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Connection

Grand Madam President's Visit to Iowa

Remember, it is customary for each Auxiliary to send a donation to the Iowa State Aux. which will be included in a check to be presented to the GMP when she visits Iowa.

Please bring this up on your floor at your earliest convenience and let's show our GMP "A GOOD OLD FASHIONED IOWA WELCOME". If you have any questions you can reach me at 319-350-3966 after 6:00 PM.

Cindy Balsanek
IA State Aux. Secretary

Cedar Rapids #2272 State Charity Night

Friday, February 3, 2017

All You Can Eat Fish Fry (Also Serving Chicken)

5:30-8:00 PM Cost-\$10.00

Auction beginning at 7:00 PM

Raffles-50/50's

Karaoke with Loco Lee Following the Auction

MOTEL INFORMATION:

Days Inn 2215 Blairs Ferry Road Cedar Rapids 319-378-3948

\$69.95 (Doubles or King Rooms)

Call and say you are with the Eagles

More information contact:

Patty Scott 319-440-9587 or Debbie Gilson 319-241-9499

Iowa State Convention Book

The deadline for the Iowa State convention booklet is May 1, 2017. Please send ad information, preferably electronically, to pkalvelage@yahoo.com or by mail to Patty Kalvelage, 411 1st Ave, Grinnell, IA 50112. Payment is due at the time of submission request.

Ads can be updated and are encouraged to be, but ads are capable of being continued from last year's booklet. The following ad sizes are available in black and white only: full page \$100, half page \$50, quarter page \$25. A quarter page can be either horizontal or vertical. Please be as specific as you can when submitting your ad requests. If you have an idea, but need help laying it out, I will gladly help! The patron sheet will be \$1 per name. Again, please send electronically if you can, there is less of a chance of a misspelled name this way. Patron sheet and ad layout examples can be downloaded from the Iowa State website at www.iowafoe.com/forms.

Check out our website!
www.foeiowa.com

AERIE RITUAL-- MINK 2017

My brothers, I certainly hope that you are making progress with a ritual team(s) for the MINK Conference ritual competition. You now have less than two (2) months to form a team and get some of the competition kinks worked out.

I want to give you a few more ideas as to how you can put a team or teams together. I had hoped to see some PSP and State Officers teams. The first thing that comes to mind is that we don't have enough guys to make a team. Have you ever thought of asking some of the guys from the neighboring states in the MINK Conference to help form a MINK team. It has been done on the other side of the house for several years. Don't be bashful or cloistered. You will be surprised that other brothers may be looking for the same thing.

Remember, you do not have to be PSP or a State Officer to be on a team. Any eagle member in good standing is eligible. So, please give that some thought, as well.

There is one (1) specific thing to remember if you are planning or given the opportunity to compete on more than one (1) team. You CANNOT compete at the same station on more than one (1) team.

Lastly, I am in dire need of a few more ritual judges for the conference competition. Many of you have said from time to time "that I've never done that" or "what is it that I need to know". If you are interested, I will give you all the instructions before the competition and you'll do fine. I have done this with several guys in the past and they turned out to be fine judges. So, please give it some thought and let me know.

Pete Schmieding
MINK Aerie Ritual Chairman



WINE & BEER TASTING PARTY

EAGLE'S AERIE #150

2727 Mt. Pleasant St., Burlington, Iowa

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10th

5:00-8:00 PM

*Wine and Beer tastings will be served by:
Local Breweries and Wineries*

Proceeds for
Eagle's State Charity
EKSO SKELETON
Food: Appetizers, cheese
and crackers
\$5.00 per person
Valentine Basket Raffle



STATE CHAIRITY *Fundraisers*

FEBRUARY

- Friday, Feb 3 - Cedar Rapids, IA
- Saturday, Feb 4 - Manchester, IA
- Friday, Feb 10 - Fairfield, IA
- Saturday, Feb 11 - Ottumwa, IA
- Friday, Feb 17 - Hawarden, IA
- Saturday, Feb 18 - LeMars, IA
- Sunday, Feb 19 - Sheldon, IA
- Saturday, Feb 25 - Iowa City, IA

MARCH

- Saturday, March 4 - Centerville, IA
- Friday, March 10 - Creston, IA
- Saturday, March 11 - Council Bluffs, IA
- Saturday, March 18 - Tama, IA

APRIL

- Saturday, April 1 - Grinnell,
- Saturday, April 22 - Waterloo, IA



Eagle Riders

Hello Iowa, it was great seeing the few that could make it to the mid winter board meeting. We decided to have the State Rally in Cedar Rapids this year on July 27th, 28th and 29th. They will have more information for us in the next few months. We voted on having the State Raffle again this year, so we will again be giving away \$1,800.00 in cash this year in our raffle. All the money raised will go to the State Charity. We will have more information and raffle tickets in the next few months. This year again we will have a bike show and cook food at the State Convention. We also have 4 Aeries looking into starting a Rider group. Tama, Albia, Oskaloosa and Red Oak.

