



Are you interested in being a State Aerie or Auxiliary Officer?

To all Worthy or Madam Past Presidents, & 10 year Secretaries, if you are interested in becoming a State Aerie or Auxiliary Officer send your ONE PAGE resume to the following:

AERIE

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State Aerie Secretary
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Please keep your resume to one page. Be sure to cover your main points for consideration for State Office. Your Nomination must be read at a meeting of your Aerie and must be signed by the Secretary with the seal, if this is not complete it will not be accepted.

AUXILIARY

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Auxiliary Nominating Chairman
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Donna Marcinak PSMP, SMS
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Are you willing to travel and represent the State Auxiliary? If you possess these qualities and are passionate about our Organization's mission, please MAIL a one page resume detailing when you became an Eagle, what your qualifications are, accomplishments, and your Eagle Journey by April 30, 2025. Don't be shy! We are looking for a few good ladies to fill and carry on the job at hand. We want you!!!!

OCALA 3656 Feb. 14th - Valentines Day GWP Peter Ackers visitation
Steak dinner \$12.00 - 5pm till sold out 50-50, Basket Raffles, Special Drinks
All Proceeds go to GWP's CharityCall Dan 352-239-1761 to reserve tickets

FLORIDA STATE FOE DISASTER RELIEF FUND

Please consider donating to this fund so that we may continue to help our members in time of need. Year after year, our Aeries and Auxiliary's have been fantastic in their support and I know this year will be no different.

If you have any questions, my number is 352-239-1761

Fraternally, Dan Cover - Chairman

Our Hearts and Prayers go out to Aerie 719 in Altadena, California as some of their members lost their homes or were displaced in the Eaton fire on January 7, 2025 the Aerie was lucky that they only lost power.



"Do the Right Thing"



2024 - 2025 Florida State Aerie Officers

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Sherman Trusx #4256

Greetings to All!

I am writing this as I am preparing to leave for our Mid-Winter Conference in Melbourne. I look forward to seeing everyone at the conference that PSWP Tomahawk Calhoun and SMPE Gloria Calhoun have arranged. I'm sure we will all learn and have fun

Thank You to Jupiter 4267 for hosting District 7's annual Snowball. Thank you for the great food, hospitality and fund raising. Thank you, Ormond Beach 3800, for the hospitality, great food and generous donation to the Moffitt Cancer Center during your Anniversary Celebration. Great fun was had at both events.

We have Jupiter 4267's Anniversary February 1, Ocala Forest 4216's President's Charity Walk and their Anniversary February 15, then onto the State Dart Tournament in St Augustine 4256, February 21-23. Also, GWP Peter Ackers and his partner Cindy will be visiting Florida, February 5 through the 16. More information about his visits will be posted so you can meet and greet.

February is National Cancer Prevention Month..

I found this interesting article to be informative about the prevention of cancers. It is more than just screenings.

[National Cancer Prevention Month | Cancer Awareness Months | AACR](#)

Don't forget to get your screenings and listen to your body.

Remember the only stupid question is the question **NOT** asked so **"Do the right thing"**.

I am always available to answer questions and help in any way I can.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on this awesome Eagle Trail.

Fraternally, Desiree

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

Make sure that if you are going to the State Convention this year that you get your rooms booked now. State Convention Packets will be mailed out sometime By March 1st, 2025

Any State By-Law changes must be approved at Your Aerie Meeting, then sent to the State Secretary to be turn over to the State By-Law Committee. The Next Florida State Aerie E-Board will be Saturday March 1st, 2025, at Aerie 3496 Orlando, at 12:00 Noon

Any Aerie Member who is a Past Worthy President that would like to be Nominated for a State Office needs to send their Resume to the State Secretary to be forward to the Nominating Chairman,

Please call me if you need anything. Jeff Patton 321-863-2678

From The State Madam President

Well, well, January stated out with Snowball, what a great time and a fun filled day we all had, good food, friendships and great memories. Jupiter and District 7 you really outdid yourselves, Thank You for the invite, the love and Support you have shown to charities throughout the State.

And on to 3800 Ormond , Thank You, the food, hospitality, friendship and the wonderful donations to Our State Charity. I love my gift, it is so beautiful.

Next up Mid-winter Conference. What can I say, it was a wonderful weekend, Thank You Gloria and Tomahawk for a wonderful job well done. And Thank you to all the members that took your timeout to attend. I hope you take anything you learned, back to your Aeries and Auxiliaries. Jamie as always great job with the cornhole. Thank You to GM Tres. Linda Day and GW Chaplain Brett Joyce, for honoring us with your presence. It was a pleasure getting to know you both.

I am totally speechless with all the donations from this weekend that we have received for our charity.

Our next Adventure will be at Jupiter's Anniversary on Feb 2nd, 2025 all are invited to attend.

