



EAGLES MID WINTER CONFERENCE AND PRESIDENT'S ROAST

January 26 thru 28, 2024

LOCATION: Hilton, 200 Rialto Place, Melbourne Florida 32901

Rooms are \$129.00 + tax and must be reserved by 12/26/2023

Call 800-445-8667 and reference Fraternal Order of Eagles
or book on the Hilton app using code FOE24

REGISTRATION FORM – NEED BY JANUARY 15, 2024

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Aerie / Aux Number: _____ Title for badge: _____

Registration fee **\$45 in advance** (includes Saturday lunch) or \$50.00 at the door

NO CANCELLATION ONCE REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Make all checks payable to:

Florida State Auxiliary

Donna Marcinak
118 S. Lunar Terrace
Inverness Florida 34450

Questions Contact:
Melynda Yeater 386-846-6175

2024 - 2025 Presidents Schedule

Greetings from SWPE and SMPE Desiree Bryan and Ruth "Shannie" Geyer.
We are requesting any Aerie that is holding an Anniversary for the year 2024-2025
and would like for us to attend to send us dates to confirm our calendar.

SMPE is also accepting bids for the Calendar Drawing and Auxiliary Schools.

The SWPE is accepting bids for the Bowling Tournament
and any Aerie interested in hosting an Executive Board meeting.

Please reply to

Aerie President-Elect
Desiree Bryan
dcentalonza@gmail.com

Auxiliary President-Elect
Ruth "Shannie" Geyer
captswife@aol.com

Please send requests by **March 1** in order for us to have the calendar up to date and ready for printing.

Fraternally Yours,

Desiree and Shannie

STATE PICNIC MARCH 23, 2024

Hotel Reservations: Days Inn

2200 Hwy 441 SE, Okeechobee, FL 34974 - Phone 888-461-4020

They have blocked 10 - 15 rooms with a rate of \$129 plus tax for March 22, 23 and 24

MUST MENTION EAGLES FOR THIS RATE

Greetings Brothers,

"TOGETHER
WE
CAN"



**2023 - 2024
Florida State
Aerie Officers**

Worthy President

Bill Sprigg - #4356

csprigg1@tampabay.rr.com

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Charlie Sperrazza - #4385

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ogpeanut6@yahoo.com

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duck10400@yahoo.com

Aerie Outside Guard

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rickrohmer@gmail.com

Aerie Trustees

Ben "B J" Hoyt III - #3153

Charles Hicks - #3656

Jamie Sager - #4216

On December 2nd I started the day at the Ladies' Auxiliary Calendar Drawing at the Valrico Aerie by drawing tickets for the month of January along with Laura Sager. I then left to conduct an E-Board meeting at the Lakeland Aerie (my home Aerie). I appreciate the people at our Aerie who stepped up to provide the lunch that day. I headed back to the Valrico Aerie and finished out the day with several other State Officers and Past Presidents from both the Aerie and the Auxiliary. On December 9th we attended the anniversary at the Gainesville Aerie. The appetizers and the dinner were excellent. We appreciate the generous donations to the Wolfson Children's Hospital. Thank you for the nice hotel room and gifts that you provided. The anniversary was a well-planned and well attended. Thanks to all that made it a special evening.

As we begin the New Year, we will be attending the Snow Ball put on by District 7 at the Cypress Hut Aerie on January 13th. Then it is off to the Mid-Winter Conference in Melbourne on January 26th – 28th. If you have never attended this event, you should really consider it. It is very informative and is also the weekend of the President's Roast.

I am working on setting up a Receiver Training Class here in Florida on Saturday March 2nd. Anyone who is interested in attending and learning how to be a Receiver to help troubled Aeries and guide them back into compliance should contact me via e-mail for details. We need some volunteers to accept these Receiver assignments so please consider attending the training.

A reminder that Chuck Weber, our Grand Aerie President will be back in Florida in February for another visit. If you are interested in hosting him during February, please contact me.

That's all for now, hope to see you soon where Eagles fly.

Fraternally,
Bill Sprigg SWP

FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION HOSPITALITY ROOMS JUNE 2024

If any F.O.E. District or Aerie is interested in hosting a hospitality room for the upcoming Florida State Convention in June 2024 at the HILTON ORLANDO/ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, please contact me as soon as possible. Rooms and days are reserved on a first come first serve basis. I have an outline of the rooms available and will send it to you upon request.

