



The Eagles Nest

Orlando Florida Aerie #3496

JANUARY 2024

"Here we go on the Eagle Trail, Peace and Harmony Shall Prevail"

Worthy President's Report

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

We start this month's newsletter by saying Happy New Year to everyone. May this upcoming year be filled with much caring for one another and the laughter of friends and family.

It may seem early to be talking about officers for next year ... but, really it is not. So, please think seriously about taking an office in your Aerie. Nominations are in April, elections in May and you assume office in June. Your participation is essential for the success of Aerie #3496.

Back to the game ...

On the 13th hole - The Aerie looks fabulous with all of the Christmas lights and decorations. Thank you to the decorating committee and all of the elves that participated. It really makes our Aerie look and feel so comfortable and welcoming.

On to the 14th hole - A big thank you to everyone who contributed and/or helped with the Breakfast with Santa, assembly of needy baskets, and the preparation and delivery of gift bags for the residents of Gentry Park. Cindy, Debbie and Beth did another fine job this year. These community projects along with our charity fundraisers should make each of us proud - ***We are the Eagles; We are People Helping People!***

On to the 15th hole - this month we have our Alzheimer's and Neurological fundraiser (Jan 19th). It's a Disco theme so let your inner John Travolta come out a little. We also have our Florida Mid-Winter Conference in Melbourne (Jan 26-28). This conference allows Eagles from all around the state to exchange information and viewpoints on many topics of interest to the organization and its members.

Check the newsletter and the monitor at the club for upcoming events and functions. I just came out of the green side bunker and sank the putt for par!

*Here we go on the Eagle Trail,
Peace and Harmony Shall Prevail!*

Fraternally,

Rob

Rob McCarthy, Worthy President



Madam President's Report

Hello Sisters and Brothers,

The Children's Christmas Breakfast with Santa was a huge success again this year. We had over 45 kids along with their parents, and/or grandparents, join us. There were elves everywhere helping Santa and Mrs. Claus entertain the group. Elf Steve read the Night Before Christmas as they all gathered around and listened attentively. Thank You one and all.

This year we were able to distribute 23 baskets of food and gifts for 40 children who, without our help, may not of had a very joyous Christmas. Thank you members, Meat Shoot players and everyone who donated food or gifts for this event.

Kudos go out to Cindy Westfall and her great helpers who made these two events so successful. When the community thinks about the Eagles this is what we want them to remember - ***We are the Eagles; We are People Helping People!***

Another Christmas event that is becoming an annual project is the collection and distribution of gift bags for the residents of the Gentry Park Assisted Living Facility. Many of these residents have Alzheimer's or Dementia and have little or no family in the area. Our small tokens of lap blankets, personal items and even a little candy make them feel wanted and valued at this time of the year. Thank you to all who donated.

Although there is still a few days yet to go, as of the writing of this article, I believe it would be safe to say that the Aerie New Years Party was a big sell out and a fun night to end a good year.

This month we have several events planned so please mark your calendar and plan on attending: District meeting at Lakeland Aerie #4356 on Sunday, January 14th. Our Alzheimer's and Neurological charity fundraiser will be held on Friday, January 19th; Get out your old Disco outfit for this one. I also hear they will be auctioning off some really great items. January 26-28 is the Florida FOE Mid-Winter Conference in Melbourne. We have several ladies that plan on attending and I'm sure they will bring back some good information.

I had a wonderful holiday season and I hope each of you did too. See you around the Aerie.

Fraternally,

Andrea

Andrea Kodysz, Madam President



In Memory of those Members who recently passed

AERIE

William Bayer

AUXILIARY

Barbara Willoughby

Please watch our Facebook page or the Aerie Events Monitor for information concerning any services.

If you know of a passing that is not listed above please notify the appropriate Aerie or Auxiliary Secretary.



