



The Iowa

FOE

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IOWA DONOR NETWORK TESTIMONIALS:

"Our son Jacob was able to save and restore many lives through his donated organs and tissues. We have always been donors on our licenses not knowing just how precious this gift truly is! Since losing our son, we have met two of his recipients. Seeing firsthand what the gift of life has meant to both of them has been instrumental in helping us heal from the loss of our beloved son.

For anyone unsure about becoming an organ donor, it truly has been the best decision we've ever made. Knowing our son saved lives and preventing others from losing their loved ones is pretty remarkable. Anyone can register. It doesn't matter how old you are or if you've been sick. It's so easy to become someone's true hero!"

--Stacy Henkelman, Donor Mom

"My mom saved and healed the lives of 66 people as an organ, eye and tissue donor when she passed away suddenly from a brain aneurysm. As a NASCAR driver, I'm encouraging Iowans of every age to register today."

-- Joey Gase, Donor Son



Every Fraternal Year our state presidents decide on a state Project to raise money for. This year our State Worthy President Kent George and State Madam President Connie Borschel have chosen the Iowa Donor Network for this year's charity. Please help us by donating to the State Eagles Iowa Donor Network Charity



Donating can be as easy as scanning this QR Code!

Please do consider we are charged a processing fee for credit cards.
\$20 is actually \$19.05



All money raised for the Iowa Donor Network will go to them. The FOE keeps nothing and doesn't charge anything. People Helping People is what the Fraternal Order of Eagles is about.





FROM the AERIE PRESIDENT



STAR DATE 09.2026: CAPTAIN KENT'S LOG:

We're on a one year mission to raise money for the Iowa Donor Network. We made it to the Grand Intl Convention in Dallas, Texas. Met a lot of new friends, along with the old friends. On the way home we stopped & did a little site seeing. We stopped off in Fort Worth, The Stockyards & saw Bagnell Dam, Lake of the Ozarks. I know it's been over 50 years since I've been there. It was Denise's first time visiting Texas. Got home on Sunday & recuperating now. Going to start on bird houses for State charity nights. Next up is West Central Regional in South Sioux City, Nebraska on September 18th - 20th. There is Cursory Training at Des Moines Aerie 109 September 26th & 27th, unfortunately I will not be attending as my youngest daughter is getting married, in Columbus, NE. As of right now our first charity event is October 31st at Des Moines Aerie 109. There's plenty of dates open for more, so let's get them booked. We want to raise a lot of money for the Iowa Donor Network. Warp speed ahead all.

~ *Fraternally Yours: Captain Kent - your Worthy State President*



FROM the AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Happy September Everyone:

Well, National Convention is behind us. It was a great time with meetings, fellowship, friends (old and New). It was such an honor to carry the Iowa State Flag for the opening session. Iowa showed up in force for Kim and her hippie theme. So many GROOVY sisters.

State charity nights are being booked and we will be getting busy. If your aerie and/or auxiliary has not booked your nights, please contact Denise George or James May. They will be happy to assist you. Representatives from the Iowa Donor Network are excited to get out with us and raise money.

Our Membership is beginning to climb this year. Be sure you get your seed packets and sprinkle them for growing our flower garden.

I'm looking forward to receiving an updated report from the Donor Network soon.

Have a great September, see you down the trail.

