

CALENDAR *of* Events

DECEMBER

State Charity Night—Atlantic—December 3

JANUARY

Mid Winter Board Meeting—Des Moines—January 13 & 14
State Charity Night—Iowa City—January 28

FEBRUARY

State Charity Night—Manchester—February 4 (Wild Game Feed)
State Charity Night—Burlington—February 10
State Charity Night—Fairfield—February 11
State Charity Night—Ottumwa—February 25

MARCH

State Charity Night—Waterloo—March 3
State Charity Night—Creston—March 9
State Charity Night—Centerville—March 10
State Charity Night—Tama-Toledo—March 17
State Charity Night—Council Bluffs—March 23
Western Zone Conference—Council Bluffs—March 23, 24, & 25
State Charity Night—Grinnell—March 31

APRIL

MINK Conference—St. Joseph, MO—April 13, 14, & 15
State Charity Night—LeMars—April 21
State Charity Night—Cedar Rapids—April 27
Eastern Zone Conference—Cedar Rapids—April 27, 28, & 29

MAY

Cash Bash —Burlington—May 5

JUNE

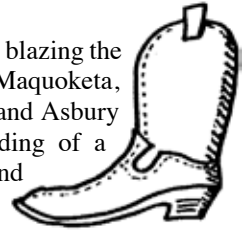
June 20 thru 24 State Convention—Iowa City

Message from the Marshall



Howdy to All My Eagle Sisters, On October 22, off to Chariton we went for their State Charity night , and a very

We are still blazing the trail in Maquoketa, Dubuque, and Asbury for the ending of a full weekend with their awesome breakfast!!! We also will be attending the District Meeting the same day!



rewarding night they had!! The food was great and the hospitality wonderful!! The next weekend was Asbury's first Eastern Zone Conference and my hat goes off to all for a great conference! They did a wonderful job! Also, I would like to say "Hello, Darlin" to someone, hopefully he will read this and know who I am talking to!!

November has been a busy month!! State Charity nights at Shenandoah, (where I got locked in the car), Red Oak, (where I got locked out of the club, THANKS TO JOE ROE, just kidding Joe, love you anyway!) We need to have fun like this to keep everyone working so hard for our charities. Then we finished up the weekend in Glenwood for their breakfast. Everyone did a great job of raising money for M.S., our State Charity. Oskaloosa was the next stop for their night on the 12th. Thanks Oskey, for the hospitality and the great meal we had, also all the money raised!!

It seems like you all are doing a dang good job on membership, but we all have to work just a little bit harder if we want to beat those varmints this year. I have my faith in all of you, so let's show them it can be done!!

Sisters, time is getting short for all of you to get your quilt blocks back to us. Please get them to me as soon as you can.

One more thing, we need to get busy on, would be getting a ritual team together! Wouldn't it be wonderful is we could get at least 10 teams to compete at State Convention? What a wonderful day that would be! You don't have to be the best at what you do on the team, it just shows that you care about the ritual.

We will be seeing you down the Eagle Trail, Happy Holidays to All
MSP Mar-hall Barb

(SORRY BUT SOME ONE HAS TO HELP ME FIND MY - - S)

Have a Hold Up for MS



Howdy!

Des Moines #109 hosted a State Charity night the Friday of Western Zone. They did an awesome job! Raised a lot of money for M.S. October 1st we were in Albia. We had a fantastic auction. Some nice things were purchased, also, a few questionable items. We had some brainstorming going on! October 8th we were in Davenport for their chili cook-off and we was asked to judge. That was a tough job as there was lots of good chili. While there, we got a nice check from the state golf tournament they hosted. Great job, Davenport! We got to stay in Chariton, Oct. 22nd (only 3 blocks from home!) We had supper, auction and a cake walk and raised a nice amount. Finishing the month attending Eastern Zone in Asbury Oct. 28th-30th. They did a super job!

