



# The Eagles Nest

Orlando Florida Aerie #3496

FEBRUARY 2024

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

## Worthy President's Report

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

As I stated in the last month's Eagles Nest newsletter, please think about running for a leadership office in YOUR Aerie. Nominations are coming up soon and we are always looking for new faces with new ideas and approaches to help us grow as a fraternal and charitable organization. More about this in future articles, for now, my golf round continues ...

**The 15h hole** - We attended our **District 4 meeting** in Lakeland on January 14th. These meetings are fairly informal and occur every other month at a different Aerie. They are only 1-2 hours of your time on a Sunday afternoon. It is a great opportunity to meet and socialize with brothers and sisters in our area. Our district includes: Lockhart, Kissimmee, Lakeland, Seminole County (Winter Springs) and Clermont. Go and hear what others are doing at their Aerie and maybe bring some ideas back to Orlando.

The next district meeting is Sunday, March 10th at Winter Springs Aerie 4448. Only 30 minutes away so we would like to see good participation from our members at this meetings.

We were asked if Orlando would be interested in hosting the annual District picnic on Sunday, May 19th, 2024. We will be discussing this at our meetings and come to a decision soon.

Also, the District has decided to host a hospitality room this year at **Florida State Convention**. It is only one night only on Thursday, June 13th. We will need help with this to arrange the food and drinks. You must be registered to attend. This year's Convention is in Altamonte Springs, so it's only a hop and skip away!

**The 16th hole** - If you are interested in getting involved with YOUR Aerie, please contact any of the officers or just show up at one of the many events. We have been accepting a lot of new members into our organization, but very few are actually getting involved. The best way to learn about our organization and what we are all about is to get involved in a committee, our club operations or charity fundraising. Doing a little or a lot is up to you but, you joined us - that is the whole purpose for our existence. We can and will give you something to do. We laugh and have a good time and still get the work done!

Thank you everyone for your continued support for our Aerie. If we keep working together, we can accomplish many great things. Keep up the good work! Check the newsletter for upcoming events and functions.

Well; I just came out of the green side bunker and sank the putt for par - on to the 17th hole!

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

Fraternally,  
**Rob McCarthy**  
Worthy President



## Madam President's Report

Hello Sisters and Brothers,

Last month's **Alzheimer's and Neurological charity fundraiser** was a big success. Lets see if we can do it again this month with the **Heart Fund charity fundraiser**. I hear there will be a big value item again to be raffled off.

We had a good size group of ladies and a few gentlemen go to the **Florida State Eagles Mid-Winter Conference** in Melbourne last month. They brought back all the current information for our Aerie and members. We will be getting that information out to the members at our meetings this month.

This month we will be having our annual **Chili Cookoff and Super Bowl Party** on Sunday, February 11th. If you don't want to cook a chili for the competition, just come and for a few dollars give them a try. Maybe you can be one of the tasting judges.

We are going to try a little **Mardi Gras Lunch on Fat Tuesday**, February 13th with Gumbo and Po' Boys on the lunch menu - both favorite New Orleans treats! I will be in New Orleans for Mardi Gras so, I hope to bring back some pictures to share.

I heard that we may have few "artists" in our group. On Saturday, February 24th we will be doing a **Paint & Sip** event with little painting and sipping in the dining room. For just \$20 you get 2 free drinks - to sip - and a canvas and paint supplies to show your talent.

Don't forget to attend our **regular weekly and monthly events** like - Breakfast and Meat Shoot on Sunday, Queen of Hearts and Darts on Tuesday, Music Bingo, Trivia and Texas Hold'em on Wednesday and of course dinner and dancing on Friday. We have been enjoying some excellent dinners on Fridays.

Last of all, please try to attend the **Auxiliary meetings** on Thursdays. We need your input and support in everything we do.

