



The Iowa F.O.E. Connection

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Thoughts From an Old-Timer

Thought I would share some history with all of you and see how it relates to our present. Did you know that Iowa has had 4 GWP (George Tank, DeVere Watson, Lewis Reed, Larry Hanshaw) and 3 GMP (Alta Lewin, Verna Funke, Carleen Corum). With the addition of Darwin Thomas this year, Iowa is now at 20 members who are in the Grand Aerie/Auxiliary Hall of Fame. This is a history to be proud of.

I was WSP in 2003-2004, in the last 20 years Iowa has lost the following aeries: Sioux City, Onawa, Spencer, Mason City, Manchester, Fairfield, Clinton, Davenport, Muscatine, Perry, Atlantic and Humboldt. Definitely, not something to be proud of.

Looking at membership numbers and comparing to our neighbors to the west (because they have approximately the same number of Aeries/Auxiliaries as we do). Nebraska Aerie in the first three months have 426, Iowa has 277. Nebraska Auxiliary has 168 Iowa has 117.

Now, to the focus of this article. As members and leaders of this great organization, each of us have made pledges and commitments to attend meetings, promote harmony, etc. My question is: are you doing your part? If you are an Officer, are you doing what you are supposed to do? Are you doing your JOB? Are you Letting others do their Job? Over 125 years ago the men who started this organization did a good job of making sure that duties were spread out amongst the members to make sure it truly was an Aerie and not a one or two man show. Know what your job is and do it. Let the other guy do his job. Read the Officer Handbooks. Read the Constitution. Know the Ritual.

I attended my first convention, installation as a 10 year old boy in 1973 in Waterloo. I attended my first actual convention in Des Moines in 1984. So I have seen the ups and the downs. At a state charity event I was talking with some others and I was talking about some PSP from years gone by and the people I was talking with didn't know who I was talking about. So I am going to try and help to get more of our history on the website. We have a history to be proud of and we can continue to complete our work each year that we are proud of.

Let's finish with some positive numbers. Since 2012-13 Eagle year through 2022-2023 Eagle year Iowa has given \$1,425,758.83 to the State Charities during those 11 years. That is an average of \$129, 614.50 each year. That is what Iowa Eagles do. If you haven't attended a State Charity night yet, please do so soon.

- *Fraternally, Dennis Verploegh*
- Iowa F.O.E. - PSP - Secy./Treas.



Iowa Fraternal Order of Eagles State Pool Tournament

Where: Creston Aerie #1398 - 300 East Montgomery
When: Fri-Sat November 17-18.2023

CASH EVENTS/PAY@ SIGN-IN PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Contact PSP Jim Burnett: 712-540-1545
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13747 3rd Ave, Unit B - LeMars, IA 51031

or
Andrew Watkins: 641-344-3230
email: arwatkins39@gmail.com
1303 W Montgomery St - Creston, IA 50801

ASAP No later then, 12:00 Noon Friday November 18th
(to help plan accordingly)

FOOD:

Friday Evening

Chicken and Noodles over Mashed Potatoes \$10.00

Saturday Breakfast

Donuts, Muffins, Fruit, OJ and Coffee
- Freewill Offering -

Saturday Lunch

Stloppy Joe, Baked Beans - \$8.00

Card of Thanks

To all of our Eagle's family. Thank you for all the cards, prayers and well wishes while I was in the hospital and during my recovery. They were greatly appreciated.

OPERATION BACKPACK

Providing Meals for Children

Poker Run



Dennis Walkup

October 2 at 10:09 AM · 🌐

It was a great turnout on Sunday for our fall poker run. Thank you everyone who showed up and to all the support we got from different businesses and people who donated time and merchandise. Thank you Iowa City Eagles and [Mark Puerling](#) for helping us make this happen.

Notes from: REENROLLMENT

Hello Ladies!!!

It is CRAZY to think that it is November already! It seems like this year is flying by faster than a trapeze artist whizzing through the air! I am happy to be able to report that as of October 15th, we have 49 total Reenrollees! That is ONLY 1 away from being one-third of the way to Madam State President Lisa's goal of 150! Hopefully by the time you read this article, we will be well above that mark! You are doing an absolutely wonderful job of bringing these gals back into our great organization! Here is to hoping that this finds you all well and that we see you soon down the Eagle Trail!

