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GOOD FRIENDS ARE ESSENTIAL

After a long, cold, snowy, icy, windy, and generally miserable winter, April is upon us and Mother Nature is awakening. She brings the promises of budding trees; spring flower shoots erupting into forsythia, daffodils, jonquils, and tulips in a rainbow of bright colors; and soon the soothing fragrance of peony and lilacs will whisper on the wind. What a glorious time of year.

In the midst of nature's rebirth, we are reminded that it is time to continue building the groundwork for the future of our families, relationships, goals, and dreams – including the immediate and long-term future of our Eagle Aeries and Auxiliaries in Nebraska. And, of course, this also means it is time to secure exciting, enthusiastic, and dedicated members to lead us into a bright and glorious future.

In my last 45 years, there have been two years as local president, ten years as a state officer culminating in a year as state president, a year as regional president, and a year as a grand officer. There are not too many minutes of those 45 years that I would give up for anything. In fact, if I weren't getting old and decrepit, I would do it all again in a heartbeat – even the few moments that were difficult. Nothing is perfect, but the fulfillment and pleasure far outweigh those unfortunate times.

Oh, the multitudes of wonderful stories that are tucked away in the fond memories of anyone who has spent time as a state officer. There was fun and nonsense, there was sharing and caring, there was organizing and achieving, there was innovating and serving, there was a mountain of accomplishments, and most of all there were the heartfelt thrills of simply helping and doing good. We made lifelong friendships and through the fun of working together we did good for our clubs, we did good in our Nebraska communities and throughout Eagledom, we did good for people trying to survive the throes of pain and strife, and we did good making life better for thousands upon thousands of people.

Make it one of your goals to seek out individuals who want to serve, are willing to share their talents and gifts, who believe in the doctrine of the F.O.E., and who have big hearts and the desire to do good works. Nurture them, include them, encourage them, advise them, and most importantly – be a good friend. Good friends are essential.

Janis Thomas, Past Grand Auxiliary Officer
South Omaha Auxiliary #154

We need passionate, reliable, energetic team members with integrity to lead the Nebraska State Aerie & Auxiliary into the future.

To all Past local Presidents and 10 year Secretaries, if you are interested in running for state office please contact State Worthy President Larry Mora or Junior Past State Madam President Pam Beiermann.





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Brothers and Sisters,

As my year is coming to an end and things are starting to open up again, Becky and I have been going to as many Aeries as we can the last couple months.

We were in Crete on February 26th and Elkhorn on February 27th. Great time with friends.

Was in York on March 12th for a meet and greet. Raised \$337 for the state charity. I also got to meet my York harem.

Went to Bellevue for the pub crawl on March 13th and got to visit some Grand Aerie Officers.

Went to Putt Putt in Fairbury on March 20th. Fun time was had by all. A total \$4,709 was raised for the state charity. Kelly and Sandie, you truly are amazing for what you do. Thank you!

On March 21st, Becky and I were in Beatrice for their breakfast & mortgage burning. Awesome job to all. I was presented a \$1,000 donation from the Beatrice Eagles and received \$6,100 check from the Beatrice Super Bowl party that was held in January. Awesome job Dick Genrich, Kelly Davis & all the members of Beatrice.

Becky and I attended Eastern Zone in Bellevue on March 27th. Very informative.

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. I know with covid a lot of things were cancelled. As things start opening, 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 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
Nebraska State Worthy President



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Brothers and Sisters,

I hope that you can get out and start enjoying some of the nice spring weather that has started to appear. I was so amazed at how fast the lawns have turned green, the buds are showing in the trees and the flowers are starting to poke up in the gardens!

March is the start of the busy time for Eagles. Omaha was again the sight for the Incoming State Presidents workshops. Along with the Grand Incoming State Presidents, Regional Incoming Presidents, there were Incoming Presidents from around the country. It is a very exciting time for them as they prepare for their upcoming year.

Grand Madam President Jacque Marble made her official visits to Nebraska March 14th – March 17th. She started in Omaha #38 with a Spaghetti Dinner provided by the exhausted #38 crew as they just finished up two weeks with the visitors from the Incoming State Presidents, followed by casual conversation. Jacque then traveled to York #3990 on March 15th where the ladies treated her to dinner, conversation and she helped with the stuffing of candy in Easter Eggs for the coming up Easter Egg Hunt. March 16th Jacque could be found at Columbus #1839 where she attended their annual Hoopla! An evening of shopping, dinner, and laughs. On the morning of the 17th Jacque traveled to Bellevue #3912 where she was met for lunch by me and the State Madam President Robin Cunningham from Iowa along with PWCRP Cindy Brinson and Incoming State President Eva Knepp. Jacque just missed having lunch with the Bellevue Firemen! She was also able to grab a few extra dollars for her Charity Civitan Foundation and Bridge for the Cure during her visits. Thank you to each Auxiliary that made Jacque's stay in Nebraska successful and pleasant.