Upcoming Happenings

Jan	Events
6	Take Down NYE Decorations - 10:00am
14	District Meeting - 1:00pm in Lakeland
19	Alzheimer & Neurological Charity Fundraiser - 6:00pm
26-28	Florida FOE Mid-Winter Conference in Melbourne

Aerie Secretary Report

Brothers,

Hopefully you were able to attend the Aerie's New Years Eve party. We planned a very good meal served as usual by your friendly Aerie and Auxiliary volunteers. God bless our volunteers! Music will be provided by Ball & Chain and there were be a lot of great socializing. Don't forget the champagne toast at Midnight. Thank you to Cowboy and the kitchen crew and our great bartenders for helping make it a special night to remember.

In case you haven't noticed, the road sign at the front entrance to the property has been repaired and is lit up again. Check out the new graphics. It has become a very colorful welcome for anyone coming into the front parking lot. Thanks to Billy Bruner for donating some of the funds and Eric Ebinger and his company, Platinum Signs, for the design. Now if we could find the remote for the scrolling messages we would be all set!

Also, you may have noticed some stacks of construction material in the back yard. A company is renting part of our yard for the next 18 months for storage of construction equipment and material. They are doing sewer and street repairs. As part of their rental they will be returning the yard to the same state it was in when they started. Also, a favor to us, they will be fixing the road at our rear entrance. Both are definite advantages to us.

A more troubling state of affairs has been taking place in the Aerie. The Aerie is our home and needs to be treated as such. Lately, we have had members over indulge and become disrespectful in our Aerie home. We had a member punch a hole in a wall between the bar side and the dining side and also in the Men's restroom. A member did donuts in the back yard with his car and tore up a lot of the grass. Members are also getting very vocal at the bar and not in a nice way.

I have been a member of this Aerie for 37 years and I love what we do to help each other, the community, and our charities. I try my best to uphold the traditions and best practices that are outlined in our Constitution, Statutes, By-Laws and House Rules. However, it seems that we have a few bad apples that just like the cheap drinks and food. They seem to think nothing about disrespecting our Aerie and what it stands for. With this said, I've been talking to the other officers, bartenders, kitchen staff and many of the volunteers to gain their support in helping me stop these trends from ruining our Aerie. Our members and volunteers work so very hard for our functions and day to day operations to allow a few to ruin it.

Again, thank you all for supporting the Aerie. Thank you, thank you to all our members that come out and support our charities and our organization. And God Bless our volunteers, for you are the life blood of this organization.

Looking forward to another exciting Eagle year visiting with all of you and celebrating renewed friendships and fellowship.

Fraternally,

Gary

Gary Miller, Aerie Secretary



Auxiliary Report

Dear Sisters,

The Auxiliary is happy to announce that we have a new Secretary - me ... Teresa Barlow. I've resigned my position as Trustee to serve as your Secretary for the remaining of this years term (2023-2024) and until formal elections can be held in this coming April/May timeframe.

A big "Thank You" goes out to Melaine Moses for serving as our Secretary for the past 2 years and then staying on pro tem for the last 6 months. This allowed us to search for someone to take over the position more permanently. Her time and efforts in representing Orlando 3496 are greatly appreciated! She will continue to assist the Auxiliary during my transition.

In other news, the By-Laws Committee is currently reviewing our by-laws and are updating them were needed. If you are aware of any items they should consider please contact Betty Ross or Yvonne Donley. Once they are completed with their review, the changes will be read at three meetings, approved by membership vote, and then submitted to the Grand Secretary for final review and approval. The finalized, signed copy will be returned and posted on the Auxiliary bulletin board.

Now that the holidays are over, we are restarting our charity fundraisers. On January 19th we have the Alzheimer's & Neurological Fundraiser. This will be followed by our February 9th Heart Fundraiser. Please come out and support our charities and our organization.

Fraternally,

Teresa

Teresa Barlow, Auxiliary Secretary



Welcome New Auxiliary Members

Thu "Kimmy" Dass, Tracey Easton, Karen Engelhardt, Madison Rogers and Melissa Smith

Open Letter to the Membership

For the past couple of years, membership participation at our Aerie meetings has been dwindling. At the November meeting there was not one person in attendance who was not an officer or was not participating in the meeting by giving a committee report. Yes, NOT one!

