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Connection

GRAND MADAM PRESIDENT - MARY GUTIERREZ - VISIT TO IOWA

Grand Madam President - Mary Gutierrez will be visiting the State of Iowa - Sat-Sun, March 15-16, 2025.

Current Visitation plans:

~ Saturday, March 15, 2025 - Tama-Toledo

***** STATE CHARITY EVENT *****

*** 11:00 am - Lunch - Walking Tacos

*** 1:00 pm - Introduction of Officers

*** 1:30 pm - Live Auction, Raffles, 50/50's

*** 5 pm - Steak Supper *** 7:30 pm - Live Music / Cake Walk

~ Sunday, March 16, 2025 - Des Moines -

***** Lunch @ Noon**

***** 1:00 pm - ALL STATE INITIATION**

Keep an eye out for emails with further updates as we receive them, and final plans in the March bulletin.



GRAND WORTHY PRESIDENT - PETER ACKERS - VISIT TO IOWA



Grand Worthy President - Peter Ackers will be visiting the State of Iowa on the following dates:

- March 7th, Missouri Valley, State Charity
- March 8th, Council Bluffs, State Charity
- March 12th, Red Oak, evening visit
- March 13th, Des Moines, evening visit
- March 14th, Burlington, evening visit
- March 15th Shenandoah, evening visit

If you are in these areas, around these date's, please stop in and say Hi to Peter.

State Madam President's Notes

Brother and Sister Eagles, I hope you are doing well. As we look to spring (which will officially be in a few weeks), I am looking forward to seeing more of you along the Eagle trail.

I would encourage you to expand your own borders a bit. If you have never attended anything outside your own club, please venture out. You will see that Eagles in other Aeries in the state, or in the Midwest, even in the entirety of Eagledom, are terrific people. Just like you, they are dedicated to making a difference in the world. They enjoy a good laugh, maybe an occasional beverage, and raising money to help others. I can promise you it will be worth your time.

We will have MINK and Eastern Zone coming up. There are some charity events yet to come. There is, in a couple of weeks, visit from both Grand Presidents.

I know as we look to the last half of the fraternal year that each of you will continue to do all the wonderful things you do to contribute. I appreciate all the you do towards that effort.

As always I remain ~ *The Rainbow Frog*



ENGINEER'S Monthly Report



Since my last report I made another trip around the sun and started my 53rd year as a member of this Great Organization.

Time to get back on the IOWA FOE Express. Been idling for about 3 months, now back on the road for Iowa Service Dogs:
February: 15 - Ottumwa; 21 - Cedar Rapids; 22 - Iowa City.

March: 1 - Lamars; 7 - Mo Valley; 8 - Council Bluffs; 15 - Tama; 21 - Grinnell; 22 - Oskaloosa; 28 Maquoketa.

April: 5 - Waterloo; April 11 - 12 Omaha for MINK. Please feel free to attend some or all!

April 5th Maquoketa will be hosting the 2025 State Dart Tournament. More information in this newsletter.

Eastern Zone will be held on March 29th - 30th in Maquoketa. Our Grand Aerie Rep will be Joseph "Bundy" Smith, Grand Trustee. On Saturday I will be holding a workshop on how to apply for Grants. We would like to see someone from each Aerie in the East Zone attending. West Zone delegates are also welcome (They usually have more delegates than the East Zone).

Grand Aerie Worthy President Pater Ackers from Folsom, California will be visiting Iowa on March 12th at Red Oak, 13th Des Moines and I will be meeting up with him in Burlington on the 14th. If you get a chance to stop and meet him you will not be disappointed.

Cash Bash will be held in Des Moines this year on May 3rd. Tickets are available from State Officers or check with your Aerie Secretary. Price is \$30.00 per ticket for 5 - \$1,000.00 drawings and need not to be present to win. If you attend your ticket will also be good for food, entertainment & all your Beer & Well Drinks from 4pm

State Vice President's raffle tickets are available for \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00. 1st prize \$1,000; 2nd \$300; 3rd \$200 and will be held at the 2025 State Convention and need not be present to win.

Hope to see many of my Brothers and Sisters as we roll through Iowa on the FOE Express.

Remember Iowa runs from River to River and Border to Border, so sign up a member to our Fraternal Order.

