



The Eagles Nest

Orlando Florida Aerie #3496

APRIL 2024

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

Worthy President's Report

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

This month's newsletter starts off with a Thank You and Good Job to the Peckerheads and everyone that came out to celebrate **St. Patrick's Day** here at the Aerie. The food was great and so was the service.

Well here we are at the 19th hole (in the Club House) – discussing our round and rejoicing in what we have done and have left to do. Upcoming is the **Orlando #3496 Auxiliary's 50th Anniversary** of existence on Friday, April 5th. It is also the Aerie's 51st Anniversary. That means that we have enjoyed the labors of those who preserved over the years since 1973. We should respect their efforts and thank them every day for this very Aerie's existence! We will be welcoming many of our Florida State Aerie and Auxiliary Officers from all around the state. Remember they travel here on their own dime to help us celebrate so please give them a warm welcome. We will also be hosting our Grand Madam Trustee Annie Taylor for this memorable occasion. Hope everyone will help us celebrate.

The **Beatification Day** went so well that we should maybe make this a more regular event - quarterly or yearly? All the air conditioning filters were replaced; lights were washed, cleaned and dusted; mulch was spread and flowers were planted all by a small but eager group of members. This is what teamwork is ALL about. We are grateful for everyone's efforts and commitment of a little time to assist.

Elections for Officers are going to be here quicker than you think. If you have never served as an officer, this would be a great time to start asking questions and make a choice to get involved in how the Aerie operates. If you decide to run as a Trustee or as a chair officer at our Aerie, know that you are not alone. Many have served in the past and will be there to help if needed.

Once again, thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Whenever we are faced with a decision, we must ask ourselves, *"What is the Best for our Aerie."*

Check the newsletter for upcoming events and functions.

*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,

It's Spring, Summer or Winter? Seems like we are turning on the A/C one day and the Heater the next!

Unfortunately, I was out of town for the **St Patrick's Day dinner**. But I read on Facebook that the Peckerheads served over 94 corned beef and cabbage dinners in less than an hour. The workers even gave up their dinner tickets and ordered pizza so that they could serve a few more people! I'm sure that everyone enjoyed their meal.

The **Auxiliary's 50th Anniversary** is getting very close. On April 5th we are planning a big event. Among the many visitors we are expecting will be the Madam State President and the Grand Madam Trustee from Georgia. Please come out and meet these officers and show them what Auxiliary #3496 is all about.

On April 25th, we will be having **nominations for new officers**. If you are interested in serving your Auxiliary, please contact myself or any of our current officers or past presidents. This is a way for you to contribute to the future of our Auxiliary and Aerie.

April 27th is the **Kickball Game against the Shriners**. Ladies you can play on our team or you can just come out and cheer our team on. Should be a fun day in the backyard raising money for charity.

DON'T FORGET our fraternal year ends on May 31st. If you want to keep your membership active please make sure you pay your dues before then. If not paid and processed by May 31st you will lose access to the social room and our meetings and be classified at a *"Member Not in Good Standing."*

Our **Ritual Team** has been practicing and they plan represent our Auxiliary and compete in the ritual competition at State Convention this year. Let's wish them luck!

See You around the Aerie!

Fraternally,
Andrea Kodysz
Madam President



Upcoming Happenings

Mar	Events
4	Aerie Meeting - 7:30pm
5	Auxiliary/Aerie Anniversary Dinner - 6:00pm
11	Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30pm
14	Last Day to Pay Early Bird Dues for Drawing
18	Aerie Meeting - 7:30pm (<i>Nominations for New Officers</i>)
25	Auxiliary Meeting - 7:30pm (<i>Nominations for New Officers</i>)
27	Kickball Game with Shriners - Noon



CROSS
TALK

BECAUSE OF THE LORD'S FAITHFUL LOVE WE DO NOT PERISH, FOR HIS MERCIES NEVER END. THEY ARE NEW EVERY MORNING; GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS! I SAY, "THE LORD IS MY PORTION, THEREFORE I WILL PUT MY HOPE IN HIM."

