



# The Iowa F.O.E. Connection

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## MID-WINTER CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Mid-Winter Conference January 12th & 13th, 2024  
at the Holiday Inn - Merle Hay Road in Des Moines.  
(Reservation Deadline for Special Rates was December 27th, 2023)

### AGENDA:

**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

- STATE EAGLE RIDERS MEETING - after Joint Meeting  
- Meeting Room to be Announced at Joint Meeting

Any questions, contact Mike Gilson @ 319-241-6840 or email - *See you then! Mike Gilson -*

*In Loving Memory*



*Carol Simpson  
PSP and PGO*

## ATTENTION: AERIE STATE OFFICER CANDIDATES

If you are interested in becoming an Aerie State Officer - there is an **IOWA STATE AERIE OFFICER APPLICATION** form inserted in this bulletin. Guidelines to become an officer - with instructions on how to fill out the application are on one side. The application is on the other side. You can use an additional piece of paper if your answers will not fit on the form. Applications need to be turned in by May 15th.

~ Aerie State *Nominating Committee*  
- *PSP Rusty Clark*



# State Worthy President's Notes

Happy New Year Brother's & Sister's.

Hopefully everyone had a wonderful holiday. Continuing our travels with Iowa State Pool Tournament held in Creston with singles on Friday & Team on Saturday, November 18 - 19. I could only play on singles Friday, played two rounds lost both. Then off I went, back to Waterloo arrived around 1:30 am.

Saturday was Cedar Falls Charity Event with first thing Noon-3:00 pm Craft & Vendor Show. Then @ 4:00 pm a Quarter Auction, very interesting. With Bobbi Jo Conkling running the fundraiser, she did OUTSTANDING JOB!!!! MILLION KUDO'S. On Black Friday weekend in Waterloo did a 3 day Omelet & More - Breakfast for Second Star Children's Camp - did well. Was completely stunned on Sunday when Lisa and Lisa showed up, and Yes I cried. End of traveling with Eagle Trails till January.

Deb and I, along with our son Zach aka Bubba traveled to Texas to spend the holidays with family.

See everyone at Winter Conference in January. 'Til then sign up member's, re-enroll those dropped member's, we need them back... Safe travels, God Bless!!!

See you all down that Eagle trail ~ Thank You All  
~ *Worthy State President ~ Kevin Kressley*

## MINK CONFERENCE 25th ANNIVERSARY

**APRIL 12 - 13 - 14, 2024**

**THEME: Lights - Camera - Action!  
A Red Carpet affair to be had.**

**Come dressed as your favorite actor or actress.**

**Hosted by: Nebraska**

**PLEASE BOOK YOUR ROOM - ASAP!**

***Embassy Suites - Omaha NE***

**Booking dates: April 11 - 14, 2024**

**Booking link: Copy the link below into your  
browser to book your room  
<https://bit.ly/MINKlink2024>**

~ Look for an email with more details in the next few days

## Committee Chairman Needed

I have several State Committee members needed for 2024-2025 fiscal year. If interested contact me at Mid Winter Conference, IM me on my Facebook page or email me. Email address is [engr@email.com](mailto:engr@email.com). I would appreciate any and all help. Your help makes our State run as we are "People Helping People".

*Fraternally Yours*  
*Iowa State President Elect*  
~ *Gene Kracht*



# State Madam President's Notes

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Since my last article I have been slowing down on traveling. We went to Cedar Falls on November 18th. Was my first time to experience a quarter auction. It was a difference experience, but an extremely fun one. They also had a craft fair where I purchased some presents for Christmas.

I enjoyed my time with my family over the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Kevin had an impromptu breakfast that Sunday which Lisa Miller and I surprised him by attending. Now having several weeks off I'm shopping and getting ready for Christmas. In Albia on December 17th, we had brunch with Santa. Dennis did a great job playing the big guy. Membership seems to be going strong, so let's keep up the good work.

Hoping everyone had a safe and wonderful Christmas.  
Looking forward to seeing everyone in the New Year.



*~ Madam State President ~ Lisa Zook ~ aka Ring Mistress*



## - AUXILIARY HISTORIAN REQUEST -

Anyone having pictures from events this year:  
MSP Lisa Zook would like to be able to put them

Please either email or mail them to:

Vada Penfield  
332 North D Street  
Albia, IA 52531

**DENNIS LINDERBAUM** - President of the Unity Point Foundation is **RETIRING** at the end of January 2024 We should all know Dennis from our State Conventions. I thought it would be great, if the Eagles flooded him with retirement cards! He feels like we are all family, after all of these years of him being a part of our State Charity Projects and the amount of money the Eagles have donated to the various parts of Unity Point, - Blank Children's Hospital and John Stoddard Cancer Center to name a few.

