

The Eagles Nest

Orlando Florida Aerie #3496

JULY 2023

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

Worthy President's Report

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

I'm starting off this months report with a sad heart. Our brother Robert "Bobby" Vigh passed away Tuesday morning (June 20th). Bob was the prime example of a true Eagle, always volunteering, helping other people and enjoying being a part of our fraternity. He was our Worthy President in 2008-2009 and even served as a Trustee last year. He was inducted into the Florida State Eagles Hall of Fame in 2017 and was a member of the Florida Dog Chain Club raising funds for service dogs. As you will see throughout this newsletter Bob touched just about everyone in our Aerie in one way or another. An Eagles Final Tribute ceremony is schedule for Saturday, July 15th at 2:00pm. Please come and pay your respects to a great Eagle. May he rest in peace.

Wow, what a fantastic Father's Day breakfast. Thank you to Melanie Moses for getting a great breakfast crew together to work that Sunday. Happy belated Father's Day to all the dads!

Just a reminder about your dues for 2023-2024. If you have not paid your dues you are currently a member "not in good standing" and ineligible for any of the privileges of the membership. Including access to the club or Memorial Foundation insurance coverage. If you do not paid your by June 30th you will be dropped from the rolls. If this happens, you will need to reenroll, pay an application fee, and be voted on the floor to be reaccepted into the organization. So please, pay your dues. Remember, membership is the lifeblood of our order!

Our July4th Independence Day Party will be held on Tuesday, July 4th from 1:00-4:00pm. Come in and enjoy this special day with us. The Trustees will be cooking hamburgers & hot dogs and providing a some side dishes.

Congratulations to now Past State Worthy President Charlie Sperrazza and Past State Madam President Sherry Moore on a successful year. They accumulated a lot of miles, laughs and memories throughout the year. Best wishes to our new State Worthy President Bill Sprigg (who is from our own District 4) and State Madam President Laura Sager (from Ocala Forest) on their upcoming year. Their charity this year is the Wilson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida.

Let's all meet new people, join the excitement and be a positive influence! We are a volunteer organization. So, volunteer to pickup trash on floor, stack dirty dishes, work a breakfast, dinner, or charity event. Attend a fun night or charity fundraiser. Or, maybe just volunteer to reach into your wallet. Remember, the memories you make at the Eagles last a life time. Just ask some of our senior members.

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Fraternally,
Rob
Rob McCarthy,
Worthy President



Madam President's Report

Hello Sisters and Brothers,

I had the opportunity to attend the Florida
State Eagles convention last week just up the
road in Altamonte Springs. Over 450 Aerie and
Auxiliary members, from all around the state, were in
attendance sharing their knowledge and experiences. I must say
it was very informative, interesting, and fun. There were
business sessions in the morning followed by workshops and
formal events in the afternoon. Plus, the fun hospitality rooms at
night allowed everyone to socialize. Next year's convention
will also be held in Altamonte Springs. Please think about
attending next year around this time.

I was so proud to have the number #3496 on my badge when all the charity reports were read. We ranked 1st in contributions on four of the primary FOE charities, we were 2nd in five others, and 3rd for another. Keep up the great work everyone!

The State Presidents Charity raised over \$220,000 this year. I think it may be a new record for the state. The 41 Eagle Riders units within Florida collectively raised over \$39,000 for the State President's charity and presented a check to the representatives from University of Florida Health. Our #3496 sister Betty Ross was honored by being inducted into the Florida State Auxiliary Hall of Fame. Congratulations Betty - well deserved.

I probably won't make it back from my Alaska trip in time for our Fourth of July event at the Aerie, so have a good one!

Our Aerie is hosting the District 4 Meeting this month on Sunday, July 9th. Our district includes ourselves, Lockhart, Lakeland, Kissimmee, Seminole County and Clermont. We will need a few volunteers to do 50/50's and help with the food. If you can assist please let one of the officers know.



See you around the Aerie!