~ *Connie Borschel, State Madam President*

AERIE MEMBERSHIP REPORT							
AERIE	CITY	ROSTER a/o 08/15/26	GOAL	NEW	RE	YTD	# for NET GAIN
104	Council Bluffs	173	24	3	6	9	-34
109	Des Moines	317	36	11	2	13	-32
114	Ottumwa	94	12	0	0	0	-24
150	Burlington	403	48	14	18	32	-67
276	Oskaloosa	46	12	0	0	0	-14
568	Dubuque	67	12	1	0	1	-14
695	Iowa City	289	36	2	3	5	-30
764	Waterloo	156	12	4	5	9	-27
1287	Ft Madison	340	36	9	2	11	-26
1381	Le Mars	111	12	1	0	1	-4
1398	Creston	289	36	0	7	7	-48
1865	Hawarden	104	12	1	8	9	-10
2272	Cedar Rapids	198	24	6	12	18	-56
2297	Sheldon	346	36	3	8	11	-55
2545	Grinnell	152	12	1	1	2	-14
2774	Chariton	15	12	0	0	0	0
2828	Tama-Toledo	191	24	4	8	12	-38
3369	Ft Dodge	49	12	0	0	0	0
3495	Osceola	151	12	13	4	17	1
3583	Albia	29	12	1	1	2	-12
3784	Glenwood	186	24	7	6	13	-47
3849	Shenandoah	72	12	2	2	4	-14
3866	Maquoketa	173	24	0	0	0	-13
3876	Missouri Valley	167	12	9	5	14	4
4074	Cedar Falls	163	12	13	1	14	-8
4114	Guttenberg	101	12	1	3	4	-11
4458	Asbury	146	12	4	3	7	-10
4466	Monticello	39	12	0	1	1	-34
4544	Independence	11	12	0	0	0	0
- - -	AUG TOTAL	4578	564	110	106	216	-637

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE - JANUARY 2027

Friday, January 8th - Social Time

Saturday, January 9th - Board Meeting

[Link to Rooms at Holiday Inn:](https://tinyurl.com/97b4bcu3)

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Or Use QR CODE:



West Central Regional Conference September 18-20, 2026

Friday

- Doors Open at 10 am—Dart Tournament—So Sioux City Eagles 2492
- Registration 4:00-8:00 pm
- Themed evening—Dig out your Hippie gear and join in the fun! Time to get groovy!
- Hospitality 5:00-11:00 pm. Closed during the auction & entertainment.
- Auction 6:30 pm—Bring an auction item! Proceeds to Make-A-Wish
- Entertainment following the Auction

Saturday

- Breakfast 7:30 am—Free Will Offering
- Registration 8:00-9:00 am
- Meeting starts 9:30 am
- Lunch—Hospitality Room/Free Will Offering
- Hospitality 5:00-11:00 pm. Closed during Banquet
- Banquet—Doors open at 6:00 pm Dinner 6:30 pm
- Countdown Drawing following the banquet

Raffle Baskets—Auction—50/50 Drawings—Coin Purse
Raffle—Quilt Drawing

Join us for a fun-filled weekend and let's grant a wish from
the West Central Regional!

Grant Presentation to Sleep in Heavenly Peace

GUTTENBERG STATE CHARITY



COMING SOON!!

OCT 10, 2026

EAGLES

Auxiliary

CHARITY AUCTION

to benefit

Iowa Donor Network

AERIE/AUXILIARY MEMBERS:

★ WE NEED ★

NEW

OR

GENTLY USED

AUCTION ITEMS!!



Clean out those closets, garages and attics!!



DONATIONS



BRING ITEMS TO EAGLES AFTER SEP 25



OR WE'LL PICK THEM UP IN GUTTENBERG AREA



NANCY JO 563-880-3394

★ ★ -> Thank you for helping us make this fundraiser a success! <- ★ ★



AERIE STATE MEMBERSHIP - 2026-2027



Greetings - From your State Aerie Membership Chairman Again!

WSP Kent has a fantastic theme for this year: STAR TREK - LIVE LONG and PROSPER IN THE FOE! The State pin has the Star Trek logo and incorporates MSP Connie's dragonfly logo and you can purchase one for \$5 from any State Aerie Trustee or from the membership teams.

But I'm here to talk about Membership. In July, Iowa aeries dropped 813 members, which is 70 MORE than what Iowa signed last year! This is a trend we cannot keep ignoring or hope it goes away. ALL Eagle members have the responsibility to help correct the path of Aerie membership. No one can do this job alone, but as Eagle members, we do have an obligation to sign members and work on retaining our members. As of August 15th, we have signed 205 members, which is 99 MORE than a year ago! And I know the State Auxiliary is off to a fast start also and not far behind us! Let's keep this 'warp speed' in membership going all year!

