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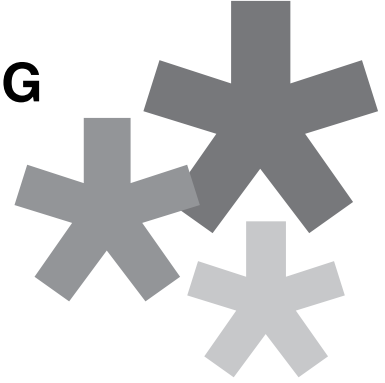
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WINTER BOARD MEETING

Jan 13 -14, 2012

Best Western PLUS Marquis
1810 Army Post Road
Des Moines, IA 50315
515-287-6464



Located 1 mile north of Hwy 5 bypass on Des Moines' Southside.
OR the SE corner of the intersection of Fleur Drive & Army Post Rd

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: **Lew Reed Outstanding** :
: **Eagle of the Year Award** :
● It is once again time to select someone from your Aerie ●
● to receive the "Lew Reed Outstanding Eagle of the Year ●
● Award". Please select someone from your Aerie that you feel ●
● deserves this award due to his efforts in your Aerie during the ●
● 2010-2011 year. Send his name and address including reasons ●
● in which you believe he qualifies for this award. Thank you ●
● and we look forward to hearing from Lew Reed Outstanding ●
● Eagle Award you on or before April 15, 2011. The winner will ●
● be announced at the Iowa State Convention in Des Moines ●
● and a plaque presented if the winner is present. ●
● ~ Fraternally, Greg Martin ●
●
● Send to: Greg Martin • 629 Acres St. • Burlington, Iowa 52601 ●
● Ph 319-752-9683 or 319-572-3572 ●
●

REMINDER

Aerie Per Capita Is Due

Checks to Be Made Out To:
IOWA STATE AERIE FOE



**Do You Know
This "CowPoke"?**
Stay Tuned....
**More info in the
February Bulletin!!!!**

CALENDAR *of Events*

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

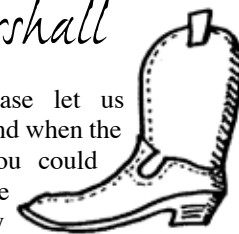
MAY

Cash Bash—Burlington—May 5

JUNE

State Convention---Iowa City---June 20 thru 24

Message from the Marshall



Howdy sisters, Another month gone by, but what good travels we had in November and December! If you read WSP J.R.'s article, "gold Nuggets from J.R." it will tell you all about them. Sounds like, "the Auxiliary Sisters " are doing quite well with our new and re-enrolled members. Keep up the good work and we will have Slim, Hoss, and Gabby trembling in their boots!!

I would like to thank all the Auxiliaries that has had a state charity function. Thanks so much for all the hard work you have

done. Please let us know if, and when the rest of you could have a state charity function, It sure would make a big difference in what the state of IOWA will raise for MS. Let's make this a bodacious year! And now, my Christmas greetings to all of you, "May your Christmases be joyful and your New Year be filled with love and happiness".

Gals please get your quilt blocks to us as they need to be in within a month.

Madam State President
 Mar-hall Barb

Have a Hold Up for MS

Howdy! We went to Oskaloosa November 12th Aerie had initiation followed by a fantastic supper! Great auction followed. Thanks Oskaloosa for a great job! That night we started collecting money for W.P.Jake's bounty. For those of you who haven't heard, there's a \$250.00 bounty on W.P.Jake. When we raise \$250 he has to play his steel guitar at spring Eastern Zone. Passed the hat again at S.E.Lakes district meeting Sunday, Nov. 13th and now have over \$100.00. We headed northwest to Maquoketa Nov. 18th. They had a great supper and a silent auction. Good job!



On to Dubuque Nov. 19th. Had a steak supper and auction. Well done. Were in Asbury Nov. 19th for a fantastic breakfast. We stayed for the Three Rivers District meeting before heading home. Raised more bounty money. Long weekend, but lots of fun and great hospitality. We had Thanksgiving weekend to spend with family and shop. Went to Atlantic December 3rd. Rained on us all the way there. Changed over to snow right before the lighted float parade.

The 4 of us got to ride in it. Really pretty with the fresh snow, but cold. We sat on cornstalk bales and wet went clear through our coveralls. W.P.Jake said " No matter what the pictures look like, I did not wet myself!" Back to the Aerie for soup. Was great and helped warm us back up. Finally dried out before we went to motel. We went on to Council Bluffs Sunday, Dec. 4th for the West Pottawattamie district meeting. Had lunch and joint meeting and workshop. Our prayers went out to the 3 Aux. members from Red Oak that was in a wreck on their way there. We would like to thank everyone for their hard work for M.S. Also, for the awesome hospitality we've experienced everywhere we've went. Hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!!! Hope to see ya all at State Boards in January. Reminder---We'll be giving the Hawkeye pop tab purse there, so let me know if you need tickets before we draw.

