



Eagle Rider News

Hello Riders, it's been such a busy year so far and I know there is still a lot going on. I was unable to make it to the State Rally, but I heard it was a great success. Thanks to all that showed up and showed thier support. During the State Convention, we were able to sell more tickets and we ended up giving away \$3,000.00 to the State Charity. Thanks to all who helped raise money by selling tickets and helping at the Convention Picnic. Every little bit makes a difference, and it takes all of us to accomplish great things. I have also heard that it was a great time at Junction City Kansas State Rally. Those Riders down there sure know how to make everyone feel like family. To those who have went to the National convention, I hope you have heard good things about Iowa. If you have any new ideas on ways to raise money while having a good time. please share with us so we can try some new events across the state. Anyone heading to Sturgis this year, the Rapid City Eagle Riders will be having another meet and greet on Wednesday, August 10th. It will be going on all day with different events. Stay safe out there and I hope to see you in the near future.

Iowa Eagle Riders
Dennis Walkup

Wednesday, August 10, 2022

Events are at Rapid City Eagle Aerie unless noted

1410 Centre St. Rapid City, SD

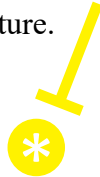
9am Coffee talk and breakfast

11am Ride to Wyatt's Lemonade Stand off 190 and Tilford exit #40

4pm Eagle Riders Meet and Gree

5pm Ride led by Eagle Riders

6pm Food and drink



Kilt for the Charity

At West Central Regional Conference a couple of years ago, a challenge was placed. If \$1,000 was raised for the state charity, this years Nebraska Worthy State President, Tim Melvin, would wear a kilt during the golf tournament at the West Central Regional during his year. That time of the year is coming up September 17, 2022 at Omaha #38! He has also added if our Iowa Eagles would want to join in, the \$\$\$\$ would be split 50-50 between the two state charities.

Any donations may be mailed to Larry Mora, 334 Listers Rd, North Platte NE 69101. The \$\$\$\$ will be presented to the Nebraska & Iowa state presidents at West Central Regional Conference.

CRESTON EAGLES

4th Annual "Dock of the Bay"

Outdoor Concert

Saturday, August 20, 2022

Doors open at 5pm • \$5 cover charge

Motorcycle run with Creston Eagles Riders

#1398 Kickstands up at 11am

Live Music with

Gas & Grass - Red Oak, IA @ 6pm

Fat Moses - Creston, IA @ 8pm

Food provided by Little Green Trailer



Thinking of You

Eva Knepp was in hospital checking for pains
1922 JERSEY RIDGE RD 20, Davenport, IA 52803

Dara May lost her sister
16 Washington East, Albia, Iowa 52531

Nellie Morehead has been feeling under the weather
1008 S Prospect Dr #61, Toledo, IA 52342

Kathy Versteeg is starting radiation after completing Chemo
925 North H, Oskaloosa, IA 52577

MacKenzie Greene has lost her fur baby Lucille Gatlin
Green 3.02.2020-7.29.2022
807 Argle Ct., Burlington, IA 52601

Iowa State Eagles Calendar

AUGUST 2022

July 30- August 4 - Grand Convention
Columbus, Ohio
July 30-31 - State Golf - Shenandoah
August 13 - I Cub Baseball Game

SEPTEMBER 2022

September 16-18 West Central Regional
(Omaha #38)

OCTOBER 2022

October 7 - Dubuque
October 8 - Guttenberg
October 14 - Creston
October 15 - Des Moines
October 28-30 Western Zone - Red Oak

NOVEMBER 2022

November 4 - Shenandoah
November 5 - Red Oak
November 6 - Glennwood

DECEMBER 2022

December 10 - Albia

JANUARY 2023

January 14 - Mid Winter Conference

FEBRUARY 2023

February 17 - Sheldon
February 18 - LeMars
February 24 - Maquoketa
February 25 - Iowa City