Fraternally,

[Bobbi Jo Reed a.k.a. Whippy](#)
Reenrollment Chairman



The Mission of The Fraternal Order of Eagles

The Fraternal Order of Eagles, an international non-profit organization, unites fraternally in the spirit of liberty, truth, justice and equality, to make human life more desirable by lessening its ills, and by promoting peace, prosperity, gladness and hope.

- AUXILIARY HISTORIAN REQUEST -

Anyone having pictures from events this year: MSP Lisa Zook would like to be able to put them in her albums to capture her visits this year.

Please either email or mail them to:

Vada Penfield
332 North D Street
Albia, IA 52531

email: vadapenfield@gmail.com

State Worthy President's Notes



What a way to start the year off ! Fort Madison on Tuesday, September 19. We had to be there around 3:00 pm to set up. I got the car unloaded and everything set up. Went to go move the car, it turns over but doesn't start. Oh well... I let it sit there 'til later. Tried it again, still dead, went over to the hotel and got a hold of Mark @ *River City Towing* (another outstanding Eagle Brother/Member) He towed it over to his place and told me the motor was shot. Oh well... what a great way to start! Anyway, Fort Madison did a great job. The burritos and tacos were awesome. Oh, just the camaraderie, the fraternalism, the way you guys do things - just awesome. And the group picture, loved it!

Finally got the car home on Wednesday confirmed it needed a new or used motor. We had to go to the *SECOND STAR CHILDREN'S CAMP*, on Friday. So we rented a car, went through a storm, got to the camp little after 6:00 pm, sirens are going off, we're all huddled in a shelter, in the basement for 3 hours! 40+ kids & parents, everyone was fine. We finally got to eat around 9:00 pm. Every one decided we're gonna hit the hay. Camp was awesome, all weekend. Can't tell you how much it meant to Lisa Z, Lisa M, Jim and I. I zip lined, climbed the tower, pie in the face... blue beard coloring. All kinds of FUN! It was just an awesome weekend. Got home on Sunday, around noon-ish, died 'til Monday early evening - LOL.

Saturday we went to Des Moines. And, I tell you they are going to break the \$10,000 mark!!! They said they have a thermometer tacked on the wall. Some more \$\$\$\$ went up on it that night. You know it's doable. Thanks, Des Moines!

Finally got the car repaired \$\$\$\$\$ and it's a 3 day weekend. This was good time to see if it's ready for more miles. Friday: Maquoketa Charity Night started by me locking the keys in the vehicle. Just my luck, I have *mychevy*. Well... they cannot unlock the car anymore. I said, "Cancel my monthly bill". Finally, AAA came in a little over an hour & twenty minutes, and off I go. Arrived at 4:30 pm with charity sales, the tent back drop, oh my! The dinner was extraordinary! Silent auction was amazing. I got 2 things, gave part to Vicki who I was teasing by outbidding her.

Up in morning and off for day 2: Guttenberg. Love, love, love Guttenberg. A special place in my Eagle heart. Awesome auction. The chicken noodle soup, I can't say enough about, but would love the recipe. Thank you, so very much for hotel: *The Landing*, it was Top Notch. Woke up in the morning, to banging on the door, calling, finally the outside door, saying we gotta go we are late! Dubuque started 8:00 am. We arrived at 9:30 am. It was all good. Simply the breakfast I needed to finish out the weekend. Another silent auction. Fantastic job for *2nd Star Children's Camp*.

Next weekend: off for charities, but not me, my other "part time" Eagles job - lol. Off I go to Columbus, Nebraska for *International Eagles Pool Tournament*: Oct 13-15. Wow! Singles on Friday, friendship & fraternalism. Saturday: 9:00 am 4 person team, 18 teams, 72 players, from 5 States: *Iowa - Nebraska - Massachusetts - Ohio and Wyoming*. 17 rounds, 612 games! Wowzer! Home by 8 pm. Oh by the way... while I was there I was presented 2 checks for \$1,007.00 from raffles, etc. I gotta mention, Dan Fix of *Fix Tire*, who repaired my car, donated a check for another \$500. I am humbled.

- *Worthy State President ~ Kevin Kressley*

State Madam President's Notes



Hello Brothers and Sisters,

What an exciting time I am having traveling as your State Aux President. We had our first official visit for the year. This visit was in Ft. Madison. Everyone who worked the kitchen got a tie dyed t-shirt to wear for the charity. It was wonderful to see all the shirts & support for our charity. They will be wearing our charity shirts every Tues. night in the kitchen all year.

