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## HISTORY OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY TO THE F. O. E.

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The Grand Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles assembled for the 28th Annual Session in the city of Seattle, Washington in August of 1926 must have seen the handwriting on the wall or simply decided to throw up their hands in despair, for it was at this Convention that the delegates formally approved the creation and formation of the Ladies Auxiliaries to the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

It is not known how many years before 1926 the ladies had been accompanying their husbands to the Convention and petitioning for recognition as bona fide affiliates, but there is evidence that as early as 1914 when the Grand Aerie Convention was held in Kansas City, Missouri, they were on hand and even sported badges indicating their association as a group. It is a known fact that the wives and other female relatives of Aerie members were participating in local Aerie functions of a social nature. There is no doubt that they most likely prepared most of the refreshments for the all-men organization probably since the first Aerie was instituted in Seattle in 1898.

As the years passed and the Aerie rosters grew, their numbers grew also until there came a time when they said that well, we'll just set up our own little organization for as long as our men get together, we might as well too. Even from the beginning, despite the boasts that the "Eagles was a man's organization", the family influence was being felt. The pressure must have been felt increasingly for it was in January 1926 that the then Grand Worthy President Charles C. Guenther issued an Official Circular to the effect that the time had come for definite action as regard to the organization of Ladies Auxiliaries to the Local Aeries of the Fraternal organization of Eagles. Mr. Guenther felt that the statement for these organizations had become so strong and so pronounced that recognition for Auxiliaries could no longer be deferred. The Grand Worthy President advised that he had referred the entire matter of issuing a dispensation from the Grand Aerie for this purpose to a special committee composed of Frank E. Hering, M.O. Burns and Conrad Mann.

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My Brothers and Sisters,

State Darts was held on January 30-31st in Central City. Was an awesome time. Thank you, Central City. amazing memories and friendships. Good money was raised for the State charity. Becky and I made my official visit to Imperial on February 6th. Made my official visit to McCook for super bowl party on February 7th. Kelly Davis and Beatrice held their super bowl party. Thank you, Kelly, Sandi, and everyone that purchased squares. Over \$6,000 was raised for the State charity. Becky and I made my official visit to Schuyler on February 13th for their membership appreciation dinner. Made official visit to Hyannis on February 14th for Valentine's dinner. Great memories. Becky and I made my official visit to Hastings on February 19. Becky and I will be making my official visit to Crete on February 26th. My official visit to Lincoln on February 27th.

If your Aerie or Auxiliary is having a State President charity fundraiser, please notify Teri or I if you want us to attend. We are going to try and attend as many functions as we can together but we know it will not always work. Please notify us as soon as you can so we can get it on our calendars. My calendar is filling up fast. I know with COVID-19 a lot of things were cancelled. As things start opening up, we are going to get as many visits as possible done.

Feels great to be back on the eagle trail. Yes, Brother Hoyt Williams and B (Braxton) got to cone our place. It is another way for people to get involved and raise money for the state charity, the Nebraska Alzheimer's Association. It's a contest to keep count of the number of cones that are left at my house by Hoyt Williams. I will take a photo of the cones and repost on my Facebook page and Nebraska State Aerie and Auxiliary 2020-2021 Facebook page. The person closest to the right number of cones at state convention wins a prize.

Again, I'm looking forward to having an awesome rest of my year with my brothers and sisters.

Fraternally yours,  
Larry Mora  
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Sisters and Brothers,

Wow, can you believe we are into the springtime of the year? Spring is a time of renewal. The dead grass, trees and plants begin to come to life, the world fills with bright colors and fresh scents. We survived 2020 and all that it dealt us, and we are looking forward to a bright future.

February found me not traveling as I am still “grounded” by work travel restrictions. With that being said, the company has started to loosen some of the travel restrictions so I hope that March will find me traveling much more. I was able to accompany SWP Larry for his visit to Elkhorn on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

March 27<sup>th</sup> Eastern Zone will hold their last conference at Bellevue #3912. Registration and other information have been mailed to your secretaries. Starting next year, it will now be a mid-winter conference instead of Eastern and Western Zone Conferences. I am looking forward to the new format and hope that it is setup as a platform for many workshops.