Fraternally,  
**Andrea Kodysz**  
Madam President



## Upcoming Happenings

Jan	Events
1/15	Aerie Meetings - 7:30pm
8/22	Auxiliary Meetings - 7:30pm
9	Heart Charity Fundraiser - 6:00pm
11	Super Bowl Party & Chili Cookoff - 5:30pm
13	Mardi Gras Lunch Special - 11:00am-2:00pm
24	Paint & Sip - 1:00-5:00pm
29	Joint Meeting - 7:00pm

## Aerie Secretary Report

Brothers,

We certainly had an eventful January. We brought in 7 new members. We have 11 more waiting to be initiated and 6 waiting for their interview. We are even having a special initiation ceremony on a weekend for a couple candidates that can't come in on Thursdays.

We had a fantastic Alzheimer Function, thanks to Cecilia and her team. It was a packed house and brought back memories from 10-20 years ago when every charity function was attended like this one. This is what we are all about folks and it is good to see our Aerie getting back into it. Thank you to all of the volunteers, who decorated, cooked, served, sold tickets and generally hosted. And a special thanks to all of the members and guests that dressed in their best "hippie" clothes. I would have worn mine but they seem to have shrunk in the closet. Aside from the normal fun activities we operated like a hospital ward. We seemed to have everything going around including Covid, head colds, bronchitis and the flu. The changes in temperature sure seem to hit us. Other than that we had a great month.

The Trustees are rewriting the Trustee Policies and they should be finalized and posted early this month. The biggest points they are addressing is member conduct. This relates back to my comments last month and it is definitely something that needs to be done to keep our Aerie home the showplace it has become.

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 Miller**  
Aerie Secretary



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REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY WITHOUT CEASING, IN  
EVERYTHING GIVE THANKS; FOR THIS IS THE  
WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS FOR YOU.

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## Welcome New Aerie Members



(Left to Right) - Calixto Zaldana, Gustavo Saenz, Marta Saenz, Timothy Smith, Mike Creed, and Maribel Sanchez



## Auxiliary Report

Dear Sisters,

Our current membership is at 418 members. We only need 6 more new or reenrolled member by June 1st to meet our net gain number and 12 more to reach the Grand Auxiliaries 2% membership goal! We currently have applications for 6 candidates. So, we are half way there!

The Auxiliary continues to transition Secretary duties and responsibilities. During the January 11th Auxiliary meeting our Madam President made it "official" and appointed me as Auxiliary Secretary, Faye Jasikiewicz as Trustee and Yvonne Donley as Inside Guard. Thank you for the opportunity to serve in these new positions, we hope to serve the sisterhood well throughout the remaining 2023-2024 term.

In other news, the By-Laws are still being updated, once completed they will be read on the floor at three scheduled Auxiliary meetings. If you have not attended an Auxiliary meeting lately, please consider attending one or both on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. We welcome everyone to come join us.

Fraternally,  
**Teresa Barlow**  
Auxiliary Secretary



## Mid-Winter Conference Highlights

There were a couple donations announced at the conference:

- \$325K was raised last year for the State Presidents Charity. We are currently working approval to designate a **Fraternal Order of Eagles National Research Center at the University of Florida**.
- The Florida Dog Chain Club donated \$12K to **Valor Medical Service Dogs** in Chuluota for 2 Service Dogs. We are planning to invite them to our Aerie, with a service dog & handler, on the night of our Dog Chain fundraiser.

There was much discussion about **Grand Aerie Compliance**. My notes on this subject and others will be discussed with the Aerie Officers.

**Paul Neumann**  
Past Worthy President

## Heart Fundraiser

The Heart charity fundraiser is scheduled for Friday, February 9th. The theme is "Helping Hearts." We will be providing individual hearts that you can write your wishes. We will then display them on bulletin board.

We still could use a few more helpers to sell bottle raffle and 50/50 tickets, decorate, cook and serve the meal, a clean up crew, and a dish washer. Interested? Please let me know.

**Stacey Vogel**  
Chairperson



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## Chicklette News

It is quiet right now, however, the Chicklettes are still busy working to see how we can help Aerie 3496 for the good of the Club. Keep an eye out for more activity by the Chicklettes during the coming months.

