Nebraska State Eagles Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- **Western Zone**
  McCook #2769
  Oct. 6th-8th
- **70th Anniversary**
  Kearney #2722
  Oct. 21st
- **State Dart Tournament**
  Holdrege #3132
  Oct. 27th-29th

McCook #2769 October Events

The month of October is a very busy month for the McCook Aerie & Auxiliary!

Starting with the Western Zone Conference the weekend of the 6th - 8th, where they will be having a Fun Night on Friday to kick off the weekend.

They are also having a bra decorating contest all through the month of October. Send in a decorated bra with a $5 entrance fee to have it hung on the wall of the bar for judging. Judging will take place all month. First Place will receive a $100 Walmart Gift Card. Second Place will receive a $50 Walmart Gift Card.

They are also selling raffle tickets all month with the proceeds going to the Jimmy Durante Children's Fund.

People Helping Pantries

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People Helping Pantries. That's us. Millions of people around the United States and Canada go hungry every day.

Grand Worthy President Tom McGrath and Grand Madam President Helen Poehner are asking everyone to make a difference by dropping off non-perishable food items to the Aerie and Auxiliary nearest you throughout the month of October in support of a local food bank.

Help us help the millions in need by making a donation.

Encourage residents in your community to bring non-perishable food items to the Aerie or at a location of your choosing (should space not allow at the Aerie).

Plan additional events to coincide with the food drive and utilize the festivities to act as a membership tool.

At month end, let the Grand Aerie know what you've raised so we can promote a cumulative total to the betterment of the Order.

NE State F.O.E. Website

Don't forget to visit the NE State F.O.E. Website regularly for new and updated information on all upcoming events, pictures, registration forms, and a whole lot of other goodies!

I try to update the website weekly , so there's always something new to see!

You can find the website at: **nestatefoe.org**

From The Desk of the State Worthy President

Greetings Ya'll from the western end of the state. WOWZERS where did the summer go?? It's now time for the boys of fall. Got to love high school and pee wee football, crisp fall air and busy weekends.

I want to give a big shout out to Tim Melvin and his crew for a great golf tournament on September 9th in Oshkosh, fun and good times were had by all. Also a big shout out to Mark Milanuk and all the brothers and sisters of the Garden Co Eagles club, they went over and above for a great fundraiser. Over $1500.00 was raised for the state charity. WOOHOO way to go Garden Co! To Erin thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you did for us, I know you had a lot on your mind and plate. Love you all very much.

On September 15th we played some golf with Grand President Tom McGrath, Scott and Zach from the Grand Aerie. I also want to thank my cart buddy Grand Aerie Lawyer Creighton Thurman and all our Brothers from Vermillion for the great hospitality and the great golf outing.

Saturday September 16th, Iowa brothers and sisters along with Nebraska brothers and sisters got together for the WCRC. It was an awesome conference with lots of information. It is always great to see old friends and to make new friends. The Nebraska state charities both received a check for $2,500.00.

Sunday September 17th we made a visit to South Sioux City. If you like to dance they are open on Friday nights, so stop on in and see them and maybe get some dancing in.

On a sad note, I want to send my sincere sympathies to PMP Merri Smalley's family. She passed away September 18th, she will truly be missed by all of us.

This has been a busy month, but next month is even busier. I hope to see all of you at the Triathlon in Norfolk, Western Zone in McCook, my charity fundraiser in North Platte and State Darts in Holdrege. If any Aeries are wanting to hold a fundraiser please let me know and I will plan on attending. Until I see you all again, stay safe, stay healthy, and remember put your shades on and lets: **SAVE SECOND BASE!**

Fraternally yours,
Hoyt Williams
State Worthy President

Aerie Ritual Teams And Competition

My brothers, I have been appointed the MINK Aerie Ritual Chairman for the coming year. With that being said, another Eagle year is fast upon us. And now is the time to make that push to get a ritual team organized in your aerie, district, zone, state or a MINK team.

This year will be our 20th year as a conference and it would be really great if we could have a number of teams step up to the plate and be involved in competition at the April 2018 Conference. I am actually talking about more than the three (3) teams we had at last year's competition. I'm sure they will be back, but let's grow some. As info, we only have two (2) of the MINK states participating now. This isn't for current or past officers; it's for every member. Let's all get involved. Every Eagle member is invited to participate.

So, if I can lend a helping hand in any way, whether it be advice, coaching or whatever, please let me know. I am looking to helping anyone I can and for your help.

