



The Iowa

F.O.E.

Connection

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You're Invited

Grand Madam President Elaine Regi will be visiting the State of Iowa Saturday, March 11 & Sunday, March 12, 2023.

You can meet this lovely lady who is representing all of us at:

Council Bluffs Aux. #104

Saturday, March 11 at 5:00 PM – Annual State Charity Fundraiser

Albia Auxiliary #3583

Sunday, March 12 at 4:00 PM – Social Hour 5:30 PM - Dinner followed by All State Initiation and entertainment

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!



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

Blank Children's Hospital
UnityPoint Health

Hope everyone is having a great new year so far. The holiday season has slowed everything down state charity wise. Now may be a good time to think outside the box. Maybe put a jar on the bar for loose change and cash, having a supper or bake sale. Or anything you can come up with to raise money for S.H.I.N.E. The state charity events will start back up the 17th of February and there is an event every weekend through March and a few more in April. Chariton #2774 will be having a drive through only event on Wednesday, April 19th. It runs 4:00-6:30pm. The meal is \$10.00. 1215 Court Avenue. She hasn't got the menu set yet ,but we will let Patty K know when we do. We hope you can attend some of the events. Just watch the bulletin and Iowa foe website for dates.

State charity co-chairmen Rusty and Deb

Eagle Rider Notes

Win some cash from Iowa Eagle Riders! Tickets go on sale in March. \$5/ticket - drawing at State Convention - need not be present to win!

American Income Life Insurance Renewal - Please have roster sent to Dennis Walkup

Albia Eagle Riders will host State Rally July 7-9, 2023

Kansas Eagle Riders Rally is June 23-25, 2023

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

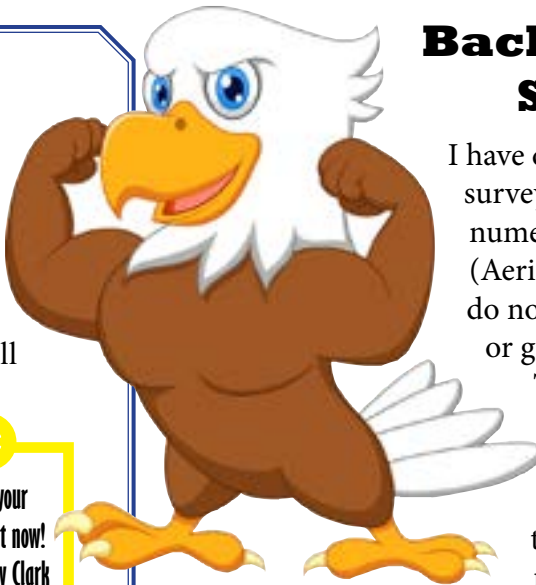
JUNE 2023

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



Back to Eagle Strong

I have done a lot of cursory surveys and have been told numerous times that they (Aerie and Auxiliary) alike do not care what the state or grand thinks or wants. They are going to do what they want for their local aerie or auxiliary and for their community no matter what. I would hope that everyone would

stop to think that without the state and grand they don't have a home aerie. I would like to see more people coming to zones, state conventions and national conventions to see how things are ran and where the money you work so hard for goes. If you care for your local aerie you should care for all of what the Fraternal Order of Eagles stands for. If you are an officer in your home aerie you might want to think about running for a zone or state office. We encourage everyone to become involved and bring new ideas in. Check your state by-laws to see what has to be done to run for office. We need to get back to being a fraternal organization and being eagle strong.

Very concerned PSP Rusty Clark

Get In That Kitchen & Rattle Those Baking Pans

Wow, what a great winter we have had so far. And I'm not just talking about the weather.

