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Brothers and Sisters,

The 2020 Nebraska State Convention is planned and will take place June 11 and June 12th. A lot of discussion was held regarding whether to cancel or postpone with Corona 19 virus being the main concern. The State Executive Board has given the Convention Committee approval to proceed with a modified agenda.

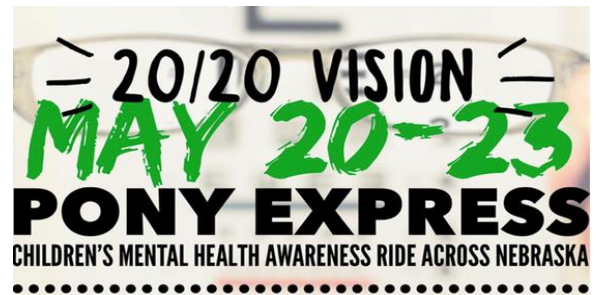
There will be adjustments to the schedule and program. Due to the modified schedule, Welcome to Convention 2020 and the Saturday evening banquet will not be held this year. Aerie and Auxiliary sessions will be held on Thursday and Friday. Installation of Officers will take place Friday following Closing Session.

The Committee is working diligently to make this a fun and informative experience for all attendees. The success of the State Convention relies heavily on member participation.

Please join us as we recognize the accomplishments of our 2019-2020 State Presidents Larry Mattson and Pam Beiermann and to kick off the Fraternal year for 2020-2021 State Presidents Larry Mora and Teri O'Connor.

Respectfully,

Dana A Went,
Convention Chairman



Volunteer motorcyclists traveled across the state of Nebraska from May 20 through May 23 for the 13th annual Pony Express Ride, an effort to raise awareness about children's mental health. The ride finished at the Nebraska State Capitol at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 23, 2020.

The ride focuses on the message that mental health is fundamental to overall health — a message shared by the Department of Health and Human Services.

The bikers, most of whom are members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Eagle Riders, kicked off their ride in Scottsbluff on Wednesday, May 20. During the ride, the riders reenacted the mail-delivery service of the storied Pony Express by picking up letters about children's mental health written by youth, their families and other supporters, which were delivered to state employees at the State Capitol.

"We started this off 13 years ago because kids were being lost in the system," said Bill Primrose, the ride coordinator. Over the years, he's encountered a lot of heartbreaking stories, and he knew something had to be done.

Next Years Pony Express Ride is planned for May 19-22, 2021.



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Brothers,

Brothers, as this is my last letter for the 2019-2020 Fraternal year, I would like to thank all of you for your support throughout the year.

We will be having a modified State Convention in Norfolk Nebraska starting June 11th and concluding on the 12th. There will be a golf excursion on the 10th. The event is open to any Aerie or Auxiliary member. We plan to have a good time and make a little money for the State Charities!

I would like to welcome Larry Mora President-Elect as he begins his term as State President for 2020-2021. Please send him your official visit requests and other Aerie events as soon as possible so he can get it added to his visitation schedule.

P.S. If you have not paid your annual dues by June 1st, you are late. There is only a 30-day leeway before you are dropped from the membership rolls.

Most Nebraska Aeries should now be open. I hope you are abiding by the mandates in place to keep us all healthy and safe.

And again, brothers, I am very humbled and thankful for the opportunity to have been your Nebraska State Aerie President.

Fraternally yours

Nebraska State Aerie President

Larry Mattson





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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

I want to thank each and every one of you for everything you have done this past year. I have really enjoyed meeting new friends and seeing old ones. The fundraising efforts by the charity team has gone above and beyond with PWCRP Kelly Davis, PSMP Rhonda Schafer and PSMP Cris Henry thinking outside the box when the pandemic hit in March. Thank you everyone for your contributions to our State Charity this year. The team has worked hard all year and something like the pandemic was not ever expected to interrupt their efforts. I am anxiously waiting for the totals to be revealed.