We spent a weekend at 2nd Star Children's Camp as volunteers again this year. What an extremely heart-warming experience.

Des Moines State Charity was fun. It was my first time ever to play music bingo. I even got a bingo and won a gift card to Olive Garden.

Then it was off to our Northeastern visits in Iowa. Maquoketa was a good time. The club served a fish dinner that was wonderful. I won a s'mores basket in the silent auction. We also met a 92 yr old women who was full of spunk & wanted to dance with the band.

Then off to Guttenberg, what a peaceful and beautiful ride. We stayed at the Landing Hotel, what a beautiful view of the Mississippi River. Since we were done early at the club we went back to the hotel and built a fire in the fire pit outside. We ordered pizza and had some beverages. Then I remembered my basket from the night before and we had toasted marshmallows and s'mores. I was missing my one sister who was not present, so Lisa called Debbie G. on the phone so she could enjoy some conversation with us since she could not be there.

Membership is off to a good start. Keep signing up those members to join us under the big top. I'm looking forward to hearing the membership report this next weekend at Western Zone. It will be my home auxiliary for state charity night and the first time



~ MSP Lisa Zook ~

~ aka. *Ring Mistress*



AERIE MEMBERSHIP REPORT

AERIE	CITY	ROSTER a/o 10/14/23	GOAL	NEW	RE	YTD	# for NET GAIN
104	Council Bluffs	221	24	2	1	15	-27
109	Des Moines	371	36	2	0	16	-14
114	Ottumwa	115	12	0	1	6	-47
150	Burlington	475	48	5	1	32	-89
276	Oskaloosa	68	12	1	0	5	-4
568	Dubuque	121	12	1	1	7	-24
695	Iowa City	381	36	3	0	17	-41
764	Waterloo	218	24	0	0	17	-24
1287	Ft Madison	290	24	0	1	17	-21
1381	Le Mars	149	24	1	0	4	-24
1398	Creston	303	36	6	2	17	-32
1865	Hawarden	96	12	0	0	11	2
2272	Cedar Rapids	313	36	0	0	44	-67
2297	Sheldon	374	36	0	0	25	-39
2545	Grinnell	166	12	0	0	7	-11
2675	Centerville	146	12	0	0	9	-40
2715	Red Oak	99	12	1	0	4	-18
2774	Chariton	16	12	0	0	0	-2
2828	Tama-Toledo	259	24	0	5	17	-40
3369	Ft Dodge	51	12	0	0	20	19
3495	Osceola	97	12	0	0	2	-13
3583	Albia	49	12	0	0	1	-14
3784	Glenwood	308	36	10	0	40	-38
3849	Shenandoah	73	12	0	0	10	-22
3866	Maquoketa	157	24	0	0	2	-29
3876	Missouri Valley	130	12	0	1	12	-9
4074	Cedar Falls	158	12	2	2	22	-7
4114	Guttenberg	121	12	0	0	11	-1
4458	Asbury	187	12	0	0	5	-41
4466	Monticello	65	12	5	0	9	-5
4544	Independence	15	12	0	0	2	-3
~ ~ ~	OCT TOTAL	5592	~ ~ ~	39	15	406	-725



CONNECTION

Article Submissions

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

Send to: Janel Miller

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 or soulburnz@gmail.com



To Contact the Aerie State Secretary

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 712-328-8612

AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

AERIE	CITY	ROSTER a/o 10/14/23	GOAL	NEW	RE	YTD	# for NET GAIN
104	Council Bluffs	155	24	1	0	7	-22
109	Des Moines	275	36	6	1	18	-23
114	Ottumwa	61	12	0	0	0	-12
150	Burlington	353	36	1	2	15	-44
276	Oskaloosa	45	12	0	0	3	-3
568	Dubuque	39	12	0	0	0	-3
695	Iowa City	180	24	0	0	9	-11
764	Waterloo	135	12	0	0	2	-26
1287	Ft Madison	198	24	1	1	28	-7
1398	Creston	192	24	3	1	9	-14
1865	Hawarden	56	12	0	0	1	-4
2272	Cedar Rapids	210	24	1	1	18	-29
2297	Sheldon	128	12	1	0	6	-7
2545	Grinnell	118	12	0	0	2	-13
2715	Red Oak	125	12	0	0	4	-13
2774	Chariton	20	12	0	0	0	-2
2828	Tama-Toledo	184	24	0	0	2	-33
3495	Osceola	56	12	0	0	0	-4
3583	Albia	53	12	0	1	3	-9
3849	Shenandoah	40	12	0	0	6	-5
3866	Maquoketa	57	12	0	0	0	-12
3876	Missouri Valley	125	12	0	0	6	0
4074	Cedar Falls	38	12	0	0	0	-7
4114	Guttenberg	64	12	0	0	7	-4
4458	Asbury	90	12	4	0	11	-19
4466	Monticello	24	12	0	0	2	-5
~ ~ ~	OCT TOTAL	3021	~ ~ ~	18	7	159	-331

