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On February 6, The Fraternal Order of Eagles (F.O.E.) celebrates 120 years of community service.

The F.O.E. began in 1898, when six Seattle-area theater owners came together to share their passion for social progress and a dedication to philanthropy with the greater community.

120 years later, the F.O.E. continues to work hard to bring citizens together in the name of bettering communities and raising funds to assist friends and neighbors in need. From the creation of Mother's Day, Social Security and Medicare to the hundreds of millions of dollars donated to various research and assistance organizations across North America, no life has been left untouched by the actions of an Eagle.

"The world has changed in many ways over the last 120 years, but the need to help those around us stands the test of time," Grand Worthy President Thomas McGrath said. "The F.O.E. was built upon a strong passion for increasing quality of life for those in need and our desire to carry on that passion is what keeps us so strong more than a century later."

For decades, Eagles' Aeries have been at the epicenter of community life, serving as both a destination for social interaction and the heart of local fundraising efforts. Throughout 2018, the organization and its' more than 650,000 members are dedicated to upholding a commitment to charitable giving and reinforcing the F.O.E. as a valuable resource in building communities. These efforts start with continuing a commitment to charity.

Each year, the organization gives approximately \$10 million through the F.O.E. Charity Foundation and various fundraisers held at the more than 1,500 Aeries across the United States and Canada. With funds dedicated to research and prevention for issues including diabetes, heart disease, cancer, kidney disease, spinal cord injuries, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, child abuse prevention and more, the Charity Foundation alone provides approximately \$4 million in grants annually.

Since World War II, the Eagles' Memorial Foundation has provided tuition assistance and medical care for the children of members who die while performing their job or serving their country. Currently, the organization offers all police, firefighters, EMTs, and inactive military a free year of membership with the F.O.E. through the Those Who Serve Program. Eagles also assist U.S. and Canadian troops annually through the Operation Eagle program, which provides nominated Eagles or children of Eagles serving overseas with much needed food and supplies during the holiday season.

"The men and women serving to protect our countries and our communities are the biggest reason we continue to thrive today with the right to speak up and make a difference," Grand Madam President Helen Poehner said. "The F.O.E. remains committed to making the most of the freedoms given to us through their sacrifices."

Most recently, the F.O.E. committed to making a difference in lives across the world through a \$25-million pledge to the University of Iowa to create The Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center. The center, which opened in 2014, occupies more than 30,000 square feet at the Pappajohn Biomedical Discovery Building on the Iowa City campus and plays host to a team of over 100 researchers working daily to make breakthroughs in hopes of finding a cure for diabetes.



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My Brothers:

The new year has started off well, a lot of fun with family and friends.

On January 9th the State Board met at Kearney Aerie #2722. The meeting went well. That evening was the Nebraska state gun raffle; a big hit! Thank you to all the officers and volunteers of Kearney Aerie for the hard work they put into the Nebraska state gun raffle. I also want to thank all the tate Aerie and Auxiliary officers and spouses that helped. It was a success!

I also want to thank Papillion Aerie and Auxiliary #4029 and York Aerie #3990 for the fund raiser they held in January.

Brothers, our membership numbers are down this year. Remember every Brother owes one new member every year so ask that friend and ask that neighbor to come in and join you at the Aerie and get him signed up. Also, keep in mind the Those Who Serve program. This program offers one (1) complementary year of membership to active and retired Law Enforcement Officers, Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians, Correctional Officers, Active Military including National Guard and Reserves, Volunteer Firefighters and EMTs and Honorably Discharged/Retired/Inactive Military.

Fraternally yours

N.S.W.P.

Larry Mattson





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Dear Sisters and brothers,

I hope all of you are staying warm and safe. As I write this, I am watching the snow fall. A blanket of snow is pretty on the grass and trees, I just wish mother nature would learn to keep it off the sidewalks and streets! While it may be cold outside our Aerie homes have a warm inviting atmosphere for everyone. Don't forget to visit your local Aerie and other Aeries across the state.

