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Connection

From the *Auxiliary State Secretary*

Over the last several months there have been discussions at Western Zone, among members and in the State Bulletin about State Officers and Past State Presidents attending more State Charity nights. Yes, the State Charity chosen by our State President is just as important as any of our other Charities. Why I am writing this article is because members, State Officers and Past State Presidents have been made to feel that it is mandatory to attend State Charity nights. This is certainly not the case. Over the years since the State of Iowa started holding State Charity nights we have always encouraged everyone to attend the State Charity nights they can attend especially in their own area. How many you attend or how much money you spend does not determine how good of a State Officer, Past State President or Member that you are. We are all volunteers in this organization and we are all on equal footing.

Many of our Clubs are struggling right now with the Pandemic and the Economic problems our Country is facing. We need to take care of the Clubs we have so we don't continue to lose them. When members become negative, lose interest, no longer want to work, or attend meetings, and they can't find volunteers our Clubs are the ones who suffer. It is very important right now to volunteer at your Clubs and support their functions first, and then support the State functions. We do not know what any of you have going on in your family life, your Club life, or your work life. We have always said FAMILY COMES FIRST! JOBS COME FIRST! OUR CLUBS MUST COME FIRST FOR THEM TO SURVIVE! We need to remember that not everyone can walk out the door at Noon to attend a State Charity night on a Friday night. Not everyone works a 9-5, Monday – Friday job.

If you are considering running for an Auxiliary State Office please know that we only ask you to attend any and all functions when you can. These are not limited to State Charity Nights, but include the GMP Visits, Zones, Regional when you can. You are encouraged to introduce yourself to members you do not know so that they may get to know you better.

With Our Sympathy

Janice Heston

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Know your Auxiliary State Officers...

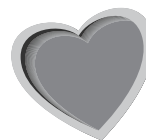
Cindy Balsanek
State Secretary

Hi Sisters – I was born in Dubuque, IA, (even though my parents lived in Waterloo) on Aug. 17, 1951. You see my parents were visiting friends and my twin sister and I decided it was time to enter their lives 2 months early. We stayed in the hospital in Dubuque for those 2 months as we only weighed a little over 3 lbs and were 16 inches long when we were born. We finally went home to Waterloo in October, 1951. I am the oldest of 8 kids which was not unusual in those days. We never lacked for a playmate.

I came to Cedar Rapids in 1969 and attended Mt. Mercy College. After 2 years decided I did not really want to be a teacher so I went out in to the workforce with my business education and worked for Rockwell Collins for about 6 months and was laid off in the massive layoffs in November 1971. I went to work for Rapids Chevrolet in March 1972 and met one of my best friends Gerry Morgan who taught me everything I know about the car business and the Eagles. I joined the Eagles in November, 1972, and of course they needed someone on the Drill team RIGHT AWAY! So began my journey in the Eagles. I became an active member, an officer, worked my way up thru the chairs on the local and District levels and then became State President in 1996-1997, and became State Secretary in 2008.

I have been married to my husband, Don, for 47 years as of Oct. 19, 2021. He has always been a help to me over the years especially when we had the Rainbow Royals (CR Jr Drill team). We always said they were our kids and the best kind because we could send them home after spending time with them on Saturday mornings.

Needless to say the Eagles has always been our Life and we both believe in the precepts we stand for and always will.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

February 18—Sheldon
February 19—LeMars
February 25—Cedar Rapids
February 26—Iowa City

MARCH

March 5—Centerville
March 11—Missouri Valley
March 12—Ottumwa
March 18—Council Bluffs
March 19—Tama
March 25-27—Eastern Zone (Iowa City)

APRIL

April 1—Cedar Falls
April 2—Waterloo
April 8-10—MINK (Des Moines)
April 15—Burlington Auxiliary
April 23—Oskaloosa

MAY

May 7—Cash Bash (Grinnell)

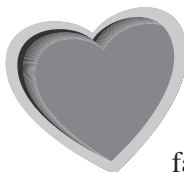
JUNE

June 16-19—State Convention—(Des Moines Holiday Inn)

Cancer Connection



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!



As we spread the love of Valentine's this month, spread that love with the Children's Cancer Connection. Any amount will share your love to help these children & their families. It's not just the child, it's the whole family that goes through this.

We start the new year in January with Grinnell, now we are continuing our journey with Sheldon & LeMars, then onto Cedar Rapids & Iowa City. We hope you can join us at one of these events. And the weather holds out for our travels.