The Chicklettes, play many roles around the Aerie. We are part of the decorating committee, help during the weekly meat shoot, volunteer in the kitchen, help around the bar, and organize and set up Chinese and Live Auctions for our charity functions. As volunteers, we help wherever & whenever we are needed. We are proud of our little group and encourage all to participate or volunteer around the Aerie where and when you can. Our club is well worth it!

Michelle McCarthy will be acting as the Chicklette Secretary/Treasure for a little while as I have some other commitments during our meeting time. However, I plan to remain an active, participating member of our Chicklettes.

Do not forget to check out the Chicklette items for sale in the glass case. We occasionally find something new to offer.

**Sharon Coombs**  
Secretary



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## Meat Shoot News

Our Meat Shoot members donated \$900.00 (\$300 each) to the **Alzheimer's charity fund, Eagle Village foundation** (located in Bradenton, Florida for retired Eagle members), and the **Golden Age Eagles program** (which provides things like large print books, etc.). We also purchased a new **Panini sandwich maker** for the kitchen that will be used to expand out lunch offerings. We are so proud to be able to contribute to these worthy causes! Our Meat Shoot members are the most faithful members coming to join us every Sunday and are always generous when it comes to supporting our Aerie home and our charity events. **THANK YOU!**

It takes a lot of hard work, time and preparation for our meat shoot each week! Our team of: Teresa Barlow, Cindy Hunt, Marilyn Kitch, Barry Kachik, Teresia Raymond, Heather Mazzillo, Melanie Moses, Michelle McCarthy, myself and Diana Runge make it happen weekly. We are so proud of our team!

Please be generous to the **food donation bucket**. Where else can you have all this fun and eat for \$5.00? These donations pay for the food and also go towards future prizes for our wonderful meat shoot players!

Our volunteers prepare, set up and clean up so our Meat shoot members can enjoy a meal/food. Thank you to all who help! Feel free to bring in a side dish or dessert, it is always very much appreciated.

We are always **looking for volunteers** to help by buying meat once a month, calling the numbers, banking or just cover in other areas if needed. If you can commit to one Sunday a month please see Sharon, Teresa, Al, or Marilyn.

**Al Coombs**  
Secretary



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## 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. Peckerhead Challenge coins are coming so keep your eye open because you can't afford to miss out on these collectables. Proof of the challenge coin can be seen at the Aerie. Then you can impress your family and friends because you TOO have met a Peckerhead.

We had a very successful Alzheimer's function last month at the Aerie and it was a packed house. As usual the Aerie was also packed with Peckerheads preparing, cooking and serving the meal. Then we had a Peckerhead hosting the live auction. And needless to say a large portion of the bar bill was taken care of by the Peckerheads. My, my, what an active, caring bunch of individuals.

We have been active in the rest of the month also. The Aerie hosted a memorial service later in the month and Gary, Cowboy, Larry Moses and Stan Sobleski helped with the set up and actually tended bar for the first three hours until our regularly scheduled bartender arrived. We sang for a couple of birthdays (one of which was PH26 Billy Brunner) and it was a real production. We are really sorry if you missed it. We have also been very busy planning our next event, the much anticipated Peckerhead St. Patrick's Day Dinner and Dance. 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 sang to. What a treat!!!!

**Gary Miller**  
Peckerhead #3



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## Alzheimer's/Neurological Fundraiser

