



EAGLES MID WINTER CONFERENCE AND PRESIDENT'S ROAST

January 26 thru 28, 2024

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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:

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Melynda Yeater 386-846-6175

Eagles Landing #4385 Anniversary - Christmas Party December 9

Cocktail Hour / Meet and Greet to begin at 5 PM - Dinner to follow at 6 PM for a \$10.00 Donation

1/2 Roasted Chicken, Green Beans and Tomatoes, Potato, Roll, Dessert

50/50, Santa's Sweet Shop and our Brown Bags with Mystery Prizes!!

Stay to enjoy Karaoke / DJ with Bridget

Please contact the Eagles Landing between 1:30 PM to 8 PM to reserve your meals

Hotel information to be announced later.

Questions please call 352-332-4454

AERIE RITUAL INFORMATION

Are you interested in learning the Ritual correctly??

Do you want to learn how to memorize your station??

As Aerie Chairperson give me a call 727-226-0157 or email alisonzinno@gmail.com

Thanks, Alison Zinno

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WE
CAN"**



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Greetings Brothers,

On November 4th we attended the anniversary in Spring Hill, Florida. The appetizers and the dinner were excellent. We appreciate the donations to the Wolfson Children's Hospital and the nice hotel room and gifts that you provided. The anniversary was a well-planned and beautifully decorated event that was well attended. Thanks to all that made it a special evening.

The next weekend was the anniversary in Clermont. I asked Desiree Bryan to represent me at this event so that I could escort Grand Worthy President Chuck Weber to visits at several Florida Aeries that weekend. The Aerie provided a hotel room and a nice basket to Desiree which was much appreciated. I would also like to thank them for donating to the Wolfson Children's Hospital.

On Friday, November 10th I met Grand Worthy President Chuck Weber at the Port Charlotte Aerie. The Aerie provided us a great lunch and made a nice donation to Chuck's charity plus gave each of us some gifts. Following lunch, we made visits to the Seminole and Pinellas Park Aeries. We ended the day at the Nokomis Aerie with a wonderful dinner, libations, and entertainment. Nokomis also donated to Chuck's charity. We really appreciated the hospitality shown to us by all those Aeries.

On Saturday, November 11th we started the day by having a hosted lunch at the Ruskin Aerie. Then off to a visit at the Bradenton Aerie which was well attended and very interactive. We then attended a Flag Folding Ceremony at the Sara Mana Aerie that afternoon to start the Veteran's Day celebration. Everyone was very friendly and welcoming. We ended the day at the Sarasota Aerie with a Veteran's Day dinner and celebration. I was impressed by all the volunteer helpers at Sarasota. We also appreciated all the wonderful gifts they provided to Chuck, me, and our wives. They really outdid themselves with the dinner, decorations, and Veteran's Day celebration. Thanks to all those Aeries for agreeing to host us. Chuck was pleased to be able to visit those Aeries and will be back in Florida in February for another visit. If you are interested in hosting him during February, please contact me.

There will be an E-board meeting at the Lakeland Aerie on December 2nd at noon. We will then be off to Valrico that same day to support the Ladies Auxiliary Calendar drawing and then to Gainesville on December 9th to celebrate their anniversary. After that we will have a break for the holidays until January. My wife and I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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 Holidays

Next E-Board Meeting, December 2nd at Aerie 4385 Lakeland at 12 Noon

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE , January 26 thru 28, 2024

See the State News Letter for all the upcoming events and Times.

Jeffrey Patton, Florida State Aerie Secretary



From The State Madam President

Happy December Sisters,

I hope this finds you all happy and healthy for all the upcoming Holiday events. I can't believe how fast this adventure is going. I want to thank Spring Hill & Clermont for all their hospitality, fun & charity donations at their Anniversary celebrations. A huge thanks goes out to Sarasota for hosting the Auxiliary school as well as all the teachers and participants.