Years ago, our meeting room was full. We learned what was happening and what was being planned. In fact, we typically had multiple people running for leadership positions and had elections for the different officer positions.

If you joined the FOE for cheap drinks and food or free entertainment, you joined for the wrong reason. Our primary function is to raise money for charities. If we lose our charter because we don't have enough officers ... there will be no money for the charities - there will be no cheap drinks or food - there will be no free entertainment. And most of all there will be NO CLUB!

We need more members attending meetings - participating on committees - assuming leadership positions. Please help keep our Aerie alive and successful well into the future.

Steve Kelemen, PWP, 23 Year Member



FOR I AM PERSUADED THAT NEITHER DEATH NOR LIFE, NOR ANGELS NOR PRINCIPALITIES NOR POWERS, NOR THINGS PRESENT NOR THINGS TO COME, NOR HEIGHT NOR DEPTH, NOR ANY OTHER CREATED THING, SHALL BE ABLE TO SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD WHICH IS IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD. ROM 8:38-39 NKJV

Chicklette News

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and a happy start to the New Year!

Thank you to everyone who purchased our New Years Eve Raffle tickets! 1st prize was the 45-inch Pagoda Wood Burning Chimney Firepit with fire pit utensils and a Supersized Booze basket. 2nd prize was a Wine basket.

Don't forget to check out all the Chicklette items for sale in the glass case in the bar.

Sharon

Sharon Coombs, Secretary



Meat Shoot News

Happy Holiday's to everyone. We hope your Christmas and New Years was a blessed one!

Our giving Meat Shoot members donated over \$1,000 to help with the needy baskets. Included with the food for the needy baskets, were toys for the kids of all ages. We are so honored to have such wonderful members that support Cindy and the team during the Christmas season. Our volunteers rock!

During the last 2 weeks of meat shoot we had an extra drawing after each round. Congratulations to our winners. This was a thank you for all the support given during the year.

Please be generous to the food donation bucket! Where else can you get an all you can eat for a meager \$5.00. The donations to the bucket go towards future prizes and food for our wonderful meat shoot players! Our volunteers prepare, set up and clean up so our Meat Shoot members can enjoy a meal. Thank you to all who help!

We are always looking for volunteers to help. Help us by buying meat once a month, or call the numbers, counting the bank or just cover where needed. If you can commit to one Sunday a month please see Sharon, Teresa, Al or Marilyn.

Al

Al Coombs, Secretary



Welcome New Aerie Members



Left to Right:

Michael Engolhardt, Brian Ho, Steven Drange,
Michael Rogers, Karen Kazma, and Cooper Beaty,

Peckerhead News

Well the Peckerheads are still going strong and we enjoy seeing and visiting with you at the Aerie functions and especially at Peckerhead breakfast. We want to thank everyone that comes out for our breakfasts, because they are the most colorful and fun breakfasts that you can have anywhere. Don't forget that the Peckerheads make a joyous occasion for anyone's birthdays. Stay after breakfast and have a few rounds with the Peckerheads. It is a time to remember. Peckerhead Challenge coins are coming so keep your eye open because you can't afford to miss out on these collectables. Then you can impress your family and friends because you TOO have met a Peckerhead.

The Peckerheads continue to be involved in the operations of the Aerie. Most of the repairs to the front sign, a new fence at the Little House, wall and ceiling repair and painting, repair of the roof in the smoking area were all accomplished by Peckerheads. As our Club By-Laws state, we do the jobs that no one else wants to do, and we do a fine job at it. Keep your eye on the newsletter because there will be some special things coming up sponsored by your Peckerheads. And remember to be alert because we are everywhere.

After the last Peckerhead breakfast, the BACA organization that I talked about last month, had their Christmas Party and what a party it was. The club was packed and there was great food and fellowship and the Aerie got several prospective new members. And the Peckerheads helped with food prep and serving and cleanup. We had a blast.