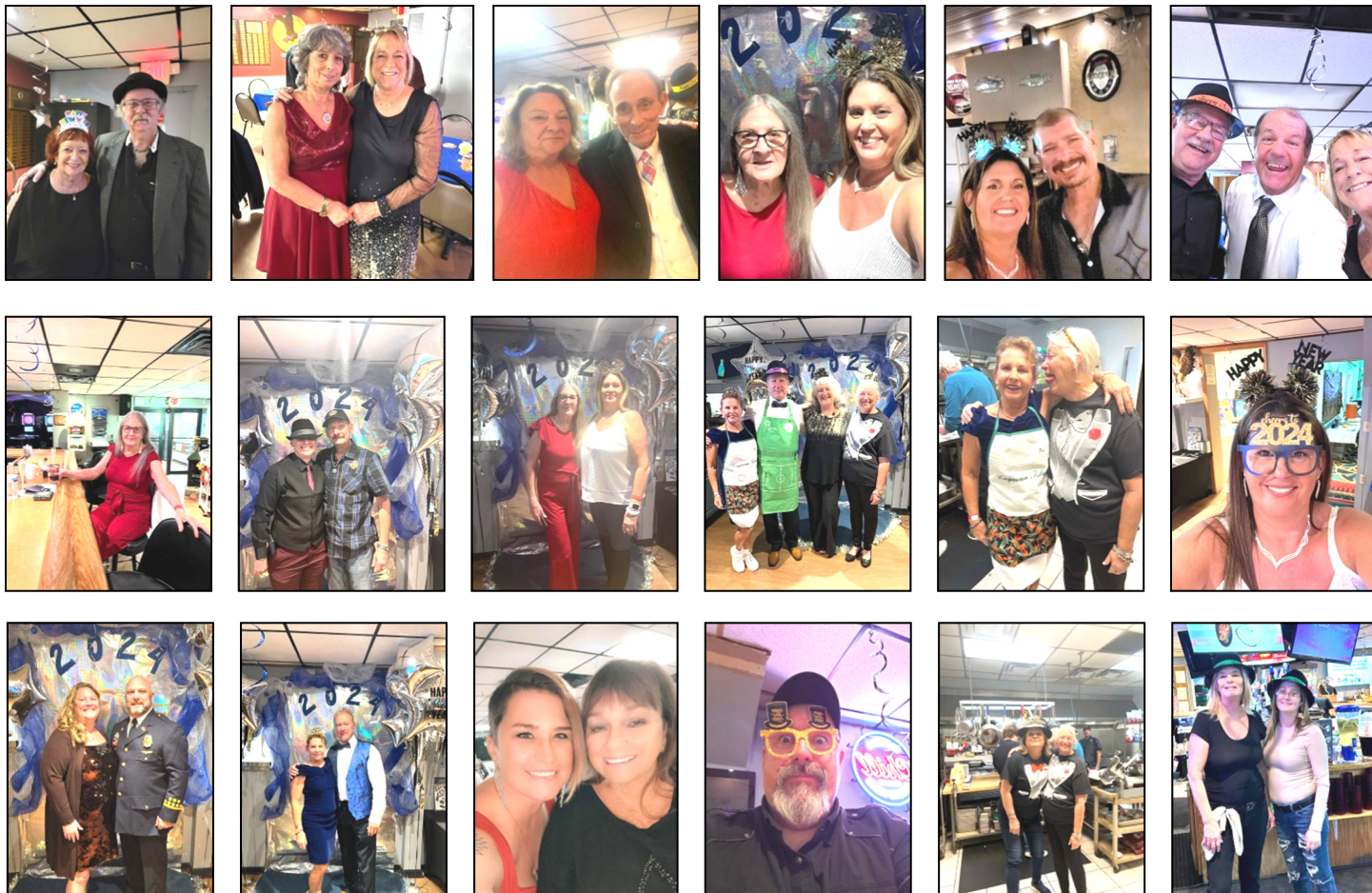
We had an amazing Alzheimer's/Neurological fundraiser in January. **So many thanks to the innumerable attendees and the fantastic volunteers!** I want to thank those many volunteers starting with - the kitchen crew: Cowboy, Rick, Carrie, CJ, Eric, Gary and Carol; dessert providers Maggie, Cindy H, Anne, Fay and Rob; the servers Heather and Teresa B; ticket sellers and their assistants Andrea, Fay, Diana, Marilyn, Doris, Corrine, and Pam; auctioneer Rob McCarthy with Maggie showing off the items; the decorating committee: Stacey, Cindy Hunt and Sharon; donors: Michelle, Melanie & Stacey for purchasing the 65" TV; the Chinese and live Auction preparers; Sharon and Marilyn, who set up the Chinese and Live Auctions at every fundraiser. I also, want to thank anyone who donated money or items and my valuable advisor Michelle for her help & support throughout. If I forgot to mention your name, please excuse me I do appreciate you.

