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"And now we welcome the new year. Full of things that have never been." -Rainer Maria Rilke

Siding installed on west side; fundraising goals adjusted

\$5,611 in contributions raised from nearly 60 members

For those who have visited the club or have driven by recently will have noticed the installation of the new steel siding on the west side of the building. Eric Hoffman and his crew took advantage of the mild December weather to complete the west side before the winter weather sets in. The result looks great and the aerie is excited to resume the east side in early spring.

With any remodel project, surprises are expected - this project is no exception. As soon as Eric removed the first few panels it was evident the amount of insulation was very inadequate. In fact, the absence of a proper vapor barrier along with inconsistent structure to attach the new siding panels onto the steel frame building also needed to be addressed. Following the recommendation of Eric and Neil Suess of Morris Lumber and Millwork, the officers approved to install an additional R-5 of polystyrene insulation, properly sealed with vapor protection and added additional structure. The cost of these improvements will most certainly be offset with future energy savings in the years to come. We anticipate these same needs on the east and north sides.

Now that we know what is underneath the curtain, the aerie has had to adjust its fundraising goals to accommodate these new challenges. Initially the aerie estimated approximately \$7,000 was needed for new siding materials, trim and screws. With the additional insulation and structural improvements, we will need to raise approximately another \$5,000 for a total material cost of \$12,000.

Fundraising to this point has been well received. As of December 20th, \$5,611 has been contributed from nearly 60 members - reaching approximately 80% of our original goal. After

adjusting our goal to \$12,000 for materials, this now equates to 46.8%. We have some work yet to do and we want to do it right. We are also leveraging our gambling, social and catering funds to cover the labor costs at this time.

Therefore, we are continuing to meet with members who wish to help out to articulate the project needs to see where a contribution will best fit.

Continuing the project on the east side presents additional issues not present to the west side, namely relocating a gas line that feeds the kitchen appliances and back room furnace, removal of exterior electrical conduit and relocate inside the wall cavity, and installation of a permanent guard rail to prevent vehicles from hitting the building once the new siding is installed.

The aerie will also be hosting a meal to benefit the building project in January or February. Visit the club or watch for an email for information.

Morris Aerie turns 115 years old on January 4th; 15-cent taps!

Enjoy Friday Night Grill and entertainment by Kim Wolf

In 1904, the charter was signed by the Grand Aerie of Fraternal Order of Eagles giving Morris, Minn. the 620th Eagles club in the nation. To celebrate our 115th anniversary of providing social, charitable, and service to our community, the Eagles is hosting a celebration of sorts on Friday, January 4th to commemorate this milestone. We'll start off by offering 15-cent tap beer during happy hour from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Friday Night Grill serves from 5:00-7:30 and entertainment is set from 8:00 - midnight with Kim Wolf DJ. Prizes at 6:00 p.m. for longest serving member signed in that day, oldest and youngest member in attendance (by age) & more!

Tuesday Burger Night resumes from holiday break on January 8th

1/3-lb burgers on a grilled bun with all the fixings!

After taking a couple weeks off due to the holiday break, the Eagles' Tuesday Burger Night will resume on Tuesday, January 8th. The weekly event serves from 5:00-7:00 p.m. each Tuesday and is open to members and non-members. If you haven't tried it out yet, we encourage you to visit sometime soon and bring some coworkers, family or friends.

The menu features a 1/3lb burger with your choice of waffle or french fries for only \$3.75. Additional fixings, including bacon, cheese, lettuce, tomato, fried or raw onions, ranch and mayo are available for 25-cents each. There is a one drink minimum to get this great deal!

Also starting in January, we will be hosting several new promotions, so follow the Morris Eagles Facebook page at @foe620 to get the latest information on all of our great food deals, including the Eagles' Friday Night Grill, seasonal fish fries and special event meals.

High School Hockey Fish Fry set for Friday, January 18th at Eagles

Meal to benefit Girl's and Boy's hockey teams

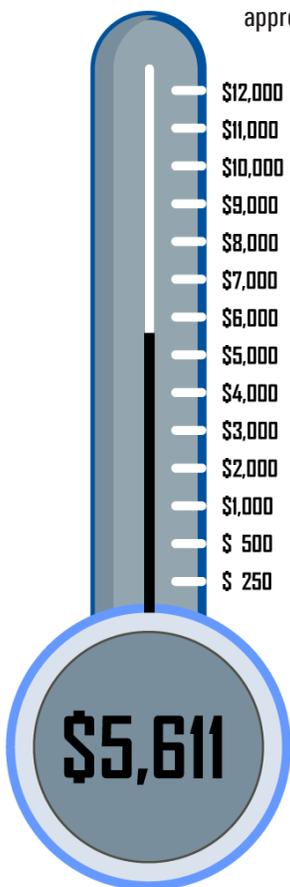
The Morris Eagles is hosting a fish fry for the Morris Area High School Boy's and Girl's hockey teams on Friday, January 18th from 5:00-7:30 p.m. This meal will include all-you-can-eat Alaskan Pollock, chips, beans, coleslaw, coffee and milk, \$9 for adults, \$5 for kids and children five and under eat free. Thanks for supporting area high school athletes.

Aerie contributes \$43,125 to area non-profit & gov groups in 2018

Club continues to make over \$40k in contributions

The most recent audit report of the aerie's charitable gaming operation from yielded some great news for fiscal 2017-18 as the Morris Eagles Club made qualified contributions totaling \$43,125 to area non-profit groups and organizations and government entities. The impact of these contributions are felt throughout our community.