We still have some openings, schedule your charity event please contact us directly, your charity chairs **Kent George (319)404-9113** or **Denise George (319)404-5955**.

There is a date with your club's name on it, just call.

Kick Stands Up!

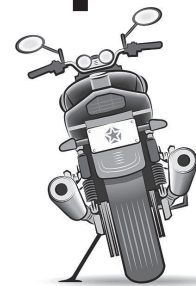
Hello my Brothers, here we go on the back side of the fiscal year. We still need 293 members for Net Gain and 419 for Bobs goal of Net Gain + 2%. We can make it with a little extra push. There are 8 Aeries that are at or above Yearly Quota.

Currently we are 3.2% ahead of Nebraska but they are on the move being #8 in membership in January for the Jurisdiction. Deb Gilson and her crew are still ahead of us by a few per cent so please help Bob, Me and our membership crew Rolland McKay and Ben Bolen to pass the Auxiliary Team.

Was great to see some new faces at the Mid-Winter Conference along with the regulars but it would be nice to see more Aeries represented. Hope to see the attendance numbers up at the Eastern Zone Conference in March at Iowa City.

I am excited to see Dolan Olson of Boone get his commission from the Grand Aerie to organize a new club in Boone. If you know anyone in the Boone area that would like to become a Charter Member, please have them contact him.

Until next month join me Riding with Bob,
Gene Kracht State Membership Chairman



Quotes from the Queen



It was nice seeing everyone at Mid-Winter Conference. I hope all the sisters who were ill and unable to attend to get well soon. The weather wasn't the greatest to get home!

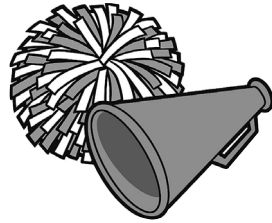
Congratulations to Bobbi Jo on her beautiful baby girl, can't wait to see her.

Keep signing up new ladies and get the ones who were dropped back. I am pretty sure we are ahead of the men, keep up the good work!

Charity nights are starting up again Grinnell is Jan. 29th. Hope to see you there. Sheldon and LeMars on Feb. 18th and 19th, Cedar Rapids the 25th and Iowa City on Feb. 26th.

Hugs and Prayers to Janice Heston on the passing of Keith. Stay warm and hope to see you down the Eagle Trail.

Membership Is Here To Stay!



Iowa sisters – Stand Up and Cheer! The month of December we were 12th nationally with 32 members signed! Des Moines – you are on fire – with 8 members signed in December and a total of 43 for the year! Missouri Valley signed 5 and Burlington and Cedar Rapids were tied with 4 and both have 32! And as of mid-January, Ft Madison reported 6 new members and have 22 for the year! We have 285 for the year and only need 175 to reach SMP Eva's goal of 460 by the end of May! Keep on cheering and handing out applications!

High Producers for December will receive a pom pom keychain: Class A – Victoria Brammer/Creston(2); Tracey Mefferd/Missouri Valley(3); Class C – Carol Beason/Oskaloosa(2). Another Pink Lady was added to the Leaders of the Pack, with 5 members: Victoria Brammer/Creston. She will receive a set of vinyl record coasters. There are now 13 Pink Ladies that have signed 5 members or more and have accounted for 82 of our total! Two Pink Ladies have now signed 10 members: Ellyn Freitag/Ft Madison(11) and Stacey Barger/Cedar Rapids(10) and will receive the vinyl record clock for their hard work!

It's the middle of January, as I am writing this and Iowa is so very, very close to achieving 3 things: Net Gain-132, SMP Eva's goal-175 and Net Gain + 2% - 201. Sisters, I know we can DO IT! But your help is needed by initiating your members! Remember, our Net Gain numbers will not change until they are. It's winter in Iowa, so it's also a good time to plan a membership drive to get those prospective members in to your clubs. Let people know what the Eagles are all about!

By the way, my Aerie counterpart, Gene Kracht is still very, very scared of us!! And I've got a special cheer for him!!

BUBBLE GUM IS TUTTI – FRUITY! THE IOWA STATE AUXILIARY WILL WHIP YOUR BOOTY!!

MAKE IT a RECORD YEAR
Head Cheerleader – Debbie Gilson

Thinking of You

Pam Boland
c/o Good Samaritan Society
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Red Oak, IA 51566

Know your Auxiliary State Officers...