**You are all amazing and I am so grateful for your friendship!**

**Cecilia Krajewski**  
Chairperson

# SEE WHAT YOU MISSED !

## New Year's Eve Party



## Alzheimer's Fundraiser



### Grants Distributed

**Alzheimer's & Dementia Center  
\$2,200**

**University of Florida  
Foundation  
\$2,200**

**Orlando Health  
Foundation  
\$2,200**

**AdventHealth  
Foundation  
\$2,200**

**Your Donations  
Going to Work!**

**\$8,800**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>HEART CHARITY FUNDRAISER &amp; VALENTINES DINNER</b>  <b>FEBRUARY 9TH</b>		<b>MARDI GRAS FAT TUESDAY LUNCH &amp; CAFÉ SPECIALS FEBRUARY 13TH</b>  <b>Fat Tuesday</b>		<b>1</b> ← Lunch by Menu 11:00am-2:00pm → Aerie Meeting Officers 7:00pm Members 7:30pm	<b>2</b> <i>Wear Red Day</i> Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Taco's Band 7:00-11:00pm Ball & Chain	<b>3</b> Dart League Banquet 6:00pm
	<b>4</b> Auxiliary Breakfast 8:30-10:30am Meat Shoot 2:30-4:00pm	<b>5</b> Trustee Meeting 6:00pm	<b>6</b> Café 6:00-8:00pm Queen of Hearts 7:30pm Darts 8:00pm <u>(New Season)</u>	<b>7</b> Café 6:00-8:00pm Texas Hold'em 6:00pm Music Bingo 6:30pm "1982-1983"	<b>8</b> Chicklette Meeting 6:00pm Auxiliary Meeting Officers 7:00pm Members 7:30pm	
<b>11</b> Peckerhead Breakfast 8:30-10:30am BACA Mtg 10:30am Meat Shoot 2:30-4:00pm Super Bowl Party & Chili Cookoff 5:30pm	<b>12</b> Trustee Meeting 6:00pm	<b>13</b> ← Lunch by Menu Monday-Friday 11:00am-2:00pm →		<b>14</b> <i>Valentines Day</i> Café 6:00-8:00pm Texas Hold'em 6:00pm Trivia 6:30pm	<b>15</b> Aerie Meeting Officers 7:00pm Members 7:30pm	<b>16</b> Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Ziti & Meatballs Band 7:00-11:00pm Steel
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<b>18</b> Charity Breakfast 8:30-10:30am Meat Shoot 2:30-4:00pm	<b>19</b> <i>Presidents Day</i>	<b>20</b> ← Lunch by Menu Monday-Friday 11:00am-2:00pm →		<b>21</b> Café 6:00-8:00pm Hall Rental 6:00pm <b>NO Texas Hold'em</b> Music Bingo 7:30pm "1984-1985"	<b>22</b> Auxiliary Meeting Officers 7:00pm Members 7:30pm	<b>23</b> Dinner 6:00-8:00pm BBQ Ribs Band 7:00-11:00pm Jody & Mark
	<b>24</b> <b>SIP &amp; PAINT WITH FRIENDS</b> 1:00-5:00pm \$20.00 p/p					
<b>25</b> Aerie Breakfast 8:30-10:30am Eagle Riders Mtg 11:00am Decorating 12:00pm Meat Shoot 2:30-4:00pm	<b>26</b> Trustee Meeting 6:00pm	<b>27</b> ← Lunch by Menu Monday-Friday 11:00am-2:00pm →		<b>28</b> Café 6:00-8:00pm Texas Hold'em 6:00pm Name That Tune 6:30pm	<b>29</b> <i>Leap Day</i> Joint Meeting 7:00pm	<b>SIP &amp; PAINT WITH FRIENDS FEBRUARY 24TH</b> 
		<b>30</b>				