April 9, 10 & 11 is the MINK Conference to be held at Embassy Suites in Downtown Omaha. If you have not been to this conference before you really should take the time to do so. MINK is a multi-state conference consisting of Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas, and the states of North & South Dakota (The Dakota’s). There are many people that travel from across the jurisdiction to participate in this conference with an amazing representation of Grand Aerie and Grand Auxiliary Officers. Make sure to register prior to March 24<sup>th</sup> at \$40.00 or it will be \$50.00 at the door.

If you would like Larry or I to visit, please let us know so that we can get it on our calendars. Remember, be kind to one another as you never know what others are going through. And even though the climate seems to be getting better with social distancing, masks and now the vaccines are out, please check on our elderly family and friends. Many of them still are not going out and they do not have anyone that regularly checks on them. Just think of what one phone call could mean to someone.

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Hello Brothers

I would like to start off by thanking all our Aerie's. I see there is a lot of new members, and re-enrollees.

Thank you all for your hard work, and determination, in making the Fraternal Order of Eagles an even stronger organization.

As you all know, without our members the Order cannot grow. With that said the winner of the new membership drawing is Austin Forbes from Aerie #2769.

Once again, I would like to thank all of you for your hard work.

Carry on

Fraternally yours,

Jay Blauvelt

The Eagle trail is extra busy this month. The Non-Eagles will be green with envy. So why not ask them to join. You all were extra busy signing up 46 members in January and we are still ahead of the Aerie Brothers. Let's keep it that way!!!

We will be together in Bellevue at the end of the month for Eastern Zone and hope that many of you plan to attend. The 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter drawing will be done and we will be handing out membership prizes of the folks we haven't seen.

We still have 3 months left to grab the brass ring for Teri and Nebraska. Let's keep riding the carousel moving. We have 6 Auxiliaries that have a net gain. Many of you are so close, so keep working toward your goals.

Short and sweet this month.

Rhonda Schafer

## What is a J.O.E.?

### The future of the Eagles Begin Here.

The Junior Order of Eagles is a club-within-a club of The Fraternal Order of Eagles designed to help instill a strong moral fiber in community youth.

From helping assist families in need each year to passing along traditions and values to children of Eagles as they grow to become members, teaching and building a legacy has always been at the forefront of the organization.

Through the J.O.E., the Eagles will educate youth on the importance of teamwork, respect, selflessness, patriotism, and other values. J.O.E. members will be encouraged to set goals, become active in their schools and plan events to help aid neighbors in need.

Start a J.O.E. near you to help make an impact on the lives of citizens of all ages within your community.



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Hello Brothers and Sisters,

That sun is trying to shine, and Spring is just around the corner, which means we should all be feeling renewed, full of energy, and eager and ready to hit the Eagle Trail to see friends and participate in some of the upcoming activities for our charity. Does your club have any upcoming events that you would like us to attend?

This last month found the charity team traveling to Central City to participate in the state dart tournament. We want to Thank all that came to play, to volunteer, and make that weekend a huge success for the charity. The food and hospitality from our brothers and sisters from Central City was truly amazing and we look forward to visiting there again in the future. We were able to fill out the square board this weekend for the gun safe and the lucky winner was Jim West Grand Aerie Trustee from Kentucky, who was very happy to get the call from Ray.

Even though winter was trying to rear his ugly head to stop the festivities for Superbowl Sunday he did not stop Kelly Davis who did his usual fantastic job hosting the state charity Superbowl event at the Beatrice's club. We all know Kelly is the master chef and put out an amazing feast of flavorful food for all to enjoy. The game did not have as many score changes but the ultimate winner at the end of the night was the charity. Thank you, Kelly, Sandi, and all those that helped and participated to make it a great night.

March and April will be busy months with Incoming in Omaha, Hoopla in Columbus, Putt Putt in Fairbury, Eastern Zone in Bellevue, MINK in Omaha, State Pool in Columbus, Bellevue's Charity night, etc. we are hoping to see many of you there. We will have our charity items for sale at these events, so you still have time to pick up your T-shirts, state pins, coins, etc. We will also be running some additional raffles at some of these events so don't miss out on the fun!! Not on a putt putt or pool team no problem you can still plan a day trip or overnight to come see people, help out, and have fun.

