

The Eagles Nest

Orlando Florida Aerie #3496

AUGUST 2023

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

Worthy President's Report

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

As many of you know I am an avid golfer and enjoy getting out there whenever I can. So, lets start heading down this beautiful course.

On the 1st Tee - Thank you to the Trustees and everyone who attended the July 4th Celebration. Our Trustees did a wonderful job on the food, everyone survived! All of the desserts that were brought in were very much appreciated. Great work on everyone's part.

On the 2nd Tee - Our thoughts and prayers go out to the members of South West Volusia Aerie #4201 in Orange City who suffered a devastating fire in their Aerie home. We can hope that they will be able to come back with a new building. It is a tragic loss, but we will try to help in someway.

On the <u>3rd Tee</u> - Thank you to everyone that attended Bob Vigh's Memorial Service and Sock Hop Celebration of Life. Bob was a true fraternal brother and friend. He will be missed tremendously, but never forgotten.

On the 4th Tee - Again, I ask that we continue to grow as a fraternity. Please come in to support any one or two of our many events: Sunday Breakfast, Queen of Hearts, Trivia, Music Bingo, Karaoke, etc. Attend a meeting so you know what we are trying to accomplish. Check out our Facebook and web pages, read our newsletter to see what upcoming events are scheduled.

By the way ... last hole and I just 2 putted for par! Hope to see you soon at the Aerie!

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

Fraternally, Rob

Rob McCarthy, Worthy President



In Memory of those Members who recently passed

AERIE

<u>AUXILIARY</u>

Michael "Cooter" Bobo

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.

Madam President's Report

Hello Sisters and Brothers,

Wow, what a turn out for our brother Bob Vigh's Memorial and Celebration of Life. He will always be with us in spirit. Per his wishes, some of his ashes were spread on our property - this is what he wanted

It's August already and half of the calendar year has already passed. On **Saturday, August 5th**, we will be hosting an Auxiliary Ritual school, taught by the state education committee, in our Aerie home. The hours are from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Lunch will be available for \$5.00 per/person. If you're interested in attending, please see Melanie Moses about registering.

On **Friday**, **August 18th** we will celebrate "Christmas in August." If you are thinking it should be Christmas in July; well it used to be. The hall was rented out several Saturdays in July so it was changed.

On **Saturday, August 19th** there will be an Auxiliary Secretary School in Ormond Beach; see Melanie Moses if you are interested in attending.

Of course we will have the usual fun activities this month; music bingo, trivia, meet shoot, darts, Texas Hold'em, Queen of Hearts. Friday night dinner and dancing. We will not have Karaoke this month because Rich and Maggie are taking a long trip. Have a wonderful time!

College football starts this month and we will have the TVs tuned in for your Saturday afternoon enjoyment.

See you around the Aerie!

Fraternally, Andrea

Andrea Kodysz, Madam President



UPCOMING HAPPENINGS					
Aug	Events				
2	Trivia with Pinkie & The Brain - 6:30pm				
5	Auxiliary Ritual School - 9:00am-3:00pm				
9	Music Bingo with Steve & Fay - 6:30pm				
12	Weekend Special - Swamp Juice Band				
16	Name That Tune with Pinkie & The Brain - 6:30pm				
18	Chicklettes Christmas in August - 6:00pm				
19	Decorating Committee Meeting - 9:00am				
23	Music Bingo with Steve & Fay - 6:30pm				
26	Aerie Trustee School - 8:00am-3:00pm				
31	Joint Meeting - 7:00pm				

Aerie Secretary Report

Brothers and Sisters,

Here we are in August and operations at the Aerie are running smoothly. The new trustess are getting their feet wet with opening and general club operations. New President Rob has taken a firm grip on the reigns and has met several challenges already. He handled them like a professional. Great cudos to all of the new officers.

We initiated another large group of 18 new members to the Aerie in July. It is fantastic to see so many new faces in the club. However, on July 11, The Grand Aerie dropped 90 Aerie members for non-payment of dues. If any of these dropped members wish to renew their dues now, they must re-enroll. We pay the Grand Aerie for each re-enrolled member. To help get these members get back, we have set up a special low rate reenrollment fee of \$10 for these members. The normal fee is \$25. We would like to see all of these members rejoin, but we know we will lose a few members.

