



The Iowa

F.O.E.

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Connection

With Our Sympathy

Family of Joyce Frondle

c/o Cathy Ham

308 Siepman Drive

Fairfax, IA 52228

(Joyce was a 60 year Auxiliary Member)

Thank You

I would like to thank all our eagle family for all the cards, thoughts, and prayers while my mom was ill and during her passing. Also, thank you to those who took time out of their busy schedule to attend her visitation.

*Every one of you,
are greatly appreciated.*

~ PSP 's Debbie and Rusty Clark

Thinking of You

Betty Langton

1130 Center Point Rd NE - Apt 33

Cedar Rapids IA 52402

(Betty had surgery for a broken leg)

A Note from the Auxiliary Membership Chair

Thank you, Madam President Julie, for asking me to be your membership chairman for this year. We are the Bullfrogs, Croakers, Toads and Pollywogs. Sign up those Tadpoles for your Lily pads and help Julie reach her goal of 415 New and re-enrolled members. See you at the Lotus pads and eventually back at the pond to get final totals.

*Rhonda Lanphier (Bullfrog)
Auxiliary Membership Chairman*

CONGRATS!

Grand
Vice President
KIM HAIDSIK



*Please join us in Celebrating
Don & Cindy Balsanek's*

50th Anniversary

Sunday, October 13, 2024
2:00 - 4:00 pm

Cedar Rapids Eagles Club
1735 - 11th Street NW

- Your presence is our gift! -

State Madam President's Notes

Sisters, the calendar and the weather are reminding us that fall is approaching. Labor Day will put a bow on a summer of fun. Conventions are now just sweet memories.

It is true, carrying the Iowa State Flag into the Monday meeting at Grand Convention is a wonderful event. I loved hearing my name, and the cheers of friends and sisters. Our flag was on the platform 5th from the left. The entire Convention was one of celebrating the fundraising we had done all year. There were lessons learned, joys and heartaches shared across the week. And TA TA TA DA..... our own Kim Haidsiak is now Grand Madam Vice President!!! That is wonderful news.

Ladies, keep on dreaming big for your Auxiliaries. As ladies are returning from summer activities, reach out to ones who may have been dropped over the summer. Offer a PSL and an offer to reenroll. Begin plans for your charity events, for all the charities.

~ As always I remain, ~ *The Rainbow Frog*



ENGINEER'S Monthly Report

New Orleans International Convention, was well represented by our Iowa Delegates. There were a total of 1,020 registered Delegates and Visitors in attendance. Over \$3,000,000 was raised for our charities last year. Sad to report, that we lost a brother from Arizona from a heart attack. The \$8.00 per year per-capita tax was approved raising it to \$20.00 per year starting next fiscal year. This means most by-laws may need to be updated and increase your yearly dues to cover the cost. Our state per-capita will remain the same. I would also like to Congratulate Kim Haidsiak of Red Oak for becoming our Grand Auxiliary Vice President.

Julie and I will be starting our State Charity Night travels starting September 7th in Albia for Iowa Service Dogs for Veterans and First Responders. Also, Albia will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary this week end. I will be stopping in Ottumwa on my way to attend their Car Show. Then we will be off to Omaha on the week end of September 20th through 22nd for West Central Regional Conference.

Join me and **Hop on Board the Iowa FOE Express** and sign up a member or 10! On membership so far this year we have signed up 107 New and 125 Re-enrolled members. We need 806 more for Net Gain and 926 for Net Gain + 2%. We currently have 941 members on the dropped for Failure to Pay Dues. All we need to do is get our dropped members to re-enroll and we will make our goal of Net Gain +2%. Your Secretary should have a dropped list posted in your Aerie so check the list and reach out to these members and find out why they dropped. It maybe they just forgot to pay.

As most of you know my Aerie in Maquoketa was almost destroyed by an F1 tornado on April 20th. I am glad to report that with the hard work by our Secretary Mike Duhme and some Officers and members we will be holding a Grand Reopening on September 7th with Live Music and other festivities. Stop by if you are in the area.

