



The Eagles Nest

Orlando Florida Aerie #3496

FEBRUARY 2023

2022-2023 Theme: "Together we can make a difference!"

Worthy President's Report

What a great way to start off the New Year! We had a fantastic turnout for the Alzheimer's Charity Function raising lots of money for this much needed research to find a cure for this debilitating disease.

We had outstanding crowds for all of our Special Fun Events: Karaoke Party, Music Bingo, and Trivia! You guys rock and we look forward to doing even more fun activities for you. If you are interested in participating or know anyone who has a special talent for our upcoming Talent Variety Show please see me and we can provide you with more details and or get you signed up.

We are also planning on an upcoming Game Night in the near future for more fun and excitement! You'll be able to win prizes and more. Lots of good things will be happening so stay tuned for all of these upcoming exciting events!

We and our governing bodies along with the trustees are now moving in the right direction to get us all up and running! Our goal is to make this Aerie a great place to come and have fun, socialize, and share in the joys of this fraternal organization. We want to expand the membership and have more new young people getting involved with all of the many things that we do here. Remember that this is your club and it's up to all of us to refer new people so we can get them signed up to join, the more the merrier.

We have the Heart Charity Function coming up so please remember to support all of our functions and Events! That's it for now thank you all for everything that you do to make this a great club!

"Together we can all make a difference!"

Fraternally,

Rich

Rich Marrotti, Worthy President



Madam President's Report

Well if you missed the Alzheimer's and Neurological charity fundraiser you missed a really great time. So many Hippies came out of the woodwork (lol).

February 12th is the Super Bowl Party and Chili Cookoff. Bring in your crock pot full of chili and compete for "Aerie Bragging Rights." Maybe you'll be the winner of the "Best Chili" in the Aerie. The Trustees are providing assorted toppings. That's always a fun time so come and join in.

February 17th is the Heart Charity function. The theme is Sweetheart Dance. Hope you all come out with your Sweetheart and enjoy the evening. There will be a meatloaf dinner and many other things happening that night. Come out for this worthy cause. If you would like to volunteer to help that night that would be great!!

The Grand Aerie/Auxiliary is having a Children's Art contest check the Aerie. Theme is "My favorite thing" and is open to 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. Entries due to Grand Aerie by February 12, 2023. Maybe you have children or grandchildren that would be interested in entering?

Keep your eyes and ears open for other events that are happening around the Aerie. I love you all.

Fraternally yours,

Debbie

Debbie Lyons, Madam President



In Memory of those Members who recently passed



AERIE

Rodney Hicks

AUXILIARY

Louise Blaurock

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.



HAVE YOU OBTAINED A NEW MEMBER ?

Membership is the Life Blood of Our Organization

Invite a Friend to Join Us!

SPECIAL FUN EVENTS

Valentines

KARAOKE PARTY

Saturday – Feb. 18th

Bring your sweet heart & have fun!
"Be the Star that You are!"
 Café Open 6 – 8 Music Starts 6:30
Jell-O & Pudding Shots * Desserts * Drink Specials
GOOD TIMES AT THE EAGLES
1900 S. Goldenrod Rd. Orlando
Come Out and Support Your Club!

Trustee News

So, what do you want to know? Here is what I have heard:

- The Hours of Operation for the Bar and Kitchen have been changing back and forth over the last month or two. The Friday and Saturday Bar opening and closing times and the Tuesday & Wednesday Kitchen opening time seem to be changing.
- Plans are in the works to increase Drink & Food Prices. Last I heard it was going to be effective on March 1st. Menus are currently being reworked.
- The rents for lot storage and the little house are being reviewed and will probably be increased. Including, I think, will be new contracts/agreements. Amount of increase and timing are still unknown.
- As reported at the last Aerie meeting the repair of the Kitchen exhaust fans, including electrical repair, was completed at a cost of \$2,400.
- The Peckerheads have volunteered to replace the wooden fence around the little house. Work should be started soon.
- An initiative has started to design a replacement for the tall sign and scrolling display at the roadway in front of the Aerie. A lot of ideas are being voiced. It will be expensive so planning is essential.
- A mural has been painted on the stage area in dining room. Thank Sharon Nicholls and Carmel Carden when you see them for the great artwork. Do you like the wall color? Consideration is now being given to repainting the whole dining room that tan/cream color.
- Planning for the Super Bowl Party on February 12th is underway. It will include our normal annual Chili Cookoff. There are no Florida football teams this year but it still should be fun!
- The Aerie's 50th Anniversary celebration is schedule for Saturday, April 1st. We are currently planning for it to be a fairly "fancy" event. I committee is being formed and help will be needed everywhere. If your are interested in helping contact Michelle McCarthy.