If you have never met a PH, then come in on the second Sunday of any month. We will be looking forward to seeing you and you might just get serenaded too. What a treat!!!!

Gary

Gary Miller, Peckerhead #3



Eagle Riders News

The Eagle Riders are continuing to make their presence known at Orlando #3496. We are now sharing breakfast on the 5th Sundays with the Past Presidents Club. We also have another Pig Roast coming up, so keep your eyes and ears open for details.

We have expanded our merchandise offerings with license plates, black, orange and gray regular T-shirts, gray long sleeve T-shirts, gray hoodies and red, blue, black and white V-neck T-shirts. We also have a very good looking hat pin available.

You don't have to ride a motorcycle to support you Eagle Riders club. We are a relatively new club and are trying to make a good name for ourselves. We haven't a large bank account but we are donating to our charities. Help us spread the word that the Orlando #3496 Eagle Riders are active and are here to help.

Be safe my friends, keep the shiny side up!

Gary

Gary Miller



SEE WHAT YOU MISSED !

It Looks a Lot Like Christmas !!



Volunteer Decorator's

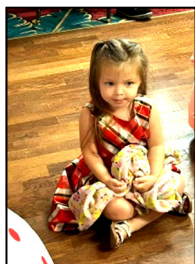
New Lunch Service



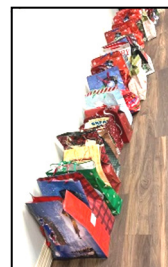
10-Minute Lunches
Plus Other Café Food



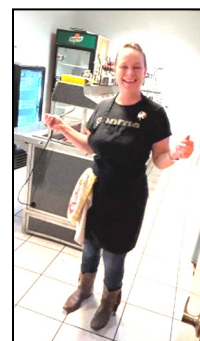
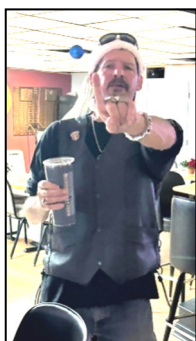
Christmas Breakfast with Santa



Gentry Park Gifts for Residents



Officer, Employee & Volunteer Christmas Party





Orlando Aerie #3496

January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Happy New Year 2024 	1 AERIE CLOSED NO Trustee Meeting	2 ← Lunch by Menu Monday-Friday 11:00am-2:00pm → Café 6:00-8:00pm Karaoke w/Penny 6:00-10:00pm Queen of Hearts 7:30pm Darts 8:00pm	3 Café 6:00-8:00pm Texas Hold'em 6:00pm Music Bingo 6:30pm "All Elvis"	4 Aerie Meeting Officers 7:00pm Members 7:30pm	5 Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Ravioli Band 7:00-11:00pm Tony Valle	6 Take Down NYE Decorations 10:00am Hall Rental 4:00-8:00pm
7 Auxiliary Breakfast 8:30-10:30am Meat Shoot 2:30-4:00pm	8 Trustee Meeting 6:00pm	9 ← Lunch by Menu Monday-Friday 11:00am-2:00pm → Café 6:00-8:00pm Karaoke w/Penny 6:00-10:00pm Queen of Hearts 7:30pm Darts 8:00pm	10 Café 6:00-8:00pm Texas Hold'em 6:00pm	11 Chicklette Meeting 6:00pm Auxiliary Meeting Officers 7:00pm Members 7:30pm	12 Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Sweet & Sour Pork Band 7:00-11:00pm Off the Charts	13 Hall Rental 3:00-6:00pm
14 Peckerhead Breakfast 8:30-10:30am BACA Mtg 10:30am Meat Shoot 2:30-4:00pm District Meeting 1:00pm / Lakeland	15 Trustee Meeting 6:00pm Newsletter Inputs Due	16 ← Lunch by Menu Monday-Friday 11:00am-2:00pm → Café 6:00-8:00pm Karaoke w/Penny 6:00-10:00pm Queen of Hearts 7:30pm Darts 8:00pm	17 Café 6:00-8:00pm Texas Hold'em 6:00pm Music Bingo 6:30pm "1980-1981"	18 Aerie Meeting Officers 7:00pm Members 7:30pm	19 Alzheimer's & Neurological Charity Fundraiser 6:00pm Band 7:00-11:00pm Triple Play	20 Hall Rental 12:00-4:00pm
21 Charity Breakfast 8:30-10:30am Meat Shoot 2:30-4:00pm	22 Trustee Meeting 6:00pm	23 ← Lunch by Menu Monday-Friday 11:00am-2:00pm → Café 6:00-8:00pm Karaoke w/Penny 6:00-10:00pm Queen of Hearts 7:30pm Darts 8:00pm	24 Café 6:00-8:00pm Texas Hold'em 6:00pm Name That Tune 6:30pm	25 Auxiliary Meeting Officers 7:00pm Members 7:30pm	26 Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Osso Buco Band 7:00-11:00pm Boggy Creek Band <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> Florida FOE Mid-Winter Conference </div>	27 Hall Rental Time TBD
28 Aerie Breakfast 8:30-10:30am Eagle Riders Mtg 11:00am Meat Shoot 2:30-4:00pm	29 ← Lunch by Menu Monday-Friday 11:00am-2:00pm → Trustee Meeting 6:00pm	30 Café 6:00-8:00pm Karaoke w/Penny 6:00-10:00pm Queen of Hearts 7:30pm Darts 8:00pm	31 Café 6:00-8:00pm Texas Hold'em 6:00pm	Alzheimer's & Neurological Charity Fundraiser January 19th at 6:00pm It's Disco Time! 		