Everyone has been busy with their recipe cards, bowls, whisks and baking pans. I reported the second quarter (Sept - November) membership numbers and awarded prizes at the Winter Boards. The big winner for that quarter was Des Moines. I'm not totally sure what they are doing but they signed 26 members. High producers for the second quarter were Lisa Sager / Des Moines 5, (Scrubbie and dishcloth awarded, Deanna Hepker / Ottumwa 3 (Scrubbie awarded), Shelley Zimmerman/ Creston 5, (Scrubbie and dishcloth awarded). Ellen Freitag/ Ft. Madison 5, (Scrubbie awarded), Deb Gilson 3, (Dishcloth awarded), Kelsey Startis / Tama 3 (Scrubbie awarded).

Multiple bakers with 1 or 2 new members were also awarded scrubbies. WAY TO GO EVERYONE.

December thru February 14th numbers are looking great. We are over half way through the 2022-2023 year and we are over half way to meeting Little Debbie's goal of 445. The holidays seemed a little slower, but I know we will be "CRANKIN UP THE HEAT" again. December 1 - Feb-



ruary 14 a total of 98 new and re-enrolled members. This last month Des Moines (64) signed 12 members, Ft Madison (23) signed 4, Missouri Valley (10) signed 4. Now let's not forget the challenge with the Aerie. They are to bake Banana Bread and Apple Pie for Eastern Zone. Please be sure to give them a gentle reminder when we see them.

We re-enforced the challenge to the Mike x 2 and the Aerie bakers to make net gain. We are getting closer all the time.

WE CAN DO THIS LADIES! RECIPES CARDS, WHISKS, BOWLS ONWARD!!
Until next month, Membership Baker - Connie Borschel (Suzie Q)

Eastern Zone Updates

Grand Madam Rep for Eastern Zone



Sue Limerick, Grand Madam Inside Guard, joined the Fraternal Order of Eagles in 1996 as a member of Fredericksburg, VA Auxiliary #4123. Sue was born and raised in Maryland and has lived in Virginia for the last 33+ years where she lives with her husband of 18 years, David. She is the proud “Mama Sue” to his three grown children and 2 grandchildren. She has spent

her entire professional career as a Systems Analyst supporting the Department of Defense, providing state-of-the-art equipment and weapons for our military heroes.

Eastern Zone Hotels in Grinnell March 24-26, 2023

Comfort Inn \$89 - 236-5236 - mention with Eagles for EZ
Super 8 (641) 812-2051
Best Western (641) 236-6116
Country Inn (641) 236-9600
Quality Inn (641) 325-4120



Connection submissions

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

Email: pkalvelage@yahoo.com

**DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER
IS THE 15th OF THE MONTH!**

Tama-Toledo State Charity Event

Saturday, April 15th

11:00 AM- Lunch

1:00 PM- Live and Silent Auction starts

5:00 PM Steak supper will start

There is a block of 10 hotel rooms (5) King and (5) Double Queens at the Meskwaki Bingo Casino at the blocked rate of \$119. Number to call to book one of the blocked rooms is 1-800-728-4263 Block is listed under the Name Shele Anderson

Fraternal Order of the Eagles

Other lodging options:

Super 8 in Toledo: 641-484-5888

Designer Inn and Suites: 1-866-306-0946

Ottumwa State Charity Event

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, March 3

DOORS OPEN @ 4 P.M.

SOCIAL HOUR FROM 4-5 P.M.

INTRODUCTIONS BEGIN

PROMPTLY AT 5 P.M.

DINNER TO FOLLOW: \$10 PER PERSON – INCLUDES YOUR CHOICE OF CHILI OR CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP, HAM OR TURKEY SANDWICHES, ALL DIFFERENT KINDS OF SALADS, & CAKE FOR DESSERT

AFTER DINNER: LIVE AUCTION FEATURING ALL SORTS OF GREAT ITEMS DONATED BY LOCAL BUSINESSES & INDIVIDUALS

OTTUMWA'S FAMOUS & FUN CAKEWALK WILL FOLLOW (BRING YOUR \$1'S!!!)