MARCH 2023

March 3 - Ottumwa
March 4 - Centerville
March 10 - Missouri Valley
March 11 - Council Bluffs
March 17 - Cedar Falls
March 18 - Waterloo
March 24 - 26 Eastern Zone - Grinnell
March 31 - April 2 MINK

APRIL 2023

April 15 - Tama/Toledo
April 22 - Oskaloosa

MAY 2023

May 6 - Cash Bash - Grinnell

JUNE 2023

June 15-17 - Iowa State Convention

July 2023

July 24-27 - Grand Convention Reno, Nevada



Jamming with the Prez

Seems surreal to see that in writing, but I am truly honored to have been installed as your Iowa State Worthy President. For those of you who were at state convention, my Eagle family seems a little strange, but they've been living that way for years ... Ha Ha! God knows I love all of them and appreciate all my Eagle Brothers and Sisters across the state for their support and guidance.

I would like to congratulate Bob and Eva on their tremendous year, both in membership and the money raised for the Children's Cancer Connection. You inspired MSP Debbie and myself! I know your donations to this year's charity – S.H.I.N.E. will generate the help that these families need. Iowa Eagles always shine when it comes to raising money for charity!

On a more serious note, I just took a look at the dropped member list. Won't report the numbers, but each Aerie needs to reach out and contact those members who dropped and sign them back up. Many times, they may just need a little nudge to rejoin.

One last thank you to all my "GROUPIES" and the installation team at convention. YOU MADE MY DAY! If I can help in any way, please contact me at 319-241-6840 or email at mrgilson456@gmail.com.

Respectfully,

Mike Gilson - State Worthy President 22-23

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Schedule your
charity event now!
Contact Rusty Clark
or Debbie Gilson

WANNA BE A GROUPIE??

Make your own Groupie button here!
(Download pic & print on card stock and glue on a pin backing. All Set!)





Drumming Up Membership

Let the drum roll begin. It's a start of a new year. Let's work on getting new members signed up and bringing back dropped members. Lets shake, rattle and roll with some number 1 hits. Start the music, it's a new year and we need to keep the beat steady. We all need to be a part of the growth and the word out about our wonderful organization. People helping people...It doesn't get any better than that. We have some surprises for the number of members signed up. You all like those extras you get when we add people. The more the merrier and the better the prize. We will be listening to your part of the beat...may it be strong and steady. Let's keep those membership numbers growing.

Michael Anderson
State Membership Chairman

AERIE MEMBERSHIP REPORT							
AERIE	CITY	ROSTER a/o 7/15/22	GOAL	NEW	RE	YTD	# for GAIN
104	Council Bluffs	203	24	3	2	5	-39
109	Des Moines	291	36	7	0	7	-46
114	Ottumwa	141	12	1	1	2	-28
150	Burlington	494	60	6	3	9	-73
276	Oskaloosa	52	12	2	4	6	-22
568	Dubuque	130	12	2	0	2	-28
695	Iowa City	400	48	0	1	1	-30
764	Waterloo	227	24	7	0	7	-48
1287	Ft Madison	279	24	16	2	18	-20
1381	Le Mars	172	24	0	0	0	-23
1398	Creston	297	24	18	1	19	-35
1865	Hawarden	78	12	4	0	4	-20
2272	Cedar Rapids	308	36	5	1	6	-85
2297	Sheldon	394	48	6	2	8	-34
2545	Grinnell	161	12	2	0	2	-24
2675	Centerville	135	12	0	0	0	-36
2715	Red Oak	108	12	2	1	3	-10
2774	Chariton	18	12	1	0	1	1
2828	Tama-Toledo	254	24	0	0	0	-51
3369	Ft Dodge	35	12	1	0	1	-18
3495	Osceola	90	12	2	2	4	-28
3583	Albia	56	12	0	2	2	-21
3784	Glenwood	250	24	8	0	8	-41
3849	Shenandoah	71	12	1	0	1	-32
3866	Maquoketa	184	24	0	2	2	-12
3876	Missouri Valley	124	12	1	0	1	-30
4074	Cedar Falls	146	12	1	0	1	-6
4114	Guttenberg	106	12	0	0	0	-12
4458	Asbury	184	12	5	2	7	-26
4466	Monticello	63	12	0	0	0	-11
4544	Independence	17	12	0	0	0	-1
	JULY TOTALS	5468		101	26	127	-889