Fraternally,
Pete Schmieding

From the Desk of the State Madam President

Happy autumn sisters,

Here in Western Nebraska it is cold all at once, and the leaves are turning lovely colors. Maybe it's time to think about turning over a new leaf in your Auxiliary. So often we rely on the same handful of sisters to do most of the work for our fundraisers. Everyone laments that we just can't get anyone else to help. But I think we need to ask ourselves if that is really the case. So often it is just easier to ask our sisters who happen to be at a meeting to cover it. It takes some effort to call and invite someone else in to help. Try setting a policy of getting one new person to help with each event. This does not necessarily have to be a brand new member, you probably have sisters that haven't volunteered for a long time, if ever. Be willing to explain, show and then let your new volunteer do the job. I know that is the hardest part, I realize that you can do the job in half the time yourself, and exactly the way you've always done it. Be open to new ways of doing things, i.e. does it really matters if the silverware is rolled in the napkin from the left side or the right side? You and I won't be here forever, so let's be patient, and take the time to teach a new volunteer and make them feel included and appreciated. I believe it's one of the best investments we can make in the future of our auxiliaries.

At the State Board Meeting in South Sioux City the board regretfully accepted the resignation of State Madam Vice President Cathy Menish, for personal reasons. We look forward to her continued support of our efforts, and are grateful for the many years of work and dedication she has given to the State Auxiliary. The board voted to offer advancement in office to the remaining officers, and appointed Amy Werner as State Madam Outside Guard. Your State Officers are as follows: Junior Past Lee Cottingham, President Nadean Rhoads, President-Elect Cheri Bollig, Vice President Pam Mathiesen, Chaplain Teri O'Conner, Secretary Liz Scott, Treasurer Kim Williams, Conductor Sue Marshall, Trustee#1 Diane Wilken, #2 Francye Thorpe, #3 Melissia Blauvelt, #4 Sharon Jarvis, Inside Guard Vicki Mattson, Outside Guard Amy Werner.

Since I wrote you last I was able to visit Bellevue #3912, Omaha #38 for their 90th anniversary, attend Yorkfest in York, And the West Central Regional Conference in South Sioux City. Every event was wonderful, and I feel so honored to have the opportunity to meet so many dedicated Eagle sisters and brothers, and humbled to be able to represent you, my Nebraska sisters.

So many events coming in the next several weeks so check your calendars and see if you can attend a state event. The more the merrier!

With heavy hearts we must accept the passing of Past State Madam President Merri Smalley. She will be sorely missed, but her motto of being positive is something we can carry with us.

"Keep your thoughts positive because your thoughts become your words. Keep your words positive because your words become your behavior. Keep your behavior positive because your behavior becomes your habits. Keep your habits positive because your habits become your values. Keep your values positive because your values become your destiny." Mahatma Gandhi

Fraternally Yours,

Nadean Rhoads
State Madam President

From the Desk of the State Membership Chairman

Gentleman,

Hello from the State Membership!
This sure has been a busy month so far, a lot of things happening with in the state!
I hope everyone is doing well and preparing for fall and before we know it snow will be flying!
Membership for this last month, I am sure everyone wants to know who is in the top 3 places for the month.
1st Place: Brad J Kimberly, out of Holdrege Aerie with 8 members. $25.00 Dollars Gift Card
2nd Place: Ron Biggs, From Central City Aerie with 4 members. $15.00 Dollars Gift Card
3rd Place: Robert Matsen, from Omaha 38 with 4 members. $10.00 Dollars. Gift Card

Congratulations! You guys are doing a great job signing up members.
Now we have a lot of other folks signing up 1, 2 and 3 members too! Keep it up folks!
But…….you know there had to be one! LOL! Tell me what we need to do to get everyone to sign just one member or talk to their buddy who dropped about rejoining. Let me know what is working for you in your Aerie.

We are looking to raise the stakes here for the holiday season, be sure to check out what is coming next.
Remember there are the National incentives/drawings going on until the end of the Eagle Year too!
We are going to cut this one short this month so I won't put you all to sleep!
Let's all keep signing up members for the State of Nebraska.

Fraternally
David "Hondo" Locke
Nebraska State Membership, President Elect.

State Presidents Charity

Hello everyone.
The State President and Chairman Todd Boling are holding a "Gun Raffle" to raise money for Brest Cancer and Autism Awareness.
Raffle tickets are $20.00 each. Will be for a drawing to be held on December 9th, 2017 at Omaha Aerie #38,.
There will be fifty (50) guns for the raffle. All tickets will go into the drawing for all guns.
I have a limited number of tickets for sale. If you are interested, please contact me at (402) 297-3650 or by email at frat_365. You may ever see me at the Aerie.
Please consider donating to this cause even if you are not interested in the guns.