LAM 3:22-24 CSB

Aerie Secretary Report



Brothers,

We continued to grow in March with 16 new members. We have almost exhausted our list of candidates waiting for initiation or interviews. Thanks to CJ and Dave for the outstanding job that they are doing in getting new candidates in for interview and initiation.

Thanks to The Peckerheads for a very colorful and fun St. Patrick's Day dinner and celebration. I thought the green beer was a novel idea but, the green cornbread - well - that was very unusual. I hope everyone had a good time.

The Aerie Eagle Riders first Poker Run and Memorial Day Pig Roast is coming soon. I remember several years ago sitting out all night by our old smoker cooking a pig for one of the Eagle picnics. It is a lot more fun watching Dr. Ken, Nick, Eddie and crew do the cooking.

The Aerie Beatification Day was a success. There was a lot of work accomplished and a great turnout by about two dozen members and friends working hard together. The Aerie looks great just in time for our Anniversary Dinner on April 5th and for the future. It is truly a good looking club to show off to our potential new members and guests.

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



Welcome New Aerie Members



Left to Right: Roger Bristol, Terrance Rutter, Bobby Hutchinson, Romona Lalla, Louanne Sepe, Melanie Schelegmilch, Arlene Diel, Lowell Shim, Saulo Sanchez, Claudia Nunez, Peggy Anne Clouse, Jeannie Towles, and Richard Love.

In Memory of those Members who recently passed



AERIE

Mark Matson

AUXILIARY

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.

Auxiliary Secretary Report



Sisters,

Spring has sprung and membership renewals are in full swing. Lifetime and Golden Eagle membership cards have already been mailed.

In addition, we renewed 37 memberships prior to the Grand Aerie's mailing of dues reminders on March 15th. Ladies, thank you! Your extra effort to get your dues payments in is a cost savings in printing and postage for the Auxiliary. As a reminder, you can renew at any time, simply drop a check in the Auxiliary box in the foyer. If you want to renew with cash or a credit card you can pay at the bar.

The proposed By-Laws we were circulating incurred some additional changes due to Grand Auxiliary Rules & Regulations changes. Working with the By-Laws Committee we decided to start over with reading of the changes for member notification. The 1st reading was March 28th, the 2nd will occur April 11th with the 3rd and final reading and vote will be at the April 25th Auxiliary meeting.

Ladies, if you plan to attend the State Convention on June 12-16, 2024, please let me know as soon as possible. We need to submit Registration and Banquet Forms by May 26th.

Finally, thank you to our Auxiliary for the \$200 donation to Anchorage Alaska Aerie #4207 for recovery efforts when their roof collapsed from heavy snowfall this year. Another example of people helping people, that's what we do.

As always, if you have not attended an Auxiliary meeting lately please consider joining us. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. Every Auxiliary members is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Fraternally,
Teresa Barlow
Auxiliary Secretary



Welcome New Auxiliary Members



Left to Right: Patricia Gillenwater, Billie Cook, Carole Rutter and Marsha Love (seated in front),

**BE WISE!
RE-NEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP EARLY!**



Meat Shoot News

During the month of March, Meat Shoot members voted and approved the purchase of new dining room chair covers to be used for Eagle events. On March 17th we had extra prize drawings of Lottery Tickets (hope our winners were lucky).



We also generously donated to the March Charities: Dog Chain, Florida FOE Disaster Relief and Scholarship Funds in the amount of \$900.00 During our charity benefit on March 29th we invited Mike Miller who sponsored a Veteran and his service dog to talk about this important Charity. We could not do any of this without your generosity. *Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!!*

On **Easter Sunday March 31st**, we will be providing a special meal and would appreciate SIDES to be brought in. We will be serving Smoked pork and Ham sliders.

It takes a lot of hard work, time and preparation for meat shoot each week!