Fraternally,
Andrea
Andrea Kodysz,
Madam President



UPCOMING HAPPENINGS		
July	Events	
4	Independence Day Burgers & Dogs 1-4pm	
5	Trivia - 6:30pm Pinkie & The Brain	
9	District #4 Meeting - 1:00pm	
15	Final Tribute for Bob Vigh - 2:00pm	
19	Trivia - 6:30pm Pinkie & The Brain	
22	Karaoke - 6:30pm	
23-27	Grand Convention - Reno, NV	
26	Music Bingo - 6:30pm Steve & Fay	

Aerie Secretary Report

Brothers and Sisters,

Here we are in July and the new officers have started getting their feet wet. If you happen to see a member sitting at the bar deep in thought and looking like they are missing something, don't worry, it's probably one of our new officers wondering what they may have missed in their first month of service. Every year we get the same look from every new officer. If you feel like you would like to be more active in the Aerie, please see Rob and take a committee position. This is how we will keep the Aerie going. These positions are very important and do not require a lot of your time.

We initiated 20 new members into the Aerie in JUNE. It is really great to see all of the new members in the Aerie and to still see all of the older members that come in regularly. But, it is disappointing to see the same old faces working in the kitchen and volunteering around the Aerie. I also had the unfortunate task of removing 115 Aerie & Auxiliary names from the door list that did not pay their dues for this year and are now members not in good standing.

If you have not seen the new email "Blast" program that sends an email to every member each week letting them know what is going on, please see me or Auxiliary Secretary Melanie to verify your email address.

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

If you are interesting in helping somewhere, please get in touch with one of the officers and let them know you want to help. Anything you can do is a great asset to our club and you might be surprised how well it makes you feel.

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

Fraternally, Gary Gary Miller, Aerie Secretary



In Memory of those **Members who recently passed**

AERIE

AUXILIARY

Robert Vigh, PWP

Debora Beisenbach

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.



Talk

FIRST OF ALL, THEN, I URGE THAT PETITIONS. PRAYERS, INTERSESSIONS, AND THANKSGIVINGS BE MADE FOR EVERYONE, FOR KINGS AND ALL THOSE WHO ARE IN AUTHORITY, SO THAT WE MAY LEAD A TRANQUIL AND QUIET LIFE IN ALL GODLINESS AND DIGNITY. THIS IS GOOD. AND IT PLEASES GOD OUR SAVIOR. WHO WANTS EVERYONE TO BE SAVED AND TO COME TO THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE TRUTH.

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Auxiliary Secretary Report

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We had 6 new members initiated and 3 reenrolled last month. This is a great start for the 1st month of our new fraternal year,

We had several Auxiliary officers and members attend the state convention last month in Altamonte Springs. Orlando #3496 did very well within the state with our charity donations last year. Florida also did very well with donations within the United States. Hopefully this standing will help us with our grant requests this year.

If you haven't paid your 2023-2024 dues it is now to late. You are now classified as a "member not in good standing" and unable to enter the Aerie. That includes even as a guest of another member. If you would like to reassociate you will now need to apply for reenrollment. This is why it is so important to pay your dues when you receive that first notice. Don't get dropped just because your forgot to pay!

Finally, we are still looking for someone to assume the position of Auxiliary Secretary. The busy annual membership renewal period is now over and the position is more routine processing new members, logging financial transactions, and taking meeting minutes. If you are interested in the position and helping your Auxiliary please contact me or any of the current officers.

By Paul Neumann for:

Melanie

Melanie Moses, Auxiliary Secretary



Welcome New Members!



- Richard Allen
- Brenda Burroughs
- Robert Coppola &
- Phil Creore
- Eric Fruits
- 6) John Gardner
- James Garritani F. Sam Griggs
- Arie Groen
- Iris Houston 10)
- Mike Iffland
- Steve Jacquin 12) Cherry Marshall 13)
- 14) James Reed
- 15) Lagrimas Reed
- Ed Rescigno 16)
- Antonio Rivera
- Victor Rodriguez

- German Romero
- Gary Smith
- Franky Tanoira
- Jeff Verschage

AUXILIARY

- Wendy Claude
- Jackie Frederici
- Jonemar Laureano
- Karen Nadeau
- Taren Schwarz
- Annette Smith
- Carla Stocker Rosemary Thomas •
- Barbara Willoughby
- Reenrolled Member
- Transfer Member
- † Dual Member



