



The
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Connection

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Mid Winter Conference

The Mid-Winter Conference will be at the Airport Holiday Inn in Des Moines. The dates are January 13 and 14, 2023. The room rates are \$105.00 + tax per night. Each room will include 2 breakfast tickets. Rooms need to be reserved by the 1st of January 2023. The phone number is 515-287-2400 or 800-248-4013.

Airport Holiday Inn & Conference Center
6111 Fleur Dr.
Des Moines, IA 50321
515-287-2400

Aeries/Aux bring an auction item to the Mid-Winter Conference. We are going to have an auction on Friday night to start raising funds for Kim's installation party for when she goes in as Grand Madam President.

SCHEDULE

Friday 6pm - BYOB, snacks, and an auction item

Friday 7pm - Auction'

Saturday 9am Auxiliary Board Meeting (Ballroom South)

Saturday 10am State Aerie Meeting (Ballroom North)

Saturday 1pm Joint meeting (Ballroom Central)

After joint:

Eagle Riders Room 397 - Voting for State Rally will be at this time

Ritual Training - Ballroom South

Convention Meeting - location TBD



Auxiliary Calendar Winners

Thanksgiving \$20 – Marilyn Mintun
Christmas \$20 – Dennis Verploegh
Quarterly/New Years \$25 – Kim Haidsiak



Iowa State Eagle Riders

Hello Iowa and Happy Holidays. I hope you know another motorcycle in the garage is a perfect gift for everyone. I hope everyone has a great holiday and a safe holiday with family and friends. As I write this, I think how blessed I am for being part of such a great organization like the eagles and eagle riders. The eagle riders have been in the state of Iowa for 15 years now. What great memories I have of events and people from all over this state. Let's have another great year in 2023. Mid winter meeting is coming up in January and I would really like to see see someone from each group attend the meeting. At this meeting we will decide who gets the state rally for 2023. We also need to get new insurance information out to all the groups. Have a great holiday season and make sure you all stay safe. Merry Christmas and Happy New year.

Iowa Eagle Riders
Dennis Walkup



2022-2023 Iowa State Aerie FOE Dart Tournament

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Waterloo Aerie # 764

202 E 1st Waterloo, Iowa

Sign up starts at noon and 1 pm start for tournament!

\$10.00 registration fee with %100 pay out!

You will draw for partners.

Larry Hanshaw Traveling trophy will be awarded to the Aerie with the most points.

Kitchen will be open.

Iowa State Eagles Calendar

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 18 - Waterloo

March 24 - Grinnell

March 24 - 26 Eastern Zone - Grinnell

March 31 - April 2 MINK

APRIL 2023

April 14 - Cedar Rapids

April 15 - Tama/Toledo

April 19 - Chariton

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



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



Waterloo Quilt Raffles

Waterloo Eagles has two quilts to be drawn for at Cash Bash, May 7, 2023.

When sending money for tickets, please note which quilt you would like tickets for. Raffle #1 Alzheimer's Lap Quilt or Raffle #2 Eagles Lap Quilt.

Thinking of You

State Madam Trustee Dara May has been in the hospital with some heart issues. She is currently at home resting.

Get Well cards would be appreciated and can be mailed to Dara at:

718 3rd Avenue East
Albia, Iowa 52531



Mike's Birthday surprise from his State Mother Nelly (Nelly jumped out of the cake to surprise him)



Jamming with the Prez

Strike Up The Band!

Find the Beat and Keep the Rhythm. Our BAND OF BROTHERS is in full swing in 2023. Happy New Year to All!

As of this writing the Aerie is about 30 members ahead of last year. Great job done by all. Please keep up the momentum, sign those members and get them involved, so our clubs can keep on doing what Eagles do best: PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE.

We just got back from Albia's State Charity night. What a great job raising money for SHINE. It was so great to see Darwin doing what he loves and with a little help from Bobbi Jo and everyone, the auction was a huge success, along with their dinner and breakfast the next morning.

I have to say my sisters Lisa and Kim were very sneaky with a birthday surprise for me. They decorated a big birthday cake which Mamma Nellie jumped out of, in a hoochie dress and danced for me! I received many cards and well wishes from those in attendance, as well as cards that were mailed to Lisa and a cake to take home, after I blew out the candles of course. What a great surprise! I was a little overwhelmed by my crazy Eagle Family.

Don't forget, Mid-Winter Conference is January 13th and 14th in Des Moines at the Holiday Inn across from the airport. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Then state charity nights are in full swing again, resuming in February. Check your calendars and plan on attending some of these.

