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A message from Grand Worthy President Chuck Weber & Grand Madam President Becky Wilson



here's nothing more exciting than the opportunity to serve our Brothers & Sisters this year as your Grand Presidents.

We want to thank all of you who attended this year's International Convention in Reno to be a part of our Installation and to share in the greatest Eagles week of the year.

If you didn't have a chance to make it, you can read more here in the Soar about the money we raised, the entertainment we enjoyed and the hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants we awarded to organizations throughout the country.

We hope you all have a safe and prosperous holiday season this year and we look forward to meeting so many of you along the Eagle trail!

Fraternally,

Becky & Chuck







asinos, parties, concerts, fundraising and more. The 2023 International Convention in the "Biggest Little City in the World" had it all!

Eagles from across North America descended upon the Nugget Casino Resort in Reno, Nev., July 22-28 for the greatest Eagle week of the year. All week, a variety of classes were offered, teaching members how to "Run An Aerie In A Fiscally Sound Manner," how to mediate conflicts within the Aerie/Auxiliary, applying for grants and more!

In the evenings, Eagles shared a lot of laughter with comedians Brad Upton and Williams & Ree and rocked out to the sounds of Dion Pride, Jenny Tolman and legendary rocker Don Felder, formerly of the Eagles.

While the fun never ends at Convention, the best part of our annual gathering is raising money for Charity. The Eagles are "People Helping People" and that's never more apparent than at each year's International Convention.

This year, we presented \$330,000 in grants during our banquets and Welcome Show and raised another \$21,044 through our daily 50/50 raffles.

On Sunday night, Jr. Past Grand Worthy President Rick Powell presented a check for \$172,502.25 to the Ohio State University James Cancer Center – his special project for the year. Rick was surprised by his home state of Ohio with an additional \$180,000, bringing his total to more than \$350,000.

Legendary Guitarist Don Felder rocks out with the FOE, performing classic hits: Take it Easy, Witchy Woman, and Hotel California. Photo by: Chris Spegal

A representative from the James was on hand to provide insight on how these funds will help the center's new Proton Therapy project, which reduces weeks of radiation treatment to one short treatment session for individuals battling cancer.

Jr. Past Grand Madam President Elaine Regi also highlighted her \$128,066.76 raised for the Spinal Cord Injury Fund – a project she chose in honor of her son, who suffers from a spinal cord injury.

Members also got a special visit from F.O.E. Racing driver Justin Haley, who spoke to both the Aerie and Auxiliary delegation and held a special meet and greet.

While they were there, Eagles had the chance to

shop at the F.O.E. Store, with our largest assortment of items yet, including new Anniversary t-shirts, puzzles, charms and more. If you didn't have a chance to buy in person, you can visit the store at foe.com to browse our new items and purchase some Eagles flair of your own!

We ended the week with the Installation of your new Grand Presidents, Chuck Weber and Becky Wilson. Chuck will spend the year raising money for Children's Hospital Colorado's Autism program, as well as the F.O.E. Diabetes Research Center's Bridge to the Cure. Becky will be raising funds for Meals on Wheels.

We look forward to seeing everyone next year, August 5-8, 2024 as we make our way to the Big Easy – New Orleans, Louisiana.

2023 FOE CHARITY FOUNDATION GRANTS

	50/50 Raffles \$21,044	National Jewish Health \$60,000	Schneck Medical Center Foundation \$30,000
	Memorial Foundation Raffle \$3,415	Menninger Foundation \$60,000	University of Michigan \$30,000
	Eagle Village Raffle \$3,925	Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation \$30,000	The Research Foundation \$30,000
	31 Tournament \$932	Joe Andruzzi Foundation \$30,000	Rick Powell's Project - James Cancer Center \$170,874.25
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שבו	I.B.A. Club \$2,072	Orlando Regional Healthcare Foundation \$30,000	Rick Powell's Project - James Cancer Center \$180,000

Grand Aerie Information 7 www.foe.com

2023-2024 GRAND OFFICERS Aerie & Auxiliary

GRAND AERIE OFFICERS				
r. Past Grand Worthy President	Rick Powell, Tipp City, Ohio #2201			
Grand Worthy President	Chuck Weber, Casper, WY #306			
Grand Worthy President-Elect	Peter Ackers, Folsom, CA #929			
Grand Worthy Vice President	Dave Wooster, Flint, MI #629			
Grand Worthy Chaplain	Joseph "Bundy" Smith, Bacliff, TX #3199			
Grand Secretary	Gary Weber, Batesville, IN #1130			
Grand Treasurer	Jim West, Hopkinsville, KY #3423			
Grand Worthy Conductor	Brett Joyce, Leominster, MA #477			
Grand Worthy Inside Guard	Jayc Powell, Santa Fe, NM #2811			
Grand Worthy Outside Guard	Gail "Rock" Ruark, Alexandria, VA #871			
Grand Trustee	John Boyd, Cape Girardeau, MO #3775			
Grand Trustee	Danny Jones, Shoals, IN #2442			
Grand Trustee	Bill Stotko, Everett, WA #13			
Grand Trustee	Ray Measel, Bellevue, NE #3912			
Chief Justice	Steve Silvestro, Kissimmee, FL #4048			
Justice	Terry Hundley, Leavenworth, KS #55			
Justice	Jim Donaldson, Wellington, OH #2051			
Justice	Rod Owen, Springfield, MO #3934			
Justice	Dave Ross, Fruitport, MI #3666			
GRAND A	JXILIARY OFFICERS			
r. Past Grand Madam President	Elaine Regi, Carlisle, PA #1299			
Grand Madam President	Becky Wilson, Springfield, MO #3934			
Grand Madam President-Elect	Mary Gutierrez, Santa Fe, NM #2811			
Grand Madam Vice President	Rebecca Pelkey, Milton, VT #4218			
Grand Madam Chaplain	Debra Henry, Mankato, MN #269			
Grand Madam Secretary	Lynn Loss, Wausau, WI #251			
Grand Madam Treasurer	Dee Threadgill, Chickasha, OK #4070			
Grand Madam Conductor	Sue Limerick, Fredericksburg, VA #4123			
Grand Madam Inside Guard	Holly Niemi, Rugby, ND #3834			
Grand Madam Outside Guard	Arline Giacomozzi, East Weymouth, MA #2899			
Grand Madam Trustee	Kim Haidsiak, Red Oak, IA #2715			

