brothers Tim and Toby present a \$15,000 check to Dr. John Semmes, Director of the Cancer Research Center at EVMS.

Aerie 3204 facilitated three \$5,000 grants from the Grand Aerie for Alzheimer's, Cancer and Diabetes Research.

**Sick and Visiting** — Thinking of you cards went out to Marisa Riley and Katrina Thomas. A 'Get well' card was sent to Bill Dawson. Birthday cards for December went out to 17 Auxiliary members and 44 Aerie members.

A thinking of You card went out to Lois Snell in Waynesboro. A special Christmas card went out to Stuart Sullivan – the autistic son of Renee Sullivan in Fredericksburg. (He was afraid he wouldn't receive any Christmas cards, so he was on the State Auxiliary Card Shower request.)

Tom & Linda Sharpe and Linda MacDonald

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**Food Pantry** — Our annual "Angel Tree" was another success this year. We provided 119 children with toys and Christmas stockings. We were also able to distribute turkeys and all the fixings for a Christmas feast to 47 households! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your contributions throughout the year. Aerie 3204 is an integral part of the food pantry at Vineyard Church; they couldn't accomplish so much without your support. May you and your family be blessed this coming year.

Theresa Hart

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**Ways and Means** — We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Our first dinner of the year will be on Saturday, January 4. We will be having BBQ with coleslaw, tater tots and Brenda's peanut butter cake for dessert. All that for just \$12.00! The 50/50 will benefit the Special Olympics this month and DJ Shannon will be here to entertain you. We still have a few cancer awareness pins available for \$5 each, the proceeds for these will go to the "Stomp out Cancer" charity. We all hope to see you there!

We all want to thank everyone who came out and supported our Meatball Bombs dinner on December 7. You helped us raise \$128 for our ways and means fund. We are extremely thankful for the cancer pin sales, the darts and pool tournament donation (thanks for organizing this Tess), and the 50/50, a total of \$148 is being donated to "Stomp Out Cancer" thus far. A special thank you to Tami and Bruce who donated their winnings from an additional pool tournament to the charity.

Last but not least, the Auxiliary Elves want to thank everyone who came and made donations at our gift-wrapping events this year. We had a great time doing all that wrapping for you!

Linda MacDonald

## Find us on the Internet...

Aerie website: <https://eagles3204.com/>

Auxiliary Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/auxiliary3204>

Aerie Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/aerie3204>

# People Helping People, that's what it's all about!

**TOYS FOR TOTS** — What an overwhelming response, thank you all! Not only did we get multiple toys from some of our players but several members who were not playing brought in toys too.

Sol Barton took first place and George Fogleman came in second for the darts tournament. Te'a Stolzenberger was first, Tom Sharpe second, and Tami Itri was third in the pool tournament. Everyone had so much fun they played another pool tournament for a different charity! Tami took first place with Bruce Champagne second. That money was donated to the Auxiliary's December fundraiser, Stomp Out Cancer.

**POOL LEAGUE** — The pool league finished off another competition and raised \$834 for charity in the process, and the Aerie kicked in another \$500! The competition winners, Crystal Rowe and Deb McPhail, chose Reba's Animal Rescue as the recipient. The Aerie will be getting a personalized kennel sponsorship plaque placed on one of their dog kennels in recognition of the \$1,334 donation.

Of course, on the night of the competition finale more pool was played. Partners were shuffled in a blind draw with Tricia Hartman & Bob Donaldson winning the tournament. They donated the \$80 prize money to a member in need.



**Brenda Kearns, Crystal Rowe and Deb McPhail deliver the check for \$1,334.00**

It was a treat to get a tour of their wonderful facility, what an amazing place! Please check out their website at <https://rebasrescue.org/> if you would like to adopt or make a donation.

This is YOUR new Eagle Echo Newsletter! The content and character of this publication relies on all our Sisters and Brothers for input and commentary on the events that happen in our Aerie. Take a picture! Write a sentence! Share your thoughts!

Please send your submissions or suggestions to [eagleecho3204@gmail.com](mailto:eagleecho3204@gmail.com)