If you haven't booked your Charity Night, contact Patty Scott of Cedar Rapids & **HOP on BOARD the IOWA EXPRESS.**

~ See you all down the Eagle Trail ~ *Fraternally Yours* ~ *Worthy State President* ~ *Gene Kracht*

- 2024 - 2025 - Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER - 2024

September 7 ~ Albia State Charity
September 8 - Albia 50th Anniversary
September 20 ~ 22 - WCR Conference

OCTOBER - 2024

October 11 ~ Burlington State Charity
October 12 ~ Guttenberg State Charity
October 13 - DBQ Breakfast State Charity
October 19 - Creston State Charity
October 25 - Des Moines State Charity
October 26-27 - Western Zone Conference

NOVEMBER - 2024

November 1 ~ Shenandoah State Charity
November 2 - Red Oak State Charity
November 3 ~ Glenwood State Charity

JANUARY - 2025

January 10 -11 ~ Mid-Winter Conference - DSM

FEBRUARY - 2025

February 15 ~ Ottumwa State Charity
February 21 ~ Cedar Rapids State Charity
February 22 ~ Iowa City State Charity

MARCH - 2025

March 7 ~ Missouri Valley State Charity
March 8 - Council Bluffs State Charity
March 15 - Tama-Toledo State Charity
March 22 - Oskaloosa State Charity
March 28 - Maquokata State Charity
March 29-30 - Eastern Zone Conference

APRIL - 2025

April 11 - 13 ~ MINK Conference

JULY - 2025

July 3 - 6 ~ FOE Intl Convention



Guttenberg Eagles Club
2024 State Charity Event
and Auction
Saturday, October 12
3 p.m.



To benefit Iowa Service Dogs

They train and provide mobility and psychiatric service dogs at no charge for first responders and vets.

Benefit Auction

Homemade Lasagna Meal \$10
50/50 Raffles
Games & Bargo!

OPEN TO THE
PUBLIC -
EVERYONE
WELCOME!



Check out
our website!



www.foeiowa.com

MESSAGE from: OUR STATE CHARITY CHAIRMEN

Our calendar is filling up fast so if anyone needs to get on it just reach out to Patty at 319-440-9587. Let's all work together and make this a good year for The Iowa Service Dogs and all of us.

- James May and Patty Scott -
State Membership Chairmen

GRAND MADAM PRESIDENT - MARY GUTIERREZ - VISIT TO IOWA

Sisters,

GMP Mary Gutierrez will be visiting the State of Iowa sometime the first or second week in March, 2025, but as yet we do not know the dates. It is customary for the GMP to visit 2 Auxiliaries while she is in Iowa. One of those visits is always at the home of the Madam State President so she will be visiting the Des Moines Aux. #109 and if your Auxiliary would be interested in hosting the other visit to IOWA please contact the Iowa State Aux. Secretary by email @ cmb1804@mchsi.com with your request. If your Auxiliary is selected for her visit we will let you know so plans can be made as we get closer to the dates.

It is customary each year for the Madam State President to present a monetary gift to the Grand Madam President for her special project, at the one of the visits in IOWA. Please consider sending a contribution to GMP Mary's gift. Your check should be made out to the "Iowa State Auxiliary, FOE" and mailed to PO Box 11127, Cedar Rapids, IA 52410-1127 by Feb. 1, 2025. If you have any questions feel free to contact me by cell at 319-350-3966 or email at cmb1804@mchsi.com

~ Cindy Balsanek ~ IA State Auxiliary Secretary

Sisters,

REMINDER: 3 Signatures are required on your checks for the Auxiliary. You can utilize your Vice President as an additional signer in the event one of the other officers on your bank account are absent.

~ Cindy Balsanek ~ IA State Auxiliary Secretary

- AUXILIARY HISTORIAN REQUEST -

Anyone having pictures from events this year: MSP Julie Ervin would like to be able to put them in her albums to capture her visits this year.