Annie Taylor, St. Marys, GA #4379

Tara Florentin, Ottawa, KS #2700

Heather Callahan, Coeur d'Alene, ID #486

Grand Madam Trustee

Grand Madam Trustee

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A GRAND HONOR

TWELVE NEW MEMBERS JOIN THE GRAND HALL OF FAME

EACH YEAR,

Aerie and Auxiliary members are nominated for Grand Hall of Fame based on their contributions to the Grand Aerie and Auxiliary over the years. The Hall of Fame committees review applications and select the most qualified candidates to receive one of the most esteemed honors in all of the Eagles.

GRAND AERIE

ROBERT KLOIDA WISCONSIN

RANDY BEEVERS NEW MEXICO

C. MICHAEL CLEPPER **PENNSYLVANIA**

DARWIN THOMAS IOWA

> **KELLY DAVIS NEBRASKA**

BOBBI DROZANOWSKI **ARIZONA**

PRESTIGIOUS

BRIAN ROGERS ARIZONA

GRAND AUXILIARY

DONNA LANE VIRGINIA

LYNN GEIER LOSS WISCONSIN

JOLENA CRISTAN CALIFORNIA

MARITA STEVENS **INDIANA**

GLORIA MASON INDIANA

VIEW THE COMPLETE LIST OF FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES HALL OF FAMERS AT FOE.COM



2023 WINNERS

AERIE RITUAL WINNERS

CLASS	WINNER	SCORE
Team Class B	Team Class B Sunnyslope, AZ #2957	
Team Class B-3	Tri-State	99.956
Jr. Past Worthy President	Dwight Hedglin, Mansfield, OH #2178	99.980
Worthy President	Ed Campbell, Wellington, OH #2051	100
Worthy President	orthy President Doug Lind, Albert Lea, MN #2258	
Worthy Vice President	President John Stauver, Elm Grove, WV #1891	
Worthy Vice President	Mike May, Stillwater, OK #4277	100
Worthy Chaplain	Worthy Chaplain Tom Weaver, Bryan, OH #2233	
Worthy Chaplain	Worthy Chaplain Dave Andrews, Puyallup, WA #2308	
Worthy Conductor	Worthy Conductor Randy Cox, Loveland, OH #3006	

AFRIE SURE SHOT WINNERS

Jr. Past Worthy President - Jeff Wilson, The Dalles, OR #2026 (100); Worthy President - Brian Rogers, Sunnyslope, AZ #2957 (100); Worthy Vice President - David Farmer, Rock Springs, WY #151 (99,988) & Hector Olvera, Albert Lea, MN #2258 (99.988); Worthy Chaplain - Chuck Weber, Casper, WY #306 (100); Worthy Conductor - Sean Pearson, Sunnyslope, AZ #2957 (100)

AUXILIARY RITUAL WINNERS

CLASS	CLASS WINNER		
Team Class B	Walla Walla, WA #26	99.55	
Team Class B-3	MINK #2	100	
Class A	Muskegon, MI #668	92.8	
Field Drill	Muskegon, MI #668	93.2	
Jr. Past Madam President	Peggy Hagensen, Spokane, WA #2	100	
Jr. Past Madam President	Jr. Past Madam President Linda Donaldson, Wellington, OH #2051 Jr. Past Madam President Wanda Ehlert, Missoula, MT #32		
Jr. Past Madam President			
Madam President	Lois Coe, Marceline, MO #726	100	
Madam Vice President	Madam Vice President Debbie Davis, Wellington, OH #2051 Madam Chaplain Shirley Ann Willis, Ogden, UT #2472		
Madam Chaplain			
Madam Chaplain	Madam Chaplain Betty Lewis, Salt Lake City, UT #67		
Madam Conductor	Lois Kissinger, Calgary, AB #1098	100	

TALENT SHOW WINNERS

Adult Male Vocal - Kevin Kowalski • Adult Female Vocal - Karen Ott Variety - Jenny & Crystal • Comedy - Carol Nelson Edwards Youth Vocal - Neveya Fletcher • Adult Instrumental - Anthony Vaga Group Vocal - Kelly Sprengelmeyer & Susi Norton











- Members Peggy Aeh and Sandra Myrhvold pose for a photo near registration.
- Grand Presidents Rick Powell and Elaine Regi pose with PGMP Helen Poehner.
- NASCAR driver Justin Haley signs autographs for members.
- Kelly Sprengelmeyer & Susi Norton perform their winning act during the International Convention Talent Show.
- Wellington, Ohio #2051 gave the winning bid for an electric guitar signed and personalized by Tuesday night entertainer Don Felder.













