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## 2020 Nebraska State Convention

Many of you have been asking questions regarding the status of our upcoming convention. Due to Covid-19 restrictions in Madison County, which is where Norfolk is located, we are unfortunately unable to provide clear guidelines at this point in time.

The Convention Committee is working very closely with the Nebraska State Aerie Board of Trustees to determine how to proceed with our planning. We do realize that many of you are impacted and frustrated by this unfortunate situation, as are we. Until we have a clearer picture of the Governor's plans for Madison County, our hands are tied. We do not know which restrictions will be lifted or relaxed, and to what extent. As soon as we know, we will proceed with our planning process, and it is fully our intent to notify all PSPs, State Officers, all local Aerie and Auxiliary Secretaries of the plan so that individual plans can be made.

Sandy Biery-  
Ne State Convention Coordinator

I purposely delayed sending this month's bulletin in hopes of having information, good or bad, concerning our State Convention to pass along to you.

I am sorry I do not have anything definitive to share.

Take care of yourself, your family, your neighbors, and remember those who have no one. We will get through this together and we will be stronger for it.

Liz Scott, Bulletin Editor



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#### Brothers:

I am writing this letter in the hopes that our Aeries will soon be allowed to open. Unfortunately, for the last 2 months I have not been able to travel and attend any function for a charity fundraiser at any of our Aeries and all state fund raisers have been canceled due to CV19. So, I am putting a request in, if your Aerie can contribute any funds to the state charity, I would be so very humbled and appreciative that we could help provide our veterans and 1st responders with a service dog. I do understand that monies are tight as we have been closed for nearly 2 months, and CV19 Has put a hardship on us all.

And for all of you my brothers: know all my prayers have been going out to all of you and your families through this time of closure.

NSWP

Larry Mattson



Link to purchase raffle chances on the State Eagles Facebook page: "Nebraska State FOE Aerie & Auxiliary 2019/2020"

Taurus TX22-22LR and a Taurus G2C-9MM, both semi-automatics. \$10 per chance. One winner gets both weapons!!



Proceeds to the 2019-2020 State Charity



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## STATE MADAM PRESIDENT

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I hope this finds all safe and healthy. What a turmoil this has been. Together we will be ok! Several visits had to be postponed due to COVID-19. If possible, I would like to make that up to the Auxiliaries when we are able to have the doors open again! I know a lot of planning goes into the visits and I really appreciate all you do.

Our state charity team has been hard at work coming up with ideas to keep supporting Nebraska Children's Foster and abused Children's clinic and Javelan during this difficult time. Thank you PWCRP Kelly, PSMP Rhonda and PSMP Cris. The web-based fundraisers have been awesome. Every dime we raise for our charities is a dime they did not have before!! The Show me the Money event to be held in Central City on Saturday May 30th is still being planned at this time! Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.00. We will be giving away 10 prizes of \$200 each. You do not need to be present to win. If you would like a ticket or 5 please let one of the charity team or myself know.

Grand Aerie has been incredibly supportive of all the Aeries and Auxiliaries in these unprecedented waters. I know many have been concerned about nominations and elections since the constitution and statutes state the nominations are to be held annually at the last meeting in April. Since we are unable to hold those meetings in our Aeries and Auxiliaries by order of the Grand Worthy President Nominations of officers should be the first meeting after re-opening and elections the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting after re-opening. Installation of officers should be done at least 5 days after elections. All current officers will remain in their respective offices until your successor is duly elected and installed. If you have any questions, please ask. This is new to all of us and hopefully we never have to go through this again.