The next weekend we were in the southwest part of the state. Shenandoah was Nov. 4th, and for this being their 2nd year for a state charity night, they did a fantastic job! Nov. 5th we were in Red Oak and they raised a huge amount of money! We also had a surprise visit from 3 crazy creatures! They had everyone in stitches, too bad if you missed this. Glenwood hosted a breakfast Sunday, Nov. 6th. and had a good turnout. We would like to thank everyone for their hospitality, it has been amazing. We still have a few dates open if you haven't set up a State Charity night. Please let us know if you're interested. We will be in Oskaloosa Nov. 12th. Then in Maquoketa Nov. 18th; Dubuque Nov. 19th; and Asbury for breakfast Nov. 20th. Hope to see you all there. If not, hope you have a great Thanksgiving. Then get your long johns out and come to Atlantic December 3rd for their lighted float parade. Hope to see you down the Eagle trail.

- Rusty and Debbie, State Charity Chairmen

Vice-President's Pool Winners

Week 7 Winners

- 1st Jeff Adrian 137
- 2nd Joyce Aljets 128
- 3rd Mike LeGrand 127
- last Jake Shaffer 10

Week 8 Winners

- 1st Donna Verploegh 109 pts
- 2nd Tim Connor 109 pts
- 3rd Mitch Smith 104 pts
- last Don Peek 27 pts

Week 9 Winners

- 1st Pat Murphy 114 pts
- 2nd Harley Taylor 114 pts
- 3rd Adam Hutton 113 pts
- last Craig Arendt 29 pts

Week 10 Winners

- 1st Lee Shaffer 116 pts
- 2nd Randy Thompson 111 pts
- 3rd Tom Condit 107 pts
- last Don Hein 15 pts



Aerie Membership Reports

AERIE #	DISTRICT	TOTAL ON ROLLS	YEARLY QUOTA	MONTHLY QUOTA	AUG 2011	YEAR TO DATE
W POTTAWATTAMIE						
104	Council Bluffs	435	48	4	3/1	22
1398	Creston	333	36	3	0/4	10
2715	Red Oak	133	12	1	1/0	5
3763	Atlantic	85	12	1	1/0	4
3784	Glenwood	163	12	1	0/0	5
3849	Shenandoah	139	12	1	0/0	5
3876	Missouri Valley	159	12	1	0/0	4
	TOTAL	1447	144	12	5/5	55
SOUTHEAST LAKES						
109	Des Moines	388	36	3	5/1	22
114	Ottumwa	250	24	2	1/1	10
150	Burlington	884	84	7	6/5	68
276	Oskaloosa	241	24	2	2/0	5
1287	Ft Madison	254	24	2	0/2	4
1927	Fairfield	325	36	3	1/1	8
2675	Centerville	217	24	2	1/1	17
2774	Chariton	62	12	1	1/0	15
3495	Osceola	197	24	2	1/0	5
3583	Albia	77	12	1	0/1	4
	TOTAL	2895	300	25	18/12	158
HAWKEYE						
764	Waterloo	484	48	4	5/1	30
2272	Cedar Rapids	525	48	4	6/2	26
2828	Tama-Toledo	526	48	4	2/1	19
3538	Manchester	137	12	1	2/0	12
4074	Cedar Falls	223	24	2	1/0	9
4114	Guttenberg	130	12	1	1/0	5
4466	Monticello	222	24	2	0/1	8
4512	Anamosa	71	12	1	0/0	6
4522	Marion	108	12	1	0/0	1
	TOTAL	2426	240	20	17/5	116
THREE RIVERS						
235	Davenport	314	36	3	3/0	17
568	Dubuque	407	36	3	16/8	63
695	Iowa City	805	84	7	4/0	30
705	Clinton	694	72	6	10/3	37
815	Muscatine	75	12	1	0/0	0
2545	Grinnell	249	24	2	1/0	8
3866	Maquoketa	232	24	2	2/1	9
4458	Asbury	331	36	3	1/1	12
	TOTAL	3107	324	27	37/13	176
TALLCORN						
1381	LeMars	241	24	2	4/0	10
1865	Hawarden	171	12	1	1/3	11
2297	Sheldon	452	48	4	13/0	40
3369	Ft Dodge	103	12	1	1/0	11
	TOTAL	967	96	8	19/3	72

Article Submissions

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

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Gold Nuggets from JR



W e l l Brothers, we have been very busy this month. We attended the State charity night at Chariton

where we had a very delicious meal. Those girls always out do themselves in the kitchen. Their auction was very good also and we had fun playing the "Heads-n-Tails" game that ended in a tie between me and 'Hoss' Zimmerman! They finally got tired of flipping the coin so they declared both of us as winners! The evening ended up with a cakewalk with lots of good cakes but I didn't even win!! The next weekend we traveled to Asbury for Eastern zone. The brothers and sisters did a wonderful

job with it. I told Pat and Shirley they shouldn't worry about it, you plan it, and it will fall together just like it did. Hat's off to Asbury brothers and sisters for a wonderful zone meeting.