Keep an eye on the Iowa Eagle Riders for future information.

Iowa Eagle Riders
Dennis (Chief) Walkup

From the Desk of the General



Boy, how time flies. Already half way through the year. Just finished mid-winter board and we're just a couple of weeks away from state charities starting back up. Am looking forward to seeing all of you.

With a new year, let us resolve to make things even better than they have been in the past. Just remember nothing is impossible – the impossible only takes a little longer to accomplish.

Until we meet again – be safe, be healthy and prosperous.

John Haidisiak WSP

Connection **Article Submissions**

Deadline for articles to be included in the *Connection* is **the 15th of the month prior to publication.**

Send Items to:

Steve and Shelley Zimmerman
303 South Elm Street
Creston, Iowa 50801-3608

Telephone: (641) 782-4386
Cell Phone: (641) 344-6486

Email: sszimmy95@mediacombb.net

MINK Program Book

Now is the time to think about your ads for the 2017 MINK Conference program book.

PROCEEDS from this program book is divided between the 5-State President's charities.

FULL PAGE AD - \$100.00
1/2 PAGE ad - \$50.00
1/4 PAGE ad - \$25.00

BOOSTERS -- \$1.00 per name

CHECKS made payable to: FOE MINK CONFERENCE

DEADLINE is FEBRUARY 15, 2016
-- the SOONER THE BETTER



LeMars State Charity Night

Saturday, February 18th

Chicken and Chops Buffet 5:00-7:00
 Auction following dinner,
 Kenny's Karaoke after the Auction
 All Proceeds to the Eagle Charities

Aerie Membership Reports

AERIE #	DISTRICT	TOTAL ROSTER	GOAL	JAN 2017	TOTAL YTD	NET GAIN YTD
AERIE W POTTAWATTAMIE						
104	Council Bluffs	258	24	0/0	24	-37
1398	Creston	275	36	0/0	4	-42
2715	Red Oak	107	12	0/6	15	-38
3784	Glenwood	153	12	2/2	10	-10
3849	Shenandoah	82	12	0/0	8	-2
3876	Missouri Valley	107	12	0/0	6	-4
	TOTAL	982	108	2/8	67	-133

AERIE SOUTHEAST LAKES

109	Des Moines	298	36	1/1	33	-24
114	Ottumwa	175	24	4/1	19	-11
150	Burlington	590	72	3/4	52	-169
276	Oskaloosa	113	12	0/0	9	-13
1287	Ft Madison	252	24	1/1	21	-36
1927	Fairfield	203	24	4/3	13	-13
2675	Centerville	226	24	4/1	28	-19
2774	Chariton	35	12	0/0	4	-10
3495	Osceola	128	12	1/1	12	-4
3583	Albia	82	12	7/0	31	22
	TOTAL	2102	252	25/12	222	-277

AERIE HAWKEYE

764	Waterloo	330	36	1/2	40	-27
2272	Cedar Rapids	365	36	7/5	44	-22
2828	Tama-Toledo	352	36	2/1	21	-25
3538	Manchester	63	12	0/0	7	-6
4074	Cedar Falls	164	24	0/0	9	-10
4114	Guttenberg	131	12	1/0	10	-6
4466	Monticello	117	12	0/0	7	-19
4512	Anamosa	33	12	0/0	0	-6
4544	Independence	11	12	0/0	3	1
	TOTAL	1566	192	11/8	141	-120

AERIE THREE RIVERS

235	Davenport	3	12	0/0	9	-134
568	Dubuque	209	24	0/0	67	-12
695	Iowa City	524	60	1/5	35	-53
705	Clinton	379	48	6/2	31	-67
2545	Grinnell	173	24	1/1	7	-27
3866	Maquoketa	190	24	0/1	11	-8
4458	Asbury	186	24	1/0	4	-30
	TOTAL	1664	216	9/9	164	-331

