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

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

#### **AERIE**

Charlie Sperrazza, PSWP Aerie Nominating Chairman 925-SW 101st Street Gainesville, FL 32607-3250 E-Mail: csperra925@aol.com

Jeff Patton State Aerie Secretary 790 Fletcher Rd, SE Palm Bay, FL 32909

E-Mail: flstateaerie@msn.com

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**

Marlene Gordon, PSMP Auxiliary Nominating Chairman 3305 Gulf Winds Cir Hernando Beach, FL 34607 E-Mail: maux4372@hotmail.com

Donna Marcinak State Auxiliary Secretary 118 S Lunar Terrace Inverness, FL 34450

E-Mail: dmarcinak@tampabay.rr.com

Write a one-page resume of your past accomplishments and tell us why you are interested in becoming an Auxiliary State Officer. EMAIL OR TEXT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED, all resumes must be SIGNED and mailed to Marlene and Donna

#### 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

Looking for Volunteers to help with the Memorial Service at State Convention. This takes place after the State Charter Draping. You need to wear black pants, white long sleeve shirt with bow tie. (I have a few if you do not have one.)

Please let Ana Mahar <a href="mailto:foe3153@aol.com">foe3153@aol.com</a>
or Karen Grimaldi <a href="mailto:kamg1958@gmail.com">kamg1958@gmail.com</a>
Know if you are available

All Volunteers are appreciated so much

It is with a sad heart that we say good bye to PSMP Barber Barber. She gained her wings on May 8, 2024. Barb also was the Auxiliary Secretary for many years..



### "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 csperra925@aol.com

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Aerie Outside Guard Rick Rohmer - 4355

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**Aerie Trustees** 

Ben "B J" Hoyt III - #3153 Charles Hicks - #3656 Jamie Sager - #4216 Greetings Brothers,

May started with visits to several Aeries on the west coast. Anniversary celebrations were scheduled at the Seminole and Pinellas Park Aeries. The food, decorations, and entertainment on Saturday night at Seminole was great. Then on Sunday we had a nice Cinco de Mayo lunch at Pinellas Park. Thanks to both Aeries for your generous donation to the Wolfson Children's Hospital. I also took the opportunity of being in this area to pay visits to the Clearwater and Palm Harbor Aeries. In addition, I went on a little tour of Eagle Village in Bradenton. If you are ever in that area, I recommend you do so as well.

The next weekend I went to the Ocala Forest Aerie who was having a fundraiser on Friday night for Wolfson Children's Hospital. Then off to Port Orange on Saturday for an afternoon anniversary. Thanks to Port Orange for their generous donation to the Wolfson Children's Hospital.

The third weekend in May we paid visits to the New Port Richey, Hudson, Spring Hill, Weeki Watchee and Hall Crest Aeries on Friday. Thanks to Weeki Watchee for the wonderful dinner and generous donation to the Wolfson Children's Hospital. The next day we attended the Youth Rally in Spring Hill. What a hot day that was! Later that afternoon we drove to Brandon to attend the Valrico Aerie's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party. The food, decorations and entertainment were outstanding.

The last weekend in May we were off to South Florida for "Weekend in the Tropics". We started out on Friday night in Oakland Park, then Saturday night in Lake Worth and finished up with a wonderful Sunday Brunch at the All American Aerie in Boynton Beach. Laura and I helped to install the new Auxiliary and Aerie Officers at the All American Aerie on Sunday. Thanks to those Aeries for the hotel room, great food, charity donations and the huge basket of goodies and liquor. I then stayed over another night so that on Monday, I could visit the Ft. Lauderdale Aerie. We had fun visiting with them and playing Bar Poker. We appreciate their donation to the President's Charity as well.

The year has passed quickly, and June will start off with us attending the Georgia State Convention in St. Marys, GA. That will be followed by the Florida State Convention in Altamonte Springs. I hope to see many of you there. After that it will be time for a much-needed rest as this year has kept me busy. But I wouldn't trade it for anything. In the meantime, if there is something you need from me, please reach out. Your State Officers are here to support you.

