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Eagle Riders



Hello Iowa, it's getting more like Christmas each day. Better get that chrome on your Christmas list for Santa. Even though it's winter, we still have things to work on. The Mid Winter State Board meeting is coming up in January. We need to vote on where we will have our State Rally for 2017. If your group wants to host it, please be ready to let us know with a presentation. We also need to discuss the State Raffle. I have talked with Eagle members in Tama and Albia about starting new groups. Hopefully, we can get some started after the first of the year.

Stay safe this holiday season.

Dennis (Chief) Walkup

From the Desk of the General



Boy, the miles are adding up. Since last bulletin, we have been to Guttenberg, Burlington, Oskaloosa, Shenandoah, Red Oak, Glenwood, Maquoketa, Dubuque and Asbury – not to mention Eastern Zone in Waterloo. In December, we will go to Clinton for their state charity event on Saturday, Dec 10.

Everyone has been doing a great job for this year's state charity and membership. All the numbers are looking good. I salute all of you for your efforts.

So, until we meet again, be healthy, stay safe and be productive.

John Haidsiak, WSP

Queen Bee's BUZZ



Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!! Hope everyone has great family time and be safe. Well, Happy Bees, we need to get busy and capture those new bees and re bees! We cannot let those men beat us!! Remember, board meeting is coming soon, please bring concerns and suggestions with you. Also, Clinton Charity in December on the 10th, hope to see everyone soon.

Queen Bee Ann Reed MSP

Aerie Ritual

A couple months ago I published an article in the State news letter about putting together ritual teams for the MINK Conference ritual competition. I haven't heard a lot about any interest in that except from a couple of sources. Two of States in the MINK Conference have pretty much made commitments to have a team or teams ready to compete at MINK.

This message is to further that thought and to have a team or teams compete at your State Convention. There's no better way to build on this idea than to carry it on to your State Convention. MINK competition is the place to get your feet wet, so-to-speak. State competition lets everyone know that you are serious about promoting the ritual through competition.

So, my brothers, let's get serious about the ritual and go forward with it. There's nothing more self-satisfying than to having competed and having done the best that you could. Now's the time to get started. "Let's get it done."

I'm always available to answer any questions or to help someone out.

Pete Schmieding
State Ritual Chairman

State Charity Report



WOW, December already – where does the time go?

Since last month, we've traveled from one corner of the state to the other and a few places in between. We really enjoy seeing all of our brothers and sisters along the Eagle trail and especially to see just how hard each Aerie and Auxiliary is working for this year's charity. What an awesome group of people we have in our state – which makes each of us who are on this year's state charity team proud to say we are from Iowa – Go Hawks!!!!

We have one more state charity event for this year which will be Dec 10 in Clinton. So, if you haven't been able to attend any state charity functions yet this year, mark Clinton on your calendar and see you there. Otherwise we hope to see you somewhere after the first of the year at other events.

From the Haidsiak house – a very Merry Christmas to all of you. Safe travels during the holidays and the very best to everyone in 2017.

Kim Haidsiak
State Charity Co-Chm

STATE CHARITY *Fundraisers*

DECEMBER

Saturday, December 10 - Clinton, IA

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

GMP Visit - March 9-11

Hi Sisters:

Every year the State of Iowa has the honor and privilege to host our Grand Madam President. This year we are honored to have Judy Johnson from Kansas and our very own MINK Conference as our GMP. She will be visiting Iowa March 9th – 11th. She will of course, be visiting the home Aux. of SMP Queen Bee Ann and 2 other Auxiliaries. Shenandoah will also be hosting her this year and Grinnell will be hosting her on March 9th. If your Aux. would like to host the GMP please let me know by Dec. 1st. Also, 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

Book Your Stay For Grand Rapids Today!

In 2017, International Convention returns to the Amway Grand Hotel in beautiful Grand Rapids, Michigan, July 17-20. Rooms are now available for reservation at the Amway Grand Hotel, the Courtyard Marriott and the JW Marriott. Rooms are \$105 per-night at the Amway Grand and Courtyard Marriott and \$115 per-night at the JW Marriott.