Rusty and Debbie-State
 Charity Co-Chairs

Thinking of YOU

GOLDIE ADAMS
 300 W Coolbaugh St
 Red Oak, IA 51566

JOE BRINSON
 2908 New Era Road
 Muscatine, IA 52761

MILES DIXON
 2201 Baumberger
 Burlington, IA 52601

MAMIE FORWARD
CATHY FORWARD
 601 N Broad St
 Red Oak, IA 51566

BESSIE JANDA
 Eastern Star Masonic Home
 715 3rd Apt 203A
 Boone, Iowa 50036

SHIRLEY MILLER
 1120 Cummins Rd. #107
 Des Moines, IA 50315

Vice-President's Pool Winners

Week 11 Winners

4 way tie for 1st with 111 pts.
Paul Wallace • Gayle Verploegh
Ric Adams • Tom Stange
last place Paul Dunakey 20 pts.

Week 12 Winners

Tie for first with 104 pts
Lee Duncan • Sue Burdt
3rd Mike Vroom 100 pts
last Tony Giebekstein 28 pts

Week 13 Winners

1st place Leo Deperdang with 110 pts.
tie for 2nd 108 pts
Tom Harris • Ben Clark
last place Ron McLohn 13 pts

Week 14 Winners

1st Tim Moran with 117 pts
tie for 2nd with 112 pts
Roxanna Schmidt • Marilyn Mintun
last Kent George 23 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	1/2	25
1398	Creston	333	36	3	2/0	12
2715	Red Oak	133	12	1	1/2	8
3763	Atlantic	85	12	1	0/0	4
3784	Glenwood	163	12	1	0/0	5
3849	Shenandoah	139	12	1	0/0	5
3876	Missouri Valley	159	12	1	2/0	6
	TOTAL	1447	144	12	6/4	65
SOUTHEAST LAKES						
109	Des Moines	388	36	3	5/0	27
114	Ottumwa	250	24	2	1/1	12
150	Burlington	884	84	7	7/2	77
276	Oskaloosa	241	24	2	2/0	7
1287	Ft Madison	254	24	2	2/1	7
1927	Fairfield	325	36	3	0/1	9
2675	Centerville	217	24	2	0/0	17
2774	Chariton	62	12	1	0/0	15
3495	Osceola	197	24	2	2/0	7
3583	Albia	77	12	1	0/1	5
	TOTAL	2895	300	25	19/6	183
HAWKEYE						
764	Waterloo	484	48	4	7/3	40
2272	Cedar Rapids	525	48	4	2/1	29
2828	Tama-Toledo	526	48	4	0/0	19
3538	Manchester	137	12	1	1/1	14
4074	Cedar Falls	223	24	2	6/0	15
4114	Guttenberg	130	12	1	1/0	6
4466	Monticello	222	24	2	2/0	10
4512	Anamosa	71	12	1	0/0	6
4522	Marion	108	12	1	0/0	1
	TOTAL	2426	240	20	19/5	140
THREE RIVERS						
235	Davenport	314	36	3	4/0	21
568	Dubuque	407	36	3	2/0	65
695	Iowa City	805	84	7	5/0	35
705	Clinton	694	72	6	3/2	42
815	Muscatine	75	12	1	0/0	0
2545	Grinnell	249	24	2	0/1	9
3866	Maquoketa	232	24	2	0/1	10
4458	Asbury	331	36	3	2/0	14
	TOTAL	3107	324	27	16/4	196
TALLCORN						
1381	LeMars	241	24	2	0/1	11
1865	Hawarden	171	12	1	0/0	11
2297	Sheldon	452	48	4	9/1	50
3369	Ft Dodge	103	12	1	1/0	12
	TOTAL	967	96	8	10/2	84

Article Submissions

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

Send Items to:

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24 hr. FAX: (641) 782-2272
Email: bulletineditor@iowatelecom.net

To Contact the Aerie State Secretary

Larry Hanshaw
3305 SE Glenstone Drive #167 • Grimes, IA 50111-5079
Phone: 877-377-8578 • Fax: 515-986-1973 • Email: lphanshaw@mchsi.com