The next weekend we traveled west to Shenandoah for their State charity night where they served a delicious hot beef dinner, and held an auction that raised a lot of money for MS. They ended the evening with a band called Str8 Shot entertained us. Shenandoah is where I locked Barb in the car! A fella came in and told me, "You better not go out there for awhile, there is a short little cowgirl that just got out of a locked car." Joe Roe then told me he wished he had a video recorder of her when she got out of the car. (I was glad he didn't!) The next night Red Oak hosted us with Cowboy Stew

and drop biscuits and again, Barb was locked out, (of the building, while she went to smoke!) She walked all the way around the building to get back in!!! They did have a very good

auction and raised lots of money for MS. Str8 Shot also entertained us in Red Oak and a good time was had by all. Hats off to you, Red Oak, for a wonderful night. Next we went to Glenwood for a very good breakfast held for the State Charity. Thanks Glenwood, and we had a nice visit with Worthy President, Jeff before heading home!

Oskaloosa was the next

weekend where we were treated to a great supper, and they also had a big auction. Thanks so much, Osky for having a great night!!! Their evening ended with some very entertaining karaoke!

Next we will be heading back east to Maquoketa, Dubuque, and Asbury for their breakfast along with District Meeting Sunday afternoon.

Fella's, don't forget to sign up those new members for Slim, Hoss, and Gabby so those cowgirls will not be setting around bragging. We are going to whip those gals, BAD!!!!

Fraternally yours
WSP JAKE OR "JR"

SADDLE UP WITH THE SHERIFF

A GREAT BIG HOWDY and a HO-HO-HO ~

Hard to believe, but we've already been ridin' the range for 6 months. And I'm about ready to bust my buttons, I'm so proud! And Marshall Barb is really kickin' up her heels!!

What a banner month we had in October! We signed a total of 55 tenderfoot and Iowa ranked 11th in the country! PLUS -- through mid-November, us gals had already signed 35 --- 20 new and 15 re-enrolled. And that POSSE from Waterloo is really keepin' those horses runnin' -- So far, they have arrested 30 members for the year. A special gold star goes out to Mary Hammer - She has roped in 10 and nine of 'em are re-enrollees!

Also, we are only down one member from last year at this time and ahead of those rascals - Ol' Slim and the Boys. YIPPEE!!! I have it on good authority, they STILL think they will beat us, but I know that our boots will stomp out their campfire!!! YEEEEEE-HAW!!

With the weather getting colder

--- Don't put those horses away! Get those tenderfoot to put on their spurs and into your Ranch. Show 'em what the Fraternal Order of Eagles is all about!



Remember: You can't keep a cowgirl down. Keep Ropin' 'em in and stock your Ranch with members!

The Sheriff - Debbie Gilson PS - From our ranch to yours - Ol' Slim and I wish everyone Merry Christmas and very Blessed New Year

State Alzheimer's Chairman

I would like to thank W.P. Jake Roush for appointing me the chairman for Alzheimer's for this year. It means a lot to me since I lost my dad to Parkinson's disease. They are both crippling diseases and we all need to help

With Our Sympathy

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West Pottawattamie District Drawing

In an attempt to increase attendance at the district meetings, for those who are members of West Pottawattamie

District, remember every time you attend a district meeting, your name will be entered into a drawing at the end of this fraternal year. There will be one drawing for the Aerie and one for the Auxiliary. Not sure what this is about? Ask someone from your Aerie or Auxiliary who has attended the district meetings. Hope to see you at the next one.

raise money to find a cure. Please plan on having a fundraiser in your Aerie for this. Let me know if I can help or maybe attend (schedule permitting)