Please contact me at bjhoyt53@yahoo.com

Ben Hoyt, 727-919-2807 Florida State Officer #3153

From your Florida State Aerie Secretary

Dear Brothers and Sister Eagles

From My Family to yours, Happy New Year!

January 20 Trustees school Palm Bay Aerie #4249 2570 Palm Bay Rd, Palm Bay, FL 32905. Robert Davison will be teaching the class, and the cost is \$25. This is open to anyone.

January 21 Trustees school Bellview Aerie #4251, 8380 Co Rd 25, Belleview, FL 34420. Cost is \$25, Registration will begin at 8 am with class starting at 8:30 am. All Aerie and Auxiliary members are encouraged to attend!

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at

floridastateaerietraining@gmail.com

Don't forget Mid Winter Conference and President's Roast

Jeffrey Patton, Florida State Aerie Secretary

From The State Madam President

Happy New Year Sisters!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year. We closed out the year Celebrating Christmas with the annual State Calendar drawing on December 2nd. What an AWESOME JOB Valrico did hosting the event. If you haven't visited the Brandon/Valreco Aerie yet you need to. We then headed north to Gainesville for their Anniversary celebration. It's always a nice time there with the festive decorations and the hospitality.

While in Gainesville, Dr. Okun (From the Fixel Institute for Neurological Diseases) was there to share with us some pretty awesome news for the Eagles. They are working with the Grand Aerie and hoping that very soon they will become one of the main charities for the Grand Aerie. Keep your eyes open for more information in the near future.

We are gearing up for the busiest time of the year, traveling the state. We have so many adventures ahead so please watch the newsletter and all the postings. If you have an event coming up and you would like us to attend, please feel free to contact me or Bill and we will make sure that someone is there for you. The Grand Madam President will be here in February for her visitation. I will post her full schedule with dates and times after a few more Auxiliary confirmations. Don't forget to get those Mid-Winter registration sent off to the State Secretary Donna Marcinak.

I will see you all on our next adventure. I wish you all health, happiness, love & charity in the New Year!
S.M.P.
Laura Sager

ljds1017@gmail.com



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(I am here for you, anything you need please contact me)

CLASS INITIATION AT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

This will be for Aerie & Auxiliary and will be at 4:00 p.m. on Friday. They do not need to be registered for the conference, however, if they are not registered, they will get a wristband and they will be there for the initiation only and then they must leave.

THE FLORIDA STATE AUX. SECRETARY

Please send all correspondence and checks
or any other pertinent information to the following address:

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118 S. Lunar Terr

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"Hooting it up
for the
FOE Charity"



2023 - 2024

Florida State
Auxiliary Officers

Madam President

Laura Sager - #4216

Jr. Past Madam President

Sherry Moore - #4374

Madam President Elect

Ruth Geyer - #3957

Madam Vice President

Gloria Calhoun - #4267

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Donna Barr - #4089

Auxiliary Outside Guard

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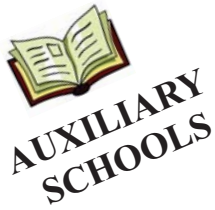
Auxiliary Trustees

Julie Silvestro - #4048

Doris Robe - #3496

Adele Durocher - #4476

Melynda Yeater - #4435



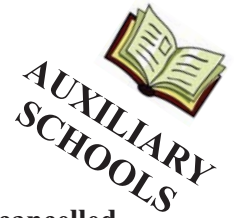
AUXILIARY SCHOOL SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

Registration 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. - Class 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Golden Triangle Aux #4335 – 999 North Bay St., Eustis, FL 32726

Cost - \$25.00 Lunch - \$5.00 (Lunch to be paid on the day of the school)

Hotel information:TBD – No Block Set



There must be 20 PAID attendees two (2) weeks prior to the School (3/02/24) or it will be cancelled.