- 6 Legendary Rocker Don Felder, formerly of The Eagles, plays for the crowd during the Aerie & Auxiliary Joint Banquet.
- 7 This year's God, Flag & Country winners pose for a photo during the Welcome to Reno Show.
- 8 Members Sheila Shirrell and Ralph Arnold participate in conversation during the week's festivities.
- Ladies' Banquet entertainer Jenny Tolman introduces her young son to the Eagles crowd for the first time.
- Members Kimball Williams and Zo Drummond work the People Helping Pantries table, where they collected hundreds of food items.
- Dion Pride, son of legendary country singer Charley Pride, headlines the Sunday night show in Reno.



RETAINING YOUR YEARS

Delegation Approves Permanent New Membership Program

Written by: Zack Timmons

etention is the key to maintaining any healthy Aerie or Auxiliary. In 2022, The Grand Aerie proposed a oneyear pilot program to allow members who dropped to keep their years of membership should they re-enroll during the same fraternal year in which they dropped.

The results were staggering. We saw thousands of our dropped members return to the organization, many crediting the **\(\sime\)** change with their decision to return.

As such, the Grand Aerie Membership Department made a proposal to the delegation during the 2023 International Convention to make the program a permanent one. The delegation responded with unanimous approval.

We encourage all of our Aeries and Auxiliaries to reach out to their dropped members and make them aware of this

change as part of their effort to bring them back into the Order.

Returning members still must re-enroll formally along with the re-enrollment fee. Once they've followed the proper procedures and are listed as re-enrolled in the Member Management System (MMS), their previous intiation date will be re-instated.

USE YOUR VOICE

This membership program, along with many others, are the result of suggestions made by the membership to help address issues they're encountering out in the field.

If you have a suggestion you think could help the organization for the better, feel free to let us know at help@foe.com or by calling 614-883-2200 with your ideas.





GARY WEBER APPOINTED NEW GRAND SECRETARY

Written by: Zack Timmons

n Friday, July 28, Grand Worthy President Chuck Weber filled the vacancy at Grand Secretary with the appointment of Gary Weber (no relation) of Batesville, Indiana, Aerie #1130.

Gary joined the Fraternal Order of Eagles in September 1976 as a third-generation member of the Batesville Aerie. He has twice served as Worthy President of Batesville and was the Indiana State Aerie President during the 2016-2017 fraternal year.

In 2019, he was appointed Central Regional Aerie President by then GWP Ron Malz. Following his run through the State Chairs, Gary became the Indiana State Aerie Secretary a position he continues to hold today.

Gary graduated Summa Cum Laude from Indiana Wesleyan University with a bachelor's in Business Administration. He was employed by Batesville Casket Company for 41 years as a Logistics Manager, before retiring in 2021.

Gary and his wife, Donna, are the parents of three sons and eleven grandchildren. In their spare time, they are kept busy with their grandkids' activities and watching the Cincinnati Reds.

I FARN MORE

Bios and photos for all Grand Aerie and Grand Auxiliary Officers can be found on the Grand Officers page in the Members-Only section of www.foe.com.

Register today at foe.com for access to the Members-Only section. GAID is required to register.



KNOWLEDGE IS **POWER**

uilding a strong Aerie or Auxiliary starts with training. We know many cannot attend our in-person trainings throughout the year, so we're bringing our courses to you, through the Training page on our Members-Only Website. Download these powerpoints to learn more and to help present to your own members!

PROTECTED CLASSES

Help keep your Aerie/ Auxiliary free from potential issues with this special course from our Legal Department.

COMPLIANCE

Follow the steps to make sure your club has everything required to be in Compliance with the Grand Aerie.

AND MORE!

LOCAL OFFICERS

Learn more about the responsibilities of the various officer positions

TRIALS

Our Grand Tribunal shares information and advice for running a trial and handling Trial Committee duties.

Our complete library of courses can be viewed online at any time through the Training page at www.foe.com. To view the page, you must have a Members-Only account.



KEEP COMPLIANT

By Following These Simple Steps

Compliance is the key to maintaining a healthy Aerie and Auxiliary. To ensure you're in full compliance with the Grand Aerie, make sure your Aerie/Auxiliary has submitted the following to the Grand Aerie.

- Entire policy for General Liability Insurance with the Grand Aerie named as Additionally Insured.
- •Bond or Employee Dishonesty coverage
- •Liquor Liability Insurance
- •Signed 2022 Affiliation Agreement
- •990 filed for Fraternal Year ending on May 31
- Per Capita Tax, Membership Fees, Supply Invoices and Dues Reminders Invoices paid in full to date
- Auditor & Treasurer Reports
- House Rules Submitted to the Grand Secretary's Office.

STAY ACCOUNTABLE

The Grand Aerie's Member Management System (MMS) includes Compliance functionality. Ask your Local Secretary for a copy of your Club Compliance Data Sheet to see whether your Aerie or Auxiliary is in compliance or what you need to do to reach full compliance.

All members have a right to know their officers are keeping up with the duties of their positions. By holding each other accountable, we can ensure nothing slips through the cracks.