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

Fraternally, Bill Sprigg SWP

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From your Florida State Aerie Secretary

Dear Brothers and Sister Eagles

The next State Aerie E-Board will be Wednesday June 12 at Hilton Orlando / Altamonte Springs, same Hotel as the State Convention is in, E-Board meeting will start 5:00 pm. There will be a Welcome to the Convention Entertainment Wednesday Night, starting around 6:30 pm The Aerie State Convention meeting will start on Thursday June 13, Meeting will start at 9 am, Friday June 14 Meeting will start at 10 am and Saturday June 15 Meeting will start at 9 am. District Reports will be read at the Thursday Meeting PLEASE have someone from your District to read the report from Your District.

The district that will be hosting the Hospitality Room Please let me know how many Worker Passes you need for the Day you are doing the Hospitality Room.

There will be a \$60.00 charge per Person for a Day Pass for the Hospitality Room for the State Convention for those Members not on the Preregistered List. No Hospitality Room Passes will be given out on Saturday. All Members attending the State Convention Must Be Registered.

June 1, your State and Grand Aerie Per-Capita Tax will be Due. Also, June 1 the Aerie Officer list needs to be Updated on the MMS with the incoming Aerie Officers and Committee people.

See You at the Convention. Jeffrey Patton, Florida State Aerie Secretary

#### From The State Madam President

Sisters

What a month of Adventures! We started out with a weekend of fun celebrating with Seminole & Pinellas Park. We had an AMAZING Chicken dinner on Saturday, great entertainment, friends and of course lots of charity. On Sunday we were treated to a great Taco bar luncheon, laughs & hospitality. Our travels then took us to the East Coast Celebrating with Port Orange. As always the membership and volunteers made it a day to remember. The food, the giveaways, the entertainment and charity donations were very appreciated. We then had a packed day on the 18th as we attended the Youth Fair in Hudson. What an awesome event that Walter, Marlene and their team of volunteers put on for the kids. From the smiles on the kids' faces, the pizza, the horses, and so much more, THANK YOU. I then went that evening to celebrate with Eustis and their membership. Again, amazing food, hospitality and charity. Bill & Ruth "Shannie" Geyer went to Valrico to celebrate their anniversary that night as well. We then traveled to Clearwater to pay our final respects to our PSMP. Barbara Barber. Finally, I just got home from weekend in the Tropics. What a BLAST we had! As always, the food, the entertainment, the charity & the laughs were nothing short of amazing. I was so happy to see our PSMP Margaret Thomas and she is doing very well. Finally, this update is filled with sadness & Joy. As all of our Anniversary Celebrations are complete and this is my final newsletter update. Our Great Big Owl-Some Adventure is almost complete. We have the Georgia State Convention Next weekend and of course our very own State Convention in 2 weeks. I applaud you all as we met our net gain goal in membership. I am so excited for the State Convention for many reasons. I'm excited to celebrate an Owl-Some year, to have a celebratory cocktail with you, to hear our charity totals, and to finally close this chapter in our adventure.

Sisters, I leave you with this, I am always here for you. Anything you need I will always do my best to help. <u>ljds1017@gmail.com</u> Just because we are closing this chapter doesn't mean we don't open another.

Always remember to Be Kind, Share Your Smiles & Laughter, and Whatever Makes Your Soul Happy, Do That!

All My Love & Respect

Fraternally SMP.

Laura Sager



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Everybody has been asking what to wear on what day at the State Convention.

**Wednesday** - Business Casual

Thwwsday - Your local Auxiliary shirt

Friday - SMP Coral Charity shirt

(If you need one Maggie has some left and will be set up selling on Wednesday & Thursday and they will be on sale for \$15.00 each and any other charity items she has will be 50% off including charity pins).

**Saturday** - Any Autism Shirt, Rainbow shirt, Tie Dye Shirt, any colorful shirt. Thank you so much and I will see you all there!

#### THE FLORIDA STATE AUX. SECRETARY

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

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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

Madam Chaplain
Maggie Harms - #4250

**Auxiliary Secretary** *Donna Marcinak - #4048* 

**Auxiliary Treasurer** *Ana L Mahar - #3153* 

**Madam Conductor** *Rayetta C. Patton - #4527* 

**Auxiliary Inside Guard** *Donna Barr - #4089* 

**Auxiliary Outside Guard** *Ellen Wiebe - #4273* 

**Auxiliary Trustees** 

Julie Silvestro - #4048 Doris Robe - #3496 Adele Durocher - #4476 Melynda Yeater - #4435

## AUXILIARY SCHOOLS

#### AUXILIARY SECRETARY/TREASURER SCHOOL SATURDAY, JULY 13, 2024

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

#4273 Lake County Auxiliary -

#### 27150 Haywood Worm Farm Rd Oksahumpka, FL 34762

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

Hotel information: TBD – No Block Set

#### SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

There must be 20 PAID attendees two (2) weeks prior to the School (6/29/24) or it will be cancelled.