This is open to Aerie and Auxiliary members

Questions call Julie Silvestro - School Coordinator - 386-846-0443

SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ Auxiliary # _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Amount enclosed (Payable to Florida State Auxiliary) _____

Mail school registration & check to Julie Silvestro - 28 Sunrise Ave. - Ormond By The Sea, FL 32176

FLORIDA HALL OF FAME FOR AERIE AND AUXILIARIES It is time to start thinking about nominations for the Florida State Hall of fame. The following are the requirements

for nominations: (1) Any member in a local Aerie/Auxiliary, including dual members, in the State of Florida who shall have accumulated fifteen (15) years of membership in the FOE, and in good standing at the time of nomination. (2) Any deceased member who was in good standing and on the rolls of their local Aerie or Auxiliary in the State of Florida, and had not less than fifteen (15) years of service, at the time of their demise. (3) The prospective nominee, during the course of his/her membership in the FOE, shall have demonstrated outstanding character, leadership and service together with showing a positive dedication to the principals of the FOE. The nominee recommended must be approved by motion on the membership floor at a regular meeting, A letter of recommendation shall be forward to the Hall of Fame Committee and include a statement that the member being recommended meets the eligibility requirements and shall be attested too, with the proper Aerie or Auxiliary seal and the signature of the Secretary and the President. Auxiliary canidates also require a complete resume of the member being nominated. NO letter of recommendation will be accepted without the proper documentation.

All submissions must be POSTMARKED on or before May 25, 2024 NO EXCEPTIONS.

Jean Hartman State Auxiliary Chairman
367 Mirabelle Dr
Pensacola, FL 32514

Paul Neumann State Aerie Chairman
424 Lexington Drive
Orlando, FL 32828

Donna Marcinak - FL State Aux. Secretary
118 S. Lunar Terr
Inverness, Fl 34450

Geoff Robe
1550 Newbridge Lane
Orlando, FL 32825

STATE AUXILIARY BYLAWS

It's that time of the year, the deadline is fast approaching. If you have any suggestions for State Auxiliary Bylaw changes or additions for the 2024 Convention.

Send all suggested changes to:

Sherry Moore
12716 79th Ave,
Sebastian, FL 32958

Please identify your Auxiliary and leave a contact name, email and phone number. If we have any questions or need more clarification. All changes and recommendations need to be approved and prepared by the bylaw committee. All suggestions need to be submitted by March 31,2024 so we have ample time to prepare for the upcoming convention. Thank you in advance for your input for our future direction.

By-Law Committee
Sherry Moore
Ruth "Shannie" Geyer
Melynda Yeater

Membership Report For NOVEMBER, 2023

Together "WE" Can

November, 2023

New Members	548
Re-enrolled Members	121
Total Members	669
YTD NET GAIN	(-6.6%)

**Total Aerie Membership ending November 2023
for The State is 31, 213**

Our Goal is 2% Net Gain for the Aerie 2023-2024

TOP AERIE
MEMBERSHIP GAIN
#3997 Hudson (+12.8%)

TOP 3 AERIE
NEW MEMBERS
#3957 Cape Coral (62)
#3296 Port Charlotte (41)
#4355 Lake County (31)

TOP 3 PRODUCERS

Florida #4 with 669 members

Thomas Yeater - Membership Chairman
ogpeanut6@yahoo.com

"HOOTING it up for the FOE Charity"



November, 2023

New Members	195
Re-enrolled Members	33
Total Members	228
YTD NET GAIN	(-7.1%)

**Total Auxiliary Membership ending November 2023
for The State is 14,742**

Our Goal is 2% Net Gain for the Auxiliary 2023-2024

TOP AUXILIARY
MEMBERSHIP GAIN
#3997 Hudson (+10.3%)

TOP 3 AUXILIARIES
NEW MEMBERS
#4089 Port Orange (21)
#3957 Cape Coral (24)
#4273 Okahumpka (33)

TOP 3 PRODUCERS

#4089 Sandra Milletics (19)
#3957 Ruth "Shannie" Guyer (14)
#4489 Connie Campbell (5)

Florida #4 with 228 members

Rayetta Patton - Membership Chairman
rayetta0308@gmail.com

Aeries, Auxiliaries, Districts, Eagle Riders & Clubs within the Clubs.

BASKETS NEEDED FOR THE RAFFLE

Mid-Winter Conference is this month (26-28) and we would love for you to think about making a basket to raffle off. It can be anything that you want to donate. If you can't do a complete basket maybe donate A Bottle, A Gift Card, Snacks or Trinkets. Any and ALL Donations are APPRECIATED. If you do not want to make the basket up contact Laura Sayer and she will find someone to help you.