We would like to thank all of our gaming staff, wait staff, auditors and customers on helping the Morris Eagles Club make an impact on our community. The full report can be shared during any upcoming meeting.



JAN BIRTHDAYS

- 1
Jan Malo
- 5
Rodney King
- 9
Neil Suss
- 11
Janice Kieffer
TJ Voges
- 12
Blaine Hill
Keith Morin
Betty Sayre
- 14
Glen Gillespie
Brad Hill
Matt Huntley
Shirley Kill
- 15
Deb Hennen
- 16
Craig Awsumb
Terry Kukla
Sheila Leuthardt
- 18
Larry Sayre
- 20
Blake Baron
Robert Kieffer
- 21
Adele Lawler
- 23
Janet Rasmussen
- 26
Merle Fennell
- 27
Mike Koehler
- 28
Jeff Miller
- 29
Darron Carr
Sharon VanEps
- 30
Bonita Gieselman

From the Aerie Secretary

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The aerie welcomes **Brian Olson** who reenrolled his membership. The aerie extends its well wishes to employee and auxiliary officer **Sara Hesse** and also to Skip Hesse as they both continue their battle with cancer. Also continued well wishes to **Ken Rucktaeschel**.

Our sympathies to **Neil and Janet Siegel** on the passing of Janet's father, **John**; and to **Judy Henrichs**, aerie caterer and custodian on the loss of her sister-in-law, **Deb Henrichs**.

The Grand Aerie is encouraging aeries to promote early renewal of memberships in 2019 to accommodate the new billing time line implemented by the Grand Aerie. In 2019, our membership supper will have a new date - **Saturday, March 23rd at 5:00 p.m.** We will also hold a drawing of all members who renew their memberships by **March 30th** for a \$50 gift certificate to the Morris Aerie. Renew by attending the supper, or drop off \$30 in the silver secretary's drop box. Envelopes will be provided on top of the drop box.

2019 Membership Supper set for Saturday, March 23rd

New date reflects changes in membership renewal cycle set by Grand Aerie

The Morris Eagles will be hosting its annual membership supper on Saturday, March 23rd from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The change of date reflects the new timeline when the Grand Aerie sends its first round of membership renewal invoices on April 1st. Aeries are encouraged to begin the renewal process earlier to reduce postage and labor costs. More information in next newsletter.

Also, a new membership promotion by the Grand Aerie during January, February and March will reward members who sign up a new member 40 years-old or younger by random drawing of five \$100 cash prizes each month. Youth is the lifeblood of any organization and the Morris Eagles is no different. Let's work together to get a winner from Morris Aerie 620!

Thanks to everyone who has supported the aerie siding project. We continue to work for everyone's support. It is looking great on the West! Just imaging how the rest of it will look when it's done!

Names drawn during the November regular meeting were: **Shayne Hesse** and **Don Burksen**. Neither member was not present, therefore, voiding the offer. This edition of the Observer went to press prior to the December meeting.

Congratulations to **Darron Carr** who was named 2018 Firefighter of the Year of the Morris Fire Department. Thank you Darron and the entire department for your service. It is a great community asset.

Annual Sweetheart Supper set for Thursday, February 14th

Make your reservation with your special someone for steak and shrimp supper

February marks the time for you and your special someone celebrate each other. Make the Morris Eagles your place to go on Thursday, February 14th for a Ribeye Steak and Shrimp Supper with baked potato, side salad, vegetable, dinner roll, dessert and a complementary glass of wine. \$16.95 or combination platter for \$18.95. Reservations preferred by calling the club 589-4380.

Charitable Gaming Dates		
January Bar Bingo 12th, 19th and 26th	Animal races on Fridays 5:30-7:00 p.m. Meat raffles on Saturdays after bingo!	February Bar Bingo 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd
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From the Auxiliary President

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and enjoyed some relaxation. The Auxiliary is still serving lunch on Saturdays for Bingo and always could use new faces to chip in. All of the money raised is given back to our community through donations. Contact any auxiliary member if you are interested in helping. We will also be coordinating the coloring contest for local elementary students in February. There have been national winners from our local club and we are hoping for great participation again this year.

-Nichole O. Mahoney
Morris Ladies' Auxiliary

Upcoming Club Events

MAHS Boy's and Girl's Hockey Fish Fry
Friday, January 18th
5:00-7:30 p.m.

Eagles' Sweetheart Supper
Thursday, February 14th
5:00-7:30 p.m.

MAHS Gymnastics Fish Fry
Friday, March 8th
5:00-7:30 p.m.

Eagles' Mulligan Stew Supper
Saturday, March 16th
5:00-7:30 p.m.

Eagles' Annual Membership Supper
Saturday, March 23rd
5:00-7:00 p.m.

FEB BIRTHDAYS

- 1
Audrey Larson
Brian Payne
- 3
Keith Wetzel
- 4
Dan Bratton
- 5
Dean Danter
Tina Nelson
- 6
Randy Pashen
Janet Siegel
- 8
Gladys Landmark
- 9
Kim Spohr
- 11
Tracy Hagen
- 12
Kenneth Van Horn
- 14
Zane Madsen
- 17
Serandon Bigalke
- 19
Donald Eich
Kevin Stallman
- 20
Kay Nelson
James Storck
- 22
Penny Melberg
Julie Ries
- 24
Jason Bratton
- 27
Dick Bluth
Marsha Buss
- 29
Luke Kieffer

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