GRAND WORTHY PRESIDENT CHUCK WEBER'S SPECIAL PROJECT

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL **COLORADO - AUTISM**

Written by: Claire Bowman

id you know autism is one of the fastest-growing disorders in the United States? Whether we realize it or not, most of us are impacted in some way by autism. For Grand Worthy President, Chuck Weber he has been directly impacted by the disorder through his grandson.

Children's Hospital Colorado diagnosed Chuck's grandson and provided his family with the assistance and solutions they needed to adjust. That's why Chuck has chosen the hospital's autism program as his special project for the 2023-24 year.

Throughout the year, Chuck will raise money for the program to help other children receive the same care his grandson did in the wake of diagnosis and help provide their families with solutions to move forward.

Aside from Children's Hospital Colorado, Chuck is also raising money for the Bridge to the Cure project to help fund exploratory drug trials at the Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center.



If you would like to donate to the Children's Hospital Colorado, you can make checks payable to FOE Charity Foundation with GWP Autism on the memo line. Checks can be mailed to the Grand Aerie Headquarters at 1623 Gateway Circle South, Grove City, OH 43123. Donations for the Bridge to the Cure should be made payable to FOE Charity Foundation with GWP Bridge in the memo line.



DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES:

Throughout 2022, the growth and vibrancy of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center have continued to propel us forward. Everyone here is as excited as ever to be partnering with the Fraternal Order of Eagles in seeking treatments and a cure for diabetes.

In December, FOEDRC faculty and senior trainees gathered for the annual Diabetes Research Retreat. This spring, investigators and trainees from across campus attended our Diabetes Research Day to learn from speakers, presentations, and posters. Both events fueled lively discussion of research challenges and successes, which is crucial to interdisciplinary research efforts. Past gatherings sparked collaboration and advanced diabetes research.

We are continually amazed by our team's work, which has resulted in more than 140 published papers and 12 clinical trials, including three that are unique to lowa. The Bridge to the Cure projects featured in this report—one of which has reached preliminary clinical trials—are shining examples of our most innovative projects. Finally, following a successful five-year renewal of our NIH Diabetes Research training grant, our program has filled all available slots with six post-doctoral scientists through summer 2024.

It is an exciting time here, and we thank you sincerely for elevating diabetes research to new heights through your generous support!

Thank you, Interim Co-Directors:



Director, Division of Pediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes

Richard O. Jacobson Foundation Chair Professor, Department of Pediatrics and Biochemistry

Raley

Kamal Rahmouni, PhD

E. Dale Abel Fraternal Order of Eagles
Diabetes Research Center Chair
Professor, Department of Neuroscience
and Pharmacology and Internal Medicine
Co-Director, Obesity Research and Education Initiative







BRIDGE TO THE CURE 2022

ADVANCING TREATMENTS ONE MOLECULE AT A TIME

The four Bridge to the Cure research projects selected by committee made great strides in 2022, exploring novel therapies for diabetes. Two new research projects led by **Dr. Bing Li**, a pathology professor, and **Dr. Ajit Vikram**, a molecular pharmacologist, focus on halting diabetes symptoms to reduce the effects of the disease on the pancreas and lower blood sugar levels. Ongoing research by **Dr. Calvin Carter** and **Dr. Julien Sebag** continues to move closer to clinical trials.

PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: JULIEN SEBAG, CALVIN CARTER, AJIT VIKRAM, AND BING LL

TREATING DIABETES WITH ANTIBODIES

In a first-of-its-kind study based in pathology, Li's team is researching how antibodies can be employed to stop a diabetes-related protein that is released by fatty tissue from causing negative effects on the pancreas and other organs.

"The antibodies have shown promising results in mice with minimal side effects. We appreciate the funding that allows us to pursue this potentially groundbreaking treatment."

- Bing Li, PhD

BLOCKING TOXIC MOLECULES TO RESTORE PANCREATIC FUNCTION



Research conducted by Vikram and his team involves molecular blockers that have successfully restored pancreatic function in obese mice, allowing the organ to produce insulin once again.

"Thanks to the Bridge to the Cure, my team and I can continue exploring molecular-level blocking of the toxic cells that affect blood glucose in diabetic individuals."

- Ajit Vikrum, PhD

ESTABLISHED PROJECTS CONTINUE TOWARD MILESTONES

What if diabetes could be treated without shots or medications? That's what **Carter's team** is asking following a chance discovery that electromagnetic fields lower blood sugar in pigs. The painless pulses bear consideration as a noninvasive treatment, and preliminary clinical trials are underway.

Meanwhile, **Sebag's team** has found a new molecular compound that has successfully restored blood sugar levels in Type 2 diabetic mice. This approach could help select cells in the body tune in and respond better to insulin by repositioning a specific protein.





Altogether, the Bridge to the Cure projects continue to produce meaningful insights into innovative—and minimally invasive—treatments for diabetes.

FOEDRC ON THE ROAD

Taylor Reyhons and **Alli Ingman**, UI Center for Advancement staff members, will attend several state and regional conferences to share important updates about the FOEDRC. Here are the states they plan to visit by July 2024.



CONNECT WITH US!

Spread the word about the impact of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center! Follow us on our social media channels—and share them with others. facebook.com/foedrcuiowa twitter.com/foedrc

KEEP UP WITH OUR HEADLINES:

medicine.uiowa.edu/diabetes







GRAND MADAM PRESIDENT BECKY WILSON'S SPECIAL PROJECT MEALS ON WHEELS

Written by: Claire Bowman

ood. It's something every person in the world needs in order to survive. However, for some people food isn't always easily available. Meals on Wheels provides solutions for senior citizens in need by offering food made in a safe and clean environment to ensure that they are able to get the nutrients we need as humans.