December is one of my favorite times of year and Christmas is my favorite holiday and always has been. The weather gets cooler, the decorations, the lights, the laughter, the smiles on the children's faces, the act of giving, the family & friends and all the memories made. As Eagles this is one of our busiest times. We all tend to give back locally and host events in our own communities. Whether it's a children's Christmas party, a Santa breakfast, a toy give away, an angel tree, Etc. PLEASE step up and volunteer. I promise you will feel the magic of the season.

Please don't forget we have the state calendar drawing on December 2nd in Valrico. **THIS IS NOT JUST A STATE FUNCTION, EVERY MEMBER IS WELCOME** to come and get in the holiday spirit. The best part is, you don't even need to get all gussied up It's a pajama party calendar drawing. So come hang out and have some fun.

Don't forget to get those Mid-Winter Conference registrations into Donna Marcinak A.S.A.P.

I wish you all a very Happy, Safe & Blessed Christmas and a New year full of Memories, Good Health & Blessings.



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.



*Memorial Service for PSMP Betty Greer will be at Port Orange #4089
on Sunday December 10th at 1:30 P.M.*

*State Auxiliary Officers Attending MUST be in full uniform.
Thank you SMP Laura Sager*

THE FLORIDA STATE AUX. SECRETARY

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

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Calendar drawing December 2, 2023 @ Brandon #3566
Brandon Auxiliary Address: 1810 Front Street Valrico, FL 33594



This year we are having a **Christmas Jammie Party.**
So wear your favorite Christmas Jammies (must be public appropriate)!

Reminder – if you have not turned in the calendar stubs for the drawing, please send them to me immediately.
The **deadline of NOVEMBER 13, 2023** is fast approaching. Brandon Auxiliary has a fun filled day planned with our drawing of the 366 days on the 2024 calendar.

Breakfast starts at 7:30 - \$5.00 Coffee, Tea, Asst. Pastries, Fruit Bowl, Saug. Gravy & Biscuits and maybe yogurt parfait bar.

Drawing start promptly at 9am –

Lunch provided \$8.00 – Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Asst. Croissant Sandwiches, Cole Slaw & Potato Salad
Games & Fun during Breaks

Friday – Dinner available – \$8.00 Chicken Kabobs with Rice, and brownies

If staying over, **Saturday Dinner** available – Steak, Baked Potato, Salad, Peach Cobbler (price to be determined)

Hotel Information:

Country Inn & Suites – Reservations by Oct 30th - \$129/nite + taxes
813-315-1777 or choicehotels@reservations.choicehotels.com
Group name: Fraternal Order of Eagles – Group # QZ34S5
Address: 915 S Falkenberg Rd Tampa, FL 33619

Fairfield Inn – Reservations by Oct 31st - \$164/nite + taxes
813-661-9559 or marriot.com/TPABR
Group name: Grand Aerie FOE #3566
Address: 10150 Palm River Rd Tampa, FL 33619

Any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Judy Langley at 561-324-1656.
Hope to see many of our Brothers and Sisters attending the function!
Don't forget to buy your calendars – 366 chances to win!!!



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

#3582 Fort Pierce

Nov 5

12pm Eagle Rider meeting
2-5pm Sunday Funday

11/18

Charity Run for Treasure Coast Hospice
9am registration at #3582

#3656 Ocala Eagle Riders

Nov. 18 Autism Poker Run registration 1030 Am

Nov. 24 Pancreatic cancer charity dinner & dancing

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

www.eagleridersfla@gmail.com

#4242 East Coast Eagle Riders

Nov. 3 Steak Nite \$12 pre-ordered

Nov. 4 Danny Mitchell Poker Run,
breakfast, auction & more

Nov. 11 3:00 Meal Bingo, Philly Chz stks @ 4:30

Nov. 19 10:00 Breakfast, 11:00 Mtg, fun ride

Ongoing Events

January 20, 2024 Quarterly Meeting location TBD

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 George Nedwetcky
 Paul Neumann
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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
flsunshinenews@gmail.com

NOTE FROM THE Ways and Means Chairman

Brothers and Sisters, Anyone wanting tickets for Ways and Means 50/50
 please contact Doris Robe at 407-832-3663 and
 leave a message. I will get back with you.