AERIE TALLCORN

1381	LeMars	183	24	1/0	13	-6
1865	Hawarden	92	12	0/0	4	1
2297	Sheldon	434	48	0/0	25	-42
3369	Ft Dodge	30	12	2/1	8	-1
	TOTAL	739	96	3/1	50	-48

Thinking of YOU

Rose Morrissey
 Lutheran Homes
 2421 Lutheran Drive
 Muscatine, IA 52761

Dates to Remember

MARCH 24, 25, 26---WESTERN ZONE CONFERENCE
SHENANDOAH

APRIL 7, 8, 9---MINK CONFERENCE
DOUBLE TREE---OMAHA

APRIL 28, 29, 30---EASTERN ZONE CONFERENCE
CLINTON

Alzheimer's Charity

Hello Sisters;

We are closing in on the end of the year so let's do one last push for the Queen Bee and the familirs that are watching a loved one fade away with this terrible disease. I will be so proud to be a part of finding a cure for this and I know you will be also. It will be well worth the effort. So let's do what we do best!!! Thank you so much for all the work you do!!!

Shirley Miller
 Alzheimer Chairman

Queen Bee's BUZZ



HELLO Bees.

Happy Valentine's Day!!

Well, it is time for the State Charity Nights to get going again! Hope everyone is still searching for New bees and Re-bees!! We have got to get busy to beat those men!! We would love to see your happy faces out and about the state. Take care and travel safe.

Ann Reed, MSP aka, Queen Bee

To Contact the Aerie State Secretary

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 712-328-8612 • Email - rwoods17@cox.net



SGT MAJOR SAYS... Build the Army.....

Well, I've said it before and I'll say it again... RECRUIT, RE-UP AND RETAIN!! That is the only way we can show a NET GAIN. Gee, I'm a poet and didn't know it! So make a New Year's Resolution to be a part of it. Let's get our friends, neighbors and co-workers involved. Invite them to your club the next time your hosting an event or just for some social time together. Also, talk to your secretary or membership chairman and get the dropped list and invite these good men to sign back up.

Our recruiters have been doing a great job throughout the year and several more are just a few members away from winning the embossed demin jacket for 20 recruits. As of January 10th, Iowa has a total of 629 new and re-enrolled. Only 295 of those are Re-Ups, so I think we could do better.

So let's get out there and give General John a banner year and show a Net Gain for the Great State of Iowa.

As always - Thanks to All for your continued support --

Sgt Major Mike Gilson
State Membership Chairman



A Note From the Editor:

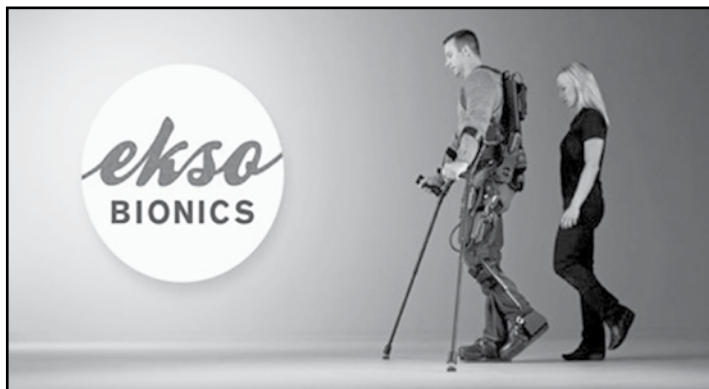
We have recently changes service providers and been having trouble with the group email system I have used for the last 11 years. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused some, **but if you do not receive the Connection via email by the end of the first week of the month, please send me an email at our new email address, <mailto:address...sszimmy95@mediacombb.net>**

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Join the more than 9,300 people getting their news instantaneously through the Grand Aerie's Facebook page. We're constantly working to develop new tools and programs for our members and sharing their great efforts with the outside world. Through Facebook, we can connect instantly with anyone, anywhere. Each day our fan base grows, spreading the word about their upcoming events and learning more about the latest tools we have to offer. Follow us today by visiting facebook.com/FOEGrandAerie and clicking the "Like" button!

State Chairity Report



As of this writing, we have about two weeks and we'll be off and running again attending charity events throughout the state. We hope to see you at some of them.