So, let's get the momentum going, get excited, and finish the last quarter breaking records for the charity, for Teri, Larry, and most importantly making an impact on Alzheimer's.

Please let us know if you have any questions, need any items, want us to attend an event, and hope to see you all real soon down the Eagle Trail.

Diane and the charity team



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It was Past Grand Worthy President Conrad H. Mann who was then serving as Chief Auditor, who said, "We commemorate Mother's Day. We strive for membership classes in honor of Mother. By lip service we consecrate ourselves to the defense of our womenfolks. Still, we deny them suitable or official recognition. I again strongly recommend such recognition under suitable and proper Grand Aerie supervision". What he might have said is that these women are never going to leave us alone until we permit them into the organization, or affiliation with the Order that they desire. So it was, that the delegates approved a resolution at this Convention under the Rules and Regulations established by the Grand Aerie for the official formation of a Ladies Auxiliary in connection with an Aerie. It was agreed that the "womenfolk" could and would be a great help, so formerly unrecognized units in Aeries throughout the country sometimes known as Eaglettes, Feathered Friends, Ladies of the Eagles", and no doubt, other such appellations became the foundation for the Ladies Auxiliaries as we know them today.

The first Auxiliary was instituted in March 1927 in Pittsburgh, Kansas. Three days later Frontenac, Kansas joined the women's ranks. The Pittsburgh Auxiliary has passed from the scene as did the original Frontenac Auxiliary, however, in 1953 an Auxiliary was again instituted in Frontenac. Davenport, Iowa Auxiliary #235 hold the distinction of being Eagledom's oldest Ladies Auxiliary. The institution date of Davenport's Auxiliary was March 29, 1927.

Today there are over 1566 Auxiliaries with a total membership of approximately 390,431 women enjoying companionable affiliation and the opportunity of helping others through their own Local, State, Grand Aerie and Grand Auxiliary programs. Known as the fastest growing women's organization in the world, the women had applied for and gained their organizational status in the only way they knew how - by making themselves needed and helpful.

State and Provincial Auxiliaries were first organized in 1948 and today there are 45 such units on this level.

The greatest years of growth in our Auxiliaries were in that decade of the 1940's, so it was fitting that State and even an International or Grand Auxiliary should become part of the Order. Past Grand Worthy President Lester Loble of Montana who had long been a champion of the women's units and who was instrumental in starting the State units, was the supporter and Instituting Deputy for the Grand Auxiliary when it was formerly created on August 14, 1952 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Alta B. Smith contributed much in the organizing and instituting the Grand Auxiliary. She was appointed the first Grand Madam President to serve in this capacity. The Grand Auxiliary is formed as is each individual unit, for the purpose of aiding the Fraternal Order of Eagles in carrying out its humanitarian, patriotic and other "PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE" causes. All of the activities of the Grand Auxiliary are designed to promote the objectives of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and it has no purposes that are apart from the aims of the Order.

The Board of Grand Trustees is empowered to make and adopt Rules and Regulations for the administration and government of all Ladies Auxiliaries and an Auxiliary may only be formed by majority vote of the membership of a local Aerie.

The Grand Auxiliary has no power to legislate but has full authority to recommend legislation to the Board of Grand Trustees and always in accordance with the Statues. The Grand Auxiliary meets at the same time and place annually as the Grand Aerie. There have been six honorary memberships issued by the Grand Auxiliary. The recipients of these honorary memberships have all been women selected because of their leadership and participation in international activities. These six ladies are: Eleanor Roosevelt (deceased); Mrs. Susan M. Wagner (wife of former Mayor Robert Wagner of New York City - deceased); Virginia Graham (of television and radio fame); Genevieve D Blatt (former Secretary of the or in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and now serving as the of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania); Bess Truman (wife of late President Harry S. Truman); and Rose Conway (Secretary to Bess Truman - deceased).