Till next month I remain blessed to be your State Worthy President - *Gene Kracht*

- 2025 - Calendar of Events

MARCH - 2025

March 7 ~ Missouri Valley State Charity
March 8 - Council Bluffs State Char-
March 15 - Tama-Toledo State Charity
March 21 - Grinnell State Charity
March 22 - Oskaloosa State Charity
March 28 - Maquokata State Charity
March 29-30 - Eastern Zone Conference

APRIL - 2025

April 5 ~ Waterloo State Charity
April 11 - 13 ~ MINK Conference - Omaha

MAY - 2025

May 3 ~ CA\$H BA\$H - Des Moines

JUNE - 2025

June 12 - 14 ~ Iowa State Convention
Des Moines, Iowa

JULY - 2025

July 5 - 10 ~ FOE Intl Convention
Grand Rapids, Michigan

CASH BASH



~ 2025 ~

Saturday, MAY 3rd - 4-9 pm

Des Moines Aerie #109

Five - \$1,000 Drawings

Five - 50/50 Drawings

~ FOOD, DRINK & ENTERTAINMENT ~

Tickets: \$30.00

**Get Your Tickets in Advance from any
State Officer or Randy Woods**

- Need Not Be Present to Win \$1,000 Drawings -

Let the
Shenanigans
Begin!

Thoughts From an Old-Timer

Hopefully by the time that you read this, the snow and cold weather will be a thing of the past. It is time for every Aerie and Auxiliary to look around your home and look for people who need to be recognized. We have so many awards that are given at State Convention. Nominate someone from your Aerie or Auxiliary for each one. We are an organization of volunteers, and we need to make sure that we are recognizing them.

Next thing I would like to address is it will soon be time for nomination and election of officers for the next year. Make sure that obligations and duties for officers are shared with those who are thinking about taking an office. Those who are taking an office, remember the oath that you take about fulfilling your duties by attending every meeting that you are able and if you can't do the office justice then either don't take it or resign when you know you can't do the job. It takes a full slate of officers doing THEIR jobs to make an Aerie & Auxiliary work. Always look and accept new ideas, you never know if they will work until you give them a try.

Until we meet again on the Eagle Trail... ~ *Fraternally, ~ Future WSP ~ Dennis Verploegh ~*

RESERVATION INFO for STATE CONVENTION 2025

Please use the following to make reservations for State Convention 2025.

-- Convention dates are Thursday, June 12th - Saturday June 14th --

Group Name: [Eagles State Convention 2025](#)

Reservation Deadline Is: **MAY 21st, 2025**

Group Code: FOO (<<< those are 2 ohs - not zeros)

Rates: Double-Queen or Double-King Standard - \$126.00 plus 12% tax per night

Junior King or Extended Suites - \$146.00 plus 12% tax per night

Family King Suites - \$166.00 plus 12% tax per night

Family Double Queen Suites - \$186.00 plus 12% tax per night

Rates Include: Two (2) coupons each morning for Full Hot Breakfast at Bennigan's Restaurant from 6:30 am until 10:30 am.

To Reserve Rooms: You will get the Easiest & Best Results if You Reserve This Way

Call: Michael Foreman at: 515-727-0401 = Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

***** Use this method if you reserve the same specific room every year.**

Click to: [Eagles State Convention 2025](#) - and use the 3-letter code = FOO

***** Use this method if you get a randomly assigned room**

**** The Holiday Inn website has changed a little and it's not very user friendly. I will make some semi-simple instructions to email to everyone. Call / text / email me if you have trouble navigating their website. It's not really hard, you just have to dig around a little bit. ~ Janel ~ soulburnz@gmail.com or 319-721-1129*

AUXILIARY CONVENTION INFORMATION

ATTENTION ALL AUXILIARY SECRETARIES:

It is that time of the year again! State Convention is right around the corner. I want to pass along a couple of items of interest to all of you:

1. Packets will be emailed out the first part of March so please watch your EMAIL!
2. If you had a delegate/member in attendance at State Convention last year you will receive your Credential forms by snail mail so watch for them.
3. If you have someone attending State Convention this year but you do not receive the Credential form(s) please let me know. You can reach me at 319-350-3966. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL MAY 15TH TO LET ME KNOW YOU NEED A CREDENTIAL FORM!**
4. Please watch your EMAIL and State Bulletin for updates to Information on State Convention.