Patty Kalvelage
Madam Conductor

Hello Iowa Eagles! This is Patty Kalvelage, often known as Patty K. or Paparazzi Patty. The first thing you will learn about me, I hate talking about myself. I am a behind the scenes type of person which is why I feel I do well as the webmaster, Facebook admin and a new communication assignment on the horizon.

I am the oldest of three girls (all redheads) and originally from Cresco, Iowa. I don't consider myself a residence, but rather a transplant in Grinnell, because my heart will always be in northern Iowa. I just adopted 2 female German short hair pointers from a local rescue a few months ago. It was my first experience as a foster, and totally went into it knowing it would be a fail! They were sent to me after having lost my last of three GSPs who I had for a little over 15 years.

I work at Brownells as a Senior User Experience manager. I know my jargon doesn't mean a lot to all of you, but I am the voice of the customer at my job. I talk with people to understand how their experiences are by finding out what goals they want to accomplish, how they perform them and how they interact with our business. This has started to trickle into my real life as I love to ask a lot of questions!

After serving as State charity chairman with my boyfriend Doug Moyer for Steve Zimmerman, Carol Herald and founder of HERO, Chuck Geertz, I have a great respect and interest in supporting our veterans and active military and their families. The war they have at home is sometimes more of a battle than when they served. This has raised my interest in grant writing and understanding the impact we as Eagles have in communities by doing our charity work. I love reading and doing research, usually military novels based on true people or WWII but I also read to be a better leader, improve my dog's health and understanding the why behind some peoples lives.

I try to be involved as much I can at the Eagles local level, as they say, charity starts at home. I am proud to be part of the highly active group we have in Grinnell and are very appreciative of their support for me at the State level currently serving as your Madam Conductor.

The Lord has taken a lot of good people from us these past years. I want to send my sincerest sympathies to all of you and your families who have lost a loved one for whatever reason since this damn pandemic has started. The pain never goes away but my prayer for you is to find the strength to put one foot in front of the other to move forward. We all have our own timeline of healing. Please remember, they were granted eternal rest and we all pray they rest in paradise.

State Convention Room Reservations

Brothers & Sisters:

To make a room reservation for State Convention please see the following information - Make sure you tell the person at the desk that this is for the 2022

Eagles State Convention and use code J14.

Here also are the instructions for the reservations:

Group Name: Eagles State Convention 2022

Group Code: J14

Reservations Deadline: May 25, 2022

To Reserve:

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

Click to: www.holidayinn.com/desmoinesia and choose the

Holiday Inn Northwest

4800 Merle Hay Rd • Urbandale, IA 50322

and use the 3-letter code **J14**

Cindy Balsanek

Aerie Membership Reports

AERIE	CITY	ROSTER	GOAL	NEW	RE	YTD	# for GAIN
104	Council Bluffs	215	24	3	0	35	-8
109	Des Moines	309	36	3	0	46	4
114	Ottumwa	137	12	1	0	5	-45
150	Burlington	530	60	5	0	56	-22
276	Oskaloosa	60	12	0	0	13	-1
568	Dubuque	153	12	0	0	16	-10
695	Iowa City	422	48	1	1	30	-22
764	Waterloo	271	24	0	0	5	-19
1287	Ft Madison	277	24	2	0	42	8
1381	Le Mars	186	24	2	0	14	-7
1398	Creston	279	24	4	2	26	-1
1865	Hawarden	96	12	0	0	14	13
2272	Cedar Rapids	320	36	1	0	38	-51
2297	Sheldon	403	48	6	3	46	2
2545	Grinnell	174	12	1	0	12	-2
2675	Centerville	168	12	0	0	14	-9
2715	Red Oak	99	12	0	0	10	-9
2774	Chariton	16	12	0	0	0	-1
2828	Tama-Toledo	286	24	1	0	18	-30
3369	Ft Dodge	52	12	0	0	6	4
3495	Osceola	114	12	0	0	9	-4
3538	Manchester	6	12	0	0	0	0
3583	Albia	62	12	3	1	17	-4
3784	Glenwood	259	24	0	0	27	-28
3849	Shenandoah	102	12	1	0	15	-5
3866	Maquoketa	188	24	0	0	8	-12
3876	Missouri Valley	132	12	4	0	21	12
4074	Cedar Falls	139	12	0	0	16	0
4114	Guttenberg	114	12	0	0	8	-3
4458	Asbury	194	12	1	0	37	3
4466	Monticello	69	12	0	2	11	-6
4544	Independence	18	12	0	0	4	-1
JAN TOTALS			39	9		619	-254

To Contact the Aerie State Secretary

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Ritual Teams Needed

Wanted – Sisters interested in being on a Ritual Team!!