March 20th was the annual Bar to Bar for Par Putt Putt Golf outing. Kelly Davis, you never cease to amaze me. With the help of Sandie, Kelly seems to knock it out of the park each year. Job well done sir. I have heard nothing but rave reviews!

March 27th was the final Eastern Zone Conference at Bellevue #3912. Eastern and Western Zone Conferences will be replaced by a Mid-Winter Conference beginning the winter of 2021/2022. I look forward to seeing what the Mid-Winter Conference will bring for continued training.

April 9-11 the MINK Conference will be meeting at the Omaha Embassy Suites. What a great opportunity to meet Eagles from this 5-state conference. The money raised for the charities by the MINK Conference gets larger every year.

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Hello Brothers

I would like to start off by thanking the Aeries. There is a lot of new members, and enrollees. Thank you for your hard work and determination in making the Fraternal Order of Eagles an even stronger organization.

As you know, without our members the Order cannot grow. With that said, the winner of the membership drawing is Dennis Micek, Aerie # 1834.

Carry on

Fraternally yours,

Jay Blauvelt

Way to go Sisters! February was a great month for membership. We signed up 51 new and re-enrolled members. Let's keep the 50 plus trend up through the end of the year. We will all win!

Many of the membership prizes were distributed at the Eastern Zone Conference, so if you have prizes coming contact your local Secretary. There is still plenty of opportunity to earn state and national incentives—you just have to ask someone to join!

This is a great time of year to invite visitors to your Aerie Home. People are ready to get out and enjoy the spring weather. Ask for some help during a dinner, enlist them to bake for a bake sale or just invite them to have a good time. People join our organization for many reasons. Sometimes we have to create a reason.

The Aerie Brothers are sneaking up on us for net gain. We have to work hard to stay ahead of them. Let's all work to sign up at least one more new or re-enrolled member before the end of the year. Grab the brass ring for Nebraska and Teri.

Hope to see many of you along the Eagle trail with application in hand!

Rhonda Schafer

The Ritual

The Ritual is a tool that ties each one of us together as members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, linking us as a special community.

The Ritual is who we are and what we do!

The initiation, when performed as intended by our founding fathers, is an uplifting and awe-inspiring ceremony that impresses upon the minds of our new members the standards of human conduct expected of the Eagle community with common purposes, beliefs, and understandings.

Do you refer to the history of the Eagles and the Ritual during your interviewing process or when just talking to a prospective member? The Fraternal Order of Eagles has an interesting, as well as humorous, history that can be used to illustrate our effectiveness and real value to the community and to the world at large. Use this knowledge to the advantage of your Aerie and Auxiliary and to the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

From the March 2013

Florida Order of Eagles Sunshine News.

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Every Member Owes A Member Annually.

If each member signs a member, our Order has the best chance of growing.



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Hello Brothers and Sisters,

Even though that Nebraska weather has been crazy between, the snow, rain, and wind we have been traveling around our great state to raise awareness for our charity "Memories Matters" for Alzheimer's.

March has been a busy month with two weekends at Omaha #38 for the ISP where we had a chance to see a lot of the incoming state presidents, regional presidents, and grand officers and sell some of our great charity items. Columbus was honored to host Grand Madam Jacque Marble for the "Hoopla" which was a great night for the charity with shopping, dinner, and much needed laughter by entertainment Stephanie Hillier; we had an amazing turnout thanks to all of you that joined us. The charity team then traveled to Fairbury for Kelly Davis's Putt Putt which he just scored a major hole in one for the charity. This event just keeps getting bigger and better every year with all of Kelly's hard work and dedication to the Fraternal Order of Eagles. If you have never attended, you really need to add this to your bucket list of things to do next year. Putt Putt raised \$4,709.00 for the charity. Sunday morning found us in Beatrice for breakfast, their mortgage burning, and Beatrice donating \$1000.00 for the charity, and Kelly presenting the final payout from the Superbowl event in the amount of \$6,100.00 for our charity. We want to thank everyone from the bottom of our hearts for all your hard work, hospitality, and generosity we cannot achieve our goals without all of you working together to make things happen.

April will find us at MINK, State Pool in Columbus, Bellevue for their charity night, and a few other stops along the way. If you have any upcoming events, you would like us to attend, please let us know we would love to join you if we can. We still have T-shirts, pins, and other items available for sale. We still have raffle tickets available for the 3 items (Beautiful Amethyst Necklace, Wooden Flag, and Amazing Chainsaw Eagle) that will be given away at State Convention don't need to be present to win; 1 for \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00 so don't miss out on your opportunity to win these wonderful items and support the charity.

We only have a few months left to make an impact on this charity, to help Teri and Larry create memories, and help those who are dealing with Alzheimer's on a daily basis. So please help us finish the year soaring high, let us know if you need any items or would just like to make a donation, all your efforts are greatly appreciated.