Last month we got the bad news that the Orange City Eagles club had a fire and was completely destroyed. What makes it even more of an impact to us is that we just had a group of their Eagle Riders visit our club and had a great visit with them. We are going to look for ways that we might be able to help them get back on their feet. Watch for more information around the Aerie, on the email Blast, on the Facebook and web page for information. Remember we are "People Helping People".

Thank you Ricky Walsh for donating the TV for our message monitor. Again, thank you all for supporting the club. 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



Florida State President's Charity

SWP Bill Sprigg (Lakeland Aerie 4356) and SMP Laura Sager (Ocala Auxiliary 4216) are looking forward to a FUN year and memories to last a lifetime.

Their charity is Wolfson Children's **Hospital**, in Jacksonville, Florida. They are raising money for ABA & Comprehensive Therapy for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, Sensory Disorder, Developmental Disorders, Cerebral Palsy, Spinal Cord Injuries and Neuromuscular Diseases.







TALK

EACH OF YOU SHOULD USE WHATEVER GIFT YOU HAVE RECEIVED TO SERVE OTHERS, AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS. IF ANYONE SPEAKS. THEY SHOULD DO SO AS ONE WHO SPEAKS THE VERY WORDS OF GOD. IF ANYONE SERVES, THEY SHOULD DO SO WITH THE STRENGTH GOD PROVIDES, SO THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD MAY BE PRAISED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST. TO HIM BE THE GLORY AND THE POWER FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN.

1 PET 4:10-11 NIV

Auxiliary Secretary Report

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We have a pretty good cadre of members attending the Grand Auxiliary Convention in Reno this week. This is my first time so I plan to meet as many people from around the country and enjoy the convention. My hubby is going take some time off from his work in Alaska and fly in to join me for a few days. Yippie!

We had 378 members who paid their 2023-2024 dues on time and 44 members that had to be dropped for non-payment of dues. We only gained 24 members during the year. So, you can see we need to boost our new member growth and try to get those dropped members back on the roles.

We are hosting a state Ritual School on Saturday, August 5th. All Auxiliary members are welcome to attend. Cost is only \$10 and there will be a \$5.00 lunch available for all attendees. There is also a Secretary School scheduled for August 19th at Ormand Beach Aerie #3800. Cost is \$25 plus a \$5 lunch.

Our Charity fundraisers kickoff in September with an International Night for the Children & Spinal Injury Funds. This is always a fun night with food from so many heritages -Italian, Polish, German maybe even some Southern and New England US flavors are possible. Cindy Westfall is the Chairman so if you can help by decorating, making a dish, setup/cleanup please let her know.

An Aerie Committee is reviewing the Aerie House Rules. If there is something that you think needs to be in the House Rules please submit it, in writing, to the Aerie Secretary Gary Miller. He will make sure the committee addresses your input.

By Paul Neumann for:

Melanie

Melanie Moses, Auxiliary Secretary



Welcome New Members!



- Ben Bennett
- Christina Blanchard
- Thomas Breece Cathleen Colby
- 5) Jose DeLaVega ■
- Jessie Habeych Grace Hernandez
- Tyler Johnson
- Edward Korosketz
- Larry Lockwood Barbara Lockwood
- Lynn Margolis
- Brian McDougal &
- John Pielich

- Linda Pielich Domingo Pietri
- Jaya Soyer
- Stephen J Soyer
- 19) Autumn Wade

AUXILIARY

- April Allen
- Monica Bernatowicz &
- Danielle Coqueran
- Florence Moore
- Sonia Romero
- Reenrolled Member A Transfer Member
- † Dual Member



Orlando Aerie #3496

August 2023

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Labor Day BBQ

Monday, September 4th | Noon-4:00pm

Chicken, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Baked Beans and Salad

\$7.00 Per/Person



Fun Day "Kickball" Game Saturday, September 9th | 9:00am-?

Eagles vs. Shriners



Food, Drinks & Fellowship
Proceeds Split between Respective Charities
Players Needed - See Cowboy!