Alzheimer's & Neurological Charity Fundraiser

Friday, January 19th | 6:00pm

It's Disco Time!

Join us to raise funds to
battle the diseases of the
mind and nervous system.

Wear your 70's hippie
or disco era outfits!

Menu: \$15.00

Chicken Parmesan Over
Multi-Colored Spiral Pasta,
Garlic Bread and Caesar
Salad



Florida FOE Presidents Roast & Mid-Winter Conference

Fri-Sun, January 26-27-28
Airport Hilton, Melbourne, Florida



Heart Charity Fundraiser & Valentines Dinner

Friday, February 9th | 6:00pm



Menu:
Spring Salad
Roll
Stuffed Flank Steak Rolls
Roasted Potatoes
Zucchini
Dessert

Basket Raffle
Donation Hearts
Silent Auction
and More ...

\$18.00 Per/Person

Super Bowl Party & Chili Cookoff

Sunday, February 11th

Chili Judging at 5:30pm
Super Bowl Kickoff at 6:30pm

**Chili Entries Must be
Submitted by 5:30pm**

Winners will be announced
at 6:15pm. Winners will be
judged by impartial tasters
and members.

- ◆ 1st place - 6 free drinks
- ◆ 2nd place - 4 free drinks
- ◆ 3rd place - 2 free drinks

*Chili toppings bar
(onions, cheese, sour
cream, etc.) will be
provided by the
Trustees*



Mardi Gras - Fat Tuesday Lunch & Café Specials

Tuesday, February 13th

- ♣ Sausage Gumbo
 - ♣ Po' Boy Sandwiches
 - ♣ Corn Fritters
- And more ...



Fat Tuesday!

St Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner

Friday, March 15th | 6:00pm

*Prepared & Served by the
Orlando Peckerheads*



Menu
Corned Beef, Cabbage,
Potatoes & Carrots

\$15.00 per/person

No Tickets
1st Come - 1st Serve
Until It's Gone!