Please email me at foe150@mchsi.com if you would like to join!! You do have to be in the same Auxiliary as we are trying to form more teams to compete at convention. Let's not let our Auxiliary fade away. Ritual is so much a part of the Auxiliary; it is something we should all live by. Pick a part you would like to do and practice. I have one person who is committed and is willing to do several parts. Let's follow her lead! Please keep our ritual going!!

Ritual Co-Chair - Marilyn Mintun

Auxiliary Membership Reports

CLASS A - EARTH ANGELS

Roster: 170 & Over

AUX	CITY	ROSTER	GOAL	NEW	RE	YTD	# for GAIN
109	Des Moines	204	24	7	1	43	5
150	Burlington	381	48	3	1	32	-4
695	Iowa City	186	24	0	0	14	-3
1287	Ft Madison	181	24	6	0	22	-3
1398	Creston	172	12	3	0	9	-2
2272	Cedar Rapids	229	24	1	0	32	-25
2828	Tama-Toledo	220	24	0	0	10	-10
TOTAL			20	2		162	-42

CLASS B - DREAM LOVERS

Roster: 80 to 169

AUX	CITY	ROSTER	GOAL	NEW	RE	YTD	# for GAIN
104	Council Bluffs	150	12	0	0	20	0
764	Waterloo	155	12	0	0	8	-3
2297	Sheldon	124	12	0	0	13	-1
2545	Grinnell	132	12	0	0	2	-2
2675	Centerville	89	12	0	0	8	-14
2715	Red Oak	133	12	0	0	7	-4
3876	Missouri Valley	98	12	5	0	8	1
4458	Asbury	86	12	0	0	14	2
TOTAL			5	0		80	-21

CLASS C - LITTLE DARLIN'S

Roster: Less than 80

AUX	CITY	ROSTER	GOAL	NEW	RE	YTD	# for GAIN
114	Ottumwa	62	12	0	0	7	-12
276	Oskaloosa	41	12	0	0	7	-8
568	Dubuque	37	12	0	0	1	-2
1865	Hawarden	62	12	0	0	4	1
2774	Chariton	24	12	0	0	0	0
3369	Ft Dodge	13	12	0	0	0	-4
3495	Osceola	62	12	0	0	2	0
3583	Albia	55	12	0	0	4	-13
3849	Shenandoah	44	12	0	0	4	-7
3866	Maquoketa	73	12	0	0	3	-6
4074	Cedar Falls	40	12	0	0	0	-3
4114	Guttenberg	61	12	0	0	6	-4
4466	Monticello	27	12	0	0	5	-2
TOTAL			0	0		43	-60

JAN TOTALS

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To Contact the Auxiliary State Secretary

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Iowa PSP Honored

Wow!! How excited the Past State Presidents Ritual Team is! Grand Madam Brenda Garrich has asked them to do the opening ceremony on Monday, August 1st at National Convention in Columbus, Ohio. What an Honor for us, we are so proud!

We will make our Iowa Brothers and Sisters proud!!!

Marilyn Mintun, PSP



Grand Madam Outside Guard Robin Park
from Juneau, Alaska

She will be our Auxiliary Representative
at the Eastern Zone Conference in Iowa City
March 25-27, 2022

She will enjoy meeting all our Iowa Sisters

Grand Madam Presidents Gift

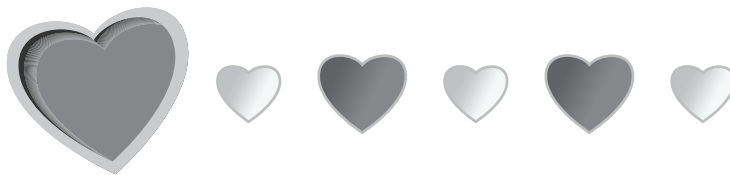
Hi Sisters-

Every year the Grand Madam President makes a visit to Iowa. This year GMP Brenda Garrioch will be visiting Iowa on March 10th & 11th, 2022. She will be visiting in Albia on March 10th and Mo Valley on March 11th. Please watch the State Bulletin for more information.

