

My Brothers;

I wish to thank the Ithaca Aerie and Auxiliary for all the hard work they did for hosting the NYS 2009 convention, lots of preparation, coordination, planning and team work was done and they exemplified what an Aerie and Auxiliary can accomplish when they work together, and I give them big KUDOS!

Thanks to my escort team AKA my dirty dozen for a great job they did in escorting me and Janet and to all the members of Johnson City who attended the convention and to those who couldn't attend, that supported me as I went through the chairs, I am very proud of all of you! And a special thanks to the first lady "Mimi" for all her love and support that she has given me and especially for all the traveling she looks forward to sharing with me this year.

Thanks to the Auxiliary State president Janet Sechler for her desire to work the same Charity as Our Aerie the **"HANDICAPPED CHILDRENS ASSOCIATION"** Their vision is to provide opportunities for integration into the community in a dignified, respectful manner, and to provide an environment where activities, services and support are based on the dreams, interests, preferences, strengths and capabilities of the individual, where a person with a disability is treated as a person.

Congratulation to all the state officers on their selection into their respective New York State office. I look forward to working with you and making visitations with you throughout the year. To Pete and Shelly for having a successful year, you did great.

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Fraternally Yours
Lenny Briggs
New York State President