## Heart Charity Fundraiser & Valentines Dinner

Friday, February 9th | 6:00pm



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

Raffle  
Donation Hearts  
Chinese 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

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

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



## Mardi Gras - Fat Tuesday Lunch Specials

Tuesday, February 13th

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



**Fat Tuesday!**

## Paint & Sip With Friends

Saturday, February 24th | 1:00-5:00pm

\$20.00  
Per/Person

Price Includes:

- ◆ 2 Drinks from the Bar
- ◆ Canvas and Art Supplies
- ◆ Fellowship of Friends



## 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!

## Clean-Up and Beautification Day

Saturday, March 23rd | 9:00am

Inside & Outside

- ◆ Junk Removal
- ◆ Pressure Washing
- ◆ Painting
- ◆ Sweeping
- ◆ Planting
- ◆ Mulching
- ◆ Organizing



Friday Night Dinners (6:00pm-8:00pm)			
Feb 2	Feb 9	Feb 16	Feb 23
ALL YOU CAN EAT TACO'S	<b>HEART CHARITY FUNCTION</b> STUFFED FLANK STEAK ROLLS ROASTED POTATOES W/ZUCCHINI SPRING SALAD ROLL & DESSERT	HOUSE SALAD GARLIC BREAD ZITI & MEATBALLS	TEXAS TOAST BBQ RIBS BAKED BEANS CORN ON THE COB COLE SLAW
<b>\$12.00</b>	<b>Tickets: \$18.00</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>\$18.00</b>
Friday Night Bands (7:00pm-11:00pm)			
BALL & CHAIN	KIM & KADILLACS	STEEL	JODY & MARK

## Trustee News



We hope everyone had a great Holiday and January and we really hope that you were able to avoid the covid, colds and flu that were going around and affected quite a few of our members.

We are planning some beautification projects around the Aerie. Watch the Facebook page for information on these days. We will be painting, mulching and planting around the club and will need lots of willing and able bodies to make these tasks go smoothly.

We have been rewriting the Trustee Policies and will have them finalized and posted very soon. They remained the same except, we are instituting a "Zero Tolerance" policy toward anyone who intentionally damages any Aerie property. These violators will be dealt with immediately. We are also taking a much sterner look at service at the bar and customers that are over indulging and to the bartenders that are serving them. We have a wonderful Aerie, but we have a few members that go the extremes. These items are all being addressed in the new version of the Trustee Policies.

Stan, Cowboy, Kent CJ and Gio  
Aerie Trustees

## Bartender's News



I'm sure you have noticed that the price increases that we planned to implement have not happened. This ended up being a pretty extensive task to do right. Yes, we could have just raised everything 25¢ but that's not fare for you or us. We need to look at the wholesale price we pay for each item and what it costs to sell it plus, the sales tax we must pay. This allows us to decide what the resale price range must be. We have not forgotten - it's just taking us a little longer than expected to do it right.

Cindy Westfall  
Lead Bartender

## 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 are in the planning stages of our next pig roast currently scheduled for Memorial Day.

Make sure you checkout our **new apparel** because 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.

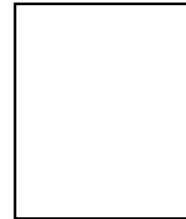
You don't have to ride a motorcycle to support your Eagle Riders club. We are a relatively new club and are trying to make a good name for ourselves. We haven't a large bank account but we are donating to our charities. Help us spread the word that the Orlando 3496 Eagle Riders are active and are here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

Gary Miller  
Eagle Rider Marketing

<p><b>Music Bingo</b> Wednesday at 6:30pm February 7th February 21st</p>	<p><b>Name That Tune</b> Wednesday, February 28th at 6:30pm</p>
<p><b>Trivia</b> Wednesday at 6:30pm February 14th</p>	

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PWP Gary & Carol Miller.....(05/25)  
PMP Betty Ross.....(05/25)  
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