

Happy Spring everyone.

Actually, I think winter is very late this season.

However, the ovens continue to be HOT!! This month, we have signed 35 new members. Many auxiliaries have met or are above net gain. Those boys in membership better watch out! The bakers are showing up strong. High producing auxiliaries are Des Moines with 16 new applicants, Cedar Rapids with 5 new, Oskaloosa with 3 new, Tama with 4 new.

According to the report, 5 auxiliaries have met net gain and beyond. Awesome job everyone.

Eastern Zone (cooking class) will be our next quarterly report with rewarding of prizes. High producers will receive scrubbies, dishcloths and some are receiving glass cutting boards. I cannot wait to see how the Aerie boys do with their baking challenge.

As we are entering the final quarter of this Eagle year, let's finish strong. Keep your recipe cards (applications) in hand and sign knew of bring others back into the fold.

Until next month CRANK UP THOSE OVENS!!! Connie Borschel (Suzy Q) Membership

Hi Sisters-

It will soon be time to submit your Charity money you have raised this year so I wanted to remind the Secretaries that you will be receiving an email with the State Convention packet followed by a letter in the mail with the Credential sheets for your Delegates/Visitors. You will receive these items from me around the end of March with all of the information and paperwork that you will need to complete for State Convention. Only money for the State of Iowa charities is submitted to the IA State Aux. Secretary postmarked by May 15, 2023. These are State Charity (S.H.I.N.E.), State Aux. Fund, Verna Funke Scholarship Fund, and Future Grand Madam Presidents Fund.

Also due May 15, 2023:

*Delegate/Visitor Registrations - \$50.00 per person - \$60.00 at State Convention

*Money for Membership Luncheon and the Wednesday Banquet if you are Invited by SMP Debbie Clark Congratulations to Des Moines #109 and their aerie secretary as the winners of the 3rd quarter drawing. Unfortunately, after 9 months of this Eagle year, there are only 4 aeries who have reported a member each month. After looking at the membership numbers for February, it now looks like we will need approximately 150 members for the next three months to get a net gain +2 % I would like to believe that it is indeed possible, it just takes everyone going out and asking someone to join the Greatest Secret in the world. Please do your part and bang the drum to get more people involved in Eagledom.

Dennis Verploegh State No Goose Egg Chairman



Oskaloosa Eagles Aerie #276

April 22nd, 2023 Starting at 3pm Oskaloosa, Iowa

Event Schedule

- Social Hour and Silent Auction begin at 3pm.
- Introductions begin at 3:30pm.
- Meal will be served from 4pm to 5:30pm.
- Live Auction will follow the meal.

 DJ/Karaoke later in the evening.



Oskaloosa Eagle's Club 215 High Ave E Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Meal Details

- Swiss Steak
- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Corn/Green Beans
- Buns
- Assorted Desserts



For more information, contact the Aerie at 641-673-4227

APRIL 2023

April 14 - Cedar Rapids April 15 - Tama/Toledo April 19 - Chariton April 22 - Oskaloosa

MAY 2023

Calendar

May 6 - Cash Bash - Grinnell

IUNE 2023 June 15-17 - Iowa State Convention

July 2023

July 24-27 - Grand Convention Reno, Nevada

CASH BASH TICKETS ON SALE

\$30 per person Food-Entertainment-Drinks (Beer & Well drinks only) Five \$1,000 drawings Five 50/50 raffles Grinnell Aerie 2545 May 6, 2023 from 4-9pm Fundraiser for the State of Iowa Eagles Need not be present to win!





Waterloo Quilt Raffles

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

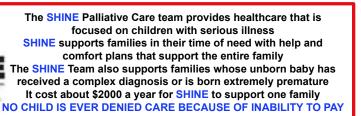
When sending money for tickets, please note which quilt you would like tickets for. Raffle #1 Alzheimer's Lap Quilt or Raffle #2 Eagles Lap Ouilt.