The membership team PSO Cathy Menish and PWCRP Klara Serl are busy tallying up the totals for all the proposers. For all sisters who signed up a member or brought one back as a re-enrollee, thank you so much! I know it has been hard to get all the members initiated since many of us have not had a meeting for a couple of months. Your efforts are appreciated.

Our State Auxiliary is like a strong building, it starts with a good foundation (Our PSMP). The foundation is needed to get the building started and to stay strong over the years. The bricks (our members) make the building grow and show the world how great we are. Your state officers are the mortar that is between the bricks that holds the bricks in place making this a very strong building (organizations) The roof (Grand Aerie and Auxiliary) keeps us covered so we can be building and the foundation. Without each part of the building it would just fall apart over the years. We need all parts to continue to grow and become stronger. I am glad NEBRASKA STATE AUXILIARY has had a good foundation, some exceptionally good looking and strong brick, we have the mortar to keep us together and we have a fantastic roof covering us now and for many years to come. I am so proud to be a part of this strong beautiful building. THANK YOU everyone for all you do.

As I write this article, I realize it is the last time I will be writing to you each month. Where has the time gone? It has been my honor to be able to come to many Auxiliaries. I know I missed a lot of visits due to COVID-19. I missed seeing each one of you that would have been there for those visits. I look forward to seeing everyone soon.

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State Auxiliary Membership Team

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Klara Serl, Alliance 136

New Auxiliary Chairman
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Hello Sisters--

We know the last few months have been hard on all of us. We would like to say "Thank You" to all of you that signed -up a new or reenrolled member during this time or at other times this year also.

As of this writing {May 23} we do not have the final numbers for membership, but we are hoping for some good ones. So, keep your fingers crossed and we will have the total at convention.

PLEASE help SMPE Teri and her membership team by signing up more sisters.

Hope to see all of you soon.

And for the final time "Sign one up for " Nebraska and Pam"

Cathy and Klara

Nebraska State Membership Report...

Brothers

I can honestly say this year has had some unusual challenges. All & All our members remains strong & faithful. I want to thank everyone for signing up members. Thank you worthy President Larry Mattson for the appointment, and I would like to wish Larry Mora and his membership team the best of luck!!!



NET Gain Report as of 05/25/20

Members	Net Gain	
9582	-349	-3.49%

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



Top Producers for 2019 / 2020

NE	Aerie #	Proposer	New
1	North Platte 2839	Larry G Biss	84
2	Holdrege 3132	Brad J Kimberly	51
3	Central City 3795	Scott W Kohl	34
4	Fremont 200	Mark Porter	25
5	Columbus 1834	Dennis Micek	20
	McCook 2769	Kip Lytle	20
7	Alliance 136	Robert L. Shores	19
8	Columbus 1834	Doug Wiese	18
	Crete 3909	Judd A Bietz	18
	Plattsmouth 365	Justin O Craig	18

Net Gain Aeries for 2019 / 2020

Aerie #		Net Gain	% Gain
365	Plattsmouth	4	1.5%
1981	Fullerton	4	4.7%
2971	Wahoo	9	5.2%
3132	Holdrege	20	7.9%
3568	Schuyler	4	2.3%
3601	Crawford	2	1.9%
3623	West Point	9	8.4%
3767	Auburn	1	1.1%
3990	York	9	2.8%
4029	Papillion	1	1.1%

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

June 2020

Sisters and Brothers,

Well State Convention is a go and I am very excited for the upcoming year. But before we get going into the new Eagle year, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate both Larry Mattson and Pam Beiermann for the outstanding job that they did in the face of adversity. Their charities were doing well, and they were traveling around the state celebrating and raising money for charity as we all do. Then March fell upon us and the world as we knew it came to a halt. Their travels stopped, their fund raising stopped as did everyone else's. The charity team of Kelly Davis, Cris Henry and Rhonda Schaffer thought outside the box and came up with a way to do online raffles and continued to raise money for the state charities. (And it did get the attention of several other states across the jurisdiction on how to continue fund raising during a pandemic!) Kudo's to the team as well! So, if either Pam or Larry happen to stop by since they were unable to finish their travels, please welcome them into your Aerie home and enjoy their visits.