Watch for more information on Facebook or at the Aerie.

Hopefully, next month the Trustees will be able to assemble a few sentences and let the membership know what they are doing or have planned. Until then, watch for information around the Aerie and on the bulletin boards. Or, if you see a Trustee - Ask them what is happening or read their meeting minutes on the bulletin board.

Stan, Cowboy, Bob, Eric
and Aaron

For the Aerie Trustees
By Paul Neumann, Editor



Peckerhead News



Well the Peckerheads are still going strong and we enjoy seeing you 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.

We had a another fantastic breakfast in January. We had the usual members from the BACA motorcycle group. We also had enough people coming in that we had to set up tables on the dance floor. It was a great time and very busy in the kitchen. If you ever want to really see Peckerheads in action, come in on our breakfast and take a look in the kitchen.

We are looking forward to a very eventful February. On the 5th at Meat Shoot we are planning a birthday celebration for all of the February birthdays. February 7th marks My birthday, bartender Maria and cook Rick's birthday and on the 8th we have members and Elk friends Will and Cam's birthdays. PH Billy Bruner had a birthday the last week of January and I am sure that there are others that I am missing that will be celebrating also. We will also be celebrating Superbowl Sunday with the now famous Chilli Cookoff. This year maybe someone other than a Peckerhead will win. Man we are great cooks. That can be tested again on St. Patrick's Day in March at the annual Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner provided by the Peckerheads. Hope to see you there.

Check the boards at the Aerie for upcoming events. It has been a great couple of months, and we look forward to exciting things to come. We would also like to thank everyone that comes out for breakfast. We certainly appreciate your patronage.

Gary

Gary Miller, Peckerhead #3

Fraternal Order of Eagles State Golf Tournament
Saturday, March 25, 2023




Arlington Ridge
GOLF CLUB

4469 Arlington Ridge Rd - Leesburg, FL 34748
To benefit Norman Fixel Institute for Neurological Disease

Schedule of events 700 - 7:30AM
Registration and Continental Breakfast 7:45 - 8:00 am
Shotgun start (format: 4 person scramble)
Picnic to follow at Lake County #4273 - Okahumpka, FL - 2:00pm Awards

Hole in One on hole #4 can win this →  **2023 Lincoln Corsair**



HAVE MERCY ON ME, O GOD, ACCORDING TO THY STEADFAST LOVE; ACCORDING TO THY ABUNDANT MERCY BLOT OUT MY TRANSGRESSIONS. WASH ME THOROUGHLY FROM MY INIQUITY AND CLEANSE ME FROM MY SIN! FOR I KNOW MY TRANSGRESSIONS, AND MY SIN IS EVER BEFORE ME.

TALK *Ps 51:1-3 RSV*

Aerie Secretary Report

Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to February. The year is flying by. We brought in 10 more new members to the Aerie this past month and had two dual members join. We also got 4 more new applications for membership, so we now have 14 still waiting for interviews and/or initiation and one that is transferring to our club. If you sponsor a person for membership, I would like to ask that you fully look over the application. We have received an application with no last name on it and several that had unreadable names, phone numbers, etc. and some that were not completed on the back of the application. It is very important that we get this information correct because, it is how we reach out to these people for interviews and subsequently, initiation.

The Aerie Alzheimer's Function which was a great success, Thanks to Cecelia Krajewski and her team for doing a fantastic job. We raised in excess of \$6700 for the charity and would like to also thank everyone that supported this charity. A special thanks goes out to Kent Blazic for winning the Booze Wagon at New Years and donating it to be used again at the Alzheimer's Function. Then he won it again at this function and donated it back again for the Heart Function in February. We will see if he wins it a third time and we see it at the Peckerheads Corn Beef and Cabbage dinner in March. It is really great to see this kind of support for our charities because they are the life blood of what the FOE is all about.

We are looking forward to a great Superbowl and Chili Cookoff this month. Hopefully it will be a great game and some great chili. We also have the Heart Function which is being hosted by Aerie member, Sandy Calalay, and I am sure it will be a great turnout because it is such a great cause. It seems everyone has had some family member or friend that has been touched by the terrible disease. I know that I lost my younger brother the day before Christmas last year and I had a heart valve replaced in July. There have been way too many of our members affected by heart issues that this particular charity really hits close to home.

