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The Eagles Club 3472 Aerie was chartered in Imperial in 1972. Since then the Aerie and Auxiliary have provided hospitality in their bar and restaurant, helped families celebrate special events at the building on East 5th Street, and have donated to many national and local charities and organizations.

The original Eagles Club was located in the now Home Decor building. The present building was completed in 1983, with the restaurant part added later.

Together, the Aerie and Auxiliary provide Sunday meals once a month, with proceeds benefiting a number of activities.

The Aerie donates to the International organization's 11 charities such as National Heart Fund, Cancer Fund, Nebraska Boys Ranch, Alzheimer's research and more.

It also donates to various scholarships around Imperial.

The Auxiliary donates to the President's Project, Chase County Schools Post Prom Party, 4-H, Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Rainbow Promise Preschool, memorials at Lied Imperial Public Library and more.

The Auxiliary also promotes fund raisers if a member contracts a serious illness, according to Secretary Robyn Francis.

The Aerie has about 400 members, with dues \$25 per year. President and Secretary is Gary Lee; Bob Hartman is treasurer. Trustees are Randy Grimes, Mike Francis and Arlo Tروف.

The Auxiliary president is Rhetta Hieber. Other officers, besides Francis, are Treasurer Sue Moore; Vice President Teresa Groff, Inside Guard Evelyn Sines, Conductress Kris Musick and Trustee Lori Sis.

There are about 175 Auxiliary members, and dues are \$15 per year.

The Eagles Club is available to rent for reunions, weddings, parties and dances.