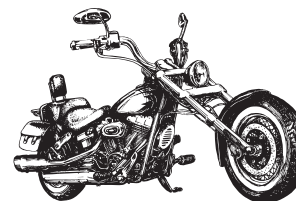
When the GMP makes her visit to Iowa it is customary for our MSP to present a monetary gift to her on behalf of the Iowa Auxiliaries. We hope you will send your gift to be included in the presentation to the **State Secretary by March 1, 2022**. Please bring this up in your Auxiliary meeting and send your gift to:

Iowa State Auxiliary
PO Box 11127
Cedar Rapids, IA 52410-1127

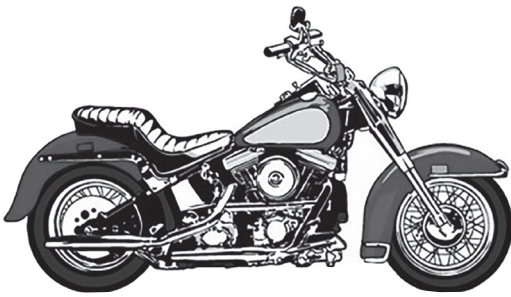
Thank you so much for contributing to GMP Brenda's gift.
Cindy Balsanek – IA State Aux. Secretary



EAGLE RIDERS



Hello riders and Happy February. I want to thank everyone who came to the Mid-Winter Meeting. We had good conversation and had one of the biggest groups we have had in a while that really made for a good meeting. We had representatives from 9 out the 11 groups. We handed out the State Raffle tickets, and each group received 100 tickets. We voted and decided that each group would send \$100.00 to cover the payout to the winners and all the money raised from tickets will go to the State Charity. Please send the \$100.00 to the Iowa Eagle Riders State Account at 225 Hwy 1. W. Iowa City Ia. 52246. Please have the tickets and money for the tickets sent in by the date on the cover letter you received. We also voted on the 2022 State Rally, and it will be in Creston Iowa on June 3rd - 5th so mark your calendars. Information and fliers will be sent out and posted in the near future. Hopefully spring is on its way, and we can start planning on rides and other events.



Riding with **BOB**

Hello Brothers.

I keep hearing about Aeries and Auxiliaries that can't get along. Rusty talked about this problem a couple of years ago and we still have it. When I hear this, I think about building a fire. You can take a log and set it on fire, and it will burn for a little while then it will go out. But if you take 2 logs and put them together and get the fire going it will keep burning because each log keeps the other going. Kind of like the Aerie and Auxiliary working together keeping a fire under each other's ass. Working as a team you can get a lot done. You have to keep adding in logs to keep it going because the first logs are going to get burnt out. Keep getting more people involved so the same people don't have to keep doing everything, see how I rolled that in there. Now you are probably thinking what this idiot is talking about, is he crazy. Well, I might be but I know how to build a fire. So, if you are going camping or trying out for Survivor give me a call. Meanwhile back at the oasis, exciting news for our state. We have a member that is trying to start a new Aerie in Boone. If you know anybody in the Boone area have them, get ahold of us and we can connect them with Dolan. It probably won't get done on my year, but we could make it happen for Mike next year. Membership is still going well, not quite there yet but we will make it. Keep signing new members and get them in to be initiated. The State Charities started again last month so it is going to be busy through to the end of the year. I am excited for that. We have a bunch of things coming up so make plans to be there. MINK, Eastern Zone, Cash Bash better get your rooms if you haven't yet. Randy handed out Cash Bash tickets at the Mid-Winter Conference so make sure you get some and start selling them. It is going to be in Grinnell so you can bet the food will be amazing. It looks like the Affiliation Agreements are due again so make sure you get them approved, signed, and sent to the Grand. Make sure you have your internal units sign them also. Get off the bench and JOIN THE RIDE. I will see at the Aerie.

Worthy State President – Bob Beals
(515-402-1944) If I miss your call leave a message.



LE MARS EAGLES CLUB SAT.FEB.19, 2022 EAGLES CHARITY NIGHT CHICKEN & CHOP BUFFET

5:00 TILL GONE

AUCTION WILL FOLLOW
DONATIONS BY LOCAL

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PROCEEDS GO TO
EAGLES CHARITY'S
KENNY'S KARAOKE

WILL FOLLOW THE AUCTION

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