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**DECEMBER 2019**

Brothers and Sisters,

One of the many blessings of this time of year is the opportunity it gives us to connect with friends and family. It is also a time to reflect on our accomplishments as members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Throughout the year, our members have selflessly contributed time, talent and financial assistance to help those less fortunate. Our Nebraska Aeries and Auxiliaries proved their commitment to make human life more desirable by lessening its ills and promoting peace, prosperity, gladness and hope. Together, we donated more than \$195,000.00 to our local charities and to the Eagles Memorial Foundation. Our donations will help find answers and cures for cancer, diabetes, heart disease and more. We have helped feed the hungry and provided for those less fortunate. We raised money for the Spinal Cord Exoskeleton Fund to help purchase another Ekso GT suit for veterans severely wounded in combat while serving and protecting us and our country. What we have accomplished this past year is impressive and exemplifies your selfless dedication to People Helping People. You should be proud of what we have accomplished.

During this holiday season, what a better gift than to invite your family, friends and neighbors into your Aerie Home. Encourage them to become a part of our efforts by joining your Aerie or Auxiliary. Allow your enthusiasm for the Fraternal Order of Eagles to help bring in new members, affording us the opportunity to grow and to accomplish even more in 2020.

*Wishing you a  
Very Merry Christmas  
and only the best in the New Year!*





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My brothers,

It has been another good month in traveling. I would like to thank the Crete brothers and sisters for a wonderful State Dart Tournament. Thanks to all the teams that participated. It was good seeing you and had a lot of fun playing against you. Got to see a lot of familiar faces and got to meet a lot of new brother and sister Eagles.

Then my travels took me to Elkhorn for their veterans' bingo. Thank you for the donation to the charity.

Larry

Thanks Crete Aerie and Auxiliary #3909 for hosting the 2019 Nebraska State Dart Tournament. A great time was had by all!







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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Thanksgiving is right around the corner as I write this and to me it's a time to reflect on what I am thankful for. I am thankful for my family and friends for the support they have given me through the years. Without them this would not be possible. I am thankful for each and every one of the Nebraska State Past Presidents, you men and women have paved the way for us to continue with People Helping People. I am thankful for all the Past State and Grand Officers throughout the jurisdiction. I have learned from the best and know I and others are better for having all of you in our lives. I am thankful for each of YOU for your love, friendship and support. When I have the privilege of visiting you in your Aerie homes, I am reminded of the hard work you put into making your Aeries grow and helping not only with the state and international charities but also the charities in your communities. When I walk in and see posters up of the people you have helped it warms my heart. I cannot tell you how proud I am of each of you. When I walk in and see a room of veteran's pictures displayed it shows the pride of the Eagles in our communities. A HUGE thank you for all you have done and continue to do locally, statewide and nationally. YOU are what makes me proud to be an EAGLE.

I am thankful for all the veterans and active men and women who have paid the price for our freedom. I am thankful for the families who stayed back and kept the home front going so our men and women could serve. I'm thankful for the police officers, fire fighters and first responders. Eagles has a program than I know many are aware of that allows us to thank those people by giving them a year membership for free when they enroll. What better way to thank those in our lives this Christmas than giving them that gift of membership into the best organization around. Remember to tell them about the Memorial Foundation and the Affinity Program where we get discounts for being an Eagle. If you would like more information about these programs, please let me know or visit the FOE website at [www.foe.com](http://www.foe.com).

We have several fun things coming up to raise money for our State Charity. The Gun Bash on January 11<sup>th</sup> in Kearney is going to be a lot of fun. If you haven't gotten your ticket yet, please contact any

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# MEMBERSHIP

## State Aerie Membership Team

Membership Chairman  
Jeremiah Bollig, Schuyler 3568

Re-Enrollment Chairman  
Todd Bollig, Schuyler 3568

New Aerie Chairman  
Hoyt Williams, Garden County 4283



## State Auxiliary Membership Team

Membership Chairman  
Cathy Menish, Norfolk 3611

Re-Enrollment Chairman  
Klara Serl, Alliance 136

New Auxiliary Chairman  
Sandy Biery, So Omaha 154



## Nebraska State Membership Report...

NET Gain Report as of 11/11/19

Members	Net Gain	
9158	-773	-6.92%

Members # & % up or down since 5/1/19

**Brothers**, with your hard work, we continue to sign members, helping us get closer to our goal of Net Gain.

Unfortunately, only a small percentage of us are signing at least one member.