Convention festivities will take place inside the Amway Grand Hotel and the DeVos Place Convention center adjacent to the hotel. Space is limited inside the Amway Grand so reserve your room today to guarantee access to the main hotel.

If you wish to book your reservation by phone, you may do so by calling:

Amway Grand Plaza Hotel 800.253.3590

JW Marriott or Courtyard Marriott 877.901.6632

To receive the group rate, simply mention that you are a guest with the Fraternal Order of Eagles Grand Convention.

As a guest with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, you will receive complimentary self-parking in our hotel parking ramps. If you choose to valet park, this will be offered at a discounted rate of \$15 per evening.

Information from Bob Beals:

Eagle caps are available at
<http://www.patrioticjacksales.com/>



Attention Worker Bees

Hello Sister Worker Bee's,

The weather is starting to turn cold and the Bees are moving kind of slow. Let not let that stop us from bring those new & reenrolled Bee's into our hive. You will see that the report might look pretty close to what we had at the end of October as I said at the Zone meeting I will be reporting the members from the end of the previous month so this is up to the end of Oct. and next month will be to the end of Nov. so don't get your stinker up in a buzz it will all work out in the end. So let get out there and beat those men!!



New Bee
aka: Robin Cunningham
Auxiliary Membership Chairman



SGT MAJOR SAYS... Build the Army..... RECRUITERS AND INFANTRY, STAND AT ATTENTION!

Your Sgt Major has something to say! General John says he is very proud of all your accomplishments so far this year, but I say we still need to stand tall and go after that AWOL list that keeps growing and get those new recruits signed up too. BUILD THE ARMY! We are half way through our fraternal year...Time to prove WE CAN!

As of Oct 31st, we have 446 total members signed, and a great percentage of those are from the AWOL list. This number is also 13 more than last year at this time. As of Nov 15th, the total grew to 463. From 10-16 thru 11-15 you signed 92 members. Great job done by all!

I don't usually single anyone out, but Anamosa, you need to get off your duff and get some members signed. You are the only Aerie in the state that has not signed a member this year. Get out there and hold a public event for a membership drive. It could also be a charity event for your community.

There are now 4 Aeries showing a net gain, but many more are not far from it. All in all, great job done by everyone. Keep up the momentum! Only one member so far has won the top prize of an embossed denim jacket, but several more are close. Several more have won hats and fin pins.

Until next time, if there is anything I can do to help, please contact me.

Sgt Major Mike Gilson, Membership Chairman
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Aerie Membership Reports

AERIE #	DISTRICT	TOTAL ROSTER	GOAL	NOV 2016	TOTAL YTD	NET GAIN YTD
AERIE W POTTAWATTAMIE						
104	Council Bluffs	258	24	4/4	21	-37
1398	Creston	276	36	0/1	3	-41
2715	Red Oak	140	12	1/1	8	-5
3784	Glenwood	164	12	1/0	10	1
3849	Shenandoah	82	12	1/6	8	-2
3876	Missouri Valley	105	12	0/0	4	-6
	TOTAL	1025	108	7/12	54	-90
AERIE SOUTHEAST LAKES						
109	Des Moines	308	36	0/0	29	-14
114	Ottumwa	170	24	2/0	12	-16
150	Burlington	598	72	3/0	37	-161
276	Oskaloosa	112	12	0/1	9	-24
1287	Ft Madison	259	24	1/0	18	-29
1927	Fairfield	201	24	1/1	3	-15
2675	Centerville	227	24	2/3	18	-18
2774	Chariton	35	12	0/0	4	-10
3495	Osceola	123	12	0/0	7	-9
3583	Albia	73	12	1/0	17	13
	TOTAL	2106	252	10/5	154	-283
AERIE HAWKEYE						
764	Waterloo	331	36	0/0	24	-26
2272	Cedar Rapids	361	36	5/6	38	-26
2828	Tama-Toledo	350	36	1/1	11	-27
3538	Manchester	63	12	0/0	7	-6
4074	Cedar Falls	166	24	1/1	8	-8
4114	Guttenberg	128	12	2/0	6	-9
4466	Monticello	117	12	0/1	7	-19
4512	Anamosa	33	12	0/0	0	-6
4544	Independence	12	12	0/0	3	2
	TOTAL	1561	192	9/9	104	-125
AERIE THREE RIVERS						
235	Davenport	5	12	0/0	9	-132
568	Dubuque	197	24	1/20	61	-24
695	Iowa City	535	60	2/3	27	-42
705	Clinton	387	48	2/0	20	-59
2545	Grinnell	172	24	1/0	5	-28
3866	Maquoketa	192	24	1/0	10	-6
4458	Asbury	184	24	0/0	2	-32
	TOTAL	1672	216	7/23	134	-323
AERIE TALLCORN						
1381	LeMars	178	24	4/2	12	-11
1865	Hawarden	93	12	0/0	4	2
2297	Sheldon	431	48	0/2	20	-45
3369	Ft Dodge	27	12	2/0	7	-4
	TOTAL	729	96	6/4	43	-58