Grand Madam President Mary Gutierrez will be visiting Florida from February 13th-18th, starting with a luncheon at Englewood on Feb 13th at 11:30, then on to Cape Coral at 6:30 for Dinner and Meet & Greet, and on to Port Charlotte on the 15th at 11:30 for lunch. And meet & greet. Then to Ocala Forrest for dinner, and meet & greet, on the 16th, for The Presidents charity walk at 8 a.m. and Anniversary, on the 16th Then on to Orlando for meet & greet and Dinner, back to Cape Coral on the 17th, Show me and Dinner, back on her trail on the 18th.

Desiree and I have chosen Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa as our Joint Charity.

More than Cancer care from MOFFITT.

Treating cancer is what MOFFITT does. But more than the latest treatment options, they are also committed to cancer prevention, cancer screenings for early detection, and a range of diagnosis services for cancer and other conditions.

Desiree and I are looking forward to our visitations and meeting as many members along the trail.

Fraternally,
SMP Ruth "Shannie" Geyer
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Alone you are **STRONG**
Standing together you are **STRONGER**

Happy Valentine's Day



THE FLORIDA STATE AUX. SECRETARY
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"Gnome One Stands Alone"



**2024 - 2025
Florida State
Auxiliary Officers**

Madam President
Ruth " Shannie" Geyer - #3957

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Laura Sager - #4216

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Maggie Harms - #4250
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Ellen Wiebe - #4273

Local Hotels

The Ponce 1111 N. Ponce de Leon Blvd., St. Augustine Fl. 32084 904-824-5554

Southern Oaks 2800 N. Ponce de Leon Blvd., St. Augustine Fl. 32084 904-342-2354

Homewood Suites 10 Prawn St., St. Augustine Fl. 32084 877-504-1512

Available for purchase Friday Night Dinner

Saturday Breakfast Lunch and Dinner

Soft Tip Dart Tournament Feb 21 - 23

FOE #4256
13 South Dixie Hwy
St. Augustine Fl. 32084
904-829-9831

Tournament Game Play Summary!!

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – Registration

- Start Play 9:30:a.m** – Mixed Doubles 501- Open in Double out
- Registration 11:00a.m / Start Play 11:30a.m** – Mixed Triples 701 Open in Double out
- Registration 1:30p.m/Start Play 2:00p.m** – Mixed Doubles Cricket
- Registration 4:30p.m/Start Play 5:00p.m** - Mixed Triples Cricket

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. – Registration

- Start Play 10:30a.m** – Men and Women’s Single 301
- Registration 11:30a.m/Start Play 12:00p.m** – Men’s and Women’s Doubles 501
- Registration 1:30p.m/Start Play 2:00p.m** – Men’s and Women’s Singles Cricket
- Registration 3:30p.m/Start Play 4:00p.m** – Men’s and Women’s Doubles Cricket

**FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES
MEMORIAL FOUNDATION**

Hello Brothers and Sisters
This year I’m the Florida State chairman of the Memorial Foundation, while promoting this I was surprised of the number of members that don’t about this foundation. It was founded to offer aid to the children of Eagle members who lost their lives during World War 2. Since then it has been expanded to all military and first responders, along with Volunteer Law Enforcement, Volunteer Fire Fighters and Volunteer Emergency Medical Service Officers. The Memorial Foundation benefits Education, Medical, Dental, Optical, Psychiatric and Hospitalization.

Larry Becker
352-232-7722
Lbecker8866@gmail.com

**Anniversary Forest Eagles #4216
February 15, 2025**



36th Anniversary
“MARDI GRAS THEMED”



Meet and Greet 4pm
dinner and ceremony to follow
Tickets \$20 per person
entertainment by “Broadway Sound”

For reservation or further information:
Please contact **Karen Grimaldi**
347-824-3932

**NOTE TO AERIE 3800
ORMOND BEACH**

Due to the rush to get the January Newsletter to the printer, Aerie 3800 Ormond Beach was inadvertently left out of the list of Aeries who supported the 300 Children of Cedar Key as they held their annual Christmas Party.

Thank you so much for your generous donation.

GEORGIA STATE AERIE & AUXILIARY CONVENTION May 30th, 31st & June 1st, 2025

St. Mary's Aerie #4379 - 101C Industrial Drive - St. Marys, GA 31558

COST IS \$50.00 PER PERSON IF PAID BY APRIL 30, 2025, AFTER APRIL 30TH COST WILL BE \$60

Please make checks payable to FOE AERIE 4379, Memo Line: State Convention

Please send all payments to: - Aerie 4379

Attn: Peter Gardner
101C Industrial Drive
St. Marys, GA 31558

SureStay Plus By Best Western - 912-882-6250-
2710 Osborne Rd, St Marys, GA 31558
(Rate code is FOE, Rate Title is Eagles)
ROOM RATES FROM: King or 2 Queen bed room is \$89.99
(normal \$104.99) and any suite is \$125.99 (normal \$144.99)
plus taxes. Rate is good until 15 May 2025.

Questions please contact Georgia State Aerie Secretary, Andy Aanderud at 912-464-3337 call or text, email: andya4379@gmail.com.