Connection submissions

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

Cell Phone: (712) 251-9588

Email: pkalvelage@yahoo.com



Congratulations Iowa Eagles!
\$124,840.26

Denise and Kent George want to send a big THANK YOU to all the Aeries and Auxiliaries for their hard work this past year to raise money for this total!



Past State Presidents Bob and Eva hold a sign which was on one of the cabins during camp at Cancer Connection. It is signed by all the campers.



PSP's Bob and Eva shown with State charity chairmen Denise and Kent George along with staff from Cancer Connection.

Iowa State Eagle Awards



Nomination Forms are on FOE.com - Deadline May 15 for most

Eagle Awards

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Auxiliary Hall of Fame

Robin Cunningham, Past State President

Aerie Ruital Hall of Fame

Dennis VerPlough

Aerie Hall of Fame

Jim Zumbach, Past State President

Woman of the Year

Victoria Nichole

Aerie Hall of Fame

Shelley Zimmerman - Bulletin Editor of 17 years

Lew Reed Man of Year

Tom Engledom

Auxiliary Ritual Hall of Fame

Barb Rousch

Alta B Smith Woman of the Year

Molly Woods

Auxiliary Ritual Results/Teams

Verna Funke Scholarship Award

Brittany Vandevender

Old Farts Club Newest Members

John Hiadsaik, Shelley Zimmerman

Eagle Rider Ticket Winners

\$100 - Cheryl Beals

\$300 - Michael Morelock

\$500 - James May



Checkout Iowa State
FOE on Facebook for
more convention photos



Get to Know Your Officer Worthy State President Mike Gilson



I was born in Independence, Iowa and have three brothers. Growing up on the Wapsi, I enjoy fishing and boating. I volunteered at the MHI in Independence while in school and acquired my first set of drums during that time, teaching myself to play by listening to records! After my sophomore year, our family moved to Aurora, Iowa, where my dad fulfilled his dream of owning his own garage. I graduated from Starmont High School in 1974. Sadly, in 1975 my dad passed away from a brain tumor and that is why raising money for the cancer fund is dear to my heart.

As many of you know, music has played a big role in my life. I moved to Wichita Falls, TX in 1977 and worked on the oil fields and played music. I signed a contract with Sam Gibbs Music and went on the road, with a 3-piece band. I've had the experience of fronting for Little Jimmy Dickens & Charlie Walker, lived in Pocatello, ID and Phoenix, AZ and been an over-the-road truck driver.

In 1992, I moved back to Iowa and was struggling to find some real meaning in my life. Then I met and fell in love with my wife in 2005 and she introduced me to the Fraternal Order of Eagles. My whole outlook on life changed. It wasn't all about ME anymore and I learned it never should have been. I served as CR Aerie President in 2014-2015 and am currently our Aerie Conductor. I was honored to be state membership chairman for my Grandpa Jake and Daddy John.

My son Brad (Kelly) works for McAninch in Des Moines and my daughter Karie is the Director of Development for the Quad City Arts. They have blessed me with 5 grandsons and 1 granddaughter. And my extended family include 2 stepsons and 1 stepdaughter, plus 7 more grandchildren!

Yes, I still work every day for MHC Kenworth as a heavy truck mechanic, but with the help of Debbie and all Eagles, I feel my life has true meaning. The music I have always enjoyed, as well as being involved in helping in any way I can is what keeps me grounded and motivated. I have all of you to thank for that. So please don't hesitate to contact me with any concerns or questions and I will do my best to help.