I received an email from Randy Woods the other day concerning many Aeries that do not have their officer and committees recorded in MMS. The Grand Aerie needs to have this info updated as soon as possible by your local secretary. I was also reading through the club health report for the state and are there are many clubs that have not sent their 990's and affilia-

Iowa State Convention Rooms Reservations

Group Name: Eagles State Convention 2023

Group Code: J13

Reservations Deadline: May 24, 2023

Rates:

- Standard Two-Queen or King Executive \$100 plus 12% tax per night
- Junior King or Extended Suites \$120 plus 12% tax per night
- Family King Suites \$150 plus 12% tax per night
- Family Double Queen Suites \$170 plus 12% tax per night

Rates Include: Two (2) vouchers each morning for Full Hot Breakfast at our own Bennigan's Restaurant from 6:30am until 10:30am. On weekends our Breakfast Buffet includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, breakfast potatoes, biscuits and gravy, French toast, Danish, muffins, yogurt, cereals, fresh fruit, assorted juices, coffee, decaffeinated, Herbal teas and milk.

To Reserve:

Call hotel at: 515-278-4755 or 800-HOLIDAY (800-465-4329)



**Attention Secretaries:
Have you filed your 990?**

tion agreements to Grand. These are all very important to stay in compliance and to keep your club healthy and running smoothly.

Until next time, keep up the great work that you do, stay motivated and involved!

SWP MIKE GILSON 319 241-6840 mrgilson456@gmail.com

Stay up to day on information on www.FOEIOWA.com



Crank Up The Heat

Happy Holidays Bakeries and Bakers, I hope you all are having a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

Here we are almost to half way through the year. I would like to thank all the bakers out there for your continued hard work.

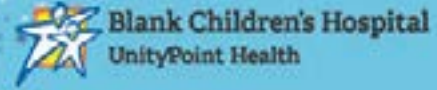
Also, I hope your ovens continue to be cranked up. Our membership numbers are looking good. Total new and re-enrolled members for the past month as of the middle of November shows the recipes cards (application) are filling the recipe box for Little Debbie. Total new is 28 sisters and 7 re-enrolled. Des Moines is on fire with 14 new sisters! Iowa City - 3, Sheldon - 6, Creston - 6, Iowa City - 3. Several with 1 signed, but that is one more than before. Congratulations and keep up the great work.

I'm hearing the scrubbies and dishcloths that have been won are being put to good use. More prizes to come. Let's keep those ovens cranked up and the recipes shared, welcome our new sisters and those who have re-enrolled.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year
Connie Borschel (Suzie Q) - Membership Chair

S.H.I.N.E.

Sharing • Healing • Inspiring • Nurturing • Enduring



Hello to all our brothers and sisters around the state. It has been pretty quiet, eagle wise, with the S.H.I.N.E. state charity. I (Rusty) almost forgot to get the article ready. Was sitting here in a tree stand this morning freezing my butt off and remembered. So I wrote a small article with my phone and sent it to Debbie to print up and send to Patty. We were in Albia last Saturday for their state charity night. They had an awesome night. They had a wonderful meal followed by an awesome auction. It is so good to see Darwin back in action!! Thanks to Bobbi Jo for filling in a few times. Great job Albia for all your hard work.

The midwinter conference is in January at the Holiday Inn south by the airport. Please try to make it if you can. Then after another break, the state charities start back up in February. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all you are doing for S.H.I.N.E. Hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you in January.

Your state charity chairmen,
Rusty Clark and Deb Gilson

Connection submissions

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

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AERIE MEMBERSHIP REPORT

AERIE	CITY	ROSTER a/o 12/14/22	GOAL	NEW	RE	YTD	# for GAIN
104	Council Bluffs	228	24	0	0	25	-14
109	Des Moines	324	36	3	0	37	-13
114	Ottumwa	147	12	1	0	8	-22
150	Burlington	539	60	10	0	58	-28
276	Oskaloosa	63	12	1	0	16	-11
568	Dubuque	137	12	2	1	10	-21
695	Iowa City	417	48	2	2	20	-13
764	Waterloo	238	24	4	0	18	-37
1287	Ft Madison	290	24	0	0	30	-9
1381	Le Mars	175	24	0	1	2	-20
1398	Creston	309	24	4	1	34	-23
1865	Hawarden	94	12	2	0	20	-4
2272	Cedar Rapids	337	36	2	0	33	-56
2297	Sheldon	412	48	4	0	26	-16
2545	Grinnell	162	12	0	0	3	-23
2675	Centerville	179	12	10	0	44	8
2715	Red Oak	114	12	3	0	9	-4
2774	Chariton	18	12	0	0	1	1
2828	Tama-Toledo	283	24	0	0	13	-22
3369	Ft Dodge	33	12	0	0	1	-20
3495	Osceola	104	12	5	0	15	-14
3583	Albia	57	12	0	0	3	-20
3784	Glenwood	302	24	14	1	61	11
3849	Shenandoah	83	12	1	0	12	-20
3866	Maquoketa	t187	24	0	0	6	-9
3876	Missouri Valley	134	12	0	0	12	-20
4074	Cedar Falls	153	12	0	0	5	1
4114	Guttenberg	118	12	0	0	12	0
4458	Asbury	210	12	13	0	33	0
4466	Monticello	69	12	0	0	6	-5
4544	Independence	18	12	0	1	1	0
	DEC TOTAL	5934		81	7	574	-423