Fraternal of Eagles – Cedar Rapids 2272



Iowa State Charity Event 1735 11th Street NW - Cedar Rapids, Iowa FRIDAY - APRIL 14, 2023



FUN and GAMES BEGIN at 4pm

Horseraces - Paddle Wheel - Chuck A Luck

3 MEAT BUFFET - \$12 Roast Beef - Pork - Chicken with Baked Potato & Salads





INTRODUCTIONS at 6pm IOWA STATE AERIE PRESIDENT - MIKE GILSON - CEDAR RAPIDS 2272 IOWA STATE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT - DEBBIE CLARK - CHARITON 2774

> LIVE AUCTION starts at 6:30pm Auctioneer Darwin Thomas - Albia #3583

RAFFLES - BAKE SALE KARAOKE / DJ by Mike Gilson - Following the Auction

MOTEL INFORMATION DAYS INN - 2215 BLAIRS FERRY RD NE - CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA 52402 PHONE: 319-378-3948 DOUBLE & KING ROOMS \$79.95 Tell them you are with the Eagles

Help the Cedar Rapids Eagles raise \$\$ for SHINE AUCTION or RAFFLE Items will be accepted until April 7th DONATIONS can be brought to the Club between 3pm & 8pm daily * Only new or unopened items will be accepted *



THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Please contact the office at 319-363-5215 or Debbie at 319-241-9499 with any questions

Grand Bulletin Contest Results

Eagle Herald Wins 2023 Bulletin Contest Congratulations to the winners of the 2023 Bulletin Contest! "The Eagle Herald" from South Gate, California #2080 has taken home the grand prize for the first time! Congratulations to editor John Felipe de Anda for putting together a fantastic bulletin! Listed below are the winners in each of the entry categories. Winners will receive a plaque and all participants will receive personalized feedback from the judges. We thank all who participated in this year's contest and look forward to another great competition next year.

Best Overall Entry The Eagle Herald, South Gate, CA #2080

Class A (up to 500 members) 1st – Eagle Herald, South Gate, CA #2080 2nd – The Talon, Gaithersburg, MD #3509 3rd – Culpeper Eagle, Culpeper, VA #4551

Class B (501+ members) 1st – Marceline Eaglette - Marceline, MO #726 2nd – White Center Eagle News, Seattle, WA #2568 3rd – Davison Eagle News, Davison, MI #3589

Electronic

1st – Dakota Hotline, Fargo, ND #153 2nd – Eagles Talon - Fort Walton Beach, FL #4045

State/Province 1st – Beak & Quill, Oregon 2nd – The Busy Bee's Fireball Trail, Missouri

Connection submissions

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

Email: pkalvelage@yahoo.com



WOW, WHAT A MONTH WE'VE HAD! The state charity events are in full swing again. Sheldon, Le-Mars and Hawarden, in one weekend, did a fabulous job. LeMars had a great auction and I think KJ and the auctioneer's wife spent more than anyone. But either way, a lot of money was raised for S.H.I.N.E. Then we were off to Ottumwa and Centerville. We were guests at my twin brother and my sister's bed and breakfast - The Darwin and Lisa home for the misfortunate... Lol! Centerville out did themselves with smoked brisket, sausage, pulled pork and some of the best baked beans I've ever tasted! Oh, did I forgot to mention Maquoketa and Iowa City? With a great fish dinner, live band and raffles on Friday, then to Iowa City and a superb auction, with Darwin back at the helm. A lot of great items and donations as usual! Then it was off to Missouri Valley and Council Bluffs and wow what a weekend! The money raised was phenomenal, the food and friendship was the bomb. There, I said "THE BOMB" LOL! If you get a chance to attend a charity night in Missouri Valley, please do so. They have some creative ways of raising money, plus the Aerie and Auxiliary worked together to make it a success! Council Bluffs is always a great time and we were honored to have Grand Aerie and Auxiliary officers in attendance. Both their Aerie and Auxiliary presented \$3500 checks for S.H.I.N.E. and it was a very humbling experience for me, SMP Deb and our state charity team.