Alta Browning Smith Award

I have been appointed, by Madam State President Laura Sager, as the 2023-2024 Alta Browning Smith chairman. Thank you, Laura, for this honor. The Alta Browning Smith Award is presented each year to a Sister who exemplifies dedication and service to both the Fraternal Order of Eagles and her local community. Any auxiliary wishing to submit applications, please include nominee's name, full home address, auxiliary name/number, her resume, month/year joining the auxiliary, all auxiliary offices held, if any, community information facts and anything else you would like to send about her. I will be sending applications, via mail, in the next few weeks. Please send all nominations to me by March 31, 2023

Karen Schroder - 4229 NW 70th Terrace - Gainesville, FL 32606 - (352)316-6326

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John Brancaccio
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Patricia Briggs (2 years)
Desiree Bryan
Dennis Buncie
Anne Butler
"Tomahawk" and Gloria Calhoun (2 Years)
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Orlando F.O.E. #3496 Aerie (9 Years)
Ocala F.O.E. #3656 Aux
Lake Worth F.O.E. #3694 Aux
Lake Worth F.O.E. #3694 Aerie
Zephyrhills F.O.E. 3752 Aux (3 Years)
Englewood F.O.E. #3885 Aux
Englewood F.O.E. #3885 Aerie
Cedar Key F.O.E. #4194 Aerie
Jupiter Lighthouse #4267 Aux
Crystal River #4272 Aerie (7 years)
Lake County #4273 Aux
Orange Park #4365 Aerie
Vero Beach F.O.E. #4374 Aux
Vero Beach F.O.E. #4374 Aerie
Eagles Landing F.O.E. #4385 Aux

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Indian River F.O.E. #4527 Aerie
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B J Farula-Nittenger
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Joni Fritz
Cheryl Fulton
Linda Garrett
Ruth Geyer
Arnie Gibson
John & Sherry Gingras
Tes & Jim Gombita
Kathy Graham
Doug & Nyla Griswold
Greg Hall
Marilyn Hancock
Sherry Harlan
Maggie Harms
Jean Hartman
Sandra Henderson
Teresa & Chuck Hicks
Ben Hoyt
Carole Jacobs
Ray Johnston (2 Years)
Lizzie Joyce
John Kerr
Ken & Thelma Kohnen
Rosemarie Knox (2 Years)
Judy & Glenn Langley
William "Bill" Lamb (2 Years)
Gayle Leland
Dave & Patricia Lowe
Bill & Mary Kay Lucek
Joe Manzo 2 years
Donna Marcinak
Doug Marks
Ronni Mason
Mary Massengill
Robert & Michelle McCarthy
John & Rox McGovern
Tom & Peggy McGrath (2 Years)
Jim Moore
Sherry Moore

Joann Morowski
Kathy Myers
Robert Neeld
George Nedwetzyk
Paul Neumann
Joan Niland
Mary Nilson
Russ Nittinger
Donna Owens
Paradise West Realty (2 Years)
Eileene Parrish
Jeff & Rayetta Patton
Cap & Nancy Pender
Tony Piccuito (2 Years)
Jeanette Puthoff
Sandra Quigley
Linda Quinn
Lynn Repp (2 Years)
Cindy Rider
Doris & Geoff Robe (2 Years)
Betty Ross (2 Years)
Pam Rubinger (2 Years)
Ann Russell
Laura & Jamie Sager
Dolly Schenker
Nancy Sina
Debbie Sandstrom
David & Catherine Schaaf (2 years)
Karen Schroder
Beth Spaulding-Henschen
Charlie Sperrazza
Bill Sprigg
Cathy Sprigg
Debbi Stark/Pat Scott
Al and Jeb Strom
Joanne Sulek
Al Sweetay
Margaret Thomas (2 Years)
Zita Vankus
Trudy Weatherwax
Carol Weeks
Leroy Westwood
Wanda White (2 Years)
Lavern & Ellen Wiebe
Jeanne Wilkson
Carolyn Wischmann

If you would like to be a booster please send a **check payable to FLORIDA STATE AERIE** for \$10 a year.