State Auxiliary FUNdraiser

The Iowa State Auxiliary Cash Calendar is **ONLY \$20** per entry with the chance to win money **ALL YEAR LONG!** Money for entries can be mailed to: Bobbi Jo Reed at PO Box 387, Ottumwa, Iowa 52501 - with a check written to "Iowa State Eagles Aux". Your name gets entered on our CASH WHEEL and stays there until the end of the year - no matter how many times you win! Calendar chances for sale at various places throughout this Fraternal Year! There are still 8 Months worth of prizes to win! Total Winnings for this Fraternal Year = \$900.00. Enter now!

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QUARTERLY DRAWING \$25.00		
HOLIDAY DRAWING \$20.00		
MONEY MONTH DRAWING \$10.00		

To Contact the Auxiliary State Secretary

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To All Iowa Auxiliary Sisters:

I hope you are all enjoying the Fall season by the time you read this article. Any Auxiliary wishing to host GMP Becky Wilson, please send a letter to:
 State Auxiliary Secretary - Cindy Balsanek
 no later than **Dec. 15, 2023**.

The GMP usually visits Iowa during the second weekend of March. Your Auxiliary will need to pay for her lodging during her visit to your Aux.

You can email the State Aux Secretary at:
cmb1804@mchsi.com.

Thank you for your help with this!
 ~ Cindy Balsanek, IA State Auxiliary Secretary

- CIRCUS - Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER - 2023

November 3 ~ Shenandoah
November 4 ~ Red Oak
November 5 ~ Glenwood
November 18 ~ Cedar Falls

JANUARY - 2024

January 12 ~ Mid-Winter Conference
January 19 - Waterloo Breakfast/Dinner

FEBRUARY - 2024

February 15 ~ Sheldon
February 16 ~ Hawarden
February 17 - LeMars
February 24 ~ Iowa City

MARCH - 2024

March 2 ~ Oskaloosa
March 3 ~ Ottumwa
March 8 ~ Mo Valley
March 9 ~ Council Bluffs
March 16 ~ Creston
March 22 ~ Waterloo
March 23-24 ~ Eastern Zone Conference

APRIL - 2024

April 5 ~ Cedar Rapids
April 6 - Tama-Toledo
April 12-14 ~ MINK Conference
Omaha Hilton

MAY - 2024

May 4 ~ Cash Bash ~ Creston

JUNE - 2024

June 12-16 ~ Iowa State Convention

JULY - 2024

August 4-9 ~ International Convention
New Orleans

MESSAGE FROM: YOUR STATE CHARITY CHAIRMAN

Hello to all Brothers and Sisters around the state:

We have had a busy month traveling around our beautiful state - we have been to Maquoketa, Guttenberg, and Dubuque for charity events, then onto Albia for Charity night and the Western Zone Conference and then to Burlington Charity event. Such wonderful hospitality - we can each city has wonderful cooks, auctions, basket raffles - THANK YOU each and every one for what you are doing to help SECOND STAR CHILDRENS CAMP. It is so nice to go to each aerie home, to see everyone and to be meeting members that are all working so hard for their clubs. Keep up all of your hard work, our kids will be celebrating all of our successes!!!

The weather is turning to the colder side and it can hurry up and warm up. We have a full fun month in November & Jim and I are looking forward to all of our visits. Check the circus calendar for upcoming events!!

FUN CIRCUS FACTS: The 1st Circus was called *The Royal Circus* - Charles Hughes went on to introduce the term circus in 1782, when he opened what he called *The Royal Circus*, a few hundred yards south of Astley's Amphitheatre. The word *Circus* originates from the English word *circle* which was the shape of the amphitheater Astley constructed for his acts in London.