THERE WILL BE 50/50 DRAWINGS AND RAFFLES THROUGHOUT THE EVENT

Woman of the Year & Auxiliary Hall of Fame

Ladies: It is not too early to think about submitting a name of a woman for the Woman of the year AND Hall of Fame. There are guidelines to follow for each one of these. Send your letters to Me by May 15th and mark on the outside of the envelope so it does not get opened by accident. Rochelle McKay

Rochelle McKay
515 N 11th ST
FORT DODGE, IA 50501-3245

Get to Know Your State Aerie Officer



Tom Engledow, Iowa State Trustee

Hello fellow Eagle Members, I am Tom Engledow and I have the honor of being an Iowa State Aerie Trustee and also Chair-

man of the Alzheimer's State Charity and Re-enrollment Chairman for the year 2023-2024.

I was born and raised in Vinton, Iowa and have 1 brother (deceased) and 3 sisters. I have been married to my wife Carilyn (49 years in September). We have a son Dan and daughter Alesia, and son-in-law Tony Lewis.

I retired in 2020 having spent most of my career employed in Ag related work, primarily working for John Deere Dealerships and my wife and I owned our own business, Farmer's Exchange, a bar and restaurant. I now work part time for the City of Vinton and the Independence Race Track. I enjoy fishing, gardening and traveling to the different Eagles Clubs when I get a chance.

I have been a member for 45 years having been initiated at Albert Lea, MN by a National Champion Ritual Team. I am currently a Trustee at the Waterloo Eagles and enjoy volunteering whether its bartending, helping with Breakfasts and suppers, cleanup, or whatever I may be asked to help with.

I was honored to receive the Lew Reed Eagle of the Year in 2022 and one of my favorite accomplishments was being a new Aerie Co-Organizer in 1985.

NO GOOSE EGGS

My Brothers:

I am very saddened to report that in the month of January 17 of our aeries did NOT report a member. That is over 50% of our clubs. I am not sure why. We have so many things to offer potential members. Did you ask someone to join? Did you ask your secretary for a list of the members who have been dropped this year? This is a very concerning trend. By my calculations, the Iowa State aerie needs around 500 members signed up in the next 4 months to reach a 2% growth from last year. That is 125 signed up each month. Can we do it? I certainly believe that we can. Get out and ASK someone to JOIN TODAY!!!! Help WSP Mike Bang the Drum for Eagledom. Here's hoping to see many of you at State Charity events and the meetings coming up. ASK someone to come along with you.



Fraternally,
Dennis Verploegh
State No-Goose Egg Chairman



Lew Reed Aerie Eagle of the Year

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

2023 MINK CONFERENCE

MARCH 31-APRIL 2, 2023

EMBASSY SUITES DOWNTOWN - OMAHA, NE



1-800-362-2779 Code MIN
Handicap Room?
Make reservation and give your confirmation #
to Lois Coe by March 10
Steve Tolman will assign ADA rooms

[HOTEL REGISTRATION LINK](#)

Documents for MINK

Click on a box below to download the document

[Patron Ad](#)

[Booklet Ad Info](#)

[Registration Form](#)

[Ritual Competition Form](#)

Deadline: March 5

Registration

Due March 15

IN HAND to Lois Coe

\$50 pre registration

\$60 at door

Volunteers Needed at MINK

Iowa Eagles Invited to MINK Zoom Call

Topic: IOWA MINK MEETING

Time: Feb 26, 2023 07:00 PM Central Time (US and
Canada)

Who: All Iowa Eagle Members who would like to
help with MINK

Join Zoom Meeting use this link

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88336671666?pwd=Wm-VWbUR6TkIcG91MFFsNWkydVhlZz09>

Meeting ID: 883 3667 1666

Passcode: 935831

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(Washington DC)

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Decorations Needed

Do you have jungle themed decorations you would be
willing to let Iowa borrow for MINK? (to be returned at
the conclusion of the Conference), Contact Bobbi Jo Reed

with pictures via text @ (641)799-5577

or via email @ reedoverheaddoors2@live.com

Help setting up and taking down at MINK is also needed

2023 Iowa State Convention

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 ACCEPTED 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 NOMINA-
TION LETTER MUST BE IN THE STATE SECRETARY'S OF-
FICE 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

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 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.