Our team of: Teresa Barlow, Cindy Hunt, Marilyn Kitsch, Barry Kachik, Teresia Raymond, Melanie Moses, Michelle McCarthy, myself, Al Coombs, Pam Waugh and Diana Runge make it happen weekly. Also, THANKS to our other important supporters; Larry M, Heather M, and Amber C, thank you so much for helping! A special thanks to Nancy and Dale and Diana, Suzanne, and Pam for adding to our snacks and meals!

We are so proud of our team!

Please be generous to the donation bucket. Where can you enjoy all this great food for \$5.00. These donations 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/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 buy meat once a month, call the numbers, banking or just cover if needed. If you can commit to **one Sunday a month** please see Sharon, Teresa, Al, or Marilyn.

Al Coombs

Secretary

God, Flag & Country program

Since 1967, the **God, Flag & Country Oratory Program** has been an integral part of the Fraternal Order of Eagles' drive to build patriotism and instill a sense of pride within our youth. The program invites children between the ages of 10 and 15 to prepare a three (3) minute speech about what God, their flag or their country means to them.

The God, Flag and Country Oratory Program is an excellent way to encourage middle and high school students to learn more about their country, its history and their religion. Each Aerie/Auxiliary is encouraged to sponsor an event and reach out to local schools or youth organizations to increase participation and awareness.



Peckerhead News



Wow!!! What a great time we had during **St. Patrick's Day**. Dinner was a great success with everyone getting served promptly by some very colorful Green PH Leprechauns. And that wasn't the only green. We had green cornbread with dinner and green beer to wash it down. Tony Valle did a great job in keeping the place jumping. It certainly was a lively time and we hope everyone that attended had a great time.

We had a raffle with L. Delia winning the golf package. Geoff Robe won the booze package and Neysa won the Wine basket. Thank you all for participating and it surely looks like L. Delia, Geoff, Neysa have made a lot of friends.

The **Peckerhead Challenge Coins** are in and are going fast. If you would like one, just see a Peckerhead and for just \$5 one can be yours! Then when someone challenges you by placing their challenge coin on the bar, you can pull yours out of your pocket or purse and respond with yours. Because, if you have one and forget it, you may have to buy a lot of drinks. So, get your challenge coin today and be prepared.

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. You might even be lucky enough to get song serenade. What a treat!!!!

Gary Miller

Peckerhead #3

Eagle Riders News



The Eagle Riders are continuing to make their presence known at Orlando 3496. We worked breakfast on Sunday March 31 with the Past Presidents Club. We will be working some breakfasts on our own through the summer so we may need your help.

The **Memorial Day picnic** will be hosted by the Eagle Riders. We planning a Pig Roast and Poker Run.. This Poker Run cost is \$20 per person and is for motorcyclists and cars. It starts at 9:00am and will end when all participants are back at the Aerie. It is a way to socialize and get to know each other and if you are in a car, fantastic. We welcome everyone to take part in the fun and see what a poker run is all about. The pig roasting will be well in progress and we will eat between 4 & 5 with plates going for \$10. If you go on the poker run, your fee for the run includes dinner. There will be great food and a band providing entertainment. Since this is all on Sunday and Monday is Memorial Day, nobody has to work so you can all come out and have a really fun time. We look forward to a great turn out.

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 & white V-neck T-shirts. We also have hats and a very good looking hat pin to put on it. 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 don't have a large bank account but we are donating to our charities. Help us spread the word that the Eagle Riders are active and are here to help.

Gary Miller

Eagle Rider Marketing

Trustee News

We hope everyone is enjoying the club. We are working hard to bring new things into the Aerie for our members to enjoy.

Speaking of the news blast, every Monday a new blast is sent out to all of the email addresses that we have in MMS (Member Management System) as of the first of every month. So, if you don't receive the blasts and you have an email, you need to get with the Secretary of the Aerie or Auxiliary to ensure your email is correct in MMS.

We had a very active day at the **Aerie Beautification Day**. We had men and women come out to work on the *clean up/pretty up/pickup day* and we had a great time. Mulch was spread, liter was picked up, shrubs were trimmed, painting was done and general cleaning was accomplished. It was something that needs doing every so often just to keep the property and Aerie looking it's best. It gives you a great feeling when guests talk about how impressed they are when visiting.