In addition to food service, Meals on Wheels delivery staff is trained to recognize potential health issues or signs of future issues when delivering food and provide an opportunity for senior citizens to have socialization. Staff also monitor for safety hazards and oftentimes can help have home repairs done.

Thinking about going to a nursing home or sending a loved one to a nursing home is something most of us never want to think about.

Meals on Wheels helps by extending seniors ability to live independently and saves lives in the process! That's why Grand Madam President Becky Wilson has chosen the organization as



her special project for 2023-24.

If you would like to donate to Becky's project, you can make checks payable to FOE Charity Foundation with GMP Becky in the memo line. Checks can be mailed

to the Grand Aerie Headquarters at 1623 Gateway Circle South, Grove City, OH 43123.



Learning How Your Money Helps

The Grand Aerie Supports You

Operating an organization the size of the Fraternal Order of Eagles requires a substantial amount of resources. Those resources are primarily provided through the annual Per-Capita Tax paid to the Grand Aerie by each Aerie and Auxiliary.

The Per-Capita Tax made up 72.42% of all Grand Aerie income for the 2022-2023 fraternal year. These funds enable us to provide you with dedicated office support, fund our annual International Convention, support all agent and assignment-related travel and expenses and support all of our internal and external marketing and membership efforts.

On the following pages, you will see totals for all of our received charitable donations, charitable grants issued by the F.O.E. Charity Foundation,

Memorial Foundation and graphs breaking down exactly where the Grand Aerie funds come from, and what that money is used to do for our members

Below each graph will be a breakdown of the various items which make up each category. For example, 10.73% of the money spent by the Grand Aerie was for Administrative Expenses including audit fees, insurance, benefits, payroll taxes, legal expenses and more.

The Grand Aerie works hard to ensure your funds are put to good use and we hope the information on the following pages further proves our efforts to help the F.O.E. operate in a logical and efficient manner on your behalf.

CHARITY GRANTS	F.O.E. CHARITIES	CHARITY CONTRIBUTIONS	
\$662,420.25	CHARITY FOUNDATION	\$782,318.91	
\$324,921.42	HEART FUND	\$473,774.92	
\$203,630.38	DIABETES FUND	\$318,067.82	
\$409,972.70	CANCER FUND	\$535,100.69	
\$79,353.18	KIDNEY FUND	\$221,602.02	
\$38,854.09	MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY FUND	\$86,433.95	
\$658,055.50	\$658,055.50 CHILDREN'S FUND \$123,356.40 SPINAL CORD INJURY FUND		
\$123,356.40			
\$400,825.73	ALZHEIMER'S/NEUROLOGICAL FUND	\$465,035.61	
\$114,441.09	GOLDEN AGE FUND	\$128,114.54	
\$67,325.41	PARKINSON'S FUND	\$137,308.59	
	DIABETES RESEARCH CENTER	\$242,506.47	
\$61,037.92	MEMORIAL FOUNDATION	\$383,807.06	
\$193,796.06	H.O.M.E. FUND	\$204,052.29	
	EAGLE VILLAGE		
\$3,337,990.13	TOTALS	\$5,152,074.52	

Financials A look ahead to the 2023-2024 fiscal year

- To be more efficient and to better utilize your Per-Capita Tax, the Grand Aerie is paying all reimbursement checks and invoices via Direct Deposit as of June 1, 2023. Please call or email accounting to request the form.
- Eagle Village, the charitable retirement community located in Bradenton, Florida, has an outstanding loan balance on the new recreational center of \$330,951.
 Donations are the primary source to pay off the loan.
- The Grand Aerie continues to operate within the budget approved by the delegation. The one-time per year Per-Capita Tax will be calculated in May 2024 at \$12.00. The \$12.00 per-capita tax paid to the Grand Aerie doesn't go as far with costs rising at the rate they are, but we must be diligent with expenses while still growing the organization. We must invest in membership, marketing, training and education. Those are the keys that will grow the FOE.
- Over eighty-five percent of the revenue received in the Grand Aerie comes from Per-Capita Tax and

- Membership Fees. That illustrates how important Membership is to our organization. We must continue to increase membership by funding the necessary investment in marketing, programs and training.
- We must continue to fundraise for the DRC so we can find that cure! The DRC is cutting edge and making great strides in research and the ultimate curing of diabetes. Without you, we cannot make it across the Bridge!
- The By-Laws of the Fraternal Order of Eagles
 Foundation will be updated to allow for the
 ability to change grammar and spelling issues
 that doesn't change the intention or purpose
 of the By-Laws and will be presented during
 2024 International Convention in New
 Orleans, Louisiana.



How is your \$12 in Per Capita Tax utilized? The above graphs break down our expenditures for the 2022-2023 fraternal year with explanations of each category below.

PER CAPITA TAX • \$8,277,256

Each June 1, Aeries and Auxiliaries pay a per-member tax which serves as the primary generator of funds for Grand Aerie operations. Currently, the Per Capita Tax amount is \$12 per-year.

OTHER • \$1,582,370

Supplies sales, store sales, affinity program income, dissolved Aerie returned income, etc.

MEMBERSHIP FEES • \$728,504

The portion of Membership Fees available to the Grand Aerie after the percentage refunded to the State/Provincial Aerie.