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

Since the last bulletin, we have been to mid-winter conference at the Holiday Inn Airport on Fleur. They are getting a bid together along with Holiday Inn Merle Hay that they will present at the state convention in June. You the delegation will be voting on where to go for the next 3 years. We would encourage everyone to stay at the hotel where the convention is being held. The more rooms we book goes toward getting us more comp rooms and other amenities. This cuts down on the convention cost, so we can give you the best convention possible. Book your rooms now for June's convention. Cindy and I, along with the rest of the committee, will do our best to make sure you have a fun learning experience.

Your state convention co-chairman,
Rusty Clark



Baking tips from the **Top Baker**



Hello to all my sisters and brothers. I hope everyone is enjoying the “warmer” winter weather we’ve been having with not much snow. I can’t believe it’s February already! Everyone says the year goes fast and boy were they right! We had a great mid-winter conference in Des Moines January 13th. I hope you were able to attend. The Albia eagle riders won the bid for the rally this year. I’m looking forward to it. I know they will do a great job. We covered a lot of material, raised a good amount of money for future GMP Kim (despite the disruption), got to witness an awesome Quilt of Valor presentation for Danny Lanphier, and found out our next year’s WCR president is Rochelle McKay! Congratulation to all!!!

Our state charity nights for S.H.I.N.E. will start back up February 17th and run through April. Please check the calendar for dates. GMP Elaine Regi will be in Iowa March 11th and 12th. She will be in Council Bluffs on Saturday for their state charity and in Albia Sunday for ritual and supper. She is a great lady and would love to have you meet her if you can make it to one of these events. We will be in Grinnell for their state charity night on March 24th and Eastern Zone 24th – 26th. We then have the M.I.N.K. conference in Omaha March 31st-April 2nd. We finish off the year before convention in Grinnell for cash bash May 6th. Don’t forget to try to invite someone to come with you if you are attending any of the above events. Sometimes all it takes is asking someone to spark interest in our organization. That’s probably how most of us got involved. You still have plenty of time to sign up new and reenrolled members to help us reach the goal of 445. 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, AKA Top Baker

State 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!



Jamming with the Prez

Hey Brothers and Sisters!

It’s me again and I’m writing this on Valentines Day evening. By the time you read this we will have been to Sheldon, LeMars and Hawarden and gearing up for travels every weekend through the first weekend in April. Check the state bulletin - your Iowa Connection - to find all the dates for upcoming state charity events. Make plans to attend, bring a carload of friends and get out and support our Iowa Eagles! The food is always great, meet new Eagle brothers and sisters and help us do what we do best – raise money for S.H.I.N.E! I will fill you in more in the next few months on the activities and all the great efforts from clubs in our state. Everyone is working hard and playing even harder to help those less fortunate. After all, we are Eagles and that’s what we do. So get in the rhythm and keep the beat. Let’s make the S.H.I.N.E. program really SHINE this year

Membership is looking great but remember to keep signing members. Make sure to get them initiated and re-enrolled, so our membership shines as well. We’re getting close to the last quarter of our fiscal year. AND THE BEAT GOES ON....YEAH THE BEAT GOES ON... ON... ON... ON...

SWP Mike Gilson

319 241-6840 | mrgilson456@gmail.com



Saturday March 18th
Noon - ?

Waterloo Eagles State Charity

We're cooking up a fun filled day

Auction
Gift Baskets, Gift Cards, Bake Goods



50/50 Raffles



Baked Potato Bar 11-3 or gone



S.H.I.N.E

stands for **Sharing, Healing, Inspiring, Nurturing and Enduring**. Shine is run thru Blank's Children's Hospital and their staff meets with families thru out the State of Iowa when they have been given a critical diagnosis that is life threatening for an unborn child by helping to educate the family before birth including options to treat and are with the family from birth, in NICU and for years to follow. Support is provided for families also with gas cards, food, books to educate and helping to make memory items for the families. These families do not pay for any services provided by S.H.I.N.E., they rely on donors for these services provided to the families.

