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# Beak and Quill

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"People  
Helping  
People"



*May your  
Easter basket be full of  
Joy, Happiness & Peace*

Happy  
**Easter**

## COMING EVENTS

Apr 14-16	East District	The Dalles
Apr 21-23	NW District	Cornelius
Apr 28-30	SW District	Coos Bay
May 7-9	Fun-Vention	N Lincoln
May 20	SMP Homecoming	Cornelius
Jun 2	SWP Homecoming	N Lincoln
Jun 21-25	State Convention	Medford
Jul 23-27	National Convention	Reno
Oct 20-22	PNWRC	Campbell Rxx BC

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# STATE WORTHY PRESIDENT - RaAnne Green



Hello Brothers,

**HAPPY HAPPY SPRING!!!!** So excited that the weather is getting better, and the beautiful flowers are starting to bloom. This is absolutely my favorite time of year!!!

Wow! March was an amazing amount of fun, visitations and fundraising! Thank you all! N. Lincoln, Tillamook, The Dalles, Hood River, Grants Pass, Lakeview, and Baker City, your generosity and hospitality are second to none! Now onto Pendleton this month, on the 1st, which will be my last visitation.

Also, don't forget, we have Districts this month. Please try to attend at least one. They are not only informational, but a lot of fun! You never know what you are going to learn as far as ideas on how to keep your Aerie going with fundraisers and keeping members coming back. Oh, and the people you meet!!! Districts are: Eastern District 4/14-4/16 in The Dalles, NW District 4/21-4/23 in Cornelius, and SW District 4/28-4/30 in Coos Bay. Hope to see you all there.

Dues time is coming fast. Pay them as early as you can, so the Grand Aerie doesn't have to send reminders out and charge your Aerie for it. Grand sends them out three times. It gets expensive for everyone.

I hope you all have a **FANTABULOUS** Easter and can enjoy all that is Spring!

Remember to **BELIEVE**:  
Believe in yourself **ALWAYS**, Believe in others, And **BELIEVE** in the **FOE!!!!**

Until next month,  
RaAnne and Ari



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Trustee

## STATE MADAM PRESIDENT - Peggy Aeh

I cannot believe that this year is almost over. Only 3 months left. It has been a fabulous year. I have enjoyed every minute of it. Most of my visitations are over. I will still have 2 in May.

This month is packed as well. Lots of activities are going on. Please make sure to come to your local District meeting this April. The dates are April 14, 15 & 16, Eastern District being held in The Dalles. They always have lots of fun stuff for us to do. April 21, 22 & 23, N.W. District at Cornelius. They will be having a live band on Saturday night for music and dancing. You will even be treated to a dinner served by me and Sandy Myhrvold. April 28, 29 & 30, S.W. District in Coos Bay. Love going to the coast.

My homecoming is scheduled for Saturday, May 20 in Cornelius. Would love to see everyone there.

Remember: "Butterflies are like women, they may look pretty and delicate, but they can fly through hurricanes.

Peggy Aeh  
State Madam President



### Auxiliary State Officers

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# MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORS

Hello Brothers,  
Hope this finds everyone Safe, and Healthy.

I know everyone is working hard to bring our numbers up. Which is splendid work. Our numbers are down to 157 from the 1148 we started from in July.

Two months to get our Net +2%. I do not have any doubts about all of us doing our part, working together, and reaching our goal.

Grand Aerie has thrown a challenge out, instead of +2% to shoot for +5%. Remember that members that have been dropped will not lose their years, if they re-enroll by May 31st

We all need to keep up the excellent work. We can get our numbers back to the plus side again this year. We are on the right track; we have two months to go. We Can Do This! So, you have heard me say before.

Mass calling to those that have been dropped, membership drives. We need to work at keeping our numbers up. Open houses to get new members, something for the whole Family; games, food, music. Together we can spread our Wings, and make our numbers GROW.

Just remember the goal is NET GAIN.

Anyone with events or ideas that work for them, pass it on, it may work for others also.

**SIMPLE and PLAIN—  
NET GAIN + NET GAIN +**

If I can help in any way give me call,

Johnny Jones  
Oregon Aerie Membership Chairman



**Johnny Jones**  
Aerie  
2022-23

Time is running out to get those new or re-enrolled members in, initiated and recorded in MMS.

While we are at Districts, I will be handing out the awards for all of your hard work. We still need to be initiating about 20 members a week State wide just to make quota. We have 92 applicants that still need to be initiated and 19 re-enrollees that need to be voted on. Let's get busy. We don't want to let these future Eagles get left behind.

See you at Districts.