Please Email or Mail Them to Either:

Stacey Craft
3400 SE Taurus Ave
Topeka, KS 66605
email: staceycraft93@gmail.com

or

Nicole Gragg
201 Trueblood Ave
Oskaloosa, IA 52577
email: Nicole.Gragg@wmpenn.edu

To Contact the Aux State Secretary

Cindy Balsanek, PSP
PO BOX 11127 ~ Cedar Rapids, IA 52410-1127
Email: cmb1804@mchsi.com (319) 350-3966

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

AERIE	CITY	ROSTER a/o 8/15/24	GOAL	NEW	RE	YTD	# for NET GAIN
104	Council Bluffs	141	12	0	2	2	-25
109	Des Moines	253	24	8	2	10	-39
114	Ottumwa	51	12	0	1	1	-12
150	Burlington	329	36	9	2	11	-40
276	Oskaloosa	56	12	0	0	0	-6
568	Dubuque	39	12	0	1	1	-3
695	Iowa City	170	24	3	2	5	-24
764	Waterloo	118	12	0	0	0	-28
1287	Ft Madison	203	24	10	0	10	-16
1398	Creston	191	24	3	0	3	-19
1865	Hawarden	52	12	3	2	5	-5
2272	Cedar Rapids	183	24	0	1	1	-33
2297	Sheldon	138	12	2	0	2	-5
2545	Grinnell	109	12	1	0	1	-11
2715	Red Oak	116	12	1	0	1	-12
2774	Chariton	18	12	0	0	0	-2
2828	Tama-Toledo	170	24	2	1	3	-13
3495	Osceola	56	12	0	0	0	0
3583	Albia	39	12	2	1	3	-14
3849	Shenandoah	38	12	1	0	1	-8
3866	Maquoketa	52	12	3	0	3	0
3876	Missouri Valley	124	12	1	7	8	-12
4074	Cedar Falls	36	12	0	0	0	-2
4114	Guttenberg	62	12	2	0	2	-4
4458	Asbury	72	12	2	2	4	-32
4466	Monticello	18	12	0	0	0	-6
~ ~ ~	JULY TOTAL	2834	~ ~ ~	53	24	77	-371

WEST CENTRAL REGIONAL CONFERENCE

September 20-22 at Omaha Aerie #38
201 S 24th St. Omaha, NE

It is requested to pre-register to help aid in calculating food needs. Please make sure to put your **NAME, HIGHEST TITLE, AND YOUR AERIE NUMBER** when you register.

To register, send name, address, phone number, Auxiliary/Aerie officer held (PSP, PWP, PMP, etc) and registration fee of \$50 to: Dennis Micek, 704 Comanche St, Columbus, NE 68601
Checks made out to Nebraska State Aerie with "WCR" in the memo.

Fee will go up \$10 to \$60 if registered less than 7 days prior to the conference. Non-refundable.

Registering before September 12 will get you into a drawing for a one night room free drawing.

Friday, Sept 20 5-11 pm hospitality room

Saturday, Sept 21 9:30 am meeting starts

Banquet - Hospitality Room

Auction items are needed for Friday night. Proceeds go to Grand Charities.

Lodging available at the EVEN motel.

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104	Council Bluffs	198	24	4	6	10	-30
109	Des Moines	343	36	6	1	7	-38
114	Ottumwa	110	12	4	1	5	-17
150	Burlington	441	48	9	11	20	-80
276	Oskaloosa	64	12	3	0	3	-12
568	Dubuque	89	12	1	1	2	-40
695	Iowa City	354	36	2	6	8	-46
764	Waterloo	186	24	2	0	2	-38
1287	Ft Madison	312	36	9	4	13	-8
1381	Le Mars	133	12	0	0	0	-19
1398	Creston	296	24	11	4	15	-53
1865	Hawarden	95	12	4	3	7	2
2272	Cedar Rapids	291	36	12	8	20	-68
2297	Sheldon	362	36	9	16	25	-43
2545	Grinnell	160	12	5	6	11	-7
2675	Centerville	142	12	2	0	2	-20
2715	Red Oak	79	12	3	6	9	-30
2774	Chariton	15	12	0	0	0	-1
2828	Tama-Toledo	256	24	5	8	13	-20
3369	Ft Dodge	44	12	12	0	12	-11
3495	Osceola	86	12	1	0	1	-13
3583	Albia	41	12	1	1	2	-9
3784	Glenwood	277	24	7	6	13	-49
3849	Shenandoah	73	12	2	4	6	-12
3866	Maquoketa	144	12	0	0	0	-13
3876	Missouri Valley	129	12	3	6	9	-22
4074	Cedar Falls	153	12	2	1	3	-19
4114	Guttenberg	98	12	2	3	5	-21
4458	Asbury	158	12	2	2	4	-49
4466	Monticello	63	12	4	4	8	-5
4544	Independence	13	12	0	0	0	-3
~ ~ ~	JULY TOTAL	5205	~ ~ ~	127	108	235	-794