His address is:

Dennis Linderbaum  
1415 Woodland Ave. - Suite E-200  
Des Moines, IA 50309

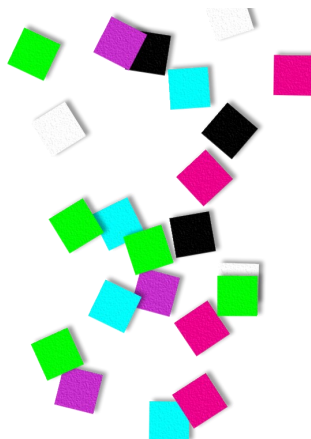
~ There will also be a Retirement Party on Tuesday, January 23rd from: 2:30 - 4:00 pm. Kelly Conference Center & it's open to the public.

*~ WCR President ~ Rochelle McKay*

## AERIE MEMBERSHIP REPORT

AERIE	CITY	ROSTER a/o 12/15/23	GOAL	NEW	RE	YTD	# for NET GAIN
104	Council Bluffs	224	24	0	0	19	-24
109	Des Moines	373	36	5	0	21	-12
114	Ottumwa	118	12	1	1	10	-44
150	Burlington	487	48	5	1	45	-77
276	Oskaloosa	68	12	0	0	5	-4
568	Dubuque	124	12	0	0	10	-21
695	Iowa City	387	36	7	0	24	-35
764	Waterloo	220	24	1	0	18	-22
1287	Ft Madison	307	24	7	2	34	-4
1381	Le Mars	150	24	0	0	5	-23
1398	Creston	316	36	0	0	29	-19
1865	Hawarden	96	12	0	0	11	2
2272	Cedar Rapids	321	36	7	0	55	-59
2297	Sheldon	392	36	6	4	43	-21
2545	Grinnell	166	12	0	0	7	-11
2675	Centerville	149	12	0	0	12	-37
2715	Red Oak	105	12	6	0	10	-12
2774	Chariton	16	12	0	0	0	-2
2828	Tama-Toledo	266	24	0	2	24	-33
3369	Ft Dodge	52	12	0	0	21	20
3495	Osceola	97	12	0	0	3	-13
3583	Albia	48	12	0	0	1	-15
3784	Glenwood	308	36	2	0	42	-38
3849	Shenandoah	73	12	0	0	10	-22
3866	Maquoketa	156	24	0	0	2	-30
3876	Missouri Valley	135	12	3	0	17	-4
4074	Cedar Falls	158	12	0	0	22	-7
4114	Guttenberg	121	12	0	0	11	-1
4458	Asbury	199	12	10	2	17	-29
4466	Monticello	65	12	0	0	9	-5
4544	Independence	15	12	0	0	2	-3
~ ~ ~	<b>DEC TOTAL</b>	<b>5712</b>	~ ~ ~	<b>60</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>539</b>	<b>-605</b>

Any PSP (men/women) who are interested in being involved on the **Memorial Team** at **State Convention**, please contact:  
 Eva Knepp (319) 343-1357  
 or Dennis Verploegh (641) 670-1059  
 Thank you ~ *Dennis Verploegh*  
*Iowa PSP Secy./Treas.*



## 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

Email:  
 iowa.foe.bulletin@gmail.com  
 or soulburnz@gmail.com

### To Contact the Aerie State Secretary

Randy Woods, PWP  
 2937 Avenue J  
 Council Bluffs, IA 51501  
 Email: rwoods17@cox.net  
 712-328-8612

### Tama-Toledo Eagles

## NUT FRY

Friday - January 19th, 2024

5:00 - 8:00 PM

All You Can Eat Nuts - \$18.00

3 pc Chicken Strips - \$15.00

Combo: All You Can Eat Nuts

**& 3 pc Chicken - \$23.00**

All Meals come with: beans, chips, bread and salad/dessert bar

### Dine-In or Carry-Out

112 E. 3rd Street  
 Tama, Iowa 52339  
 641-484-4580

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114	Ottumwa	61	12	0	0	1	-12
150	Burlington	360	36	9	3	27	-37
276	Oskaloosa	46	12	4	0	8	-2
568	Dubuque	39	12	0	0	0	-3
695	Iowa City	184	24	0	0	9	-7
764	Waterloo	143	12	0	0	6	-18
1287	Ft Madison	209	24	2	0	38	4
1398	Creston	196	24	0	0	13	-10
1865	Hawarden	56	12	0	0	1	-4
2272	Cedar Rapids	213	24	2	0	22	-26
2297	Sheldon	130	12	1	0	8	-5
2545	Grinnell	119	12	0	0	3	-12
2715	Red Oak	124	12	0	0	4	-14
2774	Chariton	20	12	0	0	0	-2
2828	Tama-Toledo	184	24	0	2	6	-33
3495	Osceola	56	12	0	0	0	-4
3583	Albia	53	12	0	0	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	66	12	2	0	9	-2
4458	Asbury	97	12	7	0	18	-12
4466	Monticello	24	12	0	0	2	-5
~ ~ ~	<b>DEC TOTAL</b>	<b>3076</b>	<b>~ ~ ~</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>-276</b>

## 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 several Months worth of prizes to win! Total Winnings for this Fraternal Year = \$900.00. Enter now!