Aerie State Father John Haidsiak Needs Your Help!

State Mother Nellie Morehead dropped a bombshell during the state charity night held in Red Oak. She spent years raising her sons – SWP Mike and his twin brother Darwin, without ANY support from their daddy John. She informed us that he owes her \$5000 in back child support!

Due to the generosity of several members, there was two dollars collected in Red Oak to help offset this debt – but we still need to raise \$4998, before daddy John loses visitation rights with is twins and is incarcerated! And State Sister Kim said she’s not going to bail him out!

DADDY JOHN NEEDS YOUR HELP! Any dollar or pocket change would be appreciated! Please send your donations by May 31, 2023 to: Daddy John Haidsiak – 710 S. 4th Street – Red Oak, Iowa 51566-2714.

Thank You in advance for your support!

Debbie Gilson & Rusty Clark, S.H.I.N.E. State Charity Chairmen

Eagles Spinal Cord Fund

Hello Fellow Eagles. I'd like to take a few moments of your time to discuss Spinal Cord injuries. As a flight nurse for the University of Iowa for 25 years, I have seen many spinal cord injuries over the years. A number of years ago I myself suffered a serious spinal cord injury, and recently our good friend Darwin Thomas was injured with a dangerous life threatening spinal injury. Only because of excellent training of medical personal and state of the art equipment are either one of us still here today.

How is this possible? Because of many fine organizations and generous people, none more so than the Fraternal Order of Eagles and the people who belong to the Eagles.

Iowa's very own Lou Reed started this charity while serving as FOE's President. Not only has this fund directly helped many suffering from unplanned, unscheduled, unforeseen disabilities, but we have seen it help in so many ways undreamed of just a short time ago. For example, the state charity a couple of years ago was the EXO SKELETON. This came about due to brilliant research, training and generous funding.

Darwin and I benefited from all of this. Hopefully you will never have to, yet it's good to know research, training and improvements are being made every day in case you or a loved one ever does require help with a spinal injury.

I'm asking you to have a fundraiser for this great charity in your Aerie so we can help all those that suffer.

Chuck Wendler - Iowa FOE Spinal Cord Chairman

THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES

SPINAL CORD INJURY FUND



The Spinal Cord Injury Fund serves as an outlet for assistance to groups aiding citizens suffering from spinal cord-related injuries. The fund has benefited rehabilitation programs, the creation of special braces to combat scoliosis, and robotic exoskeletons, to the tune of over \$200,000 annually.



CHARITY FOUNDATION



Become CPR Certified in a couple short hours!!! ONLY \$65 and includes a certification card!!! Cheapest training in the area BY FAR! Taught by Lisa Miller, Nurse & Certified CPR Instructor!!! Please contact the Albia Eagles, Lisa Miller, or Bobbi Jo Reed to Pre-Register!!! PayPal & Venmo Payments Accepted!

2023 MINK Conference

Time to make your room reservations!
March 31st - April 1 and 2nd, 2023
Omaha, NE - Embassy Suites Downtown



1-800-362-2779 is the phone number and the code is MIN
All HANDICAP rooms are in being held in my name.
DEADLINE is March 10, 2023

Get to know your State Aerie Officer... James May

Hello everyone I'd like to to introduce myself. I am James May I am married to Dara May we have been married for 26 years. We have 3 children a step-daughter Tonia Benson, 2 sons Taith and Jamesy. I also have a grandson Henry.

I just recently changed jobs I work at Monroe Country Hospital for the last 7 months. Recently I've worked at Hy-Vee for the last 12 years. I have been volunteering at the Albia eagles for the last 6+ years. In that time I have been a trustee, secretary, and current Worthy president. I am happy to be the current state chaplain.



Baking tips from the **Top Baker**



Hello to all my sisters and brothers. I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving and was able to get together with family and friends. We are in the slower time of the year state charity wise anyway. I did get to go to Younker Rehabilitation in November with Rusty, Lisa, and Bob. We finally got to take a tour and was able to see the FES cycle machine that everyone worked so hard to raise money for Rusty and Lisa's year. They also showed us a kidney bladder scan machine they purchased with our donations also. They are so grateful to the eagles for all we do.