Anyone turning in a check:

**PLEASE WRITE IT TO
 FLORIDA STATE AUXILIARY.**

Thank You,
 Doris Robe

Fraternal Order of Eagles Aims To Start New Aerie & Auxiliary in Port St. Lucie For Immediate Release

PORT ST. LUCIE, FL, October 12, 2023– The Fraternal Order of Eagles (F.O.E.) is organizing a new chapter in the Port St. Lucie community and is inviting all locals to attend their organizational meetings, held the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Port St. Lucie Community Center, located at 2195 SE. Airoso Blvd. The meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in the tot room.

Organizers Lyz Gardner and Chris Stalter will be on hand to speak with guests about the F.O.E. and its storied history, as well as sharing information on the benefits the organization can bring to the Port Saint Lucie community. Since 1898, The Fraternal Order of Eagles has been working tirelessly to better communities across the United States and Canada and uphold the belief that people can make a difference in the lives of others. Our motto, “People Helping People,” is one the organization strives to live up to each and every day to the tune of nearly \$10 million in annual charitable contributions to local and international groups.

The F.O.E. Charity Foundation provides assistance and research dollars to institutions related to diabetes, heart disease, cancer, kidney disease, spinal cord injuries, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and more.

In 2008, the F.O.E. made a five-year, \$25-million commitment to fund The Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center at the University of Iowa. The center, which opened in 2014, occupies more than 30,000 square feet and plays host to a team of over 100 researchers working daily to make breakthroughs in hopes of finding a cure for diabetes.

American icons such as Jimmy Durante, Bob Hope, Babe Ruth, Tony Orlando, Gordie Howe and Presidents Theodore Roosevelt, Warren G. Harding, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Harry S. Truman, John F. Kennedy, Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan were all members of the F.O.E.

With their influence and the help of our dedicated membership, Eagles contributed to the establishment of Mother's Day and Social Security, ended job discrimination with the Jobs After 40 Program and fought to preserve the right to publicly display the Ten Commandments.

Currently, the organization offers all police, firefighters, EMTs, and inactive military a free year of membership with the F.O.E. through the Those Who Serve Program. Eagles also assist U.S. and Canadian troops annually through our Operation Eagle program, which provides nominated Eagles or children of Eagles serving overseas with much needed food and supplies during the holiday season.

When a neighbor is sick or grieving or simply in need of a helping hand, the Fraternal Order of Eagles is there to help. The Memorial Foundation has provided medical and educational benefits to the children of members who die while performing their job or serving their country since World War II. Lend your hands to great causes by becoming a member of The Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Active members also receive discounts on various products and services including life, auto, home and pet insurance; hotels; rental cars; printing; vacations and more!

If you're interested in being a part of the Port St. Lucie Eagles, contact Lyz Gardner at psleagles@gmail.com or search Port St. Lucie Eagles on Facebook to follow their official page.

About the Fraternal Order of Eagles

The Fraternal Order of Eagles, an international non-profit organization, unites fraternally in the spirit of liberty, truth, justice, and equality, to make human life more desirable by lessening its ills, and by promoting peace, prosperity, gladness and hope. Founded in 1898, the Eagles fund research in areas such as diabetes, heart disease, kidney disease and cancer, and raise money for neglected and abused children and the aged, as well as work for social and civic change.

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EVENT CALENDAR

Date	Event	Aerie Rep	Aux Rep	Dress
Dec. 2	Auxiliary Calendar Drawing #3566 Brandon			
Dec. 2	Aerie E-Board #4356 Lakeland			
Dec. 9	Gainsville #4385 Anniversary	Bill Sprigg	Laura Sager	
Dec. 25	<i>Merry Christmas</i>			
Jan. 1	<i>Happy New Year</i>			
Jan. 13	Snowball	Bill Sprigg	Laura Sager	
Jan. 20	Ormond #3800 Anniversary	Bill Sprigg	Laura Sager	
Jan. 26 - 28	Mid-Winter Conference Melbourne, FL			



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