Orlando Aerie #3496

July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	July Independence I Tuesday,	Day Celebration		12:30pm - Pa: 1:00pm - Gener	Aerie #3496 st Presidents	1
Auxiliary Team Breakfast 8:30-10:30am Meat Shoot 2:30-4:00pm	Trustee Meeting 6:00pm	Independence Day Burgers & Dogs 1:00-4:00pm Café Open 6:00-8:00pm Queen of Hearts 7:30pm Dart League 8:00pm	Café Open 6:00-8:00pm Texas Hold'em 5:00pm Trivia Night 6:30pm	Aerie Meeting Officers 7:00pm Members 7:30pm	7 Taco Night Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Band 7:00-11:00pm On The Rocks	8 <u>Hall Rental</u>
Peckerhead Breakfast 8:30-10:30am BACA Meeting 10:00am District #4 Meeting 1:00pm Orlando Meat Shoot 2:30-4:00pm	Trustee Meeting 6:00pm	Café Open 6:00-8:00pm Queen of Hearts 7:30pm Dart League 8:00pm	Café Open 6:00-8:00pm Texas Hold'em 5:00pm NO Music Bingo	Chicklette Meeting 6:00pm Auxiliary Meeting Officers 7:00pm Members 7:30pm	Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Band 7:00-11:00pm Neon Dream	Bob Vigh Memorial Service & Celebration of Life Sock Hop 2:00pm
16 Eagle Riders Team Breakfast 8:30-10:30am Meat Shoot 2:30-4:00pm	17 Trustee Meeting 6:00pm July Newsletter Inputs Due	Café Open 6:00-8:00pm Queen of Hearts 7:30pm Dart League 8:00pm	Café Open 6:00-8:00pm Texas Hold'em 5:00pm Name That Tune 6:30pm	Aerie Meeting Officers 7:00pm Members 7:30pm	21 Dinner 6:00-8:00pm Band 7:00-11:00pm Pine River	22 Karaoke Night 6:30pm
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Past Presidents Breakfast 8:30-10:30am Meat Shoot 2:30-4:00pm	31 Trustee Meeting 6:00pm	Grand Aerie	e Convention July 23-27		xiliary Ritual Scl	



Tuesday, July 4th | 1:00-4:00pm \$5.00 Per/Person

Hamburger or 2 Hot Dogs with Baked Beans, Macaroni Salad, Potato Salad or Cole Slaw

District #4 Meeting

At Orlando Aerie #3496 Sunday, July 9th



Past Presidents @ 12:30pm

General Membership @ 1:00pm

Come hear what is happing at other Aeries in our aera

International Grand Aerie Convention

2023 International Convention

Nugget Casino Resort Reno, Nevada July 22nd - July 28th

Can't make this year? Start planning for next year!

2024 International Convention New Orleans, Louisiana August 5th - August 8th

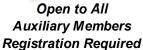




Auxiliary Ritual School

August 5th | 9:00am-3:00pm









Join Us on Fun & Wacky Wednesday's







Friday Night Dinners						
July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28			
TACO NIGHT ALL THE TACO'S YOU CAN EAT	CHICKEN POT PIE AND ROLL	Pulled Pork Baked Beans Cole Slaw Corn Bread	STEAK NIGHT NY STRIP BAKED POTATO MIXED VEGETABLES SALAD & ROLL			
\$ 12.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 18.00			
Friday Night Bands						
On The Rocks	Neon Dream	Pine River	Ball & Chain			

Trustee News

June was the first month for your new Board of Trustees. The new members of the Board are learning how to record the daily sales, prepare the register and game banks, etc.



We have started a list of repairs and improvements that we plan to accomplish. If you have time to volunteer and are knowledgeable in any of the trades that will be needed to accomplish these projects please let us know:

- Repair drywall ceiling in men's west restroom.
- Fix hot water spicket on kitchen hand sink
- Clean ice machine need to setup a regular schedule
- Repair/replace light timer/photocell in front of building
- Cleaning the shed and allocate space for decorations
- Design of a Memorial Garden

We lost our old, recycled Events Monitor (TV) during a recent lighting storm. So, if you have an unused big screen TV (approx. 50-55 inch) with an HDMI input - that you don't need anymore or maybe the audio went out on it and it's just sitting around - we could use it!

We lost one of our friends and past Trustee, past President, and #1 Events Decorator - Bob Vigh. He will be missed very much by all the members. A memorial service has been scheduled for July 15th and we hope you will come and join us in saying goodbye to a friend. He loved a good sock hop so we will be having one in his remembrance right after the service.