We were in Albia last Saturday for their State charity. What an awesome night! It started with a Hot beef dinner followed by an awesome auction. Kudos to Darwin and Bobbi Jo for the great job of auctioneering. They had a great crowd and raised a lot of money for S.H.I.N.E. Thank you Albia for my great basket and your wonderful hospitality. The club was decorated beautifully also. They finished the night with a surprise birthday party for WSP Mike. They had a "special lady" come out of his "cake". You had to be there to see it. Nellie never disappoints.

We have the midwinter conference coming up January 13th-14th in Des Moines at the Holiday Inn south by the airport. I hope to see everyone there. Then another break until the state charities start back up again in February. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and are able to get together with family to celebrate.

We're doing good on membership as far as I can tell. Keep up the good work. I know we can get to our goal. As I look out and see it spitting snow, I think it's a good time to "Turn on those ovens and crank up the heat. Bring in new and reenrolled members by the baker's dozen in 22-23"

Your MSP Debbie AKA Top Baker



Get to know your State Aerie Officer... Gene Kracht

I was 5 when I started to go to the Clinton FOE with my dad. When I was about 10, I started to read my dad's book on the rituals and meeting procedures of the FOE knowing someday I wanted to be a local Aerie Officer.

I joined the club 50 years ago on my 18th birthday in 1972 and started as Inside Guard that year. I continued through the chairs from there. I served 3 times as President and held Secretary for 6 years.

In 1974 I attended my first State Convention in Dubuque. It was there where I met two Brothers who convinced me to get involved in the Eastern Zone and 3 Rivers District after finishing my obligation to complete the chairs in Clinton. I made it through the chairs in the Zone and District after finishing the chairs in Clinton. The two Brothers I mentioned were Don Duehr and Lew Reed, and, I thank them for supporting me in getting involved.

On a personal note I started work on the Milwaukee Railroad as a track laborer and worked my way up to Conductor before losing my job due to the company bankruptcy. That is when I decided to go to college graduating in 1992 with a BA in Computer System Analysis and Design. I then moved to Aurora, Colorado for work and joined as a dues member and served as Chaplain. After a year I moved back to Clinton and started in 1995 with the CNW/UP Railroad and retired in 2016 as a Locomotive Engineer.

The first time I ran for State Office I lost by 3 votes. After a few more attempts I decided not to run again and just help where I could. Then, while attending a Convention I was asked by our now WSP Mike Gillson to run, so, I said I would love to and have had the Honor to serve the State.

Fraternally Yours;
Gene Kracht Proud State Vice President

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Auxiliary number

AUX	CITY	ROSTER	GOAL	NEW	RE	YTD	# for GAIN
104	Council Bluffs	164	24	1	0	13	-16
109	Des Moines	249	24	14	1	37	0
114	Ottumwa	65	12	0	0	3	-9
150	Burlington	390	48	1	0	14	-24
276	Oskaloosa	43	12	0	0	18	-6
568	Dubuque	34	12	0	0	0	-4
695	Iowa City	187	24	3	1	24	-13
764	Waterloo	159	12	1	0	1	-5
1287	Ft Madison	189	24	2	1	23	-19
1398	Creston	191	24	6	0	11	-11
1865	Hawarden	61	12	0	0	0	-5
2272	Cedar Rapids	234	24	1	0	22	-14
2297	Sheldon	131	12	6	0	12	-1
2545	Grinnell	133	12	0	0	5	-1
2675	Centerville	80	12	0	1	15	-15
2715	Red Oak	135	12	1	0	3	-8
2774	Chariton	23	12	0	0	2	-1
2828	Tama-Toledo	207	24	2	0	6	-23
3369	Ft Dodge	8	12	0	0	0	-5
3495	Osceola	60	12	0	0	0	-1
3583	Albia	55	12	0	0	1	-6
3849	Shenandoah	33	12	1	0	5	-15
3866	Maquoketa	69	12	0	0	2	-7
3876	Missouri Valley	110	12	2	2	7	-2
4074	Cedar Falls	41	12	0	0	0	0
4114	Guttenberg	64	12	1	0	1	-2
4458	Asbury	90	12	2	0	10	-20
4466	Monticello	27	12	1	1	5	-8
	Totals as of November 15, 2022			28	7	195	-279

Equipment from 2019-2020 State Charity

Yunker Rehab crew show PSP Rusty, PSP Lisa, and charity chairmen Debbie and Bob the equipment/endowment the Eagles gave for their year 2019-2020.