A huge thank you to all that attended or bought tickets for the gun bash. I cannot thank you enough for your support of our Nebraska State Charity. Don's Hobby and Guns out of Kearney did an excellent job selling tickets, displaying the firearms, helping all night. We had a fantastic turnout for volunteers from across the state. I am afraid if I start naming names, I will leave someone out. A huge thank you to our Charity Chairpersons, Cris Henry, Rhonda Shafer and Kelly Davis for the awesome job you did, not only the night of the gun bash but the months leading up to it. Without your determination and dedication this would not have been the success it was! (I don't have totals yet, but I know it was awesome)

Your state officers met in Kearney to plan for the upcoming year. I know these women are dedicated to keeping our State Auxiliary strong. We are always looking for more dedicated women to join this group. Each year we add at least one new state officer. If you know of someone or if you are interested, please watch for the applications. Your Auxiliary secretary will be getting those soon so keep an eye out for them. WE WANT YOU!!!

Our GMP Gloria Williams will be arriving in Omaha on Sunday March 8th. Her first visit will be in Papillion #4029 for a meet and greet. Time will be determined when we have her flight information. On Monday March 9th GMP Gloria and I will be heading across the state to Alliance #136 to meet sisters there. I am hoping to see sisters and brothers from around that area in Alliance. On Tuesday March 10th I will be taking GMP Gloria to my home Auxiliary Elkhorn #3943 for hamburger night and a meet and greet. All are welcome to join us as we visit these Auxiliaries. I know GMP Gloria would like to meet YOU.

One of my favorite things this year is going to the different Auxiliaries to meet the sisters. Each Auxiliary has different ways to raise money and to keep the meetings interesting. Some of the Auxiliaries have a drawing to receive a free year if your name is drawn and you are in attendance that

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Nebraska State Membership Report...

NET Gain Report as of 01/17/20

Members	Net Gain	
9556	-598	-6.08%

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



How many times have you had someone ask you about the Eagles and you really didn't have a good answer?

You need to be ready with an **ELEVATOR SPEECH..!!!**

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



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

December winner James Perchal 3943 Elkhorn

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,

Hope all of you are well and staying upright. I for one HATE ice!

The report that I got on January 20th shows that we have fallen a little behind on membership. We need to get 15 new or re-enrolled members each week to reach net gain this year. I know that we can do it! Look at your dropped rolls and not just last years. Reach out to them and see if maybe the reasons they didn't pay their dues has changed. Our lives are always changing and maybe they would like to be members again. You won't know unless you ask.

As for getting new members, have you reached out to police and firefighters? Or daughters and granddaughters? New teachers or new co-workers? Just some ideas. I'm sure you have ideas of your own.

The winner for signing up a new member for December is Shirley Zeiler from North Platte. She wins a Fat Chef wine holder. Congrats!

Stay warm and remember to "Serve One Up for Nebraska and Pam".

