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## Building Confidence

### GWP RON MALZ DEDICATES YEAR TO HELPING DISABLED

Every individual deserves the chance to feel good about themselves. Grand Worthy President Ron Malz aims to help countless individuals with developmental and cognitive disabilities during his year as he raises money for his charity, Confidence Learning Center.

Also known as Camp Confidence, the center is located in the beautiful Brainerd Lakes area of Minnesota and is a full camp with activities and living quarters which helps individuals of all ages and all areas with disabilities and individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

The various activities around the camp are designed to promote self-confidence and self-esteem and teaching the necessary skills to become full, contributing members of society. With trained and compassionate leaders, the campers can participate in archery, cross country skiing, canoeing, fishing, obstacle courses, climbing and more.

The typical stay is two nights, but longer or shorter visits are available. Campers are also taught basic living skills through planning, preparing and cleaning up of meals and care of campsites and cabins.

Anyone interested in donating to the cause can send a donation to F.O.E. Charity Foundation, 1623 Gateway Circle South, Grove City, OH 43123 with GWP Malz noted in the memo line.



## Inspiring Others

### GMP GLORIA WILLIAMS SPECIAL PROJECT - SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Since 1968, the Special Olympics has aimed to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of events for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, helping them develop physically, make friends, share in the joy of competition and instill pride.

Grand Madam President Gloria Williams aims to assist in this remarkable endeavor as she raises money for the Special Olympics as her special project for 2019-2020.

Each year, more than five million athletes, one million coaches and volunteers and 170 different countries experience the profound impact the Special Olympics has on countless lives. In more than 10,000 annual competitions, the Special Olympics builds confidence, teaches valuable life lessons and breaks down stereotypes about individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Special Olympics also provides a variety of health benefits, a unified schools program and a unified leadership program, which aims to bring individuals with and without intellectual disabilities together to learn from each other and change the perception of what it means to live with a disability. To donate, send a check to F.O.E.

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**Brothers:**

I hope all have a fantastic Thanksgiving and a wonderful Christmas with friends and family.

Activities coming up will be the state board meeting January 11<sup>th</sup> at Fort Kearney Aerie #2722. On that same day at 4 o'clock, Fort Kearney Aerie #2722 will open their doors for the gun raffle and dinner.

If you haven't purchased your gun raffle ticket yet, please contact any one of your state officers. They are also available at your local Aerie or can be purchased online through Don's Hobby Guns: <https://www.donshobbyguns.com/products/accessories-2472-06865590-1255-4db1-839f-ea77d4c0163d>

Hope to see everybody there.

Fraternally yours,

Nebraska State Worthy President

Larry Mattson



Has your Aerie or Auxiliary done anything recently for your community? We want to highlight it in our next People Helping People! Please send all submissions to [marketing@foe.com](mailto:marketing@foe.com) and include all relevant information and pictures if you have them.  
#PeopleHelpingPeople



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## STATE MADAM PRESIDENT

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Wow the year is almost over. By the time you read this Christmas and New Year's will be behind us. I hope this finds all of you rested after the holidays. While its always wonderful to have the celebrations and spend time with family it is also very important to remember to take time to take care of YOU. I hope each of you has spent some time on yourself. My favorite thing to do to relax is to get a massage, which I need to schedule soon! Take time out of your busy schedule to do something for you. After all, if you don't you won't have to worry about that schedule.

I have had the honor of attending Christmas parties with some of our Auxiliary sisters. It is always a wonderful time when I can sit and visit with you! It amazes me how many "youngsters" over the age of 80 we have in our auxiliaries who are still very active. It amazes me when some of the sisters tell me their age. I want to be like them when I grow up! These sisters tell me it keeps them young by staying active and socializing at their auxiliaries. What better way to keep young then by helping people and having fun doing it? I know we all have busy lives but if each of us helps even once a month in our auxiliaries it helps the auxiliary to stay strong and apparently helps you to stay young!

Each week I get a report on membership and how many new members we need a week for the state to get net gain. This last report said we need 14 members a week over the entire state. I challenge each auxiliary to report 2 new members for both January and February. I will have a special prize for you to use as a raffle prize, or door prize for each auxiliary that meets this challenge. I hope to deliver a prize to your auxiliary!