International Night Children's & Spinal Injury Fundraiser Saturday, September 16th | 6:00pm





#3496 Eagle Riders Pig Roast

Saturday, September 30th | Noon-5:00pm

\$7.00 Per/Person Raising Funds for Eagle Riders Club Initiatives

Menu

- ◆ Pulled Pork
- Baked Beans
- Assorted Sides



Join Us on Fun & Wacky Wednesday's







Friday Night Dinners								
August 4	August 11	August 18	August 25					
Italian Night Cesar Salad Garlic Bread Daniel's Lasagna	SALAD ROLL & BUTTER CHICKEN DORDON BLEU GREEN BEANS CHEESE CAKE/COOKIES	CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST APPLE/BERRY SALAD ROLL & BUTTER BAKED HAM SCALLOPED POTATOES VEGETABLE	Surf & Turf Salad Roll & Butter Brisket and Scallops & Shrimp					
\$14.00	\$12.00	\$16.00	\$18.00					
Friday Night Bands								
Speed Limit 70	Neon Dream	Steel	Tage					

Trustee News

As you have probably seen we are trying to control some of the costs in the Social Room. We are now selling one-night paper bracelets for \$5.00 that entitle the wearer to unlimited serving station



gun soda & water. This option will be available only during functions and Fridays nights making it easier on both the bartenders and the customers.

We are discussing the wiring and installation of a new parking lot light for the front of the building with a timer/photocell. We are also working on plans to replace the road sign (Eagle Sign) in front of the building. The design has been reviewed and funds are being identified. A few volunteers have offered to assist.

We replaced the backup power supply for the point of sale system behind the bar and are looking at several other items like the purchase of new floor mats and a general cleanup of the bottle shelf and cabinets. The cleaning of the ice machine is also being accomplished. Bob Vigh's family donated his party decorations and we are sorting through them and looking for space in storage.

By Paul Neumann for:

Stan, Cowboy, Eric, Kent and Steve

Aerie Trustees

By-Laws Committee

The By-Laws Committee is currently reviewing and updating the Orlando 3496 By-Laws and House Rules. Copies of the current By-Laws and House Rules are posted on the Aerie Bulleting Board in the hallway by the Trustee Office.

If you have any recommended changes please submit them, in writing, to either Gary Miller, John Shaut or Paul Neumann for committee consideration. All recommended changes must not conflict with the Grand Aerie Constitution and Statutes.

The committee will also review any statute changes that are approved at Grand Convention (July 23-28) for impacts and applicability. The first reading of the recommended changes is planned for August with final vote in September.

Gary, John & Paul

Aerie By-Laws Committee

Bartender's News

Our dues renewal period is over but, we still need to make sure only members in good standing are receiving the membership benefit of using our social and dining rooms.

We've added a few new products at the bar and will probably be deleting a few that are not moving very well in the next few months.

We are no longer allowing any outside non-acholic beverages to be brought into the club - water, soda, tea, etc. If you bring in a cup or bottle of any kind onto the property it will need to be empty or it must be taken back out to your car. As always no acholic beverages can be brought onto the property at anytime. We appreciate your cooperation!

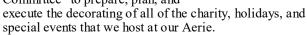
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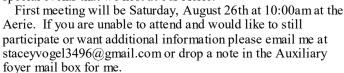
Cindy

Cindy Westfall, Club Manager

Decorating Committee

Do you like to decorate? With the passing of our member Bob Vigh, who handled just about all of our decorations for years, it is with a heavy heart that we search for someone to help in this area. They are some big shoes to fill! Therefore, we will be forming a "Decorating Committee" to prepare, plan, and





So let's keep the enthusiasm going and the decorations flowing.

Stacey

Stacey Vogel, Madam Vice President



Meat Shoot News

We had a FUN and well attended 2nd of July Meat shoot Sunday. We had prizes again and Congratulations to all our winners.

We want to welcome Lee who has joined Diana and Melanie and Doris in calling the numbers during Meat Shoot!

Meat Shoot donated \$100 from our wonderful members to Bob Vigh's beloved Dog Chain Group.

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. Thank you to all who help!

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 Coombs, Secretary

Chicklette News

We hope everyone had a wonderful July 4th.



The Chicklettes are planning several upcoming events and looking forward to participation of all our Chicklettes and members:

- Christ mas in August to be held Friday, August 18th, It will include Chinese auction, possible live auction, raffle baskets and 50/50.
- ◆ Thanksgiving Bake Sale to be held on Sunday, November 19th, this is 4 days before Thanksgiving, so please come in and purchase some desserts for your holiday.
- New Year's Eve Basket Raffle, more to come on this.