Convention is just around the corner. The deadline for registration has been extended to May 31<sup>st</sup>. Hopefully by then all Auxiliaries will be able to hold meetings again and select your delegates for state convention. I know I am looking forward to seeing all of you again very soon. The convention agenda is being worked on now! By this time next month, we should have a better idea of how things will go. I am looking forward to

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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

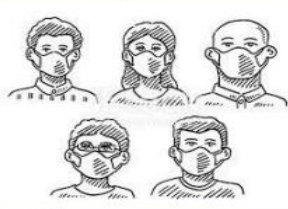


## Nebraska State Membership Report...

NET Gain Report as of 04/13/20

Members	Net Gain	
9611	-320	-3.56%

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



### Brothers

- I pray that this message finds all of you and yours healthy and doing well during this COVID-19 crisis.
- These past few months have been very challenging recruiting new members, having to deal with stay-at-home, social distancing, and mandatory Aerie closures.
- As you know the Eagle year is coming to an end, this is the last month to sign up member to meet our goal.
- I want to thank all of you that have sign up members this years.
- Please stay healthy and safe by practicing the proper social distancing guidelines, and hopefully this will all end soon.
- Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.



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

March winner Schuyler J Sharp Fullerton #1981

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--

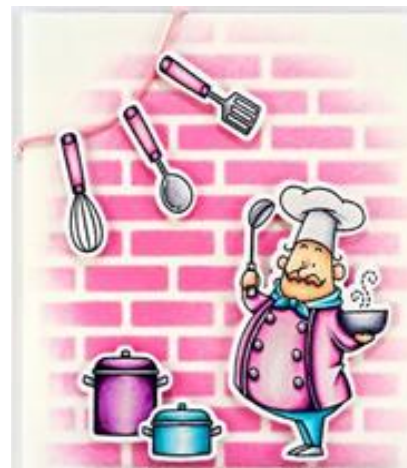
I had planned on bringing membership prizes to Eastern Zone, MINK, and SMP Pam's day but life does not go as we plan sometimes does it? I will bring them to Convention, and I hope we have someone from each Auxiliary there-- just remember to pay your dues so you can be there.

I know you all are doing the best that you can to get a new member or to get someone to reenrolled and we "Thank You" for your hard work. We know the world has been turned upside down, but we will come out the other side better than ever!!!!

The winner of a Happy Chef plate is Kelly Warner from So. Omaha. Congratulations Kelly!!

Please remember to stay 6 foot away from people and WASH your hands and to "Serve 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



As a State Officer moves up the chairs on the way to the office of State President, they have decisions to make, a membership theme, committee chairman, appointments, choice for a State Charity, etc.

Their choice for a State Charity typically is influenced by a personal connection. Something near and dear to their heart. Larry, who has personally benefitted from a service dog, chose Javelin because he is passionate about providing our nations heroes, Veterans and First Responders, with trained medical service dogs. Pam's fervor about the Foster Care Clinic originates from her parents as well as herself seeing firsthand the needs of foster children as they enter foster care. Pam and Larry had high hopes for their chosen charities. They knew donations to Javelin and the UNMC Foster Care Clinic would make a difference.

Larry and Pam enlisted a hard-working State Charity Team; Kelly Davis, Cris Henry and Rhonda Schafer. The threesome traveled the state almost every weekend, as well as attending many special events during the week, promoting the charities, peddling raffles, and helping with local charity functions. The year was going great. Donations for the charities were adding up. Larry, Pam and the team were pleased.

Then COVID-9. It was like running headfirst into a brick wall. There were no more state functions, no more conferences. Aeries and Auxiliaries were unable to hold functions to raise charity donations locally. The Charity Committee are doing what they can with the on-line auctions and other resources but are missing out on opportunities for donations due to mandated restrictions. The situation is what it is, and we must make the best of it!

We still have a month to solicit donations for Larry and Pam's State Charities. I would like to ask each and every one of you to consider making a personal donation. You know the money you would have spent on lodging and meals while attending the State Pool Tournament, MINK Conference, Putt Put Golf but didn't because the COVID-19 health mandates restricted gatherings? If everyone would reach into their pocket and give just a little, we will help Larry and Pam come a little closer to reaching their goals for the State Charity.

Donations may be made through your local Aerie/Auxiliary Secretary or mailed directly to the State Aerie Secretary Dennis Micek or State Auxiliary Secretary Sharon Jarvis.

Let us show our State Presidents Larry and Pam the respect and support they deserve.