Cathy and Klara





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



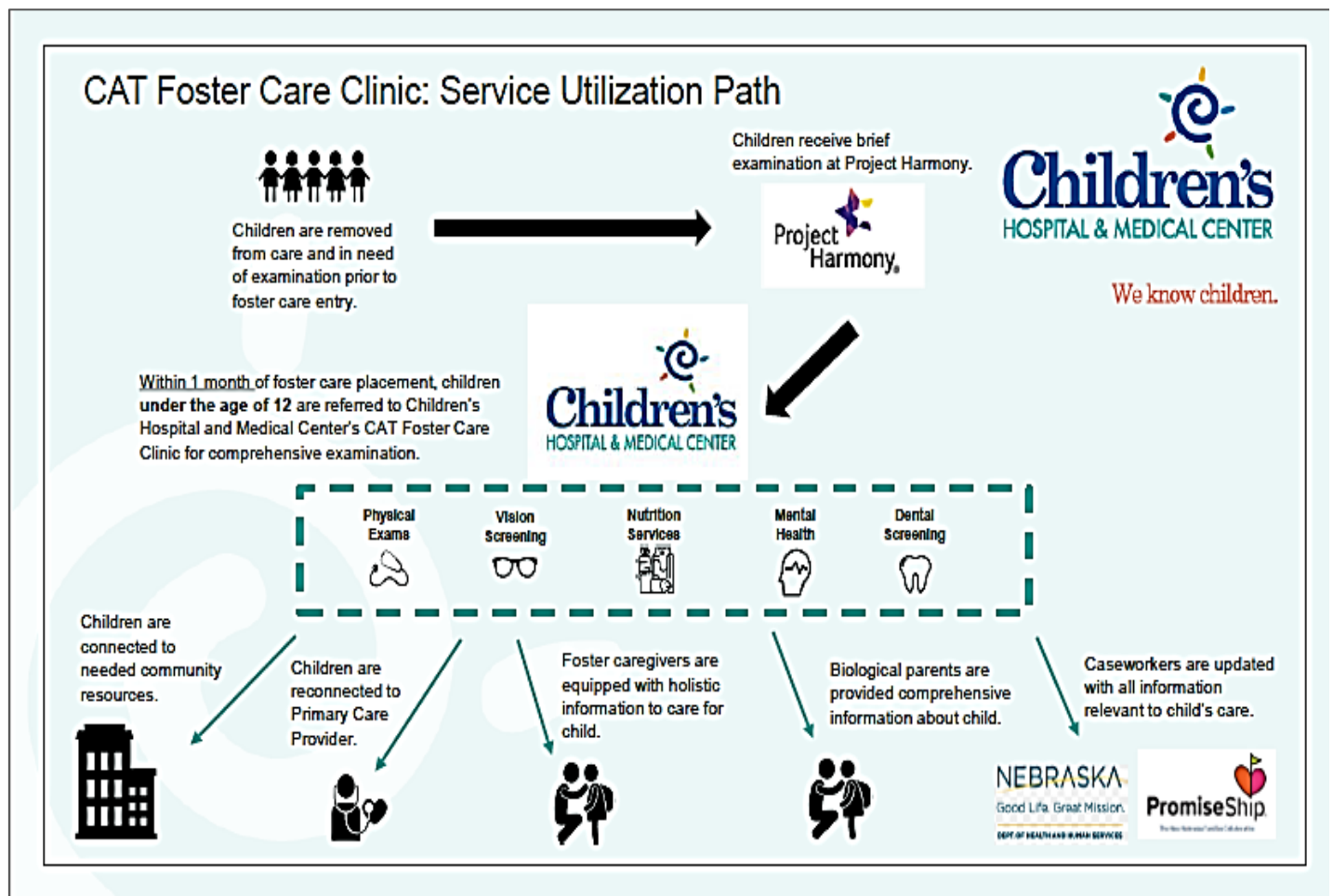
Children's Advocacy Team

The Children's Advocacy Team is dedicated to ensuring that every child is safe and healthy, and that the adults in their lives have the resources they need to ensure that.

If there are concerns for trauma in a child's life, we are here to help. In addition to providing treatment and support, we also provide education for caregivers, parents, and other adults in a child's life about meeting medical, physical, and psychosocial needs. We specialize in distinguishing between accidental injuries, medical conditions, and abuse or neglect.

The Children's Advocacy Team includes a pediatrician, nurse practitioner, nurses, social workers, and dietitians who specialize in cases of childhood abuse or neglect. They are dedicated to helping children receive the care that they need and deserve.

We work in conjunction with the child's primary physician and other subspecialists to provide the highest level of care and coordination.



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that meeting. They charge anywhere from a quarter to a dollar to get into the drawing. Some have a 50/50 drawing where half is to the charity of the local president and half the winner. If you have ways to raise money at your meeting or ways to keep your meetings interesting, please share them with your sisters. I appreciate all of you across the state. Without you the State Auxiliary would not be what it is today! Thank you for all your hard work and dedication. I look forward to seeing you down the Eagle trail.