Anyway, come join the crowd and have some fun. Sign members and keep the beat going for the FOE! WE RAISE MONEY FOR THE STATE CHARITY, PLUS ALL OUR OTHER CHARITIES EVERY YEAR AND SUPPORT OUR OWN COMMUNI-TIES. Please help our brothers and sisters get involved. Have you asked a friend to join lately? Love to ALL!

NOTICE TO ALL AERIES ALL ENTRIES FOR THE FOLLOWING ARE DUE ACCORDING TO THEIR SPECIFIC DATES

HALL OF FAME LETTERS - DUE MAY 15TH IOWA STATE AERIE HALL OF FAME (page 74 of 2022 Bylaws) IOWA STATE RITUAL HALL OF FAME (page 71 of 2022 Bylaws) IOWA STATE BOWLING HALL OF FAME (page 67 of 2022 Bylaws)

ALL CHARITY MONEY IN STATE SECRETARY'S HANDS NO LATER THAN MAY 1ST

PLEASE SEND ONE CHECK WITH A LIST OF INDIVIDUAL CHARITIES. AERIE MONEY TO AERIE SECRETARY AND AUXILIARY MONEY TO AUXILIARY SECRETARY

THE PRESIDENT'S STATE CHARITY MONEY WILL BE ACCEPED UP TO MAY 15TH.

THIS EARLIER DATE PERMITS THE STATE OF IOWA TO RECEIVE CREDIT FROM THE GRAND AERIE FOR THE 2022-2023 YEAR AND NOT GOING INTO THE NEXT YEAR. THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR THE STATE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL STATE CHARITY PROJECT.

ALL CHECKS TO BE MADE OUT TO:

IOWA STATE AERIE – FOE

IF YOU WANT TO RUN FOR STATE OFFICE, YOUR NOMINATION LETTER MUST BE IN THE STATE SECRETARY'S OFFICE BY MAY 31ST. PLEASE READ ARTICLE IV, SECTION 3 OF THE IOWA STATE AERIE BYLAWS FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

SEND ENTRIES AND CHARITY MONEY TO: RANDY WOODS, PSP IOWA STATE SECRETARY 2937 AVENUE J COUNCIL BLUFFS, IA 51501

AGAIN: ALL CHECKS TO BE MADE OUT TO IOWA STATE AERIE - FOE

S.H.I.N.E.

Sharing • Healing • Inspiring • Nurturing • Enduring

Blank Children's Hospital

We started back up in February for our long runs across the state. We started by going to Sheldon on February 17th. Great steak supper and visit. Then to Lemars on Saturday. In the ice cream capital of the world, you must get ice cream of course!! They had a great chicken and pork chop supper and a huge auction. Then we went to Hawarden for a great breakfast. We raised a lot of money for S.H.I.N.E. The next weekend we were in Maquoketa for a fish dinner and silent auction evening. Then on to Iowa City for a great smoked chop dinner and a huge auction. Everyone is doing an excellent job raising money for S.H.I.N.E. Now we are into March. We started off in Ottumwa for a good evening of raising money and fraternalism. We then went to Centerville for an awesome brisket meal and a great auction. We were then in Missouri Valley on the 10th. They did a wonderful job of raising money for S.H.I.N.E. Onto Council Bluffs for a fun-filled evening of fundraising where they started out by giving MSP Debbie and WSP Mike each a check for \$3,500.00! Wow! The weather was bad that day to the east of us, but we lucked out. I, Rusty, escorted the GMP Elaine Regi from Council Bluffs along with my wife, MSP Debbie to Albia on Sunday to Albia for a meet and greet. They put on a great meal, and we played grab bag bingo for Elaine's personal charity, spinal cord injury fund. We would like to thank everyone for their hard work on raising money for the S.H.I.N.E. program this year. This program for palliative care means a lot to us and we can never thank you enough for the way you have supported it this year. Your state charity chairmen, Rusty Clark and Deb Gilson

Hello Iowa and Hello Spring.