Auxiliary Membership Reports

AERIE #	DISTRICT	TOTAL ROSTER	GOAL	NOV 2016	TOTAL YTD	NET GAIN YTD
AUX# W POTTAWATTAMIE						
104	Council Bluffs	168	12	0/0	12	12
1398	Creston	168	12	2/1	6	5
2715	Red Oak	146	12	0/0	1	0
3849	Shenandoah	60	12	0/0	1	1
3876	Missouri Valley	81	12	0/0	1	0
	TOTAL	623	60	3	21	18

AUX# SOUTHEAST LAKES						
109	Des Moines	227	24	4/0	26	12
114	Ottumwa	129	12	0/0	0	-1
150	Burlington	380	36	0/0	11	6
276	Oskaloosa	70	12	0/0	3	-1
1287	Fort Madison	195	24	0/1	9	6
1927	Fairfield	152	12	0/2	10	4
2675	Centerville	147	12	3/2	10	9
2774	Chariton	60	12	0/0	0	1
3495	Osceola	91	12	0/0	0	0
3583	Albia	63	12	1/0	6	1
	TOTAL	1514	168	42	75	37

AUX# HAWKEYE						
764	Waterloo	238	24	0/1	10	5
2272	Cedar Rapids	271	24	2/0	7	4
2828	Tama-Toledo	272	24	1/0	4	2
3538	Manchester	47	12	1/2	6	4
4074	Cedar Falls	29	12	18/0	18	2
4114	Guttenberg	62	12	4/0	4	1
4466	Monticello	47	12	1/0	9	5
4512	Anamosa	30	12	0/0	0	0
	TOTAL	996	132	30	58	23

AUX# THREE RIVERS						
235	Davenport	146	12	3/2	5	4
568	Dubuque	62	12	0/0	0	0
695	Iowa City	231	24	0/1	6	-3
705	Clinton	140	12	1/0	7	0
2545	Grinnell	129	12	0/2	2	2
3866	Maquoketa	133	12	0/1	2	1
4458	Asbury	87	12	2/0	5	4
	TOTAL	928	96	12	27	8

AUX# TALLCORN						
1381	LeMars	86	12	0/0	0	-3
1865	Hawarden	73	12	1/0	1	1
2297	Sheldon	140	12	1/1	2	0
3369	Ft Dodge	33	12	1/0	1	0
	TOTAL	332	48	4	4	-2

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Card of Thanks

To Our Eagle Family
 We would like to thank everyone for their heart felt cards of sympathy for the loss of our wonderful grandson Ryan Wendler. It is great to know people care!!

Sincerely
 Chuck & Chris Wendler

Thinking of YOU

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Dates to Remember

JANUARY 14---MID-WINTER BOARD MEETING
HOLIDAY INN—DES MOINES

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**

Connection Article Submissions

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prior to publication.

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