Sandy Myhrvold  
Membership  
Chairman



**Sandy Myhrvold**  
Auxiliary  
2022-23

# *Something We Learned at WOW~!*

A group of us went to the Way Out West Conference in Las Vegas. This is some of what we learned from Zack Timmons from Grand—

## **What We've Learned**

- Our surveying at the Grand Aerie has shown:

### People Want:

- To Make New Friends
- Weekend Activities
  - Dinners
  - Bands
- Family Friendly Atmosphere
- To Raise Money for Charity
- To Be Listened To

### People Don't Want:

- To Be Pushed Into Officer Positions
- Constant Fighting
- Excessive Indoor Smoking
- Being told "this is how we've always done it"
- Being guilted for having other obligations

## **Why It Matters?**

- People feel more invested in the organization when they feel like their opinion matters.
- When they're more invested, they're less likely to leave.
- Often times, if one person is expressing suggestions or concerns, there are others who feel the same but are reluctant or afraid to speak up.
- When you show people you're willing to listen, they're more willing to bring things to your attention before they become insurmountable problems.

## **The Key Reason People Leave**

- **DISSENTION INSIDE YOUR AERIES AND AUXILIARIES**
- Over 80% of all members who leave, do so because they're sick and tired of constant drama within the Aerie and/or Auxiliary.
- The longer we let these issues persist, the more people you will gradually lose from your rosters.
- **DO NOT WAIT FOR SOMEONE ELSE TO FIX THESE PROBLEMS.**

## **A HORROR STORY WITH A LESSON- Original Story 5/22/19**

Police in New Boston are investigating an elaborate burglary with a script straight out of a Hollywood heist movie. But it's all too real for the Fraternal Order of Eagles who are out at least \$100,000.

"They were good," admits Eagles Secretary Bill Hanley, also a retired Portsmouth police officer. "They knew what they were doing."

First, the thieves cut a hole through the back fence sometime between about 12:30 and 5 a.m. Friday. They unfastened heavy duty screws and peeled back the siding on the building, then cut through insulation. Most cameras and motion detectors on the premises were left untouched, except one in the public community space that was covered with black spray paint.

Next, they kicked through an interior door, the only one not alarmed. Then they made a hole through not one but two layers of heavy-duty sheetrock to get to the trustee's office. They bypassed the alarm on the door to get to the 220-pound safe in the trustee's office and used power tools to cut the top off.

Lastly, they threw a chair through the plate glass window into Hanley's office to grab his computer and server for the camera system.

"They knew what they were doing. They knew what they were after," Hanley said. The haul was more than \$100,000, accumulated from a weekly game of chance every Wednesday night called **'Queen of Hearts'**. The money keeps rolling over week after week until someone wins the big prize.

"When I got here, I was crushed," Hanley said. "That was members' money. They didn't steal from the Eagles; they stole from the members." Investigators said the thieves had to have help from current or former members or employees, a major violation of trust to a place that is supposed to be about friendships, community and charity. There are more than 700 current members at the Eagles lodge, both male and female, as well as seven current employees.

"It makes me feel terrible," Hanley said security was pretty good before, but it will be even better from now on. "If a mouse farts in the club, we'll know it. We'll know it." While the plot for most Hollywood heists has the thieves getting away, Hanley hopes to flip the script. "They were good. But every good crime is usually solved," he said. "Two people knows it. It isn't a secret." Police said at least two people are involved, perhaps even more. They are tracking down some leads from surveillance cameras in the area. Hanley hopes DNA and a footprint left behind at the scene will also help.

**UPDATE** | Eagles lodge offers \$10,000 reward for useful information about burglary.

Sounds crazy right? But in December, the same thing happened to Portland #4. It was the same game, **'Queen of Hearts'** and was done by an insider. The person got away with \$23,000. It was perpetrated by an insider, a trustee/officer. Only 8 people had the combo to the safe and a key to the Trustees Office. The police have narrowed the suspect to one trustee and is building a case around that suspect.

**The Lesson To Learn Here Is:** Don't ever leave large amounts of money in the safe!!! The laws of the order say other than operating monies for the week, **everything is to be deposited in the bank at least weekly.** If that had been followed, this would not have happened. Let these occurrences be a lesson for all of us.

**We have to be an Eagles Club first and a  
Social Room second, in that order...**

*No Officers, No Committees, No Volunteers,*

**equals =**

**No Eagles & No Social Room!**

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*Rosterbook Changes*

The Cornelius Auxiliary #4177 has decided to use their physical address, 424 N. 26th Ave, Cornelius, OR 97113 as their mailing address instead of the PO Box.

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"She Flies With Her Own Wings"*

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