Happy Thanksgiving to all!!

State Aerie and Auxiliary Charity Chairmen
- Jim Zumbach and Lisa Miller -

TAMA EAGLES AERIE 2828

.....
WINTER VENDOR AND CRAFT SHOW AND BAKE SALE
.....

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12TH
11AM-2PM

come browse our many vendors
and kick off your holiday shopping



DARWIN THOMAS BENEFIT FUNDRAISER

Darwin Thomas is currently undergoing treatments to battle his recent diagnosis of cancer. Join us to help raise money to cover expenses for Darwin and his family.

November 11th, 2023

Albia Eagles Club

11 A Avenue West Albia, Iowa

12:00pm-1:30pm | Meal Served

Catered by Jim & Charlie's

Choice of Pulled Pork or Pulled Beef Sandwich; Cheesy Party Potatoes; Green Beans with Bacon & Onions; Various Salads & Desserts
Cost of the Dinner will be \$15/Person.

12:00pm | Silent Auction Begins

1:30pm | Patriotic Presentation for Veterans Day

2:00pm | Update on Darwin

Darwin & Family will speak about his journey & update everyone as to his current status

2:30 PM | Live Auction Starts

Following the Auction | Music & Karaoke by the Gilson's

50/50 Drawings will be held throughout the day!

At this time we are accepting items for the auction. Please contact Bobbi Jo Reed (641)799-5577 or Vada Penfield (641)777-4120 if you have any questions or would like to schedule auction donation pickup.

Calling all Auctioneers & Ringmen who have worked with Darwin over the years, we would love to have you there to participate in the live auction!
Please contact Bobbi Jo or Vada if you are able to help!

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Here is the information for room reservations for the Mid-Winter Conference January 12th & 13th, 2024 at the Holiday Inn - Merle Hay Rd in Des Moines. **Breakfast is not included in these prices.**

Here are the instructions for reservations:

Group Name: **Eagles Winter Board Meeting**

Group Code: **BRD**

Reservations Deadline: **December 27, 2023**

RATES: • **Std 2-Queen or King Executive \$89.00** - plus 12% tax per night • **Jr King or Extended Suites \$109** - plus 12% tax per night

• **Family King Suites \$129.00** - plus 12% tax per night • **Family Double Queen Suites \$149.00** - plus 12% tax per night

To Reserve: Call us at: **515-278-4755**

FRIDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY - MINNESOTA ROOM - 4:00 pm to 11:00 pm - Bring your food, munchies and BYOB !!

AUCTION STARTS AT 7:00 pm ~ AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED FRIDAY NIGHT

Bring an Auction Item to help the State Aerie Raise Funds for Grand Madam Trustee - Kim Haidsiak

SATURDAY MEETINGS: STATE AUXILIARY - MINNESOTA ROOM - 9:00 am STATE AERIE - SALON A - 10:00 am

SATURDAY AFTERNOON JOINT MEETING: SALON A - 1:00 pm

Any questions, contact Mike Gilson @ 319-241-6840 or email: mrgilson456@gmail.com - **See you then! Mike Gilson - JrPSWP**




**RED OAK
EAGLES
#2715**

Second Star for State Charity
November 4, 2023

Schedule	Menu
Opening at 2 PM	\$12
Social Hour 4-5	Bristket Sandwich
Dinner 5-6:30	Corn Casserole
Introductions 6:30	Baked Beans
Live Auction 7:15	Cookie
	\$5
	Funnel Cakes
	before live Auction

200 Washington Ave.
Red Oak, Iowa



EAGLES 3784
PRESENTS

STATE CHARITY
BREAKFAST
FOR
SECOND STAR CAMP

Come join us!
 Sunday
 November 5th
 8:00-11:00
 \$10 Adults
 \$5 Kids under 12



TAMA EAGLES AERIE 2828



Messy Missy's presents

Christmas Themed Canvas Painting Class

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30TH

Check-In 6:30 -Class starts at 7pm

COST: \$40 INCLUDES ALL MATERIALS AND THE CLASS

**PREPAYING REQUIRED-LAST DAY TO SIGN UP
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26TH**

TO SIGN UP

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CONTACT KELSEY DVORAK

ON FACEBOOK OR AT 641-691-1964

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