INTEREST • \$536,701

Interest accumulated by Grand Aerie investments and accounts.

CONVENTION PROCEEDS • \$304,220

Funds generated by Convention registration, banquet ticket sales and the Convention Program book and sponsorships.





33.53%

GRAND AERIE WAGES • \$2,702,335

Grand Aerie Staffing: Total payroll for Grand Aerie employees including department heads. (PCT Breakdown - \$4.02)



27.75%MEMB./MARKETING • \$2,635,475

Soar, brochures, convention expenses, membership awards, contests & awards, Membership/Marketing programs, legislative. (PCT Breakdown - \$3.33)



TRAVEL + MEETINGS • \$1,575,387

Conventions & Regional conferences, GWP and GMP travel, board meetings, representative assignments, deputy & agent travel, Incoming Pres. meetings.

(PCT Breakdown - \$1.99)



13.15%

ADMIN. EXPENSES • \$1,249,131

Audit fees, legal expenses, licensing & regulations, network & IT, insurance, officer salaries, etc. (PCT Breakdown - \$1.58)



10.73% OPERATING EXPENSES • \$853,442

Utilities, Building Maintenance, Capital Improvements, Real Estate Taxes, Network & Phone Expenses, Office Supplies, Copiers, Postage (PCT Breakdown - \$1.08)



0.00% OTHER • 50

Interest Expenses on loans, Pension Plan Funding of Shortfall (PCT Breakdown - \$0.00)







125TH ANNIVERSARY T-SHIRT | \$12 - \$16

Honor our incredible achievement with this limited edition anniversary shirt, available in orchid and navy.

STOCK IS LIMITED





2023 FOE RACING SHIRTS | \$12 - \$16

Another great race season is kicking into high gear. Show off your FOE pride with some great merch including t-shirts, flags, hat, koozie, decal, magnet and more.



CHARMS | \$20 - \$25

Show off your Eagle pride with our beautiful new F.O.E. Charms,













2023-2024 **TALKING POINTS**

REMEMBERING THE RITUAL

The Ritual is the heart of the Eagles. It is the foundation upon which our organization is built and ALL members are required to go through the full Ritual in order to be a member in good standing. This year, we want to encourage everyone to put a renewed focus on Ritual. Make sure all of your members are going through the full ceremony to be initiated. If your Aerie or Auxiliary has a Ritual team, offer to help other clubs in your area with conducting the Ritual so their members can see firsthand how it's supposed to be done.

HONORING OUR OBLIGATION

As Eagles, we all take an obligation to do our best in service to the Order. Too often these days, our members forget their obligation and choose to speak ill of their Brothers and Sisters or take advantage of their positions as Officers. This year, remember your obligation and make it a point to help eliminate dissension within our Aeries and Auxiliaries. While disagreement is natural, we must remember at the end of the day, we are Brothers and Sisters working toward the same cause. We can only eliminate these behaviors from our organization by holding members accountable and speaking up when we see someone go against the obligation. Be a leader this year and promote our obligation as Eagles.



BACK TO BASICS

Over time, many of our Aeries and Auxiliaries have gotten away from the basics that have enabled us to survive for 125 years. Our Order was built on community service and mentorship – not on being a bar. We're losing the mentorship that our organization used to thrive on. As our mentorship declines, so does our leadership training and the harmony within our clubs. Be willing to serve as a mentor or a mentee this year. Take someone under your wing and ensure they're learning what it takes to thrive for years to come.

QUALITY OVER QUANTITY

Often times, we get caught up in Membership Goals, desperately trying to attract as many people as we can to join. In that process, we aren't taking the appropriate time to interview candidates and get to know them. They say one bad apple can spoil the whole bunch, and that applies to our organization as well. Make sure the individuals you bring into the Order are people you would feel comfortable inviting into your home. Don't allow them to bring discontent to the organization or saddle us with a bad reputation. When you put the emphasis on quality members, you'll see positive changes in no time!

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Top Aerie Producers		Top Auxiliary Producers		
Burnham, Pennsylvania Aerie #4294	779 members	Port Orange, Florida Auxiliary #4089	323 members	
Yuma, Arizona Aerie #4538	728 members	Lake Havasu City, Arizona Auxiliary #4299	298 members	
Lima, Ohio Aerie #370	562 members	Buckley, Washington Auxiliary #1387	294 members	
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Aerie #486	523 members	Cape Coral, Florida Auxiliary #3957	281 members	
Gig Harbor, Washington Aerie #2809	491 members	Okahumpka, Florida Auxiliary #4273	273 members	
New Market, Virginia Aerie #4264	464 members	Fredericksburg, Virginia Auxiliary #4123	236 members	
Lake Havasu City, Arizona Aerie #4299	459 members	Crystal Beach, Texas Auxiliary #3719	205 members	
Grand Haven, Michigan Aerie #925	424 members	Marysville, Ohio Auxiliary #3506	201 members	
Kirkland, Washington Aerie #2681	375 members	Canton, Ohio Auxiliary #2370	186 members	
Whitehall, Michigan Aerie #3214	362 members	Puyallup, Washington Auxiliary #2308	183 members	
Top Individual	Aerie Producers	Top Individual Au	xiliary Producers	
Peggy Townsend Foothills, Arizona #4538	274 members	Sandra Milletics Port Orange, Florida #4089	135 members	
Derek Alexander Burnham, Pennsylvania #4294	183 members	Diana Gill Wytheville, Virginia #4554	99 members	
Timothy Gill Wytheville, Virginia #4554	155 members	Dixie Berry Coshocton, Ohio #761	81 members	
Rodney Scott Biddeford, Maine #804	142 members	Ruth Anne Geyer Cape Coral, Florida #2957	72 members	
Ronni Mason Cape Coral, Florida #3957	130 members	Debbie Fulgham Caseville, Michigan #3690	60 members	
Tom Goon Mohican, Ohio #2178	127 members	Kylie Vozar Wooster, Ohio #811	51 members	
Donald Lightner Champion, Ohio #397	123 members	Christine Bidwell Suncoast, Florida #3153	50 members	
U. Grant Collins Heath, Ohio #3723	122 members	Rochelle Machado Clio, Michigan #3609	46 members	
Timothy Christian Lansingburg, New York #3773	117 members	Nancie Rape Lake Havasu City, Arizona #4299	44 members	
Jeffrey Marshall North Canton, Ohio #2223	117 members	Leslie Goble Bradford, Pennsylvania #2432	44 members	