We look forward to seeing everyone along the Eagle Trail,

Diane and the charity team

The Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline (800.272.3900) is available around the clock, 365 days a year. Through this free service, specialists and master's-level clinicians offer confidential support and information to people living with dementia, caregivers, families, and the public.

GRAB YOUR BALLS AND PUTTERS AND LET'S GET THIS THING GOING!!!!

The call from Kelly Davis commenced the 19th annual Bar-To-Bar for Parr Putt-Putt Golf Tournament. The 19th annual tournament was held March 20th and included 180 players and a bunch of dedicated Designated Drivers.

The players came from as far west as Alliance, Chadron, and North Platte, as far east as the Omaha, Bellevue, Papillion area, as far north as Vermillion, South Dakota south to the Washington Kansas area, and everywhere in between!!



Each four-person team and their designated driver made their way on an assigned route among nine participating bars, playing miniature golf as they go. The bars included Tooley's in Fairbury, Fairbury Country Club, Fairbury Elks, Fairbury VFW, Jansen Legion, Side Trek in Harbine, The Field in Diller, The Salty Dog in Steele City, and Criner's Corner in Endicott.

The tournament concluded at the VFW for dinner and the winners received trophies and cash prizes.

Results from the tournament:

- 1st place-Tyler Stewart, Michelle Nelson Stewart, Ashley Rose-Wit, Tyler Wit with a score of 150
- 2nd place- Daylon Theye, Kurt Burken, Chris Schleuter, Jamie Schleuter with a score of 157
- 3rd place-Kendra Thompson, D. J. Thompson, Melissa Griffin, Jim Griffin with a score of 169
- 4th place-Lynn Hedell, Royann Ballou Hedell, Matt Ribiero, Sue Marshall/Marvin Marshall with a score of 171.

High score prize was won by the smokin' team of Bobbi Lugenbeel Ortgies, Shalanna Ekis, Dawn, and Geneva Siekman with a score of 236!!

The Bar-To-Bar for Parr Putt-Putt Golf Tournament is an annual event organized by Kelly Davis to raise money for the current Nebraska State Eagles Charity, which this year is "Memories Matter", Alzheimer's. Thanks to Kelly's hard work and all those who participated, Nebraska Fraternal Order of Eagles State Charity has an additional \$4,709.00 in its account. Congratulations to everyone, but the real winner was the Nebraska Fraternal Order of Eagles State Charity-Memories Matter!!!

The 20th annual Bar-To-Bar for Parr Putt-Putt Golf Tournament is scheduled for March 19, 2022. Save the date and plan to join in on the fun!



THANK YOU
Kelly Davis for all the
time and effort you
put forth to make this
annual event so very
successful!



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And the MINK Conference is well represented with Grand Aerie/Auxiliary Officers. Congratulations to each of them and best wishes on your continued success on your journeys.

April 16-18 the annual State Pool Tournament will be held in Columbus. I am so glad that we can have it this year as we were unable to last year. Good luck to all that are participating. April 24th the State Trap Shoot will take place at Holdrege. Good luck to all that participate.

State convention is right around the corner. Please watch your newsletter and the secretaries mail for more information. In the meantime, if you have an event that you would like Larry and I to attend, please let us know.

Until next month,

Teri O'Connor
State Madam President



State Auxiliary Hall of Fame Nominations

It is again time to submit nominees for State Hall of Fame – Living and Deceased categories. If there is someone in your auxiliary you feel should be recognized in the State Hall of Fame, it is as simple as writing a letter describing the individual and their contributions and achievements.

The letter must be read on your Auxiliary floor and mailed to the nominating committee for consideration. Deadline for submissions is April 30, 2021.

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Auxiliary Ritual Teams

If you have a team that will be competing at State Convention, please let me know by May 25th.

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For Home, For Country and For God

The Nebraska State Auxiliary will be selling pocket calendar planners for the 2021-2022 Fraternal Year.

We want to include your charity events, club anniversary celebrations and anything else you have going on in your Aerie homes you would want to share with your Nebraska Eagles brothers and sisters.



Please send content for planner no later than May 31, 2020 to:

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or text: 4022505253.

Planners will be available for sale at Nebraska State Eagles State Convention in June.

Dear sisters

State convention is just around the corner. We need YOU to represent Nebraska as a state officer.

SM Secretary Sharon is sending packets to each local secretary about convention. Included will be information regarding the application. If you would like one emailed to you, please contact me and I will be happy to send it to you.

This is YOUR Auxiliary, and we need YOU.

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- 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 9th -12th 2021
Nebraska State Convention-Norfolk #3611
- August 2nd – 5th 2021
International Convention-Phoenix AZ.
- October 29-31, 2021
State Dart Tournament-Holdrege #3132

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TIME TO RENEW

THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES

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Renew your dues before June 1. to retain access to our library of benefits and to our network for more than 1,300 Aeries.