This is open to Aerie and Auxiliary members

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

NAME	Auxiliary #
Email	Phone
Amount enclosed (Payable to Florida State Auxiliary)	
Mail school registration & check to Julie Silvestro - 28 Sun	rise Ave Ormond By The Sea, FL 32176

#### GOD, FLAG, AND COUNTRY CONTEST

I am please to inform you that we will have a Florida State God, Flag and Country Contest on Wednesday, June 12 at 6 pm at the State Convention this year in Altamonte Springs thanks to the diligent work of Karen Grimaldi, Ocala #3656. It will be held in the room where the Aerie will have their meeting, so we will have a bigger room! You won't want to miss this heartwarming performance of our young scholars! See you there!

Michelle McCarthy, PSMP

Auxiliary Chairperson Florida God, Flag and Country

Hello Brothers and Sisters,

My name is Leo Smith Jr, and I am the State Blood Bank committee chairman for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. I am sorry that this is going out basically last minute before the State convention, but I am trying to compile information to give my report at the Convention.

If you or your Aerie hosted a blood drive this year, please contact me with the figures on how much was collected at your blood drive.

I can be reached on my cell @ (772)285-4348 or my email address is **leosmthjr@yahoo.com**.

Hope to hear from any and all locations where a blood drive was held.





#### **POSTER CONTEST**

Sisters, do not forget to do your poster and bring it to the Convention, would love to see several!! Poster Contest will be at the State Convention on Friday June 14, 2024, at 7:30 am.

Rules are as follows: \*Posters will be standard poster board size\* Poster will include **GMP theme** and **SMP theme** and **Local theme** (if you have one) \***DO NOT write you Auxiliary Name/Number on the front of the poster,** please write it on the back of the poster. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Sandra Arvik 352-598-0046

#### Membership Report For APRIL, 2024

Together "WE" Can

April, 2024 Florida #5 with 566 Members

GOAL 2% NET GAIN - YTD NET GAIN (+2.5%)

FLORIDA **2023-2024** GOAL 34,076 TOP AERIE NET GAIN

#3997 HUDSON (26.3%)

TOP INDIVIDUAL PRODUCERS YTD 2023/2024

SECRETARY

**MEMBER** 

#3296 MARTY V NEWTON (191) #3885 THOMAS R BERHALTER (109)

#### **TOP INDIVIDUAL PRODUCERS MARCH 2024**

SECRETARY

MEMBER

#3296 MARTY V NEWTON (8)

#3885 THOMAS R BERHALTER (13)

Total membership for the State is **34,247**.

Our goal is a 2% net gain for the year.

#### TOGETHER WE CAN

NET GAIN = RETENTION = GREAT AERIE.

If you sign up a new member keep in contact with them.

#### REMEMBÉR:

#### WHERE IS YOUR AERIE GOING??

The Goal is to make 2% net gain

- •Get your new applicants Installed Before May 31st!!!
- •Call and Text members to remind them to pay their dues.
- •Early Bird drawings/promotions are a great way to get members to renew their membership early!!

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING

Aerie 3957 Cape Coral for signing up 405 members (new and reenrolled) from June 2023 through April 2024 ranking 7th in the nation.