SETTING THE RECORD STRAIGHT ON THE F.O.E.'S DISSOLVED FUND

WHAT IS THE DISSOLVED AERIE FUND?

When an Aerie/Auxiliary closes, any remaining funds or proceeds from property sales go into what is called the Dissolved Aerie Fund after accounting for receiver fees and outstanding bills. These funds are earmarked for the State/Province in which the defunct Aerie/Auxiliary was located and can be used to help existing Aeries/Auxiliaries with repairs or in case of emergency as well as provide assistance when starting a New Aerie/Auxiliary.

WHY MUST EXPENDITURES BE APPROVED?

Expenditures from the Dissolved Fund must be approved by the State/Province in question, as well as the Board of Grand Trustees, to ensure that funds released from the Dissolved account are being used to help Aeries/Auxiliaries who are not at risk of imminent closure. These funds should serve as assistance in tight or unexpected situations and not as a form of life support.

WHO HAS ACCESS TO THE MONEY?

The State/Province has sole access to the money for 10 years. Expenditures can ONLY be made with the approval of the State/Province and the Board of Grand Trustees. Local Aeries/Auxiliaries are responsible for filling out a Dissolved Aerie Fund Request outlining what they need, why they need it and the amount required.

CAN THE GRAND AERIE SPEND DISSOLVED AERIE MONEY?

No. The Grand Aerie does not have the authority to withdraw funds from State/Provincial Dissolved Aerie Funds for 10 years. Once that 10 years has expired, the balance of any unused funds then roll into the Grand Aerie General Fund to help offset marketing, membership and receiver expenses.

IR. PAST GRAND WORTHY PRESIDENT RICK POWELL'S SPECIAL PROJECT \$350,000+ RAISED FOR CANCER RESEARCH



Written by: Claire Bowman

id you know that 1 in 8 Women in the United States develop breast cancer? One of those women was Alma Powell, the wife of Jr. Past Grand Worthy President Rick Powell. Alma was able to survive this debilitating disease, but Rick and Alma made it their mission last year to learn from their experience and help others avoid the pain and suffering that they had to go through. That was why Rick decided to make Ohio State University's James Cancer Hospital his special project for his year as President.

Rick split his funds between pediatric cancer research at James Cancer Hospital and a newer type of radiation therapy called "Proton Therapy." Proton Therapy uses protons, rather than high powered x-rays,

turning weeks of radiation therapy into one appointment. Since it directly attacks the cancer cells, proton therapy does minimal to no damage to healthy nearby tissue, reducing side effects and recovery time.

With the help of other Aeries & Auxiliaries during Rick's travels, \$172,502.25 was raised for the James Cancer Center. An additional \$180,000 was donated to the James Cancer Center by the state of Ohio in Rick's name.

Rick also raised \$48,925 for the Bridge to the Cure, a F.O.E.-sponsored project to fund preliminary drug trials at the F.O.E. Diabetes Research Center at the University of Iowa.







2023-24 Membership Awards



7 MembersPolo Shirt



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For every member you sign, you're entered into a drawing for 1 of 10 \$500 prizes.

A second drawing for 10 more \$500 prizes will be held for attendees of the 2024 International Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana.







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JR. PAST GRAND MADAM PRESIDENT ELAINE REGI'S SPECIAL PROJECT REGI RAISES MORE THAN \$140,000

Written by: Claire Bowman

n the blink of an eye, the lives of the Regi family changed forever. At age 19, Jr. Past Grand Madam President Elaine Regi's son suffered a debilitating spinal cord injury that left him permanently paralyzed from the waist down.

Because of her experience, Elaine knew she wanted to dedicate her year as Grand Madam President to raising money for the F.O.E. Charity Foundation's Spinal Cord Injury Fund.

For the 2022-2023 term, she traveled throughout the jursidiction telling her story and during her official Homecoming on Saturday, August, 19, at her home club,

Carlisle, Pa., #1299, Elaine presented a check for \$128,066.76 to the Spinal Cord Injury Fund.

Elaine was also surprised with a check for \$15,000 from the Carlisle Civic Area Foundation for the Penn State Hershey Medical Center, as well as a check for \$3,000 from the Carlisle Aerie.

With these funds, Elaine hopes to make a difference in the lives of the many individuals in central Pennsylvania suffering from Spinal Cord Injuries and fund research that can make a lasting impact throughout the world.