Again, thank you all for supporting the club. Thank you, thank you to all our Aerie and Auxiliary 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 Secretary Report

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Happy Valentines Day to all our beautiful sisters and handsome brothers!

We are currently sitting at 415 members (395 local and 8 Duals). We are only 17 members short of our Net Gain goal and have 10 applicants awaiting interview and initiation. So, we still need 7 more new members or reapplicants.

If you want to show someone what we do - bring them to one of our charity functions or social events at the Aerie. Our Alzheimer's fundraiser was just fannnnntastic! So many people dressed "groovy" to fit the theme. Our next event is the Heart Function on February 17th. Wear something RED or PINK.

Dues notices will be going out in April, if you have moved in the last year now is a good time to make sure your address, email and phone number are correct.

Fraternally,

Melanie

For Melanie Moses, Auxiliary Secretary
By Paul Neumann, Editor



Mid-Winter Conference

Michelle McCarthy and I attended the annual Mid-Winter conference in Melbourne, January 27-29th as representative of 3496. Friday was the "roast" of the current state presidents before they leave office.

On Saturday, there were 8 training presentations given covering topics from Cursory Audits to Elections and Nominations. There were 4 Grand Aerie and 2 Grand Auxiliary representatives there to socialize with the Florida members and help answers questions from the group during the Question & Answer session.

There was a lot of discussion about submitting the annual IRS 990 reports to protect our non-profit status, having updated Affiliation Agreements, and in having the proper insurance policies in place that include the Auxiliary and cover the Grand Aerie.

Dr Michael Okun from the Norman Fixel Institute for Neurological Diseases at the University of Florida, which is the the State Presidents Charity this year, discussed recent research occurring at the Institute. Several members also spoke about their personal connections and contact with the Institute.

A Dog Chain meeting was held on Saturday and they donated \$20,000 to sponsor two more service dogs. There were several additional recommendations that will be reviewed and voted upon at State Convention in July.

Paul & Michelle

Paul Neumann, PWP
Michelle McCarthy, PSMP



Welcome New Members !

AERIE

- 1) Timothy A Brown
- 2) Mark C Cooke
- 3) Mikki M Cruz
- 4) Bernard J Dicolon
- 5) Leslie Gallagher
- 6) Mike P Gallagher
- 7) Steve M Hamman
- 8) Bryan Leppla †
- 9) John B Rogers
- 10) Steven Signori

- 11) Joann Signori
- 12) Michael Taylor †

AUXILIARY

- 1) Darla Brown
- 2) Manlyelle Conner
- 3) Kelly Hemby

■ Reenrolled Member
† New Dual Member





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Super Bowl Party & Chili Cookoff  CHILI COOK-OFF Party starts at 4:00PM • Chili Contest at 5:00PM • Kickoff is at 6:30PM \$5.00 Fee to Taste All the Entries All cooks are competing for "Aerie Bragging Rights"			1 Café Open 6:00-8:00pm Texas Hold'em 5:00pm	2 Aerie Meeting Officers 7:00pm Members 7:30pm	3 Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Band Neon Dream 7:00-11:00pm	4
5 Auxiliary Breakfast 8:30-10:30am Meat Shoot 2:30-4:00pm	6 Trustee Meeting 6:00pm Cornhole League 6:30pm	7 Café Open 6:00-8:00pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30pm Darts League 8:00pm	8 Café Open 6:00-8:00pm Texas Hold'em 5:00pm	9 Chicklette Meeting 6:00pm Auxiliary Meeting Officers 7:00pm Members 7:30pm	10 Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Band Rollables 7:00-11:00pm	11
12 Peckerhead Breakfast 8:30-10:30am Meat Shoot 2:30-4:00pm Super Bowl Party & Chili Cookoff 4:00pm	13 Trustee Meeting 6:00pm Cornhole League 6:30pm	14 Café Open 6:00-8:00pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30pm Dart League 8:00pm	15 Café Open 6:00-8:00pm Texas Hold'em 5:00pm Music Bingo 6:30pm Songs that are "Remakes"	16 Aerie Meeting Officers 7:00pm Members 7:30pm	17 Heart Charity Fundraiser Sweetheart Dance Meatloaf Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Band Steel 7:00-11:00pm	18 Café Open 6:00-8:00pm Valentines Karaoke 6:30pm Newsletter Inputs Due
19 Charity Breakfast 8:30-10:30am Meat Shoot 2:30-4:00pm	20 Trustee Meeting 6:00pm Cornhole League 6:30pm	21 Café Open 6:00-8:00pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30pm Dart League 8:00pm	22 Café Open 6:00-8:00pm Texas Hold'em 5:00pm Trivia 6:30pm Pinky and The Brain	23 Auxiliary Meeting Officers 7:00pm Members 7:30pm	24 Dinner Steak Night 6:00-8:00pm Band Groove Principle 7:00-11:00pm	25
26 Aerie Breakfast 8:30-10:30am Eagle Riders Mtg 11:00am Meat Shoot 2:30-4:00pm	27 Trustee Meeting 6:00pm Cornhole League 6:30pm	28 Café Open 6:00-8:00pm Queen of Hearts Drawing 7:30pm Dart League 8:00pm	Heart Charity Function Sweetheart Dance  Friday February 17th Meatloaf Dinner \$12.00 Per/Person Wear Red or Pink		--- Mark Your Calendar --- Peckerhead St Patty's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner Friday, March 17th 	