By Paul Neumann for:

Stan, Cowboy, Eric, Kent and Steve Aerie Trustees

Bartender's News

It was great having our friends from the Goldenrod VFW (#4287) and the Primrose Elks (#1079) join us last month. I hope we were able to make you feel comfortable in our home. We appreciate you giving us your business while your facilities were closed for a few weeks.



Cindy

Cindy Westfall, Club Manager





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! At the last breakfast we brought Eric Marshall into the Peckerheads, so if you see him, please congratulate him.

It is with great sorrow that I have to report that we have lost one of our early members of the Peckerheads and a great member of the Aerie: Mr. Bob Vigh, PH #9, a member since 1999, has lost the battle and passed away Tuesday June 20, 2023. Bob was an outstanding member of the Peckerheads and of Aerie 3496. He was a constant performer around the club, whether it was cooking pancakes for breakfast or decorating the dining room for a function. Many of you knew Bob as



a crazy dressing DJ or a hard working trustee, but what you didn't see was all of the work he did behind the scenes. He was first to step up to patch or paint a wall or fix a plumbing leak. He was the guy that many members went to when they had a washer, dryer, refrigerator, or some other appliance fail. He was always there to help. He was a great friend talking about our model railroading or talking about issues at the club. He was a Past Worthy President and was honored by the State Aerie as a member of the Florida State Hall of Fame. Everyone knew Bob and hopefully considered him as a friend, because if you didn't you certainly missed out on really knowing a very special individual and a great EAGLE. Bob you will surely be missed.

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.

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Gary Miller, Peckerhead #3



Membership is the **Life Blood of Our Organization**

> **Invite a Friend** to Join Us!

Reasons to Volunteer



Meat Shoot News

We had a FUN and well attended Father's Day Meat Shoot Sunday. We had prizes again and Congratulations to all our winners.

Please be generous to the food donation bucket. These donations will go towards future prizes for our wonderful meat shoot

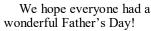
players! Our volunteers prepare, set up and clean up so our Meat Shoot members can enjoy a meal/food.

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.

NOTE: We are so sad at the passing of Bob Vigh! He will be sorely missed. He has left a large vacancy in the club. He was a dedicated Eagle. He was our DJ, a Peckerhead, the Captain of the Decorating committee (member of 1), and a large part of the Children's Christmas Celebration yearly. Bob was always there to lend a hand and volunteer. There are so many roles within our Aerie where he will be dearly missed. RIP brother Bob!

Al Coombs, Secretary

Chicklette News



We continue to offer a number of different items for sale in the glass cabinet near the coffee pots. Please browse as you walk by and purchase something that might catch your eye. If there is an item you are looking for and don't see it, ask the bartender to make a note and she will pass it along to one of us.

NOTE: It is with deep sadness to announce one of our beloved Chicklette's Bob Vigh (Coyote) passed away. He will be missed so very much. Condolences to his sister Christine, and his close friends at FOE 3496.

Sharon

Sharon Coombs, Secretary

Eagle Riders News

For the next two months we will doing breakfast on the 3rd Sunday in place of the Charity team. This will allow us to build up a few funds for our club. Please let me know if vou can help.



We are also planning some fun events for the September time -frame. Maybe another pig roast and a little athletic competition with the Shriners?

Come to our next meeting on Sunday, July 23rd at 11:00am in the Aerie dining room.

Rubber side down, shiny side up!

By Paul Neumann for:

Cowboy

John Kurpetski, Club President

SEE WHAT YOU MISSED!

Steel Tip Dart Tournament



The Aerie provided the dining room for a Steel Tip Dart Tournament. Cowboy and Stan cooked with Melanie waitressing while Cindy & Frankie took care of the bar with Gary as bar back, A great day and everyone enjoyed themselves!

Trivia Night



"4 Harleys & a Bowtie!"

Third Place:

First Place: "We're Only Here for the Alibi"



Florida State Eagles Convention



Aerie Meeting Sessions



Auxiliary Meeting Sessions



Banquet



Banquet



Installation of Officers



There were always a few "Fun" things happening



Eagle Riders Presentation



2023-2024 State Aerie Officers



2023-2024 State Auxiliary Officers



State Worthy President Bill Sprigg (Lakeland #4356)

State Madam President Laura Sager (Ocala Forest #4216)



Orlando #3496 Past Madam President Betty Ross was inducted into the Florida State Auxiliary Hall of Fame

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