The Trustees, along with their regular duties, must sometimes deal with situations concerning members that have violated the Bylaws, House Rules or Trustee Policies. It is the Trustee's job to maintain the Aerie in a safe and proper manner. However, violators must be dealt with immediately. It is never a personal action against any individual but a display to every member and guest that the Aerie is a place for socializing with other members and doing the charity work of our organization. Our Aerie is not a place to over indulge at the bar, to play inappropriate songs on the jukebox, or deliberately damage property. We have a wonderful Aerie, but we seem to have a few members that push things to the limits and sometimes beyond. These items are addressed in the new revision of the Trustee Policies.

Gary Miller for:

Stan, Cowboy, Kent CJ and Gio

Aerie Trustees



The members of BACA (Bikers Against Child Abuse) presented Worthy President Rob McCarthy with a plaque for the Aerie's continued support of their mission and organization.



Beautification Day



- Save the Dates -

Saturday, May 18th

9:00-11:00am - Annual Aerie Asset Inventory
(All Incoming & Outgoing Officers)
Noon - 4:00pm District #4 Picnic
at Clermont Aerie 4485

Memorial Day Weekend

Saturday, May 25th

4:00pm - Annual Memorial Service
5:00pm - Installation of New Officers
6:00pm - Eagle of Year Awards

Sunday, May 26th

Noon-4:00pm - Memorial Day Picnic
(The Eagle Riders are Hosting!)

Florida State Eagles Convention

Wednesday-Sunday, June 12-16th

Aerie & Auxiliary Business Sessions
& Training Workshops
(Sessions are Thursday, Friday & Saturday)

Thursday, June 13th

District #4 Hospitality Room
After the Business Sessions
Must be Registered to Enter Room
Helpers Needed

St Patrick's Day

Thank You Peckerheads for cooking and serving 80 lbs of Corned Beef with Cabbage and Carrots to almost 100 people on St Patrick's Day. Great meal, great fellowship!





Orlando Aerie #3496

April 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
	← Lunch by Menu Monday-Friday 11:00am-2:00pm →						
	Aux Ritual Practice 6:00-7:00pm Trustee Meeting 6:00pm	Café 6:00-8:00pm Queen of Hearts 7:30pm Darts 8:00pm	Café 6:00-8:00pm Texas Hold'em 6:00pm Trivia 6:30pm	Aerie Meeting Officers 7:00pm Members 7:30pm	Auxiliary & Aerie 50th Anniversary 4:00pm		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Auxiliary Breakfast 8:30-10:30am Meat Shoot 2:30-4:00pm	← Lunch by Menu Monday-Friday 11:00am-2:00pm →						Hall Rental 2:00-5:00pm (Baby Shower)
Trustee Meeting 6:00pm	Café 6:00-8:00pm Queen of Hearts 7:30pm Darts 8:00pm	Café 6:00-8:00pm Texas Hold'em 6:00pm Music Bingo 6:30pm (British Invasion)	Chicklette Meeting 6:00pm Auxiliary Meeting Officers 7:00pm Members 7:30pm	Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Band 7:00-11:00pm			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Peckerhead Breakfast 8:30-10:30am BACA Mtg 10:30am Meat Shoot 2:30-4:00pm Last Day for Early Bird Dues	← Lunch by Menu Monday-Friday 11:00am-2:00pm →						Hall Rental 3:00pm-? (Wedding)
Aux Ritual Practice 6:00-7:00pm Trustee Meeting 6:00pm Newsletter Inputs Due	Café 6:00-8:00pm Queen of Hearts 7:30pm Darts 8:00pm	Café 6:00-8:00pm Texas Hold'em 6:00pm Name That Tune 6:30pm	Aerie Meeting Officers 7:00pm Members 7:30pm Nominations for New Officers	Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Band 7:00-11:00pm			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
Charity Breakfast 8:30-10:30am Eagle Riders Mtg 11:00am Meat Shoot 2:30-4:00pm	← Lunch by Menu Monday-Friday 11:00am-2:00pm →						Kickball Game w/Shriners Noon-?
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28	29	30	Family Fun Everyone Can Play! Kickball Game Saturday, April 27th Kickoff is Noon				
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Auxiliary 50th & Aerie 51st Anniversary Celebration