As your West Central Regional President this year from Iowa - I am looking forward to this year. I would like to see you at Omaha 38 for regional.
~ Rusty Clark - WCR President 2024-20025

CONNECTION

Article Submissions

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

Send to: Janel Miller at
iowa.foe.bulletin@gmail.com
or soulburnz@gmail.com

Cell: 319-721-1129

IA FOE WEBSITE & FACEBOOK PAGE

Submissions

To submit items for the Website or FB PAGE: Contact: Patty Kavelage
email: pkavelage@yahoo.com

To Contact the Aerie State Secretary

Randy Woods, PWP

2937 Avenue J ~ Council Bluffs, IA 51501

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

Thoughts From an Old-Timer

Hello Brothers and Sisters:

Here we are in September, school has started and the weather will soon cool down. West Central Regional is right around the corner, if you can make it across the river on the west side I encourage you to attend. I'm sure Rusty and Liz have a great program lined up.

Make it a priority between now and the holidays to do something for your community. Make sure your community knows what the Fraternal Order of Eagles is all about-- Raising money to help those less fortunate than ourselves. Ask someone to join your aerie and/or auxiliary, we can always use more help and more new ideas.

State charity nights are starting up, if there is one close by take a little trip and help that aerie and auxiliary raise some money.

Remember that the Constitution, Rules and Regulations and By-laws are there to make sure that we are doing things the right way. Here's hoping that each Aerie and Auxiliary can do a better job of working together this year to make this a great year in Eagledom.

Hope to see you along the Eagle trail ~ *Fraternally, Dennis Verploegh - Iowa F.O.E - PSP*

WESTERN ZONE CONFERENCE 2024 - INFORMATION

Weekend of Oct 25th - Oct 27th

- Des Moines State Charity Event - Friday, October 25th
- Western Zone Conference - Saturday, Oct 26th - Sunday, Oct 27th
- **Registration:** \$20.00 send to: DSM Auxiliary - 6567 Bloomfield Rd - Des Moines, IA 50320 - by October 15th.
- **AUXILIARY RAFFLE** - Each Auxiliary in Western Zone is responsible to bring a gift (\$5.00 minimum) for the raffle. No White Elephant or Gag gifts.
- **Breakfast** - Des Moines 109 will be serving a hot breakfast each morning of Western Zone from 7 to 8:30 am. Breakfast burritos and/or biscuits and gravy. \$5 for one or \$8 for both.

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE 2025 - INFORMATION

Here is the information for room reservations for the Mid-Winter Conference
Friday, January 10th & Saturday, January 11th, 2025 at the Holiday Inn - Merle Hay Rd in Des Moines.

Here are the instructions for reservations:

Group Name: Board Meetings

Group Code: FEM

Reservations Deadline: December 20, 2024

RATES: • *Standard Double Queen or King Executive* = \$129.00 - plus 12% tax per night

• *Junior King Suite* = \$149.00 - plus 12% tax per night

To Reserve: Call us at: 515-278-4755

- 2 Breakfast coupons per room - per night, are included in these prices -

Any questions, contact: *Rusty Clark ~ State Convention Chairman* (641) 203-1001