January 11<sup>th</sup> is the day of our State Officers Board meeting and our Gun Bash in Kearney NE. This is a day we as your officer's plan for the upcoming year. If you have anything you would like us to address - please send me an email to favgma6@hotmail.com or call me at 402-237-6440. We are YOUR officers, and this is your state auxiliary. The gun bash is one of the largest fund raisers for our State Charity. It's not too late to attend. We will have lots of games, silent auctions, raffles and fun. Your ticket entitles you to the meal that evening. I hope to see you there. We are only selling 2,000 tickets so your chances of winning are even greater.

I have been informed that our GMP Gloria Williams will be visiting Nebraska March 8-11. I am contacting auxiliaries that are in compliance to set up those visits. I hope you will be able to attend one of her visits while she is in our state. GMP Gloria's special project is Special

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# MEMBERSHIP

## State Aerie Membership Team

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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 12/23/19

Members	Net Gain	
9240	-691	-6.18%

Members # & % up or down since 6/1/19

"People don't join organizations.  
People join people."



- The greatest gift a member can give our organization is not a financial donation, special favor, or even hosting the annual banquet.
- The greatest gift is to sign up a new member who will contribute at your level or above.
- Is it safe to say that you didn't join the FOE organization because of some poster you walked past, letter you received, event you attended, or advertisement you saw.
- I'll bet the simple truth is someone ask YOU to join.

Don't be afraid to ask them to join. You would be surprised in how many people have never joined our organization simply because we just didn't ask them?

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

**November winner      Jeffrey F Domino      3767 Auburn**

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

Membership Chairman Jeremiah Bollig - Schuyler #3568 - jeremiah.iellc@gmail.com

Hello Sisters,

Have a question for all of you-where did 2019 go to? It just seems like yesterday it was New Year's Day. The year sure went by fast!!!! But the good news is that we still have 5 months left in the Eagle year to sign up members for SMP Pam!!!!

In the last membership report it shows that we have slowed down in membership this past month and now have to get 13 new and reenrolled members a week until May 31<sup>st</sup>, but I know we can do it!!!!

The winner of the month drawing - - a Fat Chef plate is Megan Lankramer from Columbus. Congrats Megan!!

We would like to wish all of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year!!!

Cathy and Klara  
Nebraska State Auxiliary  
Membership & Reenrollment Chairman





## State Charity Team

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



## The Differences between Service Dogs, Therapy Dogs and Emotional Support Dogs

Differentiating between, service dogs, therapy dogs and emotional support dogs is not a matter of splitting hairs or political correctness. Each of these dogs has a very different job from the others and the terms are not interchangeable.

Service Dogs are individually trained to perform tasks and do work that mitigate their handler's disabilities. Service dogs are much more than highly trained companions. Working as part of a team with their disabled partners, service dogs help them attain the safety and independence from which their handlers' disabilities would otherwise limit them.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) protects the rights of people with disabilities to be accompanied by their service dogs in public places, like businesses, restaurants, grocery stores, hotels, etc. Additional acts of law, like the DOT's Air Carrier Access Act, DOJ/HUD Fair Housing Act and Federal Rehabilitation Act protect the rights of people with disabilities to be accompanied by their service dogs under a wide variety of circumstances under which the ADA may not be applicable.

Therapy Dogs also receive extensive training but have a completely different type of job from service dogs. Their responsibilities are to provide psychological or physiological therapy to individuals other than their handlers; who are usually their owners. These dogs have stable temperaments and friendly, easy-going personalities. Typically, they visit various institutions like hospitals, schools, hospices, psychotherapy offices, nursing homes and more. Unlike service dogs, therapy dogs are encouraged to socialize and interact with a variety of people while they're on-duty.

It is important to note that, despite thorough training, certification and the therapeutic benefits therapy dogs provide, they do not have the same jobs or legal designation as service dogs. While some institutions offer therapy dogs access on a case by case for the benefit of patients, guests, customers or clientele, the handlers or owners of therapy dogs do not have the same rights to be accompanied by these dogs in places where pets are not permitted.