Hours of Operation		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Lounge	Open	2:00 pm	2:00 pm	2:00 pm	2:00 pm	1:00pm	1:00pm	8:00 am
	Close	11:00 pm	11:00 pm	11:00 pm	11:00 pm	11:00pm	11:00pm	8:00 pm
Dining Room	Open	Closed	6:00pm	6:00pm	Closed	6:00 pm	Closed	8:30 am
	Close		8:00pm	8:00pm		8:00 pm		10:30 am
<i>Snacks are available at the Bar when the Kitchen is Closed</i>								

Meat Shoot News

Join us every Sunday's 2:30 – 4:30; a \$1.00 ticket gives you 4 chances to win something during each round and there are 8 rounds.



Our Meat Shoot members continue to support our Eagles 3496 charity causes. This month, January, our members contributed approximately \$1,000 to the Alzheimer's, Eagle Village & Golden Age fund, held on January 20, 2023. Our meat shoot members continue to amaze us with their generosity!

Our group voted and approved the Meat Shoot proceeds will go towards our next fundraiser; The Heart Function scheduled for February 17, 2023.

We continue to have a good showing of members and hope everyone is enjoying the variety of Big and Little Meats (and don't forget the FREE drinks!). If you have suggestions for the meat purchases, please bring your suggestions to one of the Meat Shoot team listed below.

If you enjoy weekly meat shoot and the fun we have, please consider volunteering; the Team really needs your support. Remember, the food provided during meat shoot is prepared and set up by just a few of us. We enjoy and hope it is enjoyed by our member. Feel free to bring in a snack, or dish.

We are always looking for volunteers to help or just cover if needed. If you can commit to one Sunday a month please see Sharon, Teresa, Al or Marilyn.

Al

Al Coombs, Secretary

Eagle Riders News

Raffle tickets for the Motorcycle Raffle are still available. Check with Cowboy or one of the other members of the Orlando Eagle Riders,

Last I heard from Cowboy, the Casino Night is being delayed until a later date. Watch for more information on Facebook and in the Aerie.

A few of our local chapter members attended the Eagle Riders Quarterly Meeting in St Augustine Meeting on January 21st and got information about upcoming events and meetings.

Our local meetings are held on the 4th Sunday of the month at 11:00am in the Aerie home. Please come join us on Sunday, February 26th!

Cowboy

For John Kurpetski, Club President
By Paul Neumann, Editor



Chicklette News



Happy New Year everyone! The Chicklettes want to thank everyone who came out and celebrated New Year's Eve with us here at the Aerie, a good time was had by all.

We want to send an extra special "Thank You" to all those who bought raffle tickets for the Chicklette's New Year's Eve raffle. Kent Blazic was the big winner, he won 1st prize of a handy dandy Utility Wagon full of booze. For those of you who don't know, rather than keeping the wagon for himself, he donated it to be raffled as 1st prize at the Alzheimer charity function. As luck would have it, Kent's ticket was then pulled a second time for the 1st prize at the Alzheimer's function.

Turns out, this Utility Wagon is the prize that keeps on giving, he has donated it back once again to be raffled at the upcoming Heart charity function. All we can say is, if Kent's name is pulled for a third time it might be a sign it wants to go home with him! That's it for us, have a great month everyone, hope to see you at the Heart function.

Teresa

Teresa Barlow, Secretary

Alzheimer's Charity Recap

The Hippie Generation - fundraiser for Alzheimer & Neurological diseases, Eagle Village and Golden Eagle charities was held on Friday, January 20th. Together we raised almost **\$6,800** for charity! There was a great turnout of members and their friends, whom I thank for participating in this fundraiser! The Hippie outfits were so delightful!