**Around  
the  
Aerie**



# JANUARY 2025

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<p><b>29</b></p> <p>1:00 pm - 9:00 pm 📅 NFL Sunday</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special – Pork and Sauerkraut</p> <p>5:30 pm - 9:00 pm 📅 Line Dancing</p> <p>6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 📅 Trustee Meeting</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>8:00 pm - 11:30 pm 📅 New Years Eve Party</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special – Chicken Quesadilla</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special – Baked Ziti with Italian Sausage</p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Free Birthday Dinner</p> <p>7:00 pm - 8:30 pm 📅 Aerie Meeting</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special – Steak Night</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 10:00 pm 📅 Auxiliary Dinner</p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>1:00 pm - 9:00 pm 📅 NFL Sunday</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special - Fish and Chips</p> <p>5:30 pm - 9:00 pm 📅 Line Dancing</p> <p>6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 📅 Trustee Meeting</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special - Beef Stew</p> <p>6:30 pm - 7:00 pm 📅 JOM</p> <p>7:00 pm - 8:30 pm 📅 Auxiliary Meeting</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special - Beef Stroganoff</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special - Fried Chicken</p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>11</b></p> <p>State Pool Tournament</p> <p>5:00 am - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special - Steak Night</p>	
<p><b>12</b></p> <p>9:00 am - 11:00 am 📅 Aerie Delegates Brunch</p> <p>1:00 pm - 9:00 pm 📅 NFL Sunday</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special - Open Face Roast Beef</p> <p>5:30 pm - 9:00 pm 📅 Line Dancing</p> <p>6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 📅 Trustee Meeting</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special - Corned Beef and Cabbage</p> <p>7:00 pm - 8:30 pm 📅 Eagle Riders Meeting</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special - Meatloaf</p> <p>6:30 pm - 7:00 pm 📅 Ritual Team Practice</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special - Lasagna</p> <p>7:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Aerie Meeting</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special - Steak Night</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>
<p><b>19</b></p> <p>1:00 pm - 9:00 pm 📅 NFL Sunday</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special - Roast Pork and Dressing</p> <p>5:30 pm - 9:00 pm 📅 Line Dancing</p> <p>6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 📅 Trustee Meeting</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special - Chicken Picatta</p> <p>7:00 pm - 8:30 pm 📅 Auxiliary Meeting</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special - Shepards Pie</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special - Blackened Tuna with Pasta Alfredo</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special - Steak Night</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Pancake Dinner</p>
<p><b>26</b></p> <p>1:00 pm - 9:00 pm 📅 NFL Sunday</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special - Chicken Alfredo over Fettuccini</p> <p>5:30 pm - 9:00 pm 📅 Line Dancing</p> <p>6:00 pm - 7:00 pm 📅 Trustee Meeting</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special - Beef Burrito</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special - Salisbury Steak</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special - Shrimp Scampi over Pasta</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 8:00 pm 📅 Dinner Special - Steak Night</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>5:00 pm - 10:00 pm 📅 Auxiliary Dinner</p>

# Ladies Auxiliary

VaBeach Aerie 3204 - 1061 Newtown Road

## January Dinner

Saturday, January 4  
From 5 to 7 PM



\$12

**Pork BBQ Sandwich**  
served with cole slaw  
and tater tots  
*Peanut butter cake for dessert!*

**Pack up your holiday stuff  
and come party with us!**

Music by DJ Shannon  
from 6 to 10 PM

**50/50 to Benefit Special Olympics**

# Aerie Delegates Club Pancake Dinner

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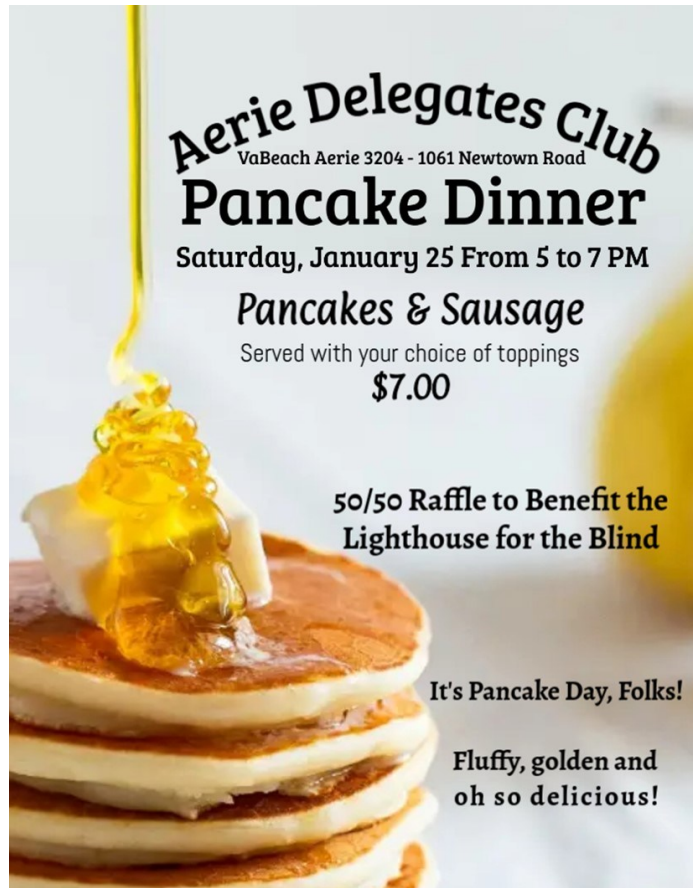
Saturday, January 25 From 5 to 7 PM

## Pancakes & Sausage

Served with your choice of toppings

**\$7.00**

**50/50 Raffle to Benefit the  
Lighthouse for the Blind**



**It's Pancake Day, Folks!**

**Fluffy, golden and  
oh so delicious!**

## Aerie Delegates Club

VaBeach Aerie 3204 - 1061 Newtown Road

## Sunday Brunch

**January 12**

**9:00 to 11:00 AM**

**\$10 Per Person**



**Mark Your  
Calendar**

<b>February 1</b>	<b>Auxiliary Dinner with DJ Shannon</b>
<b>February 6</b>	<b>Birthday Dinner Night</b>
<b>February 9</b>	<b>Delegates Sunday Brunch</b>
<b>February 22</b>	<b>State Conference at Aerie 3204</b>

Aerie 3204

Cheers

TO THE

New Year

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8:00PM

JOIN US AS WE RING IN THE NEW YEAR!

Live Entertainment by Triad

Please bring your favorite finger foods to share  
Complimentary Champagne Toast at Midnight