Membership Report For DECEMBER, 2024

"Do The Right Thing"

December, 2024

New Members	448
Re-enrolled Members	100
Total Members	548
YTD NET GAIN	(-9.2)

Total Aerie Membership ending December, 2024 for The State is 31,447

FLORIDA 2024-2025 GOAL 2% NET GAIN

TOP AERIE MEMBERSHIP GAIN
#4435 Ormond By The Sea (+3.3 %)

TOP 3 AERIE NEW & RE-ENROLLED MEMBERS

#2756 Sarasota	38
#3296 Orlando	35
#3296 Port Charlotte	30
#4272 Homosassa Springs	30

TOP INDIVIDUAL PRODUCERS AUGUST 2024

SECRETARY	MEMBER
#3296 Martha Newton (13)	#2756 Joseph R Marzheuser (25)
#4089 Richard D Barr (13)	

Florida #5 with 628 Members

Motivate and entice new members to take part in Aerie meetings

Contact New Member Inquires in MMS

Ron Kaulfers Membership Chairman
ronaldkkaulfers@gmail.com



Valentines
Friday February 14, 2025

"Gnome One Stands Alone"

December, 2024

New Members	117
Re-enrolled Members	18
Total Members	135
YTD NET GAIN	(-7.4%)

Total Auxiliary Membership ending December, 2024 for The State is 14,833

Our Goal is 2% Net Gain for the Auxiliary 2024-2025

TOP AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP GAIN
#3153 New Port Richey (+11.0%)

TOP 3 AUXILIARIES NEW MEMBERS

#4089 Port Orange	(31)
#3153 New Port Richey	(24)
#4273 Okahumpka	(20)

TOP 3 PRODUCERS

#4089 Sandra Milletics	10
#3967 Ruth Geyer	6
#3153 Annmarie Carini	6
#3153 Irene Chandler	4
#4089 Debra Gilman	4
#4509 Valerie Whidden	4
#4273 Rita Coberly	4
#4209 Lorraine Mayhugh	4

Florida #3 in the nation with 229 members

Secretarys we have 58 leads that need to be followed up on

Rayetta Patton - Membership Chairman
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Mardi Gras
Tuesday March 4, 2025

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The Florida Sunshine News

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Ocala F.O.E. #3656 Aerie
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Lake Worth F.O.E. #3694 Aerie
**Zephyrhills F.O.E. 3752 Aux (2 Years)*
Englewood F.O.E. #3885 Aux
Jupiter Lighthouse F.O.E #4267 Aux
**Crystal River F.O.E.#4272 Aerie (6 years)*
**Lake County F.O.E.#4273 Aux (2 Years)*
Orange Park F.O.E. #4365 Aerie

Weeki Wachee F.O.E. #4372 Aerie
Eagles Landing F.O.E. #4385 Aux
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REMINDER BOOSTERS ARE DUE JUNE 1 EACH YEAR

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1 ALL BOOSTERS WILL BE \$15 PER YEAR

If you would like to be a booster please send a **check payable to FLORIDA STATE AERIE.**
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

**State Picnic March 29, 2025
4089 Port Orange**

Hotel Info

Hotel -Courtyard Daytona Beach Speedway airport
1605 Richard Petty Blvd, Daytona Beach, FL 32114

Rate- \$119.00 Plus Tax, includes breakfast for two

Phone# 386-255-3388 or 800-535-4028. Mention Fraternal Order of the Eagles

We have a block of 8 king beds and 8 2 queen beds

**Thank you,
Richard Barr**

FLORIDA HALL OF FAME FOR AERIE AND AUXILIARIESIt 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 3, 2025 NO EXCEPTIONS.

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Note Aerie only

There are two differences between Aerie and Auxiliary ...

- (1) The Aerie requires candidate be a member of a local Florida Aerie – no Dual Members.*
- (2) The Aerie requires submission 60 days before State Convention – not 30 days..*

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**POSTMASTER - DATED MATERIAL
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EVENT CALENDAR

Date	Event	Aerie Rep	Aux Rep	Dress
Feb. 1	CANCELED	Auxiliary School	CANCELED	
Feb. 14	Valentine's Day			
Feb. 15	#4216 State Presidents Charity Walk			
Feb. 15	#4216 Ocala Forest Anniversary			
Feb. 21-23	#4256 State Dart Tournament Tournament			
Mar. 1	Auxiliary E-board #4048		Aerie E-Board #3496	
Mar. 8	#3550 Cocoa Aerie 51st Auxiliary 50th			
Mar. 15	#4273 Lake County Aerie E-Board			
Mar. 22	#4435 Ormond By The Sea Anniversary			
Mar. 29	#4089 Port Orange State Picnic			

2025 Florida State Convention

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JUNE 11, 2025 THRU JUNE 15, 2025 HILTON ORLANDO/ALTAMONTE SPRINGS
 350 S Northlake Blvd - Altamonte Springs, FL 32701

Rate \$134 plus tax

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