Pictured from left to right: Moose Embry, Gre<mark>g Whit</mark>emo<mark>re, Joh</mark>n Hug<mark>hes &</mark> Brian Kuiper fro<mark>m Fred</mark>ericksburg, Va., Aerie #4123 captured the four-person overall championship hosted by Woodland, Mich., #3782

2023 EAGLES INTERNATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT FREDERICKSBURG EAGLES WIN 4-PERSON

Written by: Zack Timmons

uring the summer, twenty Eagles from Florida, Virginia, Ohio and Michigan converged in Woodland, Mich., for the 2023 International Golf Tournament.

The team of Walter Embry, Greg Whitemore, John Hughes and Brian Kuiper of Fredericksburg, Va., Aerie #4123 captured the 4-man victory with a score of 59.

The 2-man competition was won by John Wall of Bradenton, Fla. #3171 and Larry Matson of Greenville, Mich., #4321.

For more information on our upcoming Sports Tournaments, visit foe.com.



Pictured from left to right: John Wall of Bradenton, Fla., #3171 and Larry Matson of Greenvile, Mich., #4321, pose after winning the two-man tournament.

THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES

CHILDREN'S DAY!

For more than a century, the F.O.E. has been an advocate for shaping the future of the world through our children. Each year, the Eagles' Children's Day contest asks Aeries and Auxiliaries across the United States and Canada to plan a special event or fund raiser to benefit youth for a chance to WIN A \$3,000 GRANT from the Fraternal Order of Eagles Children's Fund, to present to an organization of their choice. All youth related events, including Christmas parties, Easter Egg hunts, school supply drives and more, are eligible to enter. Deadline to enter is June 15.



Events occurring during the current Fraternal year are eligible for submission!



THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES 2024 BULLETIN CONTEST



We're looking for the best Aerie/Auxiliary bulletins from across the United States and Canada to enter the 2024 Grand Aerie Bulletin Contest.

Choose your best bulletin (print or electronic) from the months of September, October or November 2023, and submit it with a completed entry form to the Grand Aerie Marketing Department by January 19, 2024, for consideration.

Winners will be announced on March 1, 2024, and will receive plaques commemorating their achievement.

Showcase how your Aerie/Auxiliary communicates by entering this year's contest. To download the official entry form, visit the Bulletin Contest page at www.foe.com.











GOD, FLAG & COUNTRY

Written by: Claire Bowman

hat does God, What does God, flag and country mean to you? That is a question we as members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles have been asking our youth since 1967.

Each year at the International Convention, the F.O.E. asks children from the ages of 10 to 15 to perform an original three-minute speech about what their God, their flag and/or their country means to them.

The competition allows children to express their own beliefs and articulate their own ideas on what these subjects mean to them, all while expanding their knowledge and understanding and developing important public speaking skills.

This year's competition took place at the Reno International Convention on Saturday, July 22, with participants from Arizona, the Dakotas, Florida and Ohio. Our local Aeries and Auxiliaries are encouraged to hold area competitions, with those winners advancing to the State/Provincial level. From there, all State/Provincial winners are eligible to compete at Convention.

Adults also benefit from the competition as they develop a better perspective on what God, flag & country mean to our youth and see first hand how their mentorship and support can help these kids blossom into confident young adults.

Be a part of God, Flag & Country in 2024 and help us give children a powerful voice!

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2023 CHILDREN'S ART CONTEST

Written by: Claire Bowman

xpanding creativity and thinking outside the box are important contributions to a child's growing brain. The Fraternal Order of Eagles' annual Children's Art Contest provides an opportunity for children to display their creativity for a chance to win a cash prize. The art contest includes all children in grades 3-6 throughout the U.S. and Canada. They need not have ties with The Fraternal of Eagles to enter. Every year, we encourage each of our Aeries and Auxiliaries to get involved by educating local schools and community programs about the Children's Art Contest and encouraging them to incorporate the contest in their art curriculum.

The theme of the 2023 Children's Art Contest was "My Favorite Thing." Although every child who participated had excellent artwork that was creative in their own way, a few stood out above the rest and were announced as our winners on March 17.

The grand prize winner was fourth-grader Jules Rawson. Jules was sponsored by Crystal Beach, Texas F.O.E. #3719. As the grand prize winner, Jules received \$500. Additionally, individual first-place winners were awarded \$200 each; second place received \$100; third-place winners received \$75, and fourth-place entries earned \$50.

3rd Grade

1st Place – Tal Frank – Morris, MN #620

2nd Place - Roselynn Olezke - Morris, MN #620

3rd Place – Kylie Dinger – Brooksville, PA #983

4th Place - Kinsley Whittemore - Morris, MN #620

4th Grade

1st Place - Grace Whigham - Glenwood, IA

2nd Place - Mila Wiese - Wayne, NE #3757

3rd Place - Dakota Keihl - Brookville, PA #983

4th Place - Madelyn Beline - Wayne NE #3757

5th Grade

1st Place - McKinley Och - Fargo, ND #153

2nd Place – Brooklyn Ainsworth - Columbus, NE #1834

3rd Place - Cash Cook - Glenwood, IA #3784

4th Place - Elizabeth Spears - Glenwood, IA #3784

6th Grade

1st Place - Annabelle Combs - Canton, OH #2370

2nd Place - John Oakland - Valley City, ND #2192

3rd Place – Ryann Volk - Wayne, NE #3757

4th Place - Greyson Manning - Glenwood, IA #3784







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