Thanks to Cowboy and his assistant Stan, 50 delicious Chicken dinners were graciously served by Teresa B, Heather and Debbie L. Thank you Al, Sharon and Marilyn for setting up the Chinese Auction, Wagon and Basket Raffles and the very successful Live Auction. Rob McCarthy, as usual, was an excellent auctioneer. The Basket was won by Kent, again, who donated it back, again, to the next charity. Thank you Kent.

The Dining Room was lovingly decorated by Melanie Moses' daughter, Jessica and Corrine! They also sold 50/50 tickets the night of the event, along with Stacey and Sandy. Thank you Maria for taking pictures, Gary for getting the various tickets printed; Carol M for washing the dishes, once again; Pete who sold the dinner tickets. The others I need to thank are: Michelle, Sherry G and her daughter Diane, Patti, Cindy H, Maggie, Polly, as well as our bartenders, Cindy W and Carmel, who were kept extremely busy all evening! Forgive me if I have forgotten to mention your help! I am most grateful for all of you who made this a successful event!

Cecilia

Cecilia T Krajewski, Chairperson

Friday Night Dinners

Feb 3	Feb 10	Feb 17	Feb 24
Italian Night Garlic Bread & Salad Spaghetti & Meatballs All You Can Eat Spaghetti Only \$10.00	Salad & Roll Tilapia Fish Fry Hush Puppies Coleslaw Mixed Vegetables \$14.00	Heart Charity Fundraiser Salad & Roll Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes Green Beans \$12.00	Steak Night Salad & Roll Grilled Steak Baked Potato Vegetable \$18.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

Super Bowl Chili Cookoff

Sunday, February 12th



The competition will be heating up on the Football Field and in the Aerie!

Party starts at 4:00PM • Chili Contest at 5:00PM • Kickoff is at 6:30PM

\$5.00 Fee to Taste All the Entries

All cooks are competing for *"Aerie Bragging Rights"*

Competitors must sign-up at the bar before February 5th. Then bring one crockpot full of chili to enter the competition on February 12th. The Aerie will provide all the toppings.

Heart Charity Fundraiser "Sweetheart Dance"

Friday, February 17th | 6:00pm

MENU

- ◆ MEATLOAF
- ◆ MASHED POTATOES
- ◆ FRESH GREEN BEANS
- ◆ GREEN SALAD
- ◆ ROLL W/BUTTER
- ◆ DESSERTS

\$12.00 Per/Person
Wear Red or Pink

Band: Steel



Music Bingo With Steve & Fay

Wednesday, February 15th | 6:30pm



This Months clues "Remakes"

Trivia Night

Wednesday, February 22nd | 6:30pm



The Smartest Person Wins!
Join in the Food, Drinks and Antics
Everyone Can Play
Your Hosts are: Pinky and the Brain

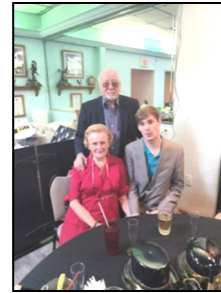
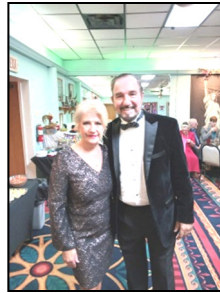
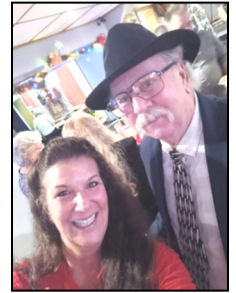
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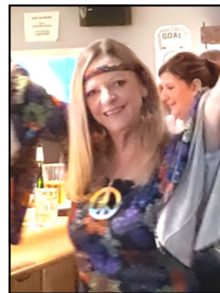
Have you seen the new Mural?

Thank you Sharon Nicholls and Carmel Carden for using your creative artistic ability to spice up the Bandstand.

New Year's Eve Party



Alzheimer & Neurological Fundraiser



Wow - What a Party!

The Groovy Generation sure did show up for the Alzheimer's and Neurological Charity Fundraiser.

**FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION
JUNE 14, 2023 THRU JUNE 18, 2023**

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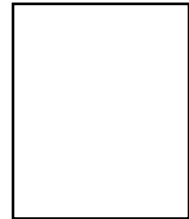
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