Emotional Support Dogs are not required to undergo specialized training. Their primary roles are to provide their disabled owners with emotional comfort. Emotional support dogs can benefit a disabled individual, psychologically, tremendously. The seemingly basic gift of companionship and unconditional affection can be just the right therapy to counter a condition like debilitating depression.

While the ADA does not grant owners of emotional support dogs the right to be accompanied by these dogs in establishments that do not permit pets, the DOJ/HUD's Fair Housing Act does allow for disabled owners of emotional support dogs to reside in housing that has a "No Pets" policy, as a reasonable accommodation. The DOT's Air Carrier Access Act also allows those with proof of a disability the accommodation of being accompanied by an emotional support dog.

While we appreciate the invaluable role that therapy dogs play in society and the crucial impact that emotional support dogs have on the lives of their disabled owners, "Please, Don't Pet Me" is dedicated to promoting understanding and respect for service dog teams. In the spirit of doing so, we hope to reduce the prevalent confusion about the differences between these three roles.

JAVELAN does not provide Guide dogs, Therapy or Emotional Support dogs.

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Olympics. I will have the honor of escorting GMP around the state. I know she will be at Elkhorn on Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup> for our hamburger night beginning at 6. I will let you know as other visits are confirmed. I know GMP Gloria would love to meet you!

I would like to give a special shout out to York NE Aerie members, Bill and Christie Payne. Each year they decorate their home and set up a collection box for the York Food Pantry. This year they challenged Christy's sister Lori Lovell in Wymore NE to a challenge for food collection. Lori and her husband collected 855 pounds for Wymore Food Pantry and Bill and Christy collected 943 pounds for York Food Pantry. What an awesome way to show People Helping People. Lori is sending \$20.00 for the York Food Pantry as the 'loser' but in my book both families are winners. Thank you for supporting your local food pantries. This time of year, there is always more need. I also want to give a huge thank you to the Elkhorn Dart league, Elkhorn Aerie and Elkhorn Auxiliary for supporting the local food pantry with a combined donation of \$922 and a back seat full of food. It is things like this that shows others that the Eagle members are caring people not only on a national or state level but also on a local level. We are PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE!

Thank each and every one of you for all you do for our charities. It is because of your hard work and dedication that we can continue to be the best organization! I am very proud to say I am an Eagle!!

In closing I want to share a quote from Dr. Seuss "You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself any direction you choose"

I will see you down the Eagle trail my friends

SMP Pam Beiermann

P.S. IF the newsletter is late this month please don't blame Liz. She is doing all she can but when we get the articles to her late it's our fault not hers! Thanks, Liz Scott, for all you do!

We would like all Auxiliaries to send quilt blocks to McCook Auxiliary #2769 PO Box 157 McCook, NE 69001. Sandy Stapp would like to make a quilt for our Madam State President, Pam Biermann.



Auxiliary Sisters,

This is the time of year again that we are looking for qualified Sisters who would be interested in applying and serving as a State Auxiliary Officer.

Look around your Auxiliary and see if there isn't someone that your Auxiliary feels would be an excellent candidate to serve. That candidate could be **YOU!!**

You must be a Past Auxiliary Madam President or a Ten-Year Secretary of a local auxiliary and have a passion for the Fraternal Order of Eagles, and our mission.

Letters and applications will be sent out to each Secretary in the next month. Any questions you can call me at 402-270-9116 or drop me an email [cheri.bollig@gmail.com](mailto:cheri.bollig@gmail.com).

Looking forward to hearing from you Sisters.