**EMOAMA** (Every Member Owes A Member Annually).

If each member signs a member, our Order has the best chance of growing. So if you haven't signed a member, please do so.

December provide a great opportunity to gift someone a membership.



Membership Chairman Jeremiah Bollig - Schuyler #3568 - [jeremiah.iellc@gmail.com](mailto:jeremiah.iellc@gmail.com)

Out of 9073 members, only 58 members sign up 88 new members in October!

Membership - \$100 Monthly Drawing - sign a member each month to enter.

October winner Justin J Phillips 3980 Hyannis

Congrats Brother, you will be receiving a check from the NE state secretary.



Hello Sisters,

For October we had 18 new members signed up and 10 that reenrolled. Thank you for getting them in to sign up we know sometimes it's not easy to get them in as members but whatever you are doing, keep it up!!

On the 20<sup>th</sup> we had a conference call with Tim Hoyt the new membership Director and he told us that if it keeps going like it has been for membership, we will hit Net gain again this year—2 years in a row—WOW! So, keep it up sisters!!!!

And with Christmas just around the corner, if you don't know what to get that special person what about a gift of membership? Just something to think about.

This month's winner of the wine bottle holder is Tabitha Keller from North Platte. Congratulations and thank you for the member.

Until next month sisters,

Sign one up for Nebraska and Pam

Cathy and Klara





# STATE CHARITY



## State Charity Team

Kelly Davis, Beatrice 531  
Rhonda Schafer, Omaha 38  
Cris Henry, So Omaha 154



**Nebraska  
State  
Charity**

## GUN RAFFLE



**Kearney Eagles #2722**

**Drawing will be held Saturday January 11, 2020 starting at 5pm**

**\$20.00/Ticket - Winning Tickets will go back into drawing**

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Remington 870 Exp 20 GA        | 18. Tristar Viper G2 410 GA  | 35. Stevens 320 Pump 12 GA      |
| 2. T/C Impact 50 Cal Muzzleloader | 19. Browning AB3 243 Win     | 36. CVA Opt 50 Cal Muzzleloader |
| 3. Howa 1500 Gameking 270 Win     | 20. Henry Survival 22 LG     | 37. Winchester XPR 270 Win      |
| 4. CZ 527 American 22 Hornet      | 21. Ruger LCR 9mm            | 38. Henry Goldenboy 22 Mag      |
| 5. Glock 43 9mm                   | 22. Hatfield O/U 12 GA       | 39. Smith & Wesson 642 38 S     |
| 6. Mossberg Silver Reserve 12 GA  | 23. Savage Axis Rifle 7mm-08 | 40. Savage Axis II XP 308 Win   |
| 7. Howa 1500 Gameking 30-06       | 24. Savage MK II FSS 22 LR   | 41. Ruger Prec Rimfire 22 LR    |
| 8. Henry H001 Round 22 S/L/LR     | 25. Ruger GP 100 357 Mag     | 42. Ruger Security 9mm          |
| 9. Smith & Wesson EZ 380 ACP      | 26. Winchester SXP 12 GA     | 43. Savage Lady Hntr 243 Win    |
| 10. Henry Lever Shotgun 410 GA    | 27. Ruger AR556 223/5.56     | 44. Savage Ltweight 308 Win     |
| 11. Howa 1500 Multicam 6.5        | 28. Savage BMag SS 17 WSM    | 45. Diamondback 223/5.56        |
| 12. CZ 455 Tacticool 22 LR        | 29. Mossberg 500 12 GA       | 46. Savage Axis 22-250          |
| 13. TriStar Setter 28 GA          | 30. Marlin 336W 30-30 Win    | 47. Savage 16 Hntr 223 Rem      |
| 14. Ruger Amer Pred 6.5           | 31. Ruger Amer OD 17 HMR     | 48. Ruger PC Carbine 9mm        |
| 15. Ruger Amer Krypteck 22 LR     | 32. Howa Camper 12/20/410    | 49. Savage 11 Hntr 300 Win      |
| 16. Weatherby Camo 12 GA          | 33. Thompson Center Comp 6.5 | 50. Henry Big Boy 357 Mag       |
| 17. Remington 783 243 Win         | 34. Savage A17 17 HMR        |                                 |