Gold Nuggets from JR



Brothers: November was pretty busy for us, when we traveled the last weekend; we left on Friday and went to Maquoketa

where we were treated with a fine meal and very successful silent auction. Barb and Deb bid on several items throughout the evening but not to lucky in the end. A good time was had by all. The next morning we went on to Dubuque, where we was served a great steak dinner and had great entertainment for the evening. I did receive 2 small bottles of Crown Royal from Ann and I haven't seen it since I've been home. I had a very fun time even if I did get stalled and lost my concentration when I helped

with the initiation. The next morning we went on to Asbury for a great breakfast buffet that they had for our State Charity, MS. The brothers that attended helped Asbury set for a formal meeting that opened and closed in forum. We also attended the district meeting held there that afternoon.

The first weekend in December, we traveled to Atlantic for the State Charity night. We also participated in the yearly Christmas parade, and of course, the rain! We drove in rain all the way there, and it turned to snow by parade time, so we all ended up getting very, very, wet! When we took off our coveralls we wore, our backsides were pretty wet!! Naturally, there was a lot of picture taking, and if anyone happens to see those pictures, don't believe them when they say



"Jake wet his pants!" We all had a very good time and got to visit with a lot of old friends in Atlantic.

The next morning we went to Council Bluffs to West Potts district meeting and met a lot of old friends there too. They had a very good meal too, but as I ate a big breakfast in Atlantic, I just had to pass up that good ole' fried chicken. It sure

looked good!

Fellas; I keep hearing those nasty rumors about the cowgirls are beating the cowboys but I don't believe it. You got to stand behind Slim, Hoss, and Gabby and sign up those new and re-enrolled members or we will have to start our own rumors about those cowgirls!!

See you all on the eagle trail.
Worthy State President
Jerry "J.R." Roush

SADDLE UP WITH THE SHERIFF

Howdy!

Now that we've survived the holiday season, it's time for the Posse to get back on our horses and ride out and arrest those members. We had a superb November with 59 new/re-enrolled members reported, which placed Iowa at #11 nationally! Keep up the great work! A YEE-HAW goes out to Iowa City for reaching their quota! A job well done - Keep on ropin' 'em in!

On a more serious note, in November, we had 14 of 36 auxiliaries that DID NOT report a member. Sadly, that is 38% of the total auxiliaries in Iowa. Did your horses run away? I have

faith that you will get 'Back In the Saddle Again' and have a big Round Up the remainder of the year!

We also have 5 auxiliaries - Atlantic, Creston, Ottumwa, Muscatine and Ft Dodge - that have not reported a member all year! Did you forget to put your boots on? I am challenging you to join Marshall Barb's Posse and sign at least one new member during the month of January.

While it's not always easy to find those new, prospective members, have your secretaries print a list of the members that have dropped in the past year. Contact those sisters and ask them to rejoin. Ask them why they didn't pay their dues. Sometimes they forgot... Sometimes we didn't ask them to help... Sometimes we didn't make them feel welcome.

Take a survey of your auxiliary and ask if you are doing everything you can do, to inform, involve and interest your members. Are we being sincere when welcoming them into our auxiliaries? Stop and think about what it was like when you first joined. If someone hadn't asked you to attend a meeting or help with an event, you wouldn't be reading this bulletin today!

We may not all be sisters by blood, but we are Sisters because we are an Eagle!

Until next month --- Keep those 'Cowgirl Booties' on the saddle!!
The Sheriff-Debbie

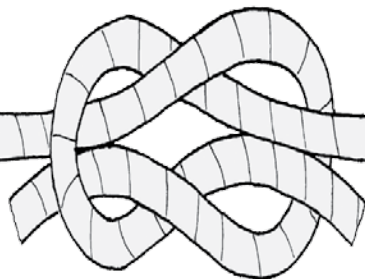


Any Bounty Will Do

Howdy Sisters,

Happy New Year!! Hope this finds everyone doing well and having had a wonderful holiday season. Now it's time for you all to get back to business and sign up those lost cowgirls. We received some valuable information at eastern zone that could help to find out why some of those cowgirls have left them there ranches. It's a letter called "Half Way Letter" where one side is for the club and the other side is for the lost cowgirl to fill out to tell why she left the club. It could be a very good resource for bringing back some of those sisters that want to rejoin but haven't been asked or would just like someone to know why they left the trail. If anyone is interested in a copy for their club you can contact me and I would send one out to you so that you can utilize this tool. Once again hope to see you down the western trail.