Friday, April 5th



1974-2024

Come out and Welcome our State Aerie Representatives and Other Visitors

Agenda

4:00pm - Appetizers
5:00pm - Dinner
6:00pm - Ceremony
7:00pm - Band Starts

Menu

- Salad/Rolls/Butter
- Chicken Cordon Bleu
- Scalloped Potatoes
- Normandy Vegetables
- Dessert

- No Shorts in Dining Room -

Volunteers Will Be Needed to Help in Several Areas

Last Day for Payment of Early Bird Dues

Sunday, April 14th



All members who pay their dues on or before April 14th will be entered into an Early Bird Drawing.

Three (3) names will be drawn from both the Aerie and Auxiliary to win a \$50 (Subway), \$25 (Panera) or \$20



Nomination of New Officers

Aerie - April 18
Auxiliary - April 25



You must be present at the Meeting to Accept the Nomination or provide an eMail or Acceptance Letter to the Secretary before the meeting.

Kickball Game

Saturday, April 27th | Kickoff is Noon



BAHIA
SHRINERS

Family Fun
Everyone Can
Play and Enjoy!



Disclaimer: Playing is at Own Risk

Election of New Officers

Aerie - May 2
Auxiliary - May 16



You can Cast Your Vote at the Aerie between 4:00pm-7:30pm.

There is no Early or Absentee Voting.

God, Flag and Country Function

Saturday, May 4 | 6:00-8:00pm

Kentucky Derby Theme

- ◆ Bourbon Glazed Pork Loin
 - ◆ Potatoes
 - ◆ Derby Green Beans
 - ◆ Rolls With Butter
 - ◆ Dessert
- \$13.00 per/person

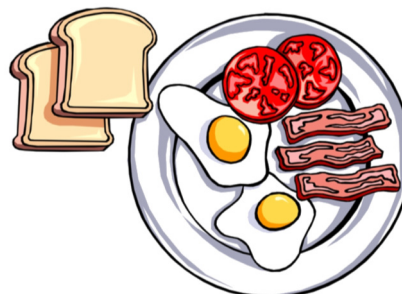
- ◆ Raffle
- ◆ Chinese Auction
- ◆ Best Hat Contest
- ◆ Drink Specials
- ◆ Horse Races



Mother's Day Breakfast

Sunday, May 12th | 8:30-10:30am

Bring your Mother, Wife or Daughter for a breakfast at the Aerie!



Breakfast Cooked by the Orlando Peckerheads



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

Apr 5	Apr 12	Apr 19	Apr 26
<p>Auxiliary & Aerie Anniversary</p> <p>Salad Rolls/Butter Chicken Cordon Bleu Scalloped Potatoes Normandy Vegetables Dessert</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$14.00 <u>TICKETS REQUIRED</u></p>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block; color: red; font-weight: bold;">No Input from Trustees</div>		

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

BALL & CHAIN	ON THE ROCKS	STEEL	TRIPLE PLAY
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WE NEED YOUR HELP

We can only let you know about updates or problems here at the Eagles if your contact info is up-to-date. If your Phone Number, Address, Or E-Mail has changed. Please Clearly Print Changes and always give present Phone number (in case we need more info). Mail to: Eagles. 1900 S. Goldenrod Rd. Orlando, Fl 32822 Or Drop in Mail Slot in our Entry way. Or go on-line at our national site www.FOE.com. Register (with a password) and you can update your own information. And see what's happening at Our Grand Aerie.



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| PWP John & Pat Shaut.....(08/24) | PWP Gary & Carol Miller.....(05/25) |
| Pam Waugh.....(11/24) | PMP Betty Ross.....(05/25) |
| Brian & Virginia Eden.....(12/24) | Steve & Fay Jasikiewicz.....(06/25) |
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