SUBSTITUTIONS MAY OCCUR

**\$20.00/Ticket.** Only 2000 tickets will be sold. Need not be present to win. Must be 21 years old. Drawing throughout the evening-all guns will be on display. Thank you dinner for all ticket holders 5-7pm. Winners must pass state and federal regulations to transfer firearms. Winners will be notified. Winners pay all transfer fees and taxes. Winners must make arrangements with Don's Hobby Guns, 13 W Railroad St, Kearney NE 68847, 308-6358 within 60 days or forfeit prize. Special Raffle Permit #176934

Raffle Tickets available from any State Officer or to purchase by mail, send \$20.00 (check or money order-no cash please) for each ticket to:  
Kelly Davis  
1321 3<sup>RD</sup> Street  
Fairbury NE 68352

**Ticket stub/receipt will be mailed to you.**



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state officer. We will be happy to get that ticket to you. The cost is only \$20.00 which gives you a chance at 50 firearms provided by Don's Hobby of Kearney. That ticket also gets you into the evening filled with games, fun, food and good company. Please join us as we work toward our goal for Nebraska Children's Foster Care and Abused Clinic and Javelan, our State Charity.

Those who follow Facebook know I have several traveling companions. I have Runny Babbit the pink rabbit, Mr. Cane the dog, Ms. Eagle the Eagle and 2 eagles that are not yet named. The suggestions have been Mrs. Foster and Mr. Hero. Thing 1 and Thing 2, Mr. Pots and Ms. Pans and finally Mr. Journey and Ms. Flyer, I need your help! I will have a voting box for the suggestions when I travel. Each dollar in the box counts as one vote. The names will be announced at Gun Bash. Help me name the Eagles and raise money at the same time!

In closing I want to share this quote by Roy T. Bennett "More smiling, less worrying. More compassion, less judgment. More blessed, less stressed. More love, less hate."

Merry Christmas from our house to yours stay safe this holiday season and hope to see all of you soon,

SMP Pam Beiermann

F.O.E.1834



**LAUGH,  
EAT, DRINK, SHOP  
AND  
LADIES HOLIDAY  
HOOPLA**

Eagles Auxiliary Presents: Shopping, Entertainment & Food

Tuesday DEC 10 2019	Entertainment Jeff Quin Comedian & Magician	Shopping Local Vendors & Crafters 4pm to 6:45pm	Light Supper & Dessert 6:45pm
Fundraiser: Eagles State Charity: Children's Blue Ribbon for Foster Care Program TICKETS: In advance \$20. / At the Door \$25.			
Eagles Club 3205 12th Street Columbus, NE/Ticket Info Diane 402-276-3405			

## Eagles Memorial Foundation....

Last summer, my family attended the funeral of my husband's nephew. He was in his 30's, married with 2 kids. He was driving a truck for his employer when the accident occurred, and he was killed. The entire county seemed to be at his funeral. As I looked around, I could only hope that same support would be there to help his widow and orphans in the rough days ahead.

If he had been an Eagle member, I'm sure those rough days would have been a little easier knowing the Memorial Foundation would be there to help.