Aerie 3296 Port Charlotte for signing up 383 members (new and reenrolled) from June 2023 through April 2024 ranking 11<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

Aerie 3885 Englewood for signing up 374 members (new and reenrolled) from June 2023 through April 2024 ranking 13<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

Ron Kaulfers For: Ken Kohnen Membership Chairman "HOOTING it up for the FOE Charity"



#### **APRIL**, 2024

New Members	191
Re-enrolled Members	30
Total Members	221
YTD NET GAIN	(-2.0%)

## Total Auxiliary Membership ending April, 2024 for The State is 15,849

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

TOP AUXILIARY
MEMBERSHIP GAIN
#3997 Hudson (+20.9%)

## TOP 3 AUXILIARIES PROPOSER NEW MEMBERS

#4273 Lake County (21) #3957 Cape Coral (17) #4219 West Palm Beach (16) 4527 Indian River Lagoon (16)

#### **TOP 3 PRODUCERS**

#4219 Mary Ellen Beelner (16) #4089 Sandra Milletics (10) #3885 Carol Weeks (6)

Florida #4 in the nation with 221 members

Rayetta Patton - Membership Chairman rayetta0308@gmail.com

#### SCRAPBOOK CHAIRPERSON SHARON HAMLIN

Ladies it is time to start working on your Auxiliary Scrapbook

- (1) Your scrapbooks content must consist of information from the Installation of Auxiliary Officers through Mother's Day.
- (2) Your scrapbooks should reflect the aims and ideals of the Eagles, and show the themes of the Grand and State Presidents.
- (3) Also:\*books used shall be scrapbooks, not photo albums \*overall size must not exceed 18 x 20 inches \*
- (4) all pictures shall be labeled and dated for each event.

#### **NOTE:**

Bring all scrapbook to the convention and turn them in before the first meeting of Convention.

Judging will take place Thursday night by selected judges. This to save the cost of shipping and handling.

Should you have any questions contact Sharon Hamblin Scrapbook Chairperson Auxiliary #4216

We challenge every Auxiliary to submit a scrapbook!

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James Dauphin Terri Dawson

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\*Venice Nokomis F.O.E. #3482 Aux (3 Years)

\*Orlando F.O.E. #3496 Aerie (8 Years)

Ocala F.O.E. #3656 Aux \*Lake Worth F.O.E. #3694 Aux Lake Worth F.O.E, #3694 Aerie \*Gephyrkills F.O.E. 3752 Aux (2 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 (6 years) Lake County #4273 Aux Orange Park #4365 Aerie Vero Beach F.O.E. #4374 Aux

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\*Rosemarie Knox

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Dave & Patricia Lowe Bill & Mary Kay Lucek

\* Doe Manzo Donna Marcinak **Doug Marks** Ronni Mason **Mary Massengill** 

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Bill Sprigg **Cathy Sprigg** 

Debbi Stark/Pat Scott Al and Jeb Strom Joanne Sulek Al Sweetav

\*Margaret Thomas (2 Years)

Zita Vankus **Trudy Weatherwax** Carol Weeks Lerov Westwood \*Wanda White

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 flsunshinenews@gmail.com

#### FLAG CEREMONY AT STATE CONVENTION

On Thursday, prior to the Opening Ceremony at the State Convention, there will be a Flag Ceremony representing all of the Auxiliaries in the State. The forms and all of the information telling you what you need to do is in your Convention Packet that was mailed to all of the Auxiliary Secretaries. If you have a question please ask your local Secretary for the information

#### **Convention Hostess**

Every year our Auxiliary members host our Grand Auxiliary Officers & Southeast Auxiliary Chair at the State Convention in June. There are openings to host for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner and it is a great way to get to know the them.

Please let me know if your Auxiliary or District would like to host and if you have a preferred day or meal in mind.

I can be **texted at 352-425-6944** put your name in the message & I will get back with to match you up with an opening and to provide details or answer any questions.

**Thanks! Teresa Hicks** 

Past Presidents - 10 Year Secretary Lunckeon

2024 State Convention Friday 6-14 at 1 pm

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Reminder

## ANNUAL CHNESE AUCTION

For the Auxiliary Ladies that are going to the Past Presidents
8. Ten Year Secretary Lunckeon,

PLEASE DO NOT FORGET to bring your items for auction.

You may drop your items off with Ana Mahar

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EVENT CALENDAR				
Date	Event	Aerie Rep	Aux Rep	Dress
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2024 Florida State Convention
SAME LOCATION AS THE 2023 FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION
JUNE 12, 2024 THRU JUNE 16, 2024 HILTON ORLANDO/ALTAMONTE SPRINGS
350 S Northlake Blvd - Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
Rate \$129 plus tax
call 407-265-6229 MUST MENTION EAGLES FOR THIS RATE
If you need a handicap room you must mention this at time of making the reservation.