The Iowa Eagle Riders Raffle tickets have been sent out and all the groups should have them by now. This is for the State Raffle we do every year for the State Charity. \$5.00 per ticket could win



you a portion of \$900.00. All proceeds will go to the State Charity "SHINE". Let's all sell some tickets to help raise money for this great charity. Instructions have been sent with the tickets.

American Income Life (AIL) is setting up a new renewal for the Iowa Eagle Riders. Those forms will be mailed out to all Eagle Rider members in the next few months. Please keep an eye out for them.

I hope to see many of you at Cash Bash at the Grinnell Eagles in May.

Iowa Eagle Riders Dennis Walkup (Chief)

Due Renewals

Renew your dues before April 21st.

The first set of those who had not renewed as of March 17th should have received dues reminders via mail, while the second list is to be pulled for mailing on April 21st.

Member Renewal FAQs:

Why haven't I received my dues reminder yet? Dues Reminders were delivered to the Post Office last week and should start delivering to members throughout the week.

How much are dues?

Fraternal Order of Eagles dues vary by location, so if you're unsure of your dues amount, contact your Local Secretary to find out!

Why are we sending out paper notices?

The F.O.E. Constitution & Statutes requires three (3) paper dues reminders be sent to members who have yet to pay for the 2023-24 fraternal year. While we send alerts via digital avenues, we still have many members who rely on traditional mail to stay up to speed.

Is it too late to pay last year's dues, without penalty? Anyone who has yet to pay dues for the 2022-23 year can still re-enroll until May 31, 2023 to keep their years of membership.

On A Dark Lonely Highway East Of Omaha

The Band is still accepting new and re-enrolled members. Pull out all your fan rosters of dropped groupies and reach out. Hey band members...better yet send them a new ticket to the show(Application), so they can join the band again. It's never too late to grow our membership to a higher level. Look out in the audience for a new member too! We have snagged a few more groupies along our road tour but more needs to be done. We an never have a large enough fan base. Net gain is within our reach, especially if we dig deep and reach out.

Let's have a great encore performance and bring down the house with the additional fans. Get those fans initiated as soon as possible and in the band.

Keep the beat strong! Michael Anderson, Membership

GO HAWKS!



Dear Secretary,

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 2021-2022 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 you on or before April 15, 2022. 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

Convention News

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON AT CONVENTION

Hello Sisters,

We are preparing for the Auxiliary Membership luncheon at State Convention. The luncheon will be Friday June 16th .

Your options for lunch are below:

TURKEY WALDORF SANDWICH

Thick slices of oven roasted turkey topped with apples and romaine tossed in our house made Waldorf dressing served on wheat bread.

FRENCHIE'S ROASTED BEEF

Roast beef topped with French onion dip and topped with crispy shallots.

Each will come with chips, fresh fruit bowl, a large cookie and choice or water, tea, coffee. The cost will be \$20 per person.

Your Auxiliaries secretary will receive forms for your selections which must be submitted by May 15th. Please indicate your selection at that time. Also, please complete forms with any special dietary needs or restrictions at that time. Submit with payment accordingly.

Connie Borschel Membership



HOTEL ROOM 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 plus12% 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.

To Reserve: Call hotel at: 515-278-4755 or 800-HOLIDAY (800-465-4329) or use code and group name on line

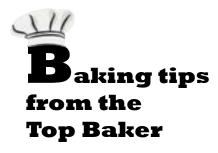
CONVENTION BOOKLET ADS

B&W ads are available for purchase in the 2023 Convention Booklet! Full Page \$100 Half Page \$50 Quarter Page \$25_____

Deadline: To Patty K by May 1, 2023

Digital ads can be sent to pkalvelage@yahoo.com

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader." – President John Quincy Adams