Brenda Youngbear appointed me as the WCR Memorial Chair for this year. I would encourage every auxiliary (and aerie) to do something to raise funds for this worthy cause. This money stays within the Eagle family, making life easier for our own. Last year it stayed in the black because the investments helped to offset the benefits paid. I'd love to be able to report that donations were received from each auxiliary across the Region.

Also, if you regularly shop online using the Amazon app, if you log into [www.amazon.com/smiles](http://www.amazon.com/smiles) the company will donate a portion of your purchase to the FOE Memorial Fund (just choose that as your charity of choice). If you're shopping there anyway, this one extra step will keep the giving going!!

If you plan a function, please let me know what you are doing in your club. You can email me at [dphrog@mchsi.com](mailto:dphrog@mchsi.com) You can call or text me at 515-770-4675. Please help to keep this fund available for our members.

Julie Ervin

Nebraska State Auxiliary Mother Iva Johnson is back at home following a brief hospitalization. She wants everyone to know she misses each of us. If you would like to send her a card this holiday season, her address is:

Iva Johnson  
Nye Point Room 308  
2700 Laverna St  
Fremont NE 68025



Eagle Brother  
and Friend

Past State Aerie  
President  
Larry "Griz" Strickler

July 16, 1948  
November 15, 2019

Known for his signature suspenders,  
Griz joined Bellevue Aerie #3912  
November 21, 1991.

Larry served as  
Nebraska State Worthy President  
during the 2013-2014 Fraternal Year and his  
theme was "The Year of the Volunteer".

During his year as State Worthy President, the  
State Charity raised funds for the Pediatric Heart  
Transplant Program and Research at Children's  
Hospital and Medical Center.

*Rest in Peace Larry.  
We will see you again where Eagles Fly.*



Participate in the Fraternal Order of Eagle's  
annual Children's Art Contest!

It's open to 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th-grade students.  
Participating students will have a chance to win  
the grand prize of \$500!

This year's theme is: My Favorite Thing....

All entries must be received by the Grand Aerie  
by February 14, 2019.

Contest winners announced on March 16, 2019.

For entry form and rules:

<https://www.foe.com/Programs/Childrens-Art-Contest>



## Nebraska Past State President's Annual Dinner

Beatrice Aerie and Auxiliary #531  
hosted the annual Nebraska  
Past State Presidents Dinner  
on November 2, 2019.

Seven of the nineteen living Past  
President were in attendance  
along with their spouse/guest.

Thank you, Beatrice for the  
wonderful meal and your  
gracious hospitality!

Attending the 2019 Nebraska Past State President Dinner were, pictured left to right:

Dana Went, Columbus Aerie #1834, NE State President 2009-2010, West Central President 2013-2014

Bill Primrose, Hastings Aerie #592, NE State President 2012-2013

Dean Serl, Alliance Aerie #136, NE State President 2016-2017

Bob Runquist, Columbus Aerie #1834, NE State President West Central Regional President 2019-2020

Kelly Davis, Beatrice Aerie #531, NE State President 2011-2013, West Central Regional President 2017-2018

Bob Shores, Alliance Aerie #136, NE State President 2008-2009, West Central Regional President 2015-2016

Ken Manka, Alliance Aerie #136, NE State President 1986-1987, West Central Regional President 2001-2002



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### Save the Date.....

December 10 Holiday Hoopla, Columbus, State Charity Fundraiser

**January 11 Board Meeting** and Gun Bash Kearney

January 18 Charity Night, Papillion,

February 15 Hypnotist Show, West Point, State Charity Fundraiser

February 21-23 State Shuffleboard Kearney

**March 6-8 Eastern Zone Elkhorn**

March 21 Putt-Putt Fairbury-State Charity Fundraiser

March 27-29 State Pool North Platte

**April 3-5 MINK at Embassy Suites Omaha**

April 18<sup>th</sup> Pam's Day Elkhorn

For up to date State President's scheduled visits, check out the Nebraska State Aerie and Auxiliary website @ [nestatefoe.org](http://nestatefoe.org).

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