Please come on down and help to support a great cause. Open to the Public



Waterloo Eagles #764 202 E 1st St. Waterloo, Iowa



AERIE MEMBERSHIP REPORT							
AERIE	CITY	ROSTER a/o 2/14/23	GOAL	NEW	RE	YTD	# for GAIN
104	Council Bluffs	235	24	3	3	35	-7
109	Des Moines	344	36	17	0	59	7
114	Ottumwa	147	12	0	0	9	-22
150	Burlington	552	60	5	0	71	-15
276	Oskaloosa	64	12	0	0	16	-10
568	Dubuque	139	12	1	1	12	-19
695	Iowa City	416	48	0	0	20	-14
764	Waterloo	240	24	4	0	24	-35
1287	Ft Madison	299	24	4	1	39	0
1381	Le Mars	174	24	0	0	2	-21
1398	Creston	313	24	0	0	43	-19
1865	Hawarden	94	12	0	0	20	-4
2272	Cedar Rapids	345	36	3	0	40	-48
2297	Sheldon	416	48	3	1	30	-12
2545	Grinnell	165	12	1	0	7	-20
2675	Centerville	179	12	0	0	44	8
2715	Red Oak	115	12	1	0	10	-3
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	0	0	18	-14
3583	Albia	58	12	0	1	4	-19
3784	Glenwood	321	24	19	0	80	30
3849	Shenandoah	85	12	1	1	14	-18
3866	Maquoketa	185	24	0	0	6	-11
3876	Mo Valley	136	12	0	0	14	-18
4074	Cedar Falls	159	12	0	0	11	7
4114	Guttenberg	120	12	1	0	13	2
4458	Asbury	210	12	0	0	33	0
4466	Monticello	69	12	0	0	6	-5
4544	Independence	18	12	0	0	1	0
	FEB TOTAL	6036		63	8	696	-321

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP REPORT							
AUX	CITY	ROSTER	GOAL	NEW	RE	YTD	# for GAIN
104	Council Bluffs	166	24	1	0	13	-14
109	Des Moines	283	24	17	0	54	0
114	Ottumwa	65	12	0	0	3	-9
150	Burlington	394	48	0	0	14	-20
276	Oskaloosa	46	12	1	0	19	-3
568	Dubuque	36	12	0	0	0	-4
695	Iowa City	191	24	2	0	26	-9
764	Waterloo	159	12	2	0	3	-5
1287	Ft Madison	197	24	0	0	23	-11
1398	Creston	196	24	0	0	11	-6
1865	Hawarden	61	12	0	0	0	-5
2272	Cedar Rapids	234	24	3	0	25	-14
2297	Sheldon	134	12	6	0	12	-1
2545	Grinnell	131	12	0	0	5	-1
2675	Centerville	67	12	0	0	15	-15
2715	Red Oak	137	12	0	0	3	-6
2774	Chariton	23	12	0	0	2	-1
2828	Tama-Toledo	211	24	3	0	9	-20
3369	Ft Dodge	8	12	0	0	0	-5
3495	Osceola	59	12	0	0	0	-1
3583	Albia	56	12	1	0	2	-5
3849	Shenandoah	33	12	0	0	5	-15
3866	Maquoketa	70	12	0	0	2	-6
3876	Mo Valley	116	12	0	0	7	4
4074	Cedar Falls	44	12	0	0	0	3
4114	Guttenberg	64	12	1	0	1	-2
4458	Asbury	104	12	0	0	10	-6
4466	Monticello	27	12	0	0	5	-8
	Totals Feb 14, 2023			30	1	238	-187