Mike Gilson WSP 319-241-6840

mrgilson456@gmail.com

Oh and in case your wondering, 4-5-6 was our wedding date. Best thing that's ever happened to me!

Iowa State Aerie Officers 2022-2023

Worthy Jr Past President **Bob Beals**

Worthy State President **Mike Gilson**

Worthy State President Elect **Kevin Kressley**

Worthy State Vice President **Gene Kracht**

Worthy State Trustee **Tom Enledow**

Worthy State Trustee **Kent George**

Worthy State Trustee **Ben Boland**

Worthy State Trustee **Michael Anderson**

Worthy State Conductor PSP **Jim Zumbach**

Worthy State Secretary **Randy Woods**

Worthy State Chaplin **James May**

Worthy State Treasurer PSP **Jim Bennett**

Worthy State Inside Guard **Collin Smith**

Worthy State Outsidie Guard **Jerry Carder**

Membership **Michael Anderson**



Left to right: PSP John Hiadsiak, PSP Jim Burnett, PSP Ron Hansen, Kent George, Michael Anderson, Kevin Kressley, Jim Zubach, Ben Boland, Gene Kracht, Jerry Carder, Mike Gilson, Randy Woods, James May, Tom Engledow, Collin Smith, Bob Beals





Baking tips from the Top Baker



Hello to all my Eagle sisters and brothers. Can you believe we just started the new 2022-2023 year? Mike and I introduced our State Charity on Thursday morning of convention. It is the S.H.I.N.E. program at Blank Children's Hospital in Des Moines. If you were not able to be at convention, you can go to Blank's website, SHINE program and scroll down to fundraiser's video. There is a lot of information on there also. There will be a lot of information coming out in the bulletin and on the Iowa FOE website about the state charity dates and the program also.

We held installation of officers on Saturday afternoon, and in my opinion, it was one of the most entertaining ones I have ever seen or been a part of. Our 6 years old grandson, Isaac, kept everyone laughing. (Sorry to anyone he tried to take out with his Dowel rod). I would like to say "THANK YOU" to my installing officers and installation team. They did an amazing job!!! Just when we thought it couldn't get any crazier, we introduced our state family. Talk about dysfunctional!! As you could probably tell, Mike and I had no idea who the other had chosen. We were surprised also. That will keep people entertained all year long.

To all the State Officers: Congratulations! You all looked beautiful with your red, white, or blue colors and I loved seeing the different ways you wore your scarves and State pins. I am so proud of each and every one of you!! I know we're going to have a fun and productive year.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the state charity nights, WCR, and Western Zone starting in September. Invite someone to join you. We would love to see new members. Have a fun summer and stay safe. Remember to: Turn on those ovens and crank up the heat and bring in new and reenrolled members by the baker's dozen in 22-23.

Your MSP,
Debbie Clark (AKA Little Debbie) Top Baker

Iowa State Auxiliary Officers 2022-2023

- Madam State Jr Past President Eva Knepp
- Madam State President Debbie Clark
- Madam State President Elect Lisa Zook
- Madam State Vice President Julie Ervin
- Madam State Trustee Bobbi Jo Reed
- Madam State Trustee Connie Borshael
- Madam State Trustee Dara May
- Madam State Conductor Deb Kressley
- Madam State Secretary Cindy Balsanek
- Madam State Chaplin Patty Kalvelage
- Madam State Treasurer Dianna Babcock
- Madam State Inside Guard Rhonda Lanpher
- Madam State Outside Guard Patti Scott

Theme: Debbie's Bake Shop
Membership: Connie "Suzy Q" Borshael
Colors: Red, White, Blue



Back, Left to right: Deb Kressley, Rhonda Lanpher, Diana Babcock, Eva Knepp, Patty Kalvelage, Bobbi Jo Reed, Dara May, Connie Borshael. **Front, Left to right:** Patti Scott, Julie Ervin, Cindy Blasaneck, Debbie Clark, Liza Zook.