Fraternally,
Justin Craig
Secretary, Aerie #365

Past State Worthy Presidents Dinner

Omaha Aerie & Auxiliary #38 will be hosting the Past State Worthy Presidents on Saturday, November 4. Social hour will begin when you arrive and dinner will be served from 5:30-7:30. Also, the Jr Past State Presidents will be presenting the check to last year's State Charity—CVMA. We will have Ribeyes, Shrimp, Stuffed Founder and Cod available for dinner. Please RSVP to Rhonda Schafer if you plan to attend at rschafer1968@gmail.com. We will have Karaoke from 7:30-10:30 with Donnie G.

Hope you will plan to attend!

From the Desk of the Auxiliary Membership Chairman

Well Ladies, we have some work to do! Membership is down and it's time to kick things into high gear! The next 3 months will be a contest for the top 3 highest producing Auxiliary. All new and re-enrolled members will count toward the prize. So let's sign up those members. This is a great time to hold a membership drive, purchase a year's dues for a new applicant or just simply ask someone to join!

Remember to report your membership drive to Sharon Jarvis, Co-Chairman. We are hoping for 100% participation in this year's membership push. You can email your information to sharon.jarvis@kutakrock.com. Tell her the details of your membership drive and how many you signed during the event.

Our overall retention rate is currently in the red and with the auto drops on Sept 26 we really are going to know where we stand. You all have a number to strive for so let's try and all be positive retention rate Auxiliaries!!!

Congratulations to the top 3 retention Auxiliary's for the 1st Quarter of the Eagle year. Alliance #136 took 1st place, Kimball #3889 in 2nd place and Papillion #4029 with 3rd place.

There are lots of opportunities in the upcoming month to meet up with our Eagle Brothers and Sisters and share the Eagles Spirit! I'm hoping to see many of you along the Eagle Trail.

You cannot stand in my shadow if you are my sun!

So until next month,
Rhonda Schafer
State Membership Sunshine

New State Auxiliary Officer

During the WCRC the State Auxiliary received a letter from State Madam Vice President Cathy Menish, Norfolk #3611. Do to health reasons she has resigned her office.

We thank her for all the time in office and wish her the best.

The State Auxiliary board held a meeting and voted to move up all the current officers and invited Amy Werner from North Platte #2839 to step into the Outside Guard position.

She was installed by Past Grand Madam Carleen Corum of Tama, Iowa #2828.

Congratulations to Amy!

West Central Regional Conference

West Central Regional Conference held on the weekend of September 15 – 17, 2017 was a success. WCR Presidents Kelly Davis (Nebraska) and Janice Heston (Iowa) did a specular job. Grand Reps were our Grand Worthy President Tom McGrath of Vergennes, Vermont #3801 & Grand Madam Inside Guard Annie Taylor of St. Marys, Georgia #4379. Iowa and Nebraska presented their membership themes and State Charities. State Presidents Hoyt and Nadean were presented a $2500.00 (each) grant to go to their State Charity. Thanks to the committee who works hard every year to make the Conference a great place to be. Next year's Conference will be on September 14 – 16, 2018.

Please make plans to attend now!

History of our Clubs - Kearney #2722

Kearney Aerie #2722 was established in 1946 and received its Charter on October 29th, 1947. The Aerie had 108 members when it gained its charter. One of whom was Mr. Kenneth Beahm, who was 19 when he joined the Eagles Club in 1947. Both Kearney Aerie @2722 and Mr. Beahm will be celebrating their 70th Anniversary this October.

Some of the original members that were instrumental in establishing the Kearney Eagles club were Clarence (Shorty) Shields, Bob Hildebrant, Clarence Pentiger and Pete Peterson. The Auxiliary started a few years later in 1952 and was an integral part of the club until their recent Consolidation with the Holdrege Auxiliary #3132. In the 80's the Club had over 600 Aerie members. Currently there are approximately 375 members.

When the Kearney Aerie first began they were holding their meetings in a back room at the American Legion building, that you had to enter through a door in the rear alley. Shortly thereafter they rented a building on Railroad Street and in 1948 they rented the basement of the bowling alley that is now the Chicken Coop.

From there they moved to the Helsberg building where they had the bar in the front and the meeting room in the back. At this time the club did not serve food, as all the bars in town were bottle clubs and only served beer unless they were a members only club. This was by all accounts the hey-day of the club in the 60's & 70'sb before Kearney passed the by-the-drink law.