Larry and I are already working on our calendars for next year. Please contact us with dates of things that you would like us to attend and if we are available, we will be there. Our charities for this year are Alzheimer's Association and \$10,000.00 for Bridge to the Cure through the Diabetes Research Center in Iowa City. Our joint theme is Memories Matter and our color is purple. Our charity co-chairmen are Ray Measel, Dave Hodges, Diane Wilken and Becky Mora. You will be hearing more throughout the year on events that are being held. I hope that you can make it to some of them as they are sure to be fun.

My membership chairman is Rhonda Schaffer and my theme this year is the Carousel. Your Auxiliary Secretary will be receiving information on prizes for signing up a new member. The more you sign, the bigger the prizes.

Looking forward to making many memories with you this year,

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**116th NEBRASKA
STATE AERIE CONVENTION PROGRAM
NORFOLK, NEBRASKA
Headquarters – Norfolk Convention Center**

Wednesday June 10th, 2020

10:00 a.m. Golf Outing
7:00 p.m. Hospitality - Great Room

Thursday June 11th, 2020

8:00 am - 11:30 am Registration-Dakota Room
9:00am - St. Aerie Officers Meeting-Nebraska Room
10:00 am -Nomination Committee-Nebraska Room
FIRST SESSION
1:00 pm – Session Opens - DeVent Center

Friday June 12, 2020

8:00 am - 11:30 am Final Registration-Dakota Room
8:00 am – 8:30 am Ballots for Voting-Dakota Room
SECOND SESSION
9:00 am - Session opens – DeVent Center
11:30 am - Recess
Past State President's Luncheon
FINAL SESSION
1:00 pm – Session Opens - DeVent Center
Installation of Officers follow last session-DeVent Center

Saturday June 13, 2020

9:00 am -Aerie Officers Meeting
Norfolk #3611 Aerie Home

**68th NEBRASKA
STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION PROGRAM
NORFOLK, NEBRASKA
Headquarters – Norfolk Convention Center**

Wednesday June 10th, 2020

10:00 am - Golf Outing
6:30 pm - Nominating Committee -Norfolk Aerie Home
7:00 pm - Hospitality - Great Room

Thursday June 11th, 2020

7:30 am – 8:30 am Registration-Dakota Room
9:00 am – OPRNING/FIRST SESSION-Ball Room
1:00 pm – SECOND SESSION – Ballroom
7:00 pm - Hospitality - Great Room

Friday June 12, 2020

8:00 am – 8:30 am Final Registration-Dakota Room
7:45 am – 8:45 am Ballots for Voting-Dakota Room
9:00 am – CLOSING/THIRD SESSION
1:00 pm – Introduction of 2020-2021
Auxiliary Fraternal Year – Ball Room
Installation of Officers to follow intro-DeVent Center

Saturday June 13, 2020

9:00 am - Auxiliary Officers Meeting
Norfolk #3611 Aerie Home

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I know SMPE Teri has a lot of plans in store for the 2020-2021 year. I look forward to SMPE Teri's year. Please join me in congratulating SMPE Teri O'Connor and SWPE Larry Mora as Nebraska State Presidents for 2020-2021! I know you both will do a fantastic job. You have a great charity picked out and I know your Charity Team will do an awesome job!

As you know with the pandemic it has been exceedingly difficult for the Aerie Executive Board to be able to make an informed decision as to what we do about convention. They have had to wait for Governor Ricketts to ease up on the restrictions to even know which way to go. As I am writing this a decision has not yet been made. Once the Aerie Board has had a chance to weigh all options and review the restrictions by our Governor, they will let us know. As soon as we have anything concrete, we will be posting it on the website, Facebook and sending out emails to all local secretaries. We want all members to be safe!

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon!!