If you need the information for the Verna Funke Scholarship Application, Woman of the Year Award, Alta B. Smith Woman of the Year, Ritual Hall of Fame, or Hall of Fame Guidelines please let me know and I will get them to you. These are also in the State Guidelines book all local Secretaries, State Officers and Past State Presidents received a few years ago when they were updated.

To All Auxiliary Secretaries:

If your Auxiliary is incorporated in the State of Iowa, you will be or will have already seen an email from Paul Pate, Secretary of State - concerning your Biennial report which is **due March 31, 2025**. In order to keep your Incorporation for your Auxiliary in force you are required to complete this report every year. If you have any questions or need any help, feel free to reach out to me cbalcbalsanek@gmail.com or cmb1804@mchsi.com. Or call: (319)350-3966.

Thanks for all you do! ~ Cindy Balsanek ~ IA State Auxiliary Secretary

To all Auxiliary Eastern Zone Officers:

As you all know Eastern Zone is right around the corner and I hope you have been searching for that special raffle gift valued at \$10.00 for the Trustee's Raffle. Please do not wrap your gift so it can be placed on a table with the others, and members can easily choose which bag/raffle gift they wish to take a chance on. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 319-350-3966. Thank you all for your help.

~ Cindy Balsanek ~ IA State Auxiliary Secretary

To Auxiliary Members on Julie's Committee List for This Year:

Please send me any updates to your EMAIL / PHONE or ADDRESS, so we can make sure to get any communications regarding State Charity to the correct place. My contact info is listed several times on this page.

Thank you! ~ Cindy Balsanek ~ IA State Auxiliary Secretary

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP REPORT							
AERIE	CITY	ROSTER a/o 02/15/25	GOAL	NEW	RE	YTD	# for NET GAIN
104	Council Bluffs	156	12	0	0	17	-10
109	Des Moines	271	24	6	1	21	-21
114	Ottumwa	52	12	2	0	4	-11
150	Burlington	341	36	0	0	24	-28
276	Oskaloosa	59	12	2	0	6	-3
568	Dubuque	41	12	0	0	3	-1
695	Iowa City	179	24	0	0	11	-15
764	Waterloo	120	12	0	0	5	-26
1287	Ft Madison	226	24	3	0	34	7
1398	Creston	197	24	2	2	10	-13
1865	Hawarden	52	12	0	0	5	-5
2272	Cedar Rapids	187	24	0	0	7	-29
2297	Sheldon	153	12	1	0	18	10
2545	Grinnell	108	12	0	0	1	-12
2715	Red Oak	117	12	0	0	2	-11
2774	Chariton	18	12	0	0	0	-2
2828	Tama-Toledo	170	24	2	2	8	-13
3495	Osceola	54	12	0	0	0	-2
3583	Albia	43	12	0	0	4	-10
3849	Shenandoah	37	12	0	0	1	-9
3866	Maquoketa	54	12	0	0	5	2
3876	Missouri Valley	135	12	0	0	16	-2
4074	Cedar Falls	36	12	0	0	0	-1
4114	Guttenberg	65	12	0	0	6	-1
4458	Asbury	77	12	0	0	10	-27
4466	Monticello	20	12	0	0	2	-4
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To Contact the Aux State Secretary

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

~ Thank You ~

I would like to Thank my Eagle Family
for all of the cards that I received
for the loss of my daughter.
They were greatly appreciated.





Hello Iowa, I think spring is just about here. This snow and cold weather isn't making it very easy to get into the riding mode. With that being said, we have had many groups doing events this winter to keep busy and preparing for the riding season. Motorcycle swap meets are popping up around Iowa and I'm personally working one in Cedar Rapids on March 2nd. When there are events like this, it's a good time to get out and promote the Eagle Riders. 2025 State Raffle Tickets have been sent out to each of the groups so keep an eye out for them being sold soon. Remember this State Convention we will be deciding on next year's State Rally. If you're wanting the Rally next year, start preparing now.