NEWS: As you all know we held our Beloved Bob Vigh's Celebration of Life on July 15th. It was well attended by members who loved and appreciated Bob's dedication to his Fraternal Order of Eagles and our 3496!

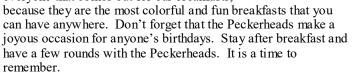
There are so many individuals to thank for the success of this special memorial. The 4287 VFW Honor Guard, Our DJ Steve J. who rocked the room with Bob's favorite songs, the kitchen staff; Carrie, Rick, Eric, Teresa B, Fay, Jackie and Tom S, Patty, Marilyn, the members of the Auxiliary of which Michelle McCarthy gave a wonderful acknowledgement to Bob (Coyote). Thank you to the FOE Ritual team-outstanding; Peckerheads and our Members for all the food donations. Rich Marriotti for the wonderful Memory slide show and his beautiful song! Our decorating Committee (sock hop) lead by Marsha, Kimball, Maggie, Rich and Patty. Our Bartenders, Cindy, Christine and Frankie. If I have left anyone out, I apologize, but know you have our deepest appreciation.

Sharon

Sharon Coombs, Secretary

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,



It was a packed house on Saturday, July 15th for Bob Vigh's Memorial. Bob's son, daughter and sister were in attendance. The Dining room was renamed to the Bob Vigh "Hall of Celebration" and there is a new plaque hanging by the door to indicate this. There was plenty of food provided by the Peckerheads and many of Bob's friends brought dishes. It was truly a great send off. 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.

Gary

Gary Miller, Peckerhead #3

Eagle Riders News

Well July was full of ups and downs. Orange City Eagles burnt down, but they still had the Dice Run which raised \$6,000 for the Bradley Foundation. This foundation raises money for family's that have had a child or love one pass and can't afford a headstone.



I would like to thank Jeff, Scott, Chicken George, Brian, and Stacey for joining me to participate in the run and for helping with the event. We will be putting together a run for our club in the September/October timeframe. In August we have moved our meeting to Sunday the 20th. Mark your calendar for our Pig Roast on September 30th.

Remember never ride faster than your guardian angel can fly!

Cowboy

John Kurpetski, Club President

Charity Volunteers

The Auxiliary is looking for volunteers to chair, organize and fundraise (50/50, raffle, bottle raffle, Chinese auction, etc.) for the Diabetes & Kidney fundraiser on October 13, 2023.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact Stacey Vogel at email staceyvogel3496@gmail.com or drop a note in the Auxiliary foyer mailbox and I will get back to you.

Stacey

Stacey Vogel, Madam Vice President

SEE WHAT YOU MISSED!

July 4th Picnic

















Join Us For Music Bingo













Entertainment Man Bob Vigh's Celebration of Life









VFW Post 4287 Ceremony





Sock Hop per Bob's Wishes

Appreciative Family Members

Toxic Talk, Gossip, & Bullsh*t

Gossip and rumors can be extremely damaging to our club and can cause long-lasting conflict. Finding out the source of the rumor is often hard because they spread like wildfire. Clubs, especially fraternal clubs, are very gossipy and our environment seems to foster people talking about other peoples' business.

There are many reasons why people start spreading rumors. It usually starts when someone knows something about someone that others don't know. The problem is that they don't do the necessary fact checking and start spreading the information without realizing that what they are saying is

What are the downsides of spreading rumors?

- Hurting the feelings of others.
- Increasing stress and anxiety.
- Creating a divisions between groups.
- Wasting time and productivity of everyone involved.
- Declining member and employee
- Decreasing interest in volunteering and participating.

How do we address rumors in the Aerie?

- Be a role model Members always look up to their leaders for inspiration. Be a leader!
- Build trust When members trust you, they will share everything with you. If you know about rumors early, you to kill them.
- Maintain transparent/open communication - two-way communication is critical. Keep people in the loop and block misunderstandings.
- Discourage rumor spreading Have zero tolerance for those spreading rumors. The more steps you take to stop spreading rumors, the less these rumors will surface or impact our
- Kill rumors with facts One of the best ways to combat rumor spreading is to purge these rumors with hard
- Act fast This brings us to the most important point, act fast. Take action quickly as soon as you come to know about it or, before you even realize it, it will get out of hand.

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