Watch next months
newsletter for the
FAMILY TREE

www.FOEIOWA.com

Social Media Highlight



Iowa State FOE Facebook Share

Ever wonder what the State Presidents do in their free time? This Fourth of July weekend, we found out Madam State President Debbie Clark does some pollinating.

😂 Turns out she does stay busy as a bee 🐝

Debbie Clark theme this year is baking/cooking hence the "Little Debbie" reference. She isn't the tallest of the Iowa State Officers, but she packs A LOT of punch into her baked baskets she has been making for the last few years for State Charity. Her baskets have included anything from zucchini breads to apple pie (the drinking type 😊) Make sure to stop out at the charity nights for S.H.I.N.E this year to purchase one (or MORE!) of her awesome food baskets! Keep up the great work Debbie and thank you for your support of charities over the years! ❤️👏

It does bring up some questions...how many years has she been making baked goods baskets? How many baskets total has she made? What is her favorite item in her baskets(baked or bought)? What is an approximate highest amount someone has paid for one of her baskets? If we are lucky, she will see this post and let us know in the comments!

Debbie Clark's response in comments

This will be my 6th or 7th year of doing my baskets. Couldn't tell you a total number of baskets but I can tell you since I started keeping track of the total I have raised almost \$6,000. That's just since 2019. The highest amount was paid by Pete Schmeiding at a MINK conference for \$550.00. He might be the one to ask about his favorite item since he has bought the majority of them.

* The next morning, she went out to pollinate her plants and there was a honey bee doing it's job. Must of been afraid it was going to lose its job 😂



Unity Point's Blank Children's Hospital S.H.I.N.E team along with Charity Chairmen Debbie Gilson and Rusty Clark. Worth State and Madam State President's Mike Gilson and Debbie Clark - Best of luck this year gang!



* Get your State Charity Shirts!

All t-shirts are a cotton/poly blend
Heather Red Tshirt

\$15 S-XL \$18 2X-4X

Blue Tshirt

\$15 S-XL \$18 2X-4X

Gray Polos w/Pocket

\$25 S-XL \$28 2X-4X

Fleece Jackets/Navy

\$35 S-XL \$40 2X-4X

Fleece Jackets/Gray

\$35 S-XL \$40 2X-4X

State Auxiliary FUNdraiser

Get in on the FUNdraiser going on this year - The Iowa State Auxiliary Cash Calendar!

For **ONLY \$20** per entry you have a chance to win money ALL YEAR LONG!!! Your name gets entered on our CASH WHEEL and stays there all year - no matter how many times you win! Drawings will be computerized and posted on Facebook - checks will be sent out monthly to our winners starting at the end of July!

Here is the breakdown on when and what you can win:

- Quarterly Drawings on the first day of each new Calendar Quarter: January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1
- 4 Quarterly Drawings @ \$25 each = \$100.00
- 11 Holiday Drawings @ \$20 each = \$220.00. Here are the select Holidays: Father's Day 6/19, Independence Day 7/4, International Sister's Day 8/7, Labor Day 9/5, Halloween 10/31, Thanksgiving 11/24, Christmas 12/25, Valentine's Day 02/14, St. Patrick's Day 03/17, Mother's Day 05/14, and Memorial Day 05/29.
- Money Month Drawings Every Day during months of September and April
- 58 Daily Money Month Drawings @ \$10 each = \$580.00
- Total Winnings for this Fraternal Year \$900.00

Money for entries can be mailed to Bobbi Jo Reed at P.O. Box 387, Ottumwa, Iowa 52501 with a check written to "Iowa State Eagles Aux".

Calendar chances for sale at Iowa Night in the MINK Hospitality Room at Grand Convention in Columbus along with various places throughout this Fraternal Year! Get in on this early for more chances to win!

A note from the Editor...