Hello to all my sisters and brothers. We started up our travels again February 17th. We had 8 inches of snow in Chariton when we left for Sheldon, but they had no new snow up there, so the roads were great. Sheldon put on a great steak supper for us. We had some time before we had to be in Lemars on Saturday, so I got to do some shopping. Our Explorer is usually full of merchandise, so Rusty doesn't have to worry about me buying too much! We had to get ice cream in Lemars, of course. It was delicious! Lemars had a great chicken and pork chop dinner and a huge auction. Then on to Hawarden for a great breakfast on Sunday. The next weekend we went to Maquoketa on Friday. They had ice up there earlier in the week, but luckily the roads were cleared by then. They had a great fish dinner and their silent auction raised quite a bit of money for S.H.I.N.E. I had a little more time to shop before we had to be in Iowa City. Caleb, Dr. Moser, and Melissa from S.H.I.N.E and the Unity point foundation were able to be there. They are always amazed by what we can do for our charities. Great pork chop dinner and a huge auction. March 3rd we were in Ottumwa. They had a good soup and sandwich supper and a great auction. We also got to see your state grandmother (who is both Mike and mine) Barb Roush. We were sorry grandfather Jake couldn't be there though. Saturday, we went to Centerville. They had an awesome brisket meal with lots of desserts. The decorations were awesome, too. They had a great auction. One of the auction items was a gun exactly like the one that Missouri Valley is raffling next weekend. On March 10th we went to Missouri Valley. They had some big ticket items that they auctioned off. They do something really neat with the rest of their donations

though. They sell tickets and you put them in for the items you want to try and win. They had a lot of patriotic decorations for me. Loved it! They had a wonderful catfish dinner and a bake sale, too. Saturday, we went to Council Bluffs. GMP Elaine Regi flew in for her Iowa visits. A big shout out to Kim Haidsaik for picking her up for us, as we get lost when we go anywhere around Omaha. Council Bluffs had a great BBQ and a big auction. They also presented both Mike and I with a \$3,500.00 check to start off the evening! Awesome!! We had several Grand aerie and auxiliary officers in attendance that came over from Omaha from the incoming event. Nice to see everyone. Sunday we brought GMP Elaine to Chariton(by way of Prairie Meadows in Altoona) We got her checked in and then went to Albia for her official visit. I want to give a big shoutout to Albia for hosting her for me. They had the room decorated beautifully and had an amazing chicken parmesan meal with alfredo noodles. (I want James's alfredo sauce recipe!) We presented her a check for \$350.00 for her special project, which is the spinal cord injury fund, from the Iowa auxiliaries. We also played grab bag bingo and raised another \$120.00 for her project. On Monday morning we took Elaine to Nebraska where Diana Wilkens picked her up to travel in Nebraska. Elaine is a great lady and I hope you got a chance to visit with her while she was here. If not, she is coming back to MINK. I would like to thank my husband Rusty for being our chauffeur. Great job! It has been a great month getting to see old friends and meeting new ones along the way. I cannot thank everyone enough for your gifts, friendship, hospitality, the great food, great decorations. And all your hard work for S.H.I.N.E.

Keep signing up those members. The numbers are looking good. I know we can reach our goal of 445. Remember 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 Clark AKA Top Baker



Auxiliary Trustees Raffles

Coach Purse and small wallet (the straps are black, this photo has the packaging on it still) Metal house filled with Shooters See Connie Borschel for tickets!



AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP REPORT By Auxiliary number								AERIE MEMBERSHIP REPORT							
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150	Burlington	394	48	0	0	14	-20	276	Oskaloosa	68	12	3	1	20	
276	Oskaloosa	47	12	3	0	22	-2	568	Dubuque	140	12	1	0	13	-18
568	Dubuque	40	12	0	0	0	2	695	Iowa City	419	48	4	0	24	-11
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Elections Are On The Horizon

All local Aerie/Auxiliary officer positions are entering election season this April/May. Nominations should be held at your final meeting of April, with elections held during your first meeting in May.

Refer to section 91.1 within the Grand Aerie Constitution and Statutes for information regarding the election process. Every club receives copies of the updated Constitution booklet, so reach out to your Secretary for more.

Please get in touch with the Grand Secretary's Office for any outstanding questions regarding upcoming elections.