Thank you, State Alzheimer's Chairman, Rusty Clark

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The Bossy Bandit

Howdy bandits. What a purty fall we've had and what a great time I've had attending the zones and meeting with so many sisters. It's good to put some names and faces together. I talked with them district bandits about what they got going in their districts and even talked to a few secretaries myself. Found out Fort Dodge's reports had been hijacked for a little while, but now we're back on track and they's all caught up. Yippee!! At Eastern Zone, we were honored to have GMIG Gloria Mason join us. She read a poem about drinking from my saucer because my cup has overflowed. That poem is a reminder to me that if I have been blessed richly (and I have), I need to share my joy with those around me. Splash a little from that saucer to others.

As the year winds down, days get shorter and so do temperaments sometimes. It's easier for sisters to hide

away and not come out to meetings or events. Please, in the season of giving, love your sisters, even the ornery ones.

Keep working on your delinquency and keep sending me reports. Some of you --you know who you are -- need to send 'em a little more often. All of you sisters (and those pesky men too), I wish you holiday blessings and a season of joy and peace.

Julie Ervin, Boss of the Bandits



CARD OF Thanks

Albia Auxiliary would like to thank everyone that attended their State Charity Night!!! Also a big thanks to those that donated food, auction items, their time, and anything else that was done to make our night such a huge success.

Thank you seems so little for all the cards, phone calls, thoughts, prayers, visits, emails, and especially your presence at my son, Martin's service. Being an Eagle has been one of the most wonderful parts of my life and I want to thank you so much.

~ Shirley Miller and Family

Winner of the State Charity Quilt

Carol Ditmars - Shenandoah

Auxiliary Membership Reports

AERIE#	DISTRICT	DELIQ %	TOTAL ROLLS	YEARLY QUOTA	MONTHLY QUOTA	AUG 2011	YEAR DATE
W POTTAWATTAMIE							
Carol Herold, Cassie Jameson, Pam Boland							
104	Council Bluffs	7	250	24	2	0/1	4
1398	Creston	2.3	192	24	2	0/0	0
2715	Red Oak	20.7	145	12	1	1/0	4
3763	Atlantic	NR	59	12	1	0/0	0
3849	Shenandoah	6.2	82	12	1	0/0	4
3876	Missouri Valley	2.5	120	12	1	1/1	2
TOTAL			848	96	8	2/2	14

SOUTHEAST LAKES

Deb Clark, Diane Anderson, Faye Guthrie							
109	Des Moines	NR	304	36	3	2/0	10
114	Ottumwa	NR	144	12	1	0/0	0
150	Burlington	1.9	429	48	4	0/1	15
276	Oskaloosa	8.6	121	12	1	0/0	1
1287	Ft Madison	9.1	195	24	2	0/0	5
1927	Fairfield	7	153	12	1	1/0	4
2675	Centerville	9.4	125	12	1	1/0	7
2774	Chariton	5.1	79	12	1	0/0	2
3495	Osceola	2.3	133	12	1	0/1	1
3583	Albia	0	76	12	1	0/0	2
TOTAL			1759	192	16	4/2	47

HAWKEYE

Robin Cunningham, Kathy Bennett, Gerry Morgan							
764	Waterloo	6.2	482	48	4	3/3	19
2272	Cedar Rapids	1.9	317	36	3	2/2	9
2828	Tama-Toledo	3	323	36	3	0/0	10
3538	Manchester	NR	66	12	1	1/0	3
4074	Cedar Falls	NR	85	12	1	1/0	9
4114	Guttenberg	2.9	68	12	1	0/0	3
4466	Monticello	15.9	118	12	1	1/0	5
4512	Anamosa	NR	33	12	1	0/0	1
TOTAL			1492	180	15	8/5	59

THREE RIVERS

Robi Brewer, Lois Staner, Deb Wilhelm							
235	Davenport	1.8	296	24	2	2/0	10
568	Dubuque	3.6	113	12	1	0/0	1
695	Iowa City	NR	271	24	2	5/4	20
705	Clinton	NR	116	12	1	4/1	3
815	Muscatine	NR	123	12	1	0/0	0
2545	Grinnell	NR	149	12	1	1/0	2
3866	Maquoketa	NR	152	12	1	3/0	5
4458	Asbury	NR	122	12	1	6/0	4
TOTAL			1342	120	10	21/5	65