Hellooooo everyone! This is Patty Kalvelage reporting in on the first issue of the 2022 Eagle Year AND the first issue since the departure of Shelley Zimmerman retiring after 17 YEARS! Things are starting out



Along with the Iowa State Facebook, website and newsletter!



a bit rocky for me, but will smooth out over the next few issues of the *Connection*. I will be a bit late getting the newsletter mailed out to you all. It should be getting printed next week. The transition I thought I was ready for, I missed a few items. Bare with me! If you do not receive the email or printer version, PLEASE LET ME KNOW! I cannot fix what I am not aware of.

Thank you to Mike and Debbie for trusting in me to do this job! A big thank you to Shelley and Steve both for their dedication over the years building out the Iowa State newsletter... I have some shoes to fill! As you will see, there is a lot of hidden gems in this newsletter, so make sure to checkout the * - they sometimes have action items to be taken but a lot are little notes for awareness. These are just one of the bonuses of being digital!

The QR codes are scannable with your cell phone. It is exciting to see all the events happening across the State. Some rejuvenation before a fun filled year! Please pass along any news, events, comments and thoughts for content. As you can see, it helps for a GREAT newsletter to read.

Texting 712-251-9588 or emailing me pkalvelage@yahoo.com works best to get a hold of me. Deadlines have not changed - by the 15th of the month! With that, let's get this newsletter rolled out!

Charity Funrasier
August 13th 2022 @ 3:00pm
Red Oak Eagles Lodge
200 E Washington Ave, Red Oak, IA 51566

-For-
Gannon Vandewall
 Great Grandson of Tom & Lois Pratt
6 Year Old with Lukemia

Food - Entertainment

12TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW
 Council Bluffs FOE #104
 5-10pm • Awards 8pm
 Food • Beverage • Music • Raffles

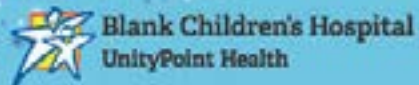
BACK TO SCHOOL CARNIVAL

DATE: AUGUST 20, 2022 TIME: 1 PM TO 4 PM

OSKALOOSA EAGLES
 215 HIGH AVENUE EAST, OSKALOOSA, IOWA (641)673-4227

FUN KIDS GAMES!!!
END OF SUMMER COOKOUT!!!
SCHOOL SUPPLIES!!!
FREE WILL DONATION FOR DINNER!!!
EVERYONE WELCOME!!!
50/50 DRAWINGS!!!
MONEY RAISED GOES TO S.H.I.N.E.
 (SHARING * HEALING * INSPIRING * NUTURING * ENDURING)
 OUR IOWA EAGLES STATE CHARITY THIS YEAR TO HELP
 FAMILIES WITH PERINATAL AND PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE!

S.H.I.N.E.
Sharing • Healing • Inspiring • Nurturing • Enduring



By the time you read this, the Iowa state convention and the International convention will be over. It is really sad to see the numbers so low on both the aerie and the auxiliary sides. The Fraternal Order of Eagles raises a lot of money for a lot of different charities and the totals are given out at convention. So now a new eagle year has started. Our state charity this year is S.H.I.N.E. The letters stand for sharing, healing, inspiring, nurturing, and enduring. It is a palliative care program through Blank Children's Hospital. It can begin when an unborn baby has received a complex diagnosis and provides an additional layer of support for these families through their pregnancy, birth, and beyond. Their goal is to improve the patient's quality of life in physical, psychological, social, emotional, and spiritual ways. The shine team will be with them every step of the way. SHINE has impacted over 700 families in 50 counties across the state of Iowa since 2013. You can also google the SHINE program on Blank Children's Hospital website. Just scroll down to fundraisers to watch our video. If you haven't already booked a date for the state charity, please contact Debbie Gilson or me. We're looking forward to traveling around the state and hope to raise a lot of money for SHINE. We look forward to seeing you there.

Your Aerie State Charity Chairman,
 Rusty Clark

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S.H.I.N.E. Video



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTgSJ1Ke_xY

S.H.I.N.E. Web Page



<https://www.unitypoint.org/blankchildrens/services-services-palliative-care.aspx>