Every weekend this month is completely full and we will start off by being in Cedar Rapids on Friday, Feb 3, and Manchester the next night. The following weekend will find us in Fairfield and Ottumwa. Then it's off to northwest Iowa to visit friends in Hawarden, LeMars and Sheldon. We will finish out the month in Iowa City.

Hopefully the weather cooperates and a lot of you can join us. If you've never been to any of these places before, what a great opportunity to show up – not only to support the state charity but also to show your support to the members who are hosting the events.

Kim Haidsiak
State Charity Co-Chm

Attention Worker Bees

WAKEUP LADIES!!!!

I guess I need a good wakeup call, because I think everybody is sleeping from the Holiday, or is it Easter already because I'm seeing a lot of Goose Eggs on the report for the last month. Only 12 out of 34 Auxiliary's report members for the month of December. I hope it was just the holidays that slow everybody down, not that you have given up. We are not quitters, so let's get out there and find some members or corral some dropped members back, so we can surprise those men and show them we can get it done. Congratulations to Diane Marrero from Aux. #4074 Cedar Falls for being ranked # 1 Producer as of the close of 2016 with a total of 14 members. Keep up the good work. Those of us that have not gotten a member yet, let's all try to get that one member for the state of the new year.



New-Bee - Robin Cunningham
Iowa State Auxiliary Membership Chairman

The Mission of The Fraternal Order of Eagles



The Fraternal Order of Eagles, an international non-profit organization, unites fraternally in the spirit of liberty, truth, justice, and equality, to make human life more desirable by lessening its ills, and by promoting peace, prosperity, gladness and hope.

WCR Kidney Charity

I am honored to have been asked by WCR President Sandy Davis to be the regional chair for the Kidney charity. The D.D. Dunlap Kidney Fund has been an Eagle charity for almost 40 years. Internationally, the Eagles typically raise almost a quarter of a million dollars a year for this fund, money that is granted to institutions involved in kidney-related projects.

Through a lifetime of use, our kidneys can experience an acute kidney injury, such as lack of blood flow or direct damage to the kidneys, or a chronic kidney injury, such as polycystic kidney disease or immune system diseases. Medicine has made leaps and bounds in helping those who suffer kidney (or renal) failures to live lives as normal as possible. But there are miles to go in the treatment and cure of kidney disease.

I urge every auxiliary in the Nebraska and Iowa region to raise funds for this most-worthy of causes. All monies should be turned over to your state secretary prior to your state convention. You can let me and your state Kidney Chairperson know your total. Secondly, I would encourage any Eagle that can to consider organ donation. There are at any time 100,000 people in the US who are waiting for a kidney to be donated. Eagles are generous to a fault in this lifetime, you can be just as generous as you pass into the next world.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. I can be reached at 515-770-4675 or by email to dphrog@mchsi.com.

Thanks!
Julie Ervin
4145 6 Ave
Des Moines IA 50313

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1398	Creston	168	12	0/0	7	6
2715	Red Oak	146	12	2/0	4	3
3849	Shenandoah	60	12	0/0	1	1
3876	Missouri Valley	81	12	0/0	4	2
	TOTAL	623	60	3	32	28
AUX# SOUTHEAST LAKES						
109	Des Moines	227	24	0/0	32	18
114	Ottumwa	129	12	0/0	0	-1
150	Burlington	380	36	2/0	18	13
276	Oskaloosa	70	12	0/0	5	1
1287	Fort Madison	195	24	1/0	12	9
1927	Fairfield	152	12	2/1	14	8
2675	Centerville	147	12	1/0	12	11
2774	Chariton	60	12	0/0	0	1
3495	Osceola	91	12	0/0	0	0
3583	Albia	63	12	3/0	11	6
	TOTAL	1514	168	10	104	66
AUX# HAWKEYE						
764	Waterloo	238	24	0/0	15	10
2272	Cedar Rapids	271	24	2/0	11	8
2828	Tama-Toledo	272	24	0/0	8	6
3538	Manchester	47	12	0/0	6	4
4074	Cedar Falls	29	12	0/0	28	12
4114	Guttenberg	62	12	0/0	4	1
4466	Monticello	47	12	0/0	11	7
4512	Anamosa	30	12	0/0	0	0
	TOTAL	996	132	2	83	48
AUX# THREE RIVERS						
235	Davenport	146	12	0/0	5	4
568	Dubuque	62	12	0/0	0	0
695	Iowa City	231	24	4/1	16	7
705	Clinton	140	12	0/0	10	3
2545	Grinnell	129	12	1/0	8	8
3866	Maquoketa	133	12	0/1	3	2
4458	Asbury	87	12	0/0	6	5
	TOTAL	928	96	7	48	29
AUX# TALLCORN						
1381	LeMars	86	12	0/0	0	-3
1865	Hawarden	73	12	0/0	1	1
2297	Sheldon	140	12	1/0	4	2
3369	Ft Dodge	33	12	0/0	2	1
	TOTAL	332	48	1	7	1