~ Iowa Eagle Riders Coordinator ~ Dennis (Chief) Walkup


 Check out
 our website!
www.foeiowa.com


PATTY K's - NEW EMAIL
 FMP - Patty Kavelage has a NEW EMAIL ADDRESS:
pattyk18@gmail.com

AERIE MEMBERSHIP REPORT							
AERIE	CITY	ROSTER a/o 02/15/25	GOAL	NEW	RE	YTD	# for NET GAIN
104	Council Bluffs	216	24	2	1	33	-12
109	Des Moines	363	36	5	1	29	-18
114	Ottumwa	114	12	1	1	11	-13
150	Burlington	492	48	4	0	67	-29
276	Oskaloosa	68	12	0	0	4	-8
568	Dubuque	89	12	0	0	2	-40
695	Iowa City	360	36	0	0	17	-40
764	Waterloo	192	24	5	0	14	-32
1287	Ft Madison	338	36	2	0	46	18
1381	Le Mars	131	12	0	0	0	-21
1398	Creston	320	24	3	2	39	-29
1865	Hawarden	106	12	6	0	13	13
2272	Cedar Rapids	318	36	0	0	39	-41
2297	Sheldon	385	36	0	7	50	-20
2545	Grinnell	166	12	0	0	17	-1
2675	Centerville	153	12	0	0	13	-9
2715	Red Oak	87	12	6	1	18	-22
2774	Chariton	15	12	0	0	0	-1
2828	Tama-Toledo	259	24	0	0	16	-17
3369	Ft Dodge	47	12	0	0	17	-8
3495	Osceola	91	12	1	0	6	-8
3583	Albia	45	12	0	1	7	-5
3784	Glenwood	290	24	0	1	33	-36
3849	Shenandoah	73	12	0	0	7	-12
3866	Maquoketa	169	12	3	0	24	12
3876	Missouri Valley	143	12	0	0	22	-8
4074	Cedar Falls	166	12	1	0	18	-6
4114	Guttenberg	105	12	1	1	14	-14
4458	Asbury	170	12	1	0	16	-37
4466	Monticello	70	12	0	0	15	2
4544	Independence	13	12	0	0	0	-3
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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: pattyk18@gmail.com
 or text: 712-251-9588

**To Contact the
 Aerie State Secretary**
 Randy Woods, PWP
 2937 Avenue J
 Council Bluffs, IA 51501
 Email: rwoods17@cox.net
 712-328-8612

A MESSAGE FROM OUR WCR PRESIDENT

It's that time of year again to be thinking on who you would like to nominate for Aerie and Auxiliary Officers. Let's get all the offices filled and then work with them to learn and have a good fraternal year. At the end of March in Maquoketa there will be Eastern Zone Conference, where we discuss the dealings of the State Aerie and Auxiliary. Please attend this meetings, they are very important on how the Eagles should be ran. If you are thinking on running for a office in your home Aerie or Auxiliary this is a good time to visit from past officers, State, local and grand. If you are thinking of running for a State office this would be a informative meeting to attend.

~ WCR President/PSP ~ Rusty Clark

ATTENTION: AERIE STATE OFFICER CANDIDATES

If you are interested in becoming an Aerie State Officer, there is an IOWA STATE OFFICER APPLICATION included with the EMAILED bulletins. Guidelines to become an officer and instructions on how to fill out the application are included.

~ Nominating Committee Chairman ~ PSP ~ Rusty Clark

The printed version of the bulletin that is mailed... does not include the forms. If you need a copy of the forms mailed, please call: Janel Miller at 319-721-1129.



~ IOWA STATE DART TOURNAMENT 2025 ~

**MAQUOKETA AERIE #3866 at 1102 East Platt Street
SATURDAY - APRIL 5th at 12 Noon - Ph#: 319-652-6626**

Registration Fee is \$10.00 per person
Plus all money required for the machines.



Pay back will be 100% fees after expenses.
1st & 2nd Place Trophies provided by Mauqoketa, along with
prize monies awarded at the end of the tournament.

- ~ All participants shall be placed in a lottery to draw for partners.
- ~ The Tournament shall consist of 501-Cricket-501 tournament rules.

Points to be awarded to each player of the doubles team:

1st place - 10 points	2nd place - 7 points
3rd place - 4 points	4th place - 3 points
5th place - 2 points	6th place - 2 points
Remaining Players - 1 point	

In case of a tie, a shoot off between one player from each of the teams, to be chosen by their respective team, will determine winner.