In 1952 when the Grand Auxiliary was instituted, the ladies choose as their first major project, the raising of funds for Muscular Dystrophy and pledged to find its cause and cure before ceasing their efforts on this Humanitarian effort. In 1958 Auxiliary members raised about \$15,000.00 and completely furnished the Eagle recreation and dormitory at Home on Range for Boys in Sentinel Butte, North Dakota. In 1967 they completed a project which they build and furnished a residence hall for girls at High Sky Girls Ranch near Midland, Texas. In addition, full participation on the part of the Auxiliaries has been forthcoming in Grand Aerie programs such as the Max Bear Heart Fund, Robert W Hansen Diabetes

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Fund, Jimmy Durante Children's Fund and Child Abuse, Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund and Kidney Fund, Golden Age Eagle Fund and Alzheimer's, Retired Eagles Clubs, and others. These all have had the full support and cooperation of the Auxiliary members. As all Auxiliaries are required to raise their monies "the hard way". There is a constant calendar throughout Eagleland of rummage sales, penny marches, dinners, luncheons, card parties, in fact some of the more ingenious methods for getting a dollar here and there have been devised by the women with talent and imagination and membership in the Auxiliaries. They receive their greatest gratification from the reports made at the Grand Auxiliary Conventions when they hear reports on the result of their many times menial tasks.

There are somewhere in the neighborhood of 108 Aeries which do not have Auxiliaries. Many "old timers" has said, "We'll have an Auxiliary here over my dead body". But the newer generations take over the leadership in Aeries realization that the Order is a family organization, has brought about a continuous growth for these units and caused these same "old timers" to say, "**WE SHOULD HAVE HAD AN AUXILIARY A LONG TIME AGO**".

### Convention Ritual Competition

Have you all been practicing to compete in June at State Convention? We will have polished teams since we have not been together for 2 years. If you are interested, please notify, sooner than later. We can work out the times you would like to compete. Looking forward to seeing you all again and doing the Ritual that is the backbone of any Auxiliary.

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## 2021 Nebraska FOE State Convention

The 2021 Fraternal Order of Eagles Nebraska State Convention is quickly approaching!

If you have not already made plans to do so, we encourage you to join us June 9-12 at the Norfolk Lodge and Suites and Divots Convention Center in Norfolk Nebraska for all this year's festivities.

Convention Registration is \$25.00 per person BUT the registration fee is waived for pre-registered first-time attendees! We hope to see a lot of new faces this year!

On Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be a golf outing and Ladies Ritual Competition during the day. On Wednesday evening the convention will officially open with Welcome to Convention 2021 show. Following the show, the hospitality room in the Great Room will open for delegates to relax, enjoy a few adult beverages and snacks while getting re-acquainted with Eagle Family and making new friends.

Thursday morning the Aerie and Auxiliary will meet for the Joint Opening Ceremony and annual Memorial Service to honor our Eagle brothers and sisters lost during the previous year.

The Aerie and Auxiliary meet separately Thursday and Friday for business sessions. We anticipate educational workshops for our members following the sessions but have not finalized plans.

The Hospitality Room will be open again on Thursday and Friday evening.

Saturday will conclude the convention with Installation of Officers in the afternoon and a banquet Saturday evening.

We have secured room rates for \$91.00 a night at the Norfolk Lodge and Suites for the convention. Reservations can be made now by calling 402-379-3833. Be sure to mention that you are with the Fraternal Order of Eagles, so you get this great rate.

State Aerie and Auxiliary Secretary's Dennis and Sharon will be mailing convention information registrations forms to each Aerie and Auxiliary in weeks forthcoming.

\*\* Note: Convention agenda above is tentative and subject to change.



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Eastern Zone Conference-Bellevue #3912
- April 10, 2021  
MINK Conference-Omaha NE-Embassy Suites
- April 16-18, 2021  
State Pool Tournament -Columbus #1834
- April 24, 2021  
State Trap Shoot-Holdrege #3132
- June 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> 2021  
Nebraska State Convention-Norfolk #3611
- August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 2021  
International Convention-Phoenix AZ.
- October 29-31, 2021  
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### From the Editor....

This is your bulletin. Without your help with information, I could not put it together. Please submit your event flyers and what you have done.

Please have all information to me by the 20th of each month. I will do my best to publish the following month but will prioritize when space is an issue.

Thank you,

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