Giving is not just  
about make a donation,  
it's about  
making a difference.

- Kathy Calvin

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seeing how much YOU have raised for our charities! Plan on helping us celebrate your accomplishments this year and help SMPE Teri and SWPE Larry kick off their year.

If your Auxiliary is doing something special for the community during this COVID 19 pandemic, please send me details. I would like to highlight some of the PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE things that are going on across our state. SISTERS you make me proud to be representing you as I have traveled across the state. THANK YOU is not enough for all each of you do.

Until we can hug each other again a BIG virtual hug is being sent to each of you.

See you soon  
SMP Pam

## Thank you.....

Dear Sisters,

I am writing this on my phone because I am in Alaska and not sure when I will be able to come home. I am hoping everyone is staying safe and making it through these tough times.

I am hoping this nasty virus lets up so we can get back to normal, whatever that may be.

I have missed a lot of things this year and I am anxious to see all of you at state.

I want to give everyone a thank you that sent me birthday and Christmas cards this year. It was very thoughtful of you. Being the State Grandmother was an unexpected honor. Thank you PSMP Cheri Bollig for appointing me.

Missing you all,  
Jeri Furby, PMP

## Past Worthy State President Carl Rezabek

Carl recently fell at home. He was hospitalized and is on the mend. I am sure he would appreciate hearing from his Eagle family.

Carl Rezabek  
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## Larry...

Brothers & Sisters,

My name is Larry Mora & I belong to North Platte Aerie 2839. I will be your Nebraska State Aerie President for 2020-2021. I am employed with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office in the Detention Center. I am married to PWCRP Becky Mora.

I am looking forward to an awesome year traveling the state, meeting new people and raising money for our charities with MSPE Teri O'Connor.

Looking forward to seeing you at state convention in Norfolk.

Larry Mora

State Worthy President-Elect

## Teri...

Sisters and Brothers,

I have been looking forward to the next year for a very long time. With the state of the world at this time, it has taken some of the wind out of my sails. I am excited to get started raising money with Larry Mora as my Aerie counterpart and doing what Eagles do best - "People Helping People". As of this writing we do not know for sure what the plan for state convention is or what it will look like but no matter what, we will adjust and get through.

I hope to see you during our visits, conferences and events throughout this next year. If you have any concerns, comments or ideas please do not hesitate to contact me. Until then

Fraternally,

Teri O'Connor  
State Madam President Elect



# 2020 Nebraska State Convention News



**Aerie and Auxiliary convention registration has been extended to May 31, 2020.**

## Nebraska State Aerie Nomination Committee

It is that time of year again that we are looking for qualified Brothers who are interested in serving as a Nebraska State Aerie Officer. Anyone interested in serving as a Nebraska State Aerie Officer with their aerie support may apply. Applicants must also be a past aerie president or 10-year secretary.

If interested, please send Todd Bollig an email at [todd1415foe@gmail.com](mailto:todd1415foe@gmail.com) to receive an application.

Todd Bollig - PSP, Committee Chairman

## Nursing SCHOLARSHIP

- 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

936 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street • York NE 68467

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

## 2020-2021 STATE CHARITY AUCTION



An auction to kick off the 2020-2021 State Charity, Alzheimer's Association, will be held Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup> following Installation of Officers.

All Aeries and Auxiliaries can represent themselves with quality auction items. New or clean used, homemade, hand crafted baked, or unique items will be accepted.

## Auxiliary Members-

Hopefully, we will be able to have our Convention in June. If so, I want to remind you all we will need donations for our Wacky Raffles. Your donations should be something you would like to receive.

Please nothing USED! I am sure people have things at home that they do not want that maybe someone else would be excited to get. A wacky can be toilet paper, greeting cards, body lotion, a toilet brush (unused preferable), etc. Anything you can find at a Dollar Store. Fun stuff. We really appreciate all the support and donations we have received for wacky raffles throughout the years.

Thank you again to all of you who donate.





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### 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,  
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Auxiliary website @  
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