SMP Pam Beiermann

Thoughts....

ENTITLEMENT

Example #1: Every year, a fundraiser is held to earn the money required to pay for a holiday party for our kids. Not only are supplies needed for crafts and goodies, but also gift bags for the children - fruit, candy, toys, color books with crayons, and a bright, shiny one-dollar coin. Then, prominent members are witnessed loading extra gift bags into their cars.

Example #2: Why would members believe that because they are working a dinner, they are allowed free food and beverages. Why would those members then become angry and offended, and never grace the club with their presence again, when they are told that everyone pays for everything?

What gives some people the idea that because they give of themselves that they are ENTITLED to perks, freebies, or payments of some sort. What happened to giving, sharing, and helping out of the goodness of a kind and generous heart - simply because it is the right thing to do.

We've all seen it from time to time - someone who believes they are owed something for the work they do; someone who thinks their thoughts and ideas carry more weight because of the work they do; someone who gets caught up in their own misguided feelings of importance.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles has an established mission of doing for others through goodness and charity. We do it extremely well. In fact, the FOE has perfected the art of giving into a thing of beauty. But, being imperfect beings, occasionally we need to take the time to examine our motivations and intents. Especially when we begin to have expectations of ENTITLEMENT. Taking advantage should not be part of our agenda.

In reality, all we are actually ENTITLED to is encouragement, respect, and gratitude. It should do our hearts good and be sufficiently satisfying when someone has the presence of mind to reach out in gratitude. If sincere expressions of appreciation are extended, if someone remembers to say thank you, that is all that is required. That should be all the ENTITLEMENT we really need.

Janis Thomas, Past Grand Auxiliary Officer

*Celebration
of Life*

*for
Past Nebraska State Worthy President
Larry "Griz" Strickler*

*February 29, 2020
4 PM*

*Bellevue #3912
209 W. Mission Avenue
Bellevue, NE 68005.*

*Please come and join us and celebrate
the life of Griz.*

I would like to take this time to THANK all the
Brothers and Sisters throughout the State of
Nebraska for all your kind Thoughts, Prayers and
Cards with the unexpected passing of my
husband Larry "Griz" Strickler,
Past Nebraska State Worthy President.
Again, THANK YOU from the bottom of my heart.
Annette Strickler

EAGLES STATE POOL 2020

POOL TOURNAMENT



**MARCH 27, 28, 29,
2020**

**D&N Center
501 East Walker Road
North Platte Nebraska**

**Entry Deadline
March 8, 2020
(date determined by postmark)**

**For tourney information
and entry forms:
www.nestatefoe.org
or
www.nppool.org**

Limited to first PAID 126 teams

BAR TO BAR

Putt-Putt TOURNAMENT

MARCH 21ST

FAIRBURY NEBRASKA

START TIME 10AM

\$100 ENTRY FEE /TEAM OF 4

Registration is open exclusively to
Eagle Members until
February 23rd.

After February 23 registration will
be open to the public.

Tournament limited to 45 teams.

Paid Entry fee required to hold team.

Tournament fills fast!!!

Get your entry in today!



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February 15 Hypnotist Show, West Point
February 21-23 State Shuffleboard Kearney
March 6-8 Eastern Zone Elkhorn
March 21 Putt-Putt Fairbury
March 21 40th Anniversary Celebration Bellevue 3912
March 27-29 State Pool North Platte
April 3-5 MINK at Embassy Suites Omaha
April 18th Pam's Day Elkhorn
June 10-13 Nebraska State Eagles Convention Norfolk
July 18-23 International Eagles Convention Spokane WA

For up to date State President's scheduled visits,
check out the Nebraska State Aerie and Auxiliary
website @ nestatefoe.org.



"Only a life lived for others
is a life worthwhile."
-Albert Einstein



Being a member of the F.O.E. means that you
are doing more with your life - by bettering the
lives and community around you!
[#PeopleHelpingPeople](https://www.facebook.com/PeopleHelpingPeople)

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