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

### To Contact the Auxiliary State Secretary

Cindy Balsanek, PSP - PO BOX 11127 - Cedar Rapids, IA 52410-1127 - Email: [cmb1804@mchsi.com](mailto:cmb1804@mchsi.com) (319) 350-3966

### Grand Madam President - Becky Wilson's Iowa Visit

Hi Sisters,

GMP Becky Wilson will be visiting the State of Iowa on March 6th & 7th, 2024. She will be in Tama-Toledo on Wednesday, March 6th and All State Initiation will be held on Thursday, March 7th in Albia. We hope you will join us and meet this great sister from the State of Missouri while she is in Iowa. Please mark your calendars and watch the State Bulletin for more information as we get closer to the dates.

It is customary each year that our State Madam President presents a monetary gift to the GMP during her visit from all of the Auxiliaries in the State Of Iowa. Please consider sending a contribution to GMP Becky's gift. Your check should be made out to the "Iowa State Auxiliary, F.O.E." and mailed to the Iowa State Auxiliary Secretary no later than **Feb. 20, 2024**.

Please mail your check to the following address: **P.O. Box 11127, Cedar Rapids, IA 52410-1127**. If you have any questions please email: [cmb1804@mchsi.com](mailto:cmb1804@mchsi.com) or you can call my cell phone - **319-350-3966**.

~ Cindy Balsanek, Iowa State Auxiliary Secretary

# - CIRCUS - Calendar of Events

## JANUARY - 2024

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

## FEBRUARY - 2024

THURSDAY - Feb 15 ~ Sheldon State Charity  
February 16 ~ Hawarden State Charity  
February 17 - Le Mars State Charity  
February 24 ~ Iowa City State Charity

## MARCH - 2024

March 2 ~ Oskaloosa State Charity  
March 3 ~ Ottumwa State Charity

GMP Becky Wilson's Iowa Visits

Wednesday - March 6 - Tama-Toledo

Thurs - March 7 - Albia - All-State

March 8 ~ Mo Valley State  
March 9 ~ Council Bluffs State Charity  
March 16 ~ Creston State Charity  
March 22 ~ Waterloo State Charity  
March 23-24 ~ Eastern Zone Conference

## APRIL - 2024

April 5 ~ Cedar Rapids State Charity  
April 6 - Tama-Toledo State Charity  
April 12-14 ~ MINK Conference  
*Embassy Suites - Omaha*  
Wednesday - April 17 - Chariton State Charity  
April 19 - Grinnell State Charity

## MAY - 2024

May 4 ~ Cash Bash ~ Creston

## JUNE - 2024

June 12-16 ~ Iowa State Convention

## JULY - 2024

August 4-9 ~ International Convention  
New Orleans



*Fraternal Order of*  
**Eagles**



**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.

**MESSAGE FROM YOUR:**  
**STATE CHARITY CHAIRMEN**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!** Hope everyone had a nice relaxing time over the holidays because Second Star Children's Cam has been missing all of you, we - Jim and I are excited to get back on the trail to see everyone and spread CAMP CHEER!!

We will be traveling soon, if you would like to learn more about our camp - link onto [www.secondstarcamp.org](http://www.secondstarcamp.org). It is nice to read the camping stories and see what the children are up to; more information is also available on Facebook under: Second Star Children's Camp.

*Circus clown facts: - facts you can't live without knowing.....*

Clowns can either look happy or sad, but their job is to make people happy.

Greek clowns wore padding to look larger.

Patch Adams an American doctor dresses up as a clown to humor his patients.

A fear of clowns is called Coulrophobia.

**MESSAGE FROM YOUR: EAGLE RIDER COORDINATOR**

Hello Everybody:

I took over the duties as State Eagle Rider Coordinator for Dennis. Dennis agreed to do it until State President Kevin could find a replacement. I want to thank Dennis for all of the years that he was the coordinator. Dennis did a Great Job as the Eagle Rider Coordinator.



I want to remind everybody about the State Eagle Rider meeting at the Mid-Winter Conference on Jan 13th. The meeting will be after the afternoon Joint Meeting. It will be announced at the Joint Meeting in which room the meeting will be in. This is the meeting where we decide on our fund raiser for the State Project and talk about the dinner and line up help for the Friday night dance/party. We also decide where next year's State Rally for 2024 will be held. Just so everyone knows we will vote on 2025 State Rally at the State Convention in June. So if any of our Eagle Rider Groups want to put in for the 2024 or 2025 get your presentations ready.

If you don't have your scoot put up for the year yet, please be careful out there. See you at the Mid-Winter Conference

*~ State Eagle Rider Coordinator - PSP - Bob Beals*



IOWA FOLK GREATEST  
SHOW ON EARTH



  
**SECOND STAR**  
CHILDREN'S CAMP

☆☆☆ SECOND STAR CHILDREN'S CAMP ☆☆☆  
Raising funds for the Iowa State Charity 2023-24

Top Photo: P.T. Kressley & the Greatest Show on Earth  
Middle Photo: Lisa & Kevin with their Second Star  
Children's Camp T-shirts