SMP Pam Beiermann

West Central Regional Conference

Iowa and Nebraska



September 18, 19 and 20, 2020

Embassy Suites by Hilton
Omaha Downtown Old Market
555 S 10th St
Omaha Nebraska

For motel reservations phone
402-346-9000 and reference MWC

Carl Rezabek

November 26, 1942- May 20, 2020



Carl Rezabek, PWCRP, passed away May 20, 2020. He had been hospitalized in Omaha after some major health issues. Carl was a man that would give you the shirt off his back. He was kind, loving and Eagle orientated. He had that one side of him that not many people seen, and if you saw it, you didn't want to see it again.

Carl came to Grand Island and joined Aerie #378 in December 1966. He was an active member, served as an officer including 10-year Secretary, PWP and a member on the Ritual Team. Grand Island Aerie #378 Ritual Team competed regularly at the Nebraska State Convention. Carl was All State Ritual several years.

Carl was very generous when it came to our charities. He repurchased an Eagle knife multiple times that traveled through Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska. He played in many State Shuffleboard tournaments and was always up for a good time.

He worked at ABC Trusses in Grand Island, which is what brought him to Grand Island. Carl went to work and retired from New Holland Plant several years ago.

Carl was St. Worthy President and served with Klara Serl, PWCRP, in 2007-2008. Carl was very proud when he was appointed WCRP. He served with Dorothy Anderson from Missouri Valley, Iowa in 2009-2010. He acquired quite a

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REACH OUT

News reports are telling us that this extended time of sequestering to protect ourselves and others from the virus can have a profound effect on our emotional and mental health. So, we have to find other ways to reach out to those we care about to ease mental and emotional traumas.

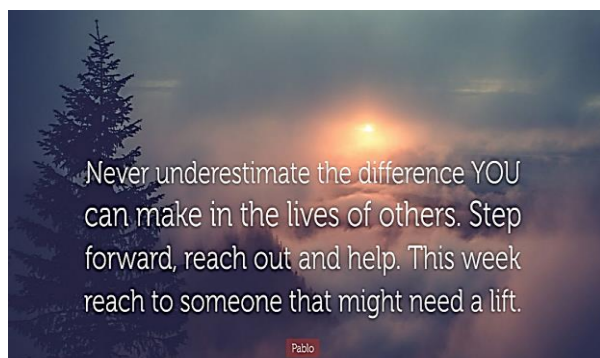
HELLO! It's a simple word, but it can mean so very much to anyone who is feeling particularly alone and isolated. A phone call, a text message, a greeting shared on social media, a simple HELLO sent to someone we love will make their topsy-turvy life so much better.

Someone found the following clever elaboration of the word HELLO and shared it on Facebook. Send it on to family and friends. Find a way to include hugs and kisses. X's and O's work really well. OR, tell them to put their right hand on their left shoulder, and their left hand on their right shoulder, and then squeeze. That can be a hug from you. REACH OUT. You will brighten their day and yours will be brightened as well.

H How are you?
E Everything all right?
L Like to hear from you.
L Love to see you soon!
O Obviously, I miss you.

So, HELLO!

X O X O X O X O X O X O X O X O



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friendship with PWCRP, Darwin Thomas, as they served State Presidents the same year. IA SMP, Lisa Miller, appointed him Iowa State Grandfather 2019-2020. Carl made several trips to Iowa to be with his Iowa Brothers & Sisters.

The love of his life, Ethel Belle, kept Carl busy with traveling up and down the Eagle trail. Carl was a great chauffeur to many brothers and sisters throughout Eagle land. A phone call on Thursday evening to confirm when to be ready to hit the trail. Whether it was sunny/bright, rainy/gloomy or in a severe blizzard, the van was ready to hit the road.

Cards can be sent to the family at:

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The Pony Express Ride Across Nebraska Raising Awareness for Children's Mental Health





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July 18-23

International Eagles Convention Spokane WA

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Continue being a part of People Helping People by
paying your Dues by May 31, 2020! All members of the
Fraternal Order of Eagles are encouraged to renew
their dues to avoid the possibility of losing their
membership status for the 2020-2021 Fraternal year.
Those who have not paid by May 31, 2020 will have 30
days to renew or they risk losing their access to
member benefits and more.