EASTERN ZONE - 2025 - HOTEL INFORMATION -

Saturday, March 29th - Sunday, March 30th, 2025
~ Maquoketa ~

AmericInn by Wyndham
1910 Nairn Dr
Maquoketa IA 52060

- RATES:**
- 2 Beds - \$155.00 plus tax - per night
 - 1 King Bed - \$160.00 plus tax - per night

To Reserve: Call: (563) 652-0222

Econo Lodge
1049 West Platt Street (behind McDonalds)
Maquoketa IA 52060

- RATES:**
- \$89.00 plus tax - per night

To Reserve: Call: (563) 652-6888

DON'T FORGET to BOOK YOUR ROOMS for MINK 2025 - SOON!

MINK CONFERENCE 2025:

- SADDLE UP AND PUT YOUR BOOTS ON!
We are Heading out to the WILD WEST
- *Fun & Learning Weekend at the -*
MINK CONFERENCE 2025 - APRIL 11-13
- KANSAS HOSTING
- FRIDAY AFTERNOON:
WORKSHOPS / GREAT PROGRAMS / EVEN BETTER FRATERNALISM
- Book Your Room at Embassy Suites - Omaha, NE
- MOTEL BOOKING Link: <http://bit.ly/3VrOvnx> online

or Call In - 1-800-362-2779 & request
Embassy Suites Omaha Downtown
the Code to receive your rate is CES93J

The deadline to book is 3/11/2025. Discounted rate will
not be available after this date or until your block is filled,
whichever is first.

Oskaloosa Eagles #276 presents

STATE CHARITY NIGHT

Saturday March 22

Oskaloosa Eagles Club
215 High Ave East
Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577

EVENT SCHEDULE:

- 2pm - Club Opens
- 2pm-4pm - Cake and Booze Walk
- 4pm-5pm - Meal Served
- 5pm - Introductions
- Live Auction to follow
- 8pm - Karaoke with Foxy



What is IOWA Service Dogs?

Inspiring Our Warriors of America: We are a nonprofit organization that trains service dogs for first responders and veterans. Volunteer Guardians raise and train each dog from puppyhood until we match the dog with its warrior.

DINNER MENU

Pulled Pork, Cheesy Potatoes, Baked Beans, Cupcakes for \$12



SMP Julie Ervin and SWP Gene Kracht will be in attendance!

Contact Nicole Gragg for more information or with questions:
Nicole.Gragg@wmpenn.edu | 402-369-2999

**GRINNELL STATE
CHARITY EVENT
Has Been RESCHEDULED
from: MARCH 14th
to: MARCH 21st**



@IowaStateFOE

Carleen Corum would love to hear from any well wisher's. You can reach her on her cell phone at (641)484-5820.

IOWA STATE OFFICER APPLICATION

This application form was created to give you an opportunity to prepare for your interview with the nominating committee. It is not inclusive of all the questions that could be asked, but gives you an idea of what to expect. Thank you for showing this degree of interest in the FOE Iowa State Aerie.

NEW CANDIDATES: Please bring your GOLD card or copy of your PWP Certificate to your interview.

According to the Iowa State By-Laws Article IV Section 3, if you are a new candidate, you will need a letter from your home aerie with approval of their backing with aerie president and secretary signatures and the aerie seal for the first 3 years in the state chairs.

This form does not imply that you would accept a nomination for state office in the Iowa State Aerie. Section 91.1 of the Grand aerie constitution will be enforced.

Section 91.1- No member shall be placed in nomination for any office unless he be in good standing and present at the time such nomination is made. If unable to be present, a candidate to office must file with the Iowa State Aerie secretary, his written consent to have his name placed in nomination for such office.

Please email or mail this application to:

Rusty Clark 115 York Avenue Chariton Iowa 50049 or rustydeb53@yahoo.com

NAME _____

Current State office (if any) _____

1. I have been an aerie member for _____ years.
2. To which aerie are you affiliated? _____
3. Which of the following events have you participated in this past year?
___ Zones ___ State Convention ___ State charities ___ State board meetings
___ WCR ___ MINK ___ International Convention
4. How active are you in your local aerie? _____
What offices have you held? _____
Have you read the officer's handbook? _____
5. What type of attitude/character do you think a state officer should have?

6. In your opinion, Do you feel a State officer's demeanors, mannerisms, and how they dress are important?

7. What do you feel are the most important duties and responsibilities of a State Aerie officer?

8. In your own words, tell us why you should be selected by the nominating committee as a candidate for State Aerie officer.