Bounty Hunter Lisa Zook



GRINNELL STATE CHARITY NIGHT

"MINI CASH BASH"

SAT., MARCH 31, 2012

SOCIAL HOUR 4:00 PM

IN THE FRONT LOUNGE

DOORS OPEN

5:00 PM-9:00 PM

FREE FOOD AND DRINK

ENTERTAINMENT

THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT

50/50 DRAWINGS

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS

TICKETS--\$20.00

PER PERSON

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

TICKET INFO:

CONTACT DEB THARP

641-260-0439

With Our Sympathy

Willie Verploegh

2152 230th St

Oskaloosa, IA 52577

The Bossy Bandit

2012 has arrived. That might be news to those of you who had too much sippings and don't remember the stroke of midnight. Or for those of you who was already napping long before then. But arrived it has.

New Years resolutions being what they is, lotsa folks don't even try to make 'em. We forget what you were going to do, we don't make the changes needed to follow through. Personally my resolutions are to win the lottery and grow 2 inches. Oh yeah, and to start playing the lottery.

I do want to encourage all my Eagles sisters and brothers to remember why this organization is important to each one of us in the first place. Remember the joy of giving and the joy of helping. Remember we only get stronger as a group when we each harken back to the pledges we have taken.

Last month must have been busy, there were a few of you that forgot to include a delinquency report on your list of things to do. I hope to hear from more secretaries next month. If you have questions or problems, give me a holler. Otherwise, I look forward to seeing y'all down the trail.



Julie Ervin, Boss of the Bandits

Grand Madam

President's 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

Auxiliary Membership Reports

AERIE#	DISTRICT	DELIQ %	TOTAL ROLLS	YEARLY QUOTA	MONTHLY QUOTA	AUG 2011	YEAR DATE
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W POTTAWATTAMIE

Carol Herold, Cassie Jameson, Pam Boland

104	Council Bluffs	1.7	250	24	2	0/0	4
1398	Creston	2.8	192	24	2	0/0	0
2715	Red Oak	2.1	145	12	1	1/0	5
3763	Atlantic	NR	59	12	1	0/0	0
3849	Shenandoah	6.2	82	12	1	0/0	4
3876	Missouri Valley	NR	120	12	1	1/0	3
TOTAL			848	96	8	2/0	1 6

SOUTHEAST LAKES

Deb Clark, Diane Anderson, Faye Guthrie

109	Des Moines	NR	304	36	3	0/1	11
114	Ottumwa	NR	144	12	1	0/0	0
150	Burlington	4.3	429	48	4	4/2	21
276	Oskaloosa	0	121	12	1	0/0	1
1287	Ft Madison	8.6	195	24	2	0/1	6
1927	Fairfield	5.5	153	12	1	1/1	6
2675	Centerville	0	125	12	1	0/0	7
2774	Chariton	5.4	79	12	1	0/0	2
3495	Osceola	0.8	133	12	1	0/0	1
3583	Albia	NR	76	12	1	1/0	3
TOTAL			1759	192	16	6/5	5 8

HAWKEYE

Robin Cunningham, Kathy Bennett, Gerry Morgan

764	Waterloo	5.7	482	48	4	6/5	30
2272	Cedar Rapids	2.3	317	36	3	3/1	13
2828	Tama-Toledo	5.6	323	36	3	2/1	13
3538	Manchester	NR	66	12	1	0/1	4
4074	Cedar Falls	NR	85	12	1	2/0	11
4114	Guttenberg	2.9	68	12	1	0/0	3
4466	Monticello	12.8	118	12	1	0/2	7
4512	Anamosa	NR	33	12	1	0/0	1
TOTAL			1492	180	15	13/10	8 2

THREE RIVERS

Robi Brewer, Lois Staner, Deb Wilhelm

235	Davenport	2.8	296	24	2	2/0	12
568	Dubuque	NR	113	12	1	3/1	5
695	Iowa City	3.9	271	24	2	6/0	26
705	Clinton	NR	116	12	1	0/3	16
815	Muscatine	NR	123	12	1	0/0	0
2545	Grinnell	NR	149	12	1	0/0	2
3866	Maquoketa	NR	152	12	1	1/0	6
4458	Asbury	NR	122	12	1	3/0	17
TOTAL			1342	120	10	15/4	84

TALLCORN

1381	LeMars	NR	92	12	1	1/0	3
1865	Hawarden	NR	76	12	1	1/0	10
2297	Sheldon	NR	121	12	1	2/0	19
3369	Ft Dodge	6.3	35	12	1	0/0	1
TOTAL			324	48	4	4/0	33

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Prospects from the Ponderosa



Well, a GREAT BIG HOWDY!