TALLCORN

1381	LeMars	NR	92	12	1	0/1	2
1865	Hawarden	NR	76	12	1	0/1	9
2297	Sheldon	NR	121	12	1	3/1	17
3369	Ft Dodge	6.3	35	12	1	0/0	1
TOTAL			324	48	4	3/3	29

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Prospects from the Ponderosa



Greetings to all you Gold Diggin' Panhandlers out there in Eagledom.... Ol' Slim comin' at ya.

It's mid November as I'm writing this, and I gotta tell ya --- Seems like we're in kind of a slump lately. The men are down about 68 members from last year at this time and the women are over taking us.

Maybe some of us have taken the falling membership numbers across this great nation and gotten

discouraged or disillusioned. The importance of retention will guide us down the right path to Strength in Numbers. Take and Stand and Make a Plan to Retain your members. As State Membership Chairman, I am very proud and honored to serve and to help in any way I can. I thank WSP Jake Roush for asking me to be your chairman,

but our success now and in the future depends on each and every one of us.

So now, my Brothers, I am asking y'all to show your pride in being a member in the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Get out there, spread the word and dig up those Gold Nuggets. Sign them new and re-enrolled members for our organization, for the great state of Iowa and let's have a golden year for our WSP Jake.

I'm not going to throw any specific numbers at you for now, but be ready next month. We gotta turn it around, my brothers. A New Year, brings new views and enthusiasm. Make an honest resolution to sign at least one member and invest in them and help

them become an active, involved Eagle.

On the lighter side, just wanted to send a BIG OL' THANK YOU AND CONGRATS to Asbury, for the superb job they did hosting their very first Eastern Zone Conference. Goes to show what working together can do it. If we all work together as a team, Membership Will Take Care Of Itself.

Until next time, Happy Thanksgiving and Holiday Season from all of us

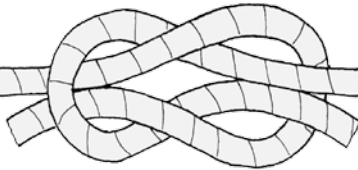
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Shorty "Gabby" McFarland

Any Bounty Will Do

Howdy Girls,
Well, we are into the holiday season. Let's think about offering that lost cowgirl who may be thinking about rejoining us on the trail, a special discount to see if she will sign back up or maybe someone could resign up a member as a holiday gift! As of Eastern Zone, we were 2 ahead of last year for resigning cowgirls, so ladies, let's keep that momentum goin!!!. See you somewhere down the western trail.

Bounty Hunter Lisa Zook



Grand Madam Presidents Visitation to Iowa

Sisters-
Grand Madam President Gwen Stalkamp from Minnesota will be making her visitations to Iowa in the Spring. If your Auxiliary is interested in hosting a visit from the Grand Madam President please send your letter requesting her visit to the Iowa State Aux. Secretary Cindy Balsanek, 1804 I St. SW, Cedar Rapids, IA 52404. She will be making one of her visits to the home of our State Madam President Barb Roush which will be in Ottumwa. At the present time she is slated to visit Iowa sometime in March, 2012. Also, if your Aux. would like to send a donation towards the gift Iowa presents to the Grand Madam President during her visit, please send your check marked "GMP Visit" to the Iowa State Aux. Secretary. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Cindy Balsanek
Iowa State Aux. Secretary

It is time for a NEW MINK PIN DESIGN.

It was the decision of the **MINK** Committee to hold another pin contest. If you think you have a **WINNING IDEA** — please sketch it out and submit to the **MINK** Secretary.

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ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED by January 1st, 2011. The winning entry will be decided by the **MINK** Committee at their next meeting on January 7, 2012 in Olathe, KS.

WINNER of this pin contest will receive their Registration paid at the 2012 **MINK** Conference to be held

April 13-15, 2012 at the Ramada Inn in St. Joseph, MO.



Happy Holidays

From Steve & Shelley - Bulletin Editors