Cheri Bollig, JPSMP

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**Past State Madam Presidents**

## **NURSES SCHOLARSHIP**

Scholarship paid to the school in the amount of **\$500.00 - \$1,000.00.**

- Scholarship money will be given to the college of the recipient's choice
- Must have an Eagle affiliation (family member must belong to NE Aerie or Auxiliary)
- Recipient must have completed at least one full year of nurses training
- Recipient can be male or female
- Recipient required to be present at a pre-arranged function to receive scholarship, preferably the Nebraska State Convention, Friday morning session, June 12, 2020.
- Deadline for submitting application is: May 29, 2020

Info & Application available on state website: <http://nestatefoe.org/>

or by contacting:

Patty Welch, PSMP  
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# THE HYPNOTIST SHOW

## WHEN

**February 15, 2020**

**ALL AGES SHOW – 7:00pm**

**ADULT ONLY SHOW – 10:00pm (19+)**

## WHERE

**Nielsen Community Center**

**200 Anna Stalp Ave., West Point NE**

## Featuring

**Rick Bultez, Hypnotist**

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

**Call 402-372-3444 or 402-380-1733**

## TICKETS

**All ages..... \$12**

**Group Rate: \$80/table**

**Adults Only.....\$15**

**Group Rate: \$100/table**

**Tickets available at the door 1 hour  
before showtime or in advance at  
these locations:**

- **Eagles Club**
- **F&M Bank**
- **CharterWest Bank**

## SPONSOR

**Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3623**

## BENEFITING

**Javelan-Service Dogs for Vets**

**Children's Foster Care Clinic**

**FOE #3623**

**CASH BAR**

**12TH ANNUAL TERRY MURPHY**

**NEBRASKA STATE EAGLES**

# SHUFFLEBOARD TOURNAMENT



**February 21-23, 2020**

**Fort Kearney Aerie #2722**

**17 West 24<sup>th</sup> Street \* Kearney NE 68848**

**Entry Deadline is February 10, 2020**

**(Date determined by post mark)**

**\$300.00 / 8-person team**

**Tournament Limited to 30 teams**

## Room Information:

**Midtown Western Inn**

800-333-1401 or 308-237-3153

1401 2nd Ave. Kearney, NE 68847

\$45.00 per night + taxes and fees.

**Days Inn & Suites by Wyndham Kearney**

111 Talmadge St. Kearney, NE 68847

1-308-708-7456

\$79.00 per night + taxes and fees.

Mention Eagles State Shuffleboard  
when making reservations.

## TOURNEY INFO AND ENTRY FORMS

<https://www.kearneyeagles2722.com/state-shuffleboard-welcome>

or

State Website: <http://nestatefoe.org/>

For Questions contact Sue Rains:

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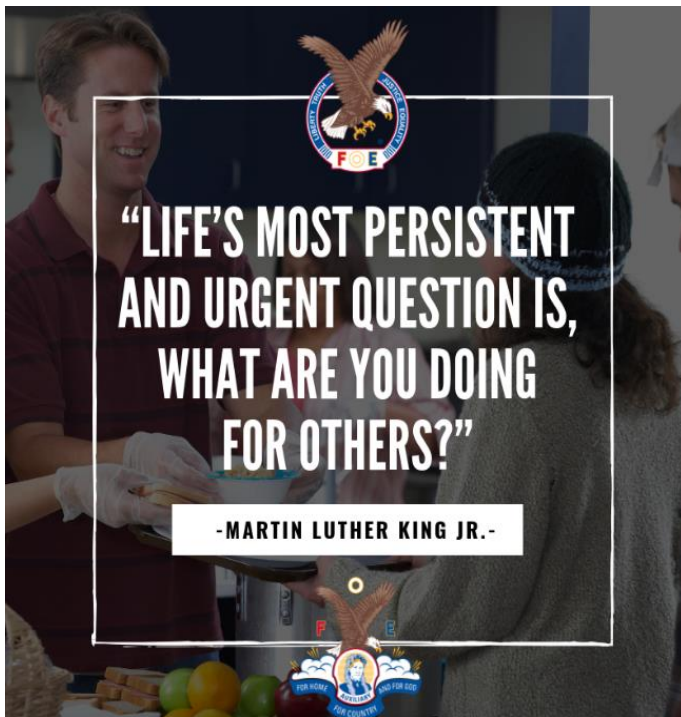
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## Save the Date.....

January 11 Board Meeting and Gun Bash Kearney  
January 18 Charity Night, Papillion,  
February 15 Hypnotist Show, West Point  
February 21-23 State Shuffleboard Kearney  
March 6-8 Eastern Zone Elkhorn  
March 21 Putt-Putt Fairbury  
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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