In the later part of 1967 they bought the old Safeway building and remodeled it to add bathrooms and the kitchen. This is the current home of the Kearney Eagles Club and it has been opened since later part of 1967. The Eagles have done two other remodels since then. These included the roof and parking lot and the card room, which replaced the Stag Bar, and east rooms. Some things that have never changed are the original bar and some of the tables in the social room.

Originally the Stag Bar was where the men could come in after work and have a drink. The women were not allowed in here. Even though they used to have a Stag night where the women would cook for the men, they were still not allowed to enter the Stag Bar.

In the early days of the Kearney Eagles Club, they would have weekly dances on Saturday nights and there were very strict dress codes on these nights. These included men not being able to wear shorts or tennis shoes and Women could not wear pants. Until recently wearing hats in the club was prohibited as well.

Some of the stories from days of old include: wiley old pitch players that would start out the night playing for $.50 and $1.00 who by the end of the night were playing for $50-$100 per hand! Old Merle and G.W. used to try to change in their poker chips for free drinks, making one wonder if this is where the tradition has its roots! In the good 'ole days they used to settle their differences by going out to the alley to duke it out! The Ehrpelding sisters, all 3 widows, would come in together on Saturday nights and each would only have 2 Schlitz beers. Rich Weiss who was the bar manager from 1979-2004 said this the only Schlitz that he ever ordered, 1 case a month! The club was even broken into in 1980. The thieves spent the whole night in the bar trying to break into a huge iron safe. However, they were kind enough to leave all the change and the checks inside!

Kearney Eagles Club was the home of the Nebraska State Convention in 1991, 1996 and 2002. They were also the home of Western Zone Conference in 2015. And will be the site of the State Shuffleboard Tournament in February of 2018. **(cont. on page 7)**

Kearney #2722 History (cont. from page 6)

The Eagle Riders were started in Kearney in 2005. In 2007 members Scott Bierman and Patrick Spangler traveled to Spokane, Washington to present the Eagle Riders to the National Convention to have them recognized nationally as an Eagles Organization. It is now the fastest growing motorcycle group in the country. There are now 4 Eagle Riders groups in Nebraska. Today Kearney Eagle Riders has 30 members.

The Eagle Riders assist the Aerie in many events throughout the year as well as many of their own events. Some of these events include Rahe's of Hope Fundraiser for the American Cancer Society, Pony Express Ride for Children's Mental Health Services, Cruise Night, Brad Debord Memorial Ride, CCC Scholarship for $500 in memory of Brad Debord, Children's Halloween Party, Super Bowl Sunday Fundraiser and many more.

In addition to these annual events the Aerie also has Sunday Charity Dinners, Monday Night Football, Tuesday Dart League, Wednesday Bingo Night, Thursday Burger & Beer Night, Friday Beer Garden Night, Saturday Bands on Special Occasion's.

Due to State Bowling Tournament being in Holdrege the last weekend of October, Kearney will be celebrating their 70th Anniversary on October 21st with a Hog Roast from 5-8pm, with viewing of the roasting at 1:30pm.

For more information about any of their weekly or annual events contact Bar Manager Kim Williams, Aerie President Rob Humphreys or Eagle Riders President Scott Bierman at (308) 234-2216.

Or better yet, just stop by the club on October 21st for their 70th Anniversary Celebration and check things out!

2017 Eagles State Dart Tournament
October 27th-29th
Holdrege #3132

Friday October 27th 6pm Singles Tournament
Saturday October 28th 9am Teams Tournament Begins
Sunday October 29th 9am Teams Tournament Continues

Breakfast served by the Auxiliary Saturday 7:30am-9:30am
Lunch served by Grinders Saturday 12pm-2pm
Dinner at area restaurants Saturday evening
Brunch served by the Auxiliary Sunday 9am-12pm

Saturday Night 9pm-12am
Halloween Costume Party & Contest
Silent Auction
Music by Local Artist Keith Lee Long

Auction Items Needed!

Sunday Afternoon
(After Tournament)
Basket Raffle Drawings
Baskets on display all weekend!

Baskets Needed!

All proceeds benefit the State Presidents Charities!

State Auxiliary Sweatshirt Orders

Deadline is October 15th

Only $20 for any size, any color and your choice of logo.

Contact Rhonda Schafer 402-250-5253 / rschafer1968@gmail.com

We are on the web!

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Deadline for the newsletter is the 25th of October. Please send information to: news@nestatefoe.org

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