Friday Night Dinners (6:00pm-8:00pm)

Jan 5	Jan 12	Jan 19	Jan 26
HOUSE SALAD GARLIC BREAD MEAT OR CHEESE RAVIOLI WITH MARINARA (RED) OR CREAM (WHITE) SAUCE DESSERT \$12.00	ORIENTAL SWEET & SOUR PORK ON FRIED RICE WITH STIR FRY VEGETABLES AND EGG ROLL FORTUNE COOKIE \$14.00	ALZHEIMER'S & NEUROLOGICAL CHARITY FUNDRAISER CAESAR SALAD GARLIC BREAD CHICKEN PARMESAN OVER MULTI-COLORED SPIRAL PASTA \$15.00	HOUSE SALAD ROLL OSSO BUCCO BROCCOLI SCALLOPED POTATOES DESSERT \$18.00 By Ticket \$22.00 Night of Dinner

Friday Night Bands (7:00pm-11:00pm)

TONY VALLE	ON THE ROCKS	TRIPLE PLAY	BOGGY CREEK BAND
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Trustee News



Hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and joined us for a Rip Roaring New Years Party. We enjoyed presenting you a great event.

We have been actively taking care of Aerie business. We have acquired a contract for an 18 month rental of part of the back yard from a construction company to store product and equipment. Not only does this give us a monthly income but when they are finished they are going to eliminate some of the pot holes at the rear driveway and the front parking area.

The front road sign has been repaired and is now lighting up our entrance. Making a friendly statement to our neighbors. Our washer and dryer were slowly dying and we obtained a newer and more modern stackable set.

The Ad Tabs, Game Machines and Queen of Hearts are only available to 3496 members in good standing. Raffles, live auctions, Chinese Auctions, 50/50's and other games that are offered by our various functions are available to everyone.

Gary Miller for:

Stan, Cowboy, Kent CJ and Gio

Aerie Trustees - *Welcome Gio to our ranks!*

Bartender's News



We hope everyone had a good Christmas and Santa brought you everything you were hoping for this year.

Our New Year's Eve party is shaping up to be a great event with over 120 people signed up to attend. A great meal is being planned and I'm sure the decorations will be outstanding.

We have been bringing in a few new selections of beer and liquor based on member requests. Keep in mind if they don't sell they will not be reordered.

Our kitchen lunch business is exceeded our expectations. Debra has been preparing some wonderful soups and they are paired with a variety of sandwiches. Come on out and join us for a quick lunch and some social time with your friends. Do you have a favorite soup or sandwich you would like Debra to make in the future - just let her know. She will try to work it into the schedule.

Paul Neumann for:

Cindy

Cindy Westfall, Lead Bartender

Karaoke with Penny

**Every Tuesday Night
in January | 6:00-10:00pm**

Free Entry



**Come Sing
Your Heart
Out, or Just
Hang Out.**

Music Bingo

**Wednesday at 6:30pm
January 3rd - All Elvis
January 17th - 1980 & 1981**



It's Bingo with a Twist and Shout!

Name That Tune

**Wednesday,
January 17th
at 6:30pm**



Think You Know that Song ?

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Peggy Ochiltree.....	(02/24)	Michael & Lourdes Sullivan.....	(01/25)
		Dave & Carolyn Zimmer	(01/25)
Monty Grant.....	(03/24)	Delia & Richard Bond	(02/25)
Pete Spudich	(03/24)	Aubrey Jones	(05/25)
Lee & Ladda Wozniak	(04/24)	PWP Gary & Carol Miller	(05/25)
Mark Kaska.....	(05/24)	PMP Betty Ross.....	(05/25)
Mark (PH#8) & Sandy Matson.....	(05/24)	Daniel Jones.....	(09/25)
Steve & Fay Jasikiewicz	(06/24)	PMP Barbara Westfall	(09/25)
Joey & Janet Casella	(07/24)	Steve "Animal" Horn.....	(10/25)
PWP John & Pat Shaut.....	(08/24)	Dale Shepherd.....	(01/26)
Pam Waugh.....	(11/24)	Richard Keyser	(06/28)
PWP Paul Neumann	(12/24)		
PWP Steve & PMP Lillian Kelemen.....	(12/24)		
Charles & Joanne Hessler.....	(12/24)		

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