REMINDER BOOSTERS ARE DUE JUNE 1 EACH YEAR

Please mail to Ana Mahar - 3210 Lori Lane - New Port Richey, FL - 34655

If you have any questions call **727-858-0205** and leave a message I will return your call.

Email foe3153@aol.com or
flsunshinews@gmail.com

Aerie Trustees Class on January 21, 2024

Bellview Aerie #4251, 8380 Co Rd 25, Belleview, FL 34420. Registration will begin at 8 am with class starting at 8:30 am. All Aerie and Auxillary members are encouraged to attend! If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at floridastateaerietraining@gmail.com

Thank you, and I hope to see you on the Eagle trail! Jamie Sager, Aerie Education Chairman

Purpose of God, Flag and Country Program

This program offers an excellent venue for the young men and women to tap into their individual capabilities. For some, it is a way to hone their speaking skills, for others, it allows them to develop self confidence, and for others, it may be a sense of pride or the ability to compete. But most of all, it allows every participant an opportunity to experience the very foundation of this great country, the freedom to express their personal beliefs and concerns about our country, its flag, and the belief in a supreme being.

Suggested Time Table:

All entries should be in by February 22.

Local Aerie Competition to be held in March.

District Competition to be held in April.

Zone Competition to be held in May.

State Competition to be held in June.

I urge you to implement this program in your Aeries and Districts. If you can't implement the program in your Aerie, would you please consider giving a monetary donation for cash prizes at the State Level and Traveling Funds for the National Level? Please send any donations to State Aerie Secretary Jeff Patton earmarked for God, Flag and Country.

Let's make Florida proud!!

Michelle McCarthy, P.S.M.P.



For current events please see
FLORIDA EAGLE RIDERS Facebook page or email
Eagleridersfla@gmail.com

Ongoing Events

1/20 Quarterly Meeting hosted by Brandon Eagle Riders

1810 Front St, Valrico, FL

11:30-1pm Lunch

Meeting starts at 1pm

4/27 1pm Quarterly Meeting Hosted by our Eagle Rider Group of the Year Cypress Hut

#3582 Fort Pierce

1/7 12pm meeting then fun run afterwards

2/3 2nd stop on #3896s run

3/30 Navy SEAL Museum K9 Run

#3656 Ocala

1/6 Alzheimer's Ride

1/20 Cornhole Alzheimers Tournament

1/4 7:30 meeting

1/21 4:30 meeting

Stick IT every Friday 6:30pm

2/4 Wolfson Charity Fun Run 2nd stop 2pm

#4216 Ocala Forest

1/3 7:30 meeting

1/6 Alzheimer's Ride

1/15 11:30 meeting

1/20 Fish Fry

Mondays Rider kitchen

#3896 Martin County

1/10 Wingo Bingo

1/14 10am meeting then ride

1/31 5:30 Bike Night

2/3 Charity Run for Operation 300

Registration at #3896

#4509 Cypress Hut

1/11 6:30pm meeting

For any upcoming events, questions or concerns please see Chris Stalter Eagle Rider Chairman at

www.eagleridersfla@gmail.com

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EVENT CALENDAR

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Aerie Rep</i>	<i>Aux Rep</i>	<i>Dress</i>
<i>Happy New Year</i>				
Jan. 13	District 7 Snowball Cypress Hut #4509	Bill Sprigg	Laura Sager	
Jan. 20	Ormond #3800 Anniversary	Bill Sprigg	Laura Sager	
Jan. 26 - 28	Mid-Winter Conference Melbourn, FL			
Feb. 2-4	Eagle Riders Charity Ride			
Feb. 10	Jupiter #4267 Anniversary	Bill Sprigg	Laura Sager	
Feb. 17	Ocala #4216 Forest Presidents 5K			
Feb. 17	Ocala Forest #4216 Anniversary	Bill Sprigg	Laura Sager	
Feb 24	Auxiliary E-Board #4216 Ocala Forest			
Feb. 23-25	Ocala #3656 State Dart Tournament			

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 SAME LOCATION AS THE 2023 FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION
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 350 S Northlake Blvd - Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
 Rate \$129 plus tax
 call 407-265-6229 Contact person LORAN and must mention Eagles
 If you need a handicap room you must mention this at time of making the reservation.