But as our new year comes rollin' in, y'all just remember, we got just 5 months left in our EAGLE year to make a great showing in our membership drive.

I hope all HAS gone well with your holiday travels and plans. This is a mighty busy time of year for family and friends, and us ol' cowpols and gold diggers ain't no different.

This is not about just beating the women, but more importantly, it's

about all of us (men and women) b a n d i n g together and making a great showing for our State, and

do much better, and I'm hoping some of the numbers have just not been reported yet. Either way, we have a good chance for Jake and Barb to be Bell ringers this year, but we can't do that unless we meet quota. I would very much like to exceed the numbers reported last year, so let's all pitch in and do our part!

for our local Aeries and Auxiliaries. We've done it before, and we CAN do it again.

We had a total of 10 Aeries showing no membership report for Nov and we are down a little over 100 members to date from last year at this time. We really need to pool our resources, and work together for the common good. Oh Lordy, I'm sounding like a Politician now!

Just want to let y'all know, we are on average, a little ahead of our quota for the year, but I think we can

MBER WHEN YOU JOINED AND WHAT IT MEANT TO YOU AT THE TIME? I KNOW I DO! Show your pride and get out and spread the word about the Eagles. Dig up those members for JR and the great state of Iowa!

Hope to see y'all at State Boards in Des Moines.

All The Best ---

Mike 'Slim' Gilson

Steve 'Hoss' Zimmerman

Shorty 'Gabby' McFarland

CARD OF Thanks

A "Big Thank You" to all my Eagle Brothers and Sisters in Iowa and across Eagledom for the cards and thoughts. I am back home and getting along OK! Again, thank you all!

Fraternally, Carol Reed

We would like to thank all of our Eagle brothers and sisters for the cards, thoughts, and prayers during the illness and passing of my father. Also, thanks for all the hugs, those who came to the visitation or service, and memorials – you are all the best!

Don & Cindy Balsanek
Cedar Rapids Aux. #2272

Thank you for the cards, kind words and prayers, during the passing of my grandmother. She was 100 years old and truly enjoyed a long journey through life. Your friendship and support are greatly appreciated.

Debbie & Mike Gilson and Wayne Hennings

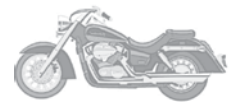
EAGLE RIDERS...



Hello Riders and HAPPY HOLIDAYS! I hope everyone survived the holidays shopping season without too much stress. We have many new Officers in the Eagle Riders and they can all use the help of the past Officers to keep things running so let's give them all our support. If you

have a new President in your group, please get there email to me so I can send current emails and news.

We have our Mid Winter State Board Meeting in Des Moines on Saturday January 14th at the Best Western on Army Post Road. This meeting will be at 1:00 p.m. I need 1 representative from each group to attend, but the more the better. During our meeting we have many things to discuss like next year's State Rally. The Groups that want to hold the State Rally are



Davenport, Grinnell and Cedar Rapids. Bring your members and vote for who you want to have the Rally.

I want to pass on all the information I have about the Iron Eagle Ride that is happening this coming summer. With the New Year there are always new events to talk about. For all the Aeries that would like to have me come and start a Riders Group for them, please contact me at my email address walkupden@yahoo.com or call me at 319-331-6911.

Iowa E.R. State Coordinator
Dennis Walkup

UPDATE ON RHONDA THOMAS

Honorary Past State Auxiliary President Rhonda Thomas is back in Iowa after being brought from Florida on 12/13/11 following a year plus rehab stay.

Rhonda will be residing at Victorian Acres in Altoona, a residential care home for brain injured individuals. Victorian Acres has several houses for their residents and the home Rhonda resides in is called Armstrong House. If any of her friends wish to visit her there they can but, please call first so they know

to have Rhonda prepared to receive guests (this is their policy).

There is no real notable difference in Rhonda from when she left with the exception her daily life is managed better due to caregivers trained for brain injury.

Rhonda's mobility is severely impaired at this time and she spends most of her time in a wheelchair due to falling. She will be starting physical therapy immediately to try and improve her gate. She can do fairly well with

visits on the phone or in person.

To visit with her by phone or announce a personal visit call Armstrong House at 515-967-0106. The address for Armstrong House is: 1427 34th Avenue S.W. Altoona, IA 50009 and her mail will go to this address as well. It's good to have her back on home soil close to family and friends!

HERE'S WISHING YOU & YOURS ALL GREAT THINGS IN THE NEW YEAR!

~ BIG D