Ottumwa Aerie and Aux. #114

State Charity Night

February 11th, 2017

- Luncheon 11am to 1pm
- serving Soup and Sandwich.
- Mens Initiation 1:00 pm
- Grab bag BINGO 1:00 pm
- Live Auction 2:30 pm
- Dinner (Serving Meatloaf) cost \$7.00
- Dance 8:00 pm

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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Check Out the NEW FOE.com

Changes include but not limited to:

- Streamlining our navigation system. Many of you brought up the difficulty in finding what you need, so we've reorganized content on the site in a way that we believe will make it easier than ever to find what you need.

- An improved news tool. Our new News page allows you to sort by category and find out the latest about what's going on with the F.O.E. Additionally, each charity or program with specific news items will have a widget in the right sidebar allowing you to see the latest news related to that topic.

- Our blog! Many members expressed a desire to hear more from Grand Aerie Headquarters leadership about what you can do to better build a successful Aerie and Auxiliary. We will be updating this blog with words from your Membership Director, Grand President's Assistants, Marketing Director, Grand Aerie Leadership and more!

- A refined Members-Only section. The previous version of the site featured a bloated Members-Only section packed with items that had no need to be kept behind our Members-Only wall. Our current section features only items which need to remain exclusive to members, while other items have been placed on their appropriate public pages.

- A dedicated Compliance page. Keeping your Aerie and/or Auxiliary compliant with the Grand Aerie is one of the most important tasks in our Order. We've created a page dedicated entirely to the Compliance process, the steps involved and how you can work to stay in Compliance.

- Grand Presidents Page. On the previous version of our website, the various bits of information regarding our current Grand Presidents was scattered throughout the site. We've created one page to hold all of that information, making it your one-stop shop for awards, bios, charities, tour dates and more for our Presidents.

We hope you enjoy the revisions we've made to the site. FOE.com is for YOU - and we want you to have the most enjoyable online experience we can offer. If you notice anything you'd like to see different, please let us know at marketing@foe.com and we'll bring your suggestions up for consideration.

**From the Grand Aerie Website...check it out.....www.foe.com

Take Advantage Of Your Exclusive Benefits

The slate of incredible benefits available to members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles continues to grow. Keep money in your wallet by taking advantage of some of our great new opportunities. Member benefits are now being offered through the following:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nationwide • Life Line Screening • LMT Club • Avis Car Rentals • Budget Car Rentals • Wyndham Hotel Group • CruisesOnly • TNT Vacations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office Depot • Red Roof Inn • Azigo • Constant Contact • Neptune Society • Long Term Care Resources • LifeLock • Emergency Assistance • ACSIA Partners |
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Visit the Member Benefits page in our Members-Only section to find out how you can start saving money today!

www.foeiowa.com

CONGRATULATIONS

to Janice Heston

Incoming
West Central
Regional President



CASH BASH
Tickets on
Sale NOW!!!!

**Cash Bash is to be held in Iowa City on
Saturday, May 6 from 4-9pm.**

There will be a
drawing at the top of EACH hour for \$1,000.
If your name is drawn for one,
it is thrown back in for a
chance at the other drawings!!

Need not be present to win.
If you attend, Food and drinks are on the house
(top shelf is \$1).

There will also be 50/50 raffle for each hour.
Yes, you can buy more than one ticket
to up your chance of winning.

**Contact any State Officer, or your
Aerie/Auxiliary Home to purchase tickets!!**

Fairfield #1927 State Charity Night

February 10, 2017

10 oz. Ribeye Steak or Iowa Chops \$11.00
Auction; Cake Walk; Raffles;
Followed by Karaoke by Jamie from 8:00-11:00

Motel Information:

Americinn 641-451-6600
Best Western 641-472-2200
Super 8- 641-469-2000