LOCAL SECRETARIES, PLEASE PAY ATTENTION TO THIS NEXT PART: A pilot program is being tested with Cedar Rapids with the October bulletin. We will be emailing the state bulletin to all members that have a valid email address in MMS - So Secretaries, make sure you have your members update their information! I really feel that this will help get the word out to more members state-wide about what the Iowa Eagles are doing with membership, charities and events across the state. The goal is to get members interested in attending other events and help them network with other Iowa Eagles. I am hoping in the near future, we can get all the Clubs in Iowa to participate in this effort. I know some clubs post copies of the bulletin or read it at their meetings. But this is only reaching a handful of the members and I really don't think that goes far enough. The more information and communication we have, the better it is for all of us.

Our WSP Kent wants to '**Boldly Go Where Iowa Hasn't Gone**' - In a long time - Net Gain and Retention.
We can help Iowa achieve this goal!
~ Mike Gilson - State Membership Chairman

~ 2026 - 2027 - Calendar of Events ~

SEPTEMBER - 2026

September 18 - 20 - WCR Conference
September 26-27 - Cursory Training DSM

OCTOBER - 2026

October 10 - Guttenberg State Charity
October 11 - Dubuque State Charity
October 16-18 - Fall Zone - Mo Valley
October 24 - Sisters of the Corn - DSM
October 31 - Des Moines State Charity

NOVEMBER - 2026

November 7 - Oskaloosa State Charity
November 14 ~ Shenandoah State Charity
Nov 20-21 ~ State Pool Tournament
~ Creston ~

JANUARY - 2027

Jan 16 - Mid-Winter Conference DSM

FEBRUARY - 2027

February 20 ~ Ottumwa State Charity

MARCH - 2027

March 5 ~ Missouri Valley State Charity
March 6 - Council Bluffs State Charity
March 19-21 - Spring Zone - Oskaloosa

APRIL - 2027

April 3 ~ LeMars State Charity

- FROM the AUXILIARY SECRETARY -

ATTN: All Aux. Secretaries:

One of your responsibilities to keep your Auxiliary in Compliance with the Grand Aerie is to make sure that THE LIST OF ALL OF YOUR OFFICERS ARE ENTERED IN TO THE MMS SYSTEM. If you have not done this, please do so, ASAP!

Thank you for your help with this!

Cindy Balsanek

IA State Aux Compliance Director



Sisters!

Are you a BENEFIT Member? If you are not sure please check your DUES RECEIPT!

It will state **BENEFIT MEMBER** RIGHT ABOVE YOUR SIGNATURE LINE.

If you are a BENEFIT MEMBER please complete the "Funeral Benefit Beneficiary Form" and turn it in to your local Secretary so it can be attached to your Application so your Auxiliary has this information when the time comes and they need it. Remember to update this with your Secretary if you change any of your information also.

HAVE YOU MOVED, CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER, YOUR EMAIL?? Please let your local Secretary know your updated information! This is important information that she needs to keep your records up to date!

Thank you all for your help with this request.

Cindy Balsanek

IA State Aux Secretary

To Contact the Aux State Secretary

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Cedar Falls, IA 50613

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To Contact the Aerie State Secretary

Randy Woods, PWP
2937 Avenue J ~ Council Bluffs, IA 51501
Email: rwoods17@cox.net 712-328-8612

Funeral Benefit Beneficiary Form

Date: _____ Auxiliary No: _____ Location: _____

Benefit Member Information

GAID: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone No. _____

Beneficiary Information

First Beneficiary

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone No. _____

Relationship to Member _____

Email Address _____

Second Beneficiary

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone No. _____

Relationship to Member _____

Email Address _____

Member Signature _____