



Strike up the Band, Sign up a Member for Jan!

*FOE New York State Auxiliary's Newsletter
January, 2010*

A message from your president...

November was a very busy month, with four visitations and a visit from the Grand madam President Jean Kerr to Lockport. On November 7th, Merle and I went to Middletown for their Anniversary. The dinner was excellent. It was held at a restaurant called Franco DiRomas. If you like Italian food and you are ever in Middletown this is the place to go to eat. After dinner, it was back to the club, to listen to the music and to dance. There were 5 officers and 4 Past Presidents, the Mother of the Year, Mr. & Mrs. Eagle in attendance.

November 8th through the 11th, it was Lockport's privilege to host the Grand Madam President, Jean Kerr. Janet Bruning and I went to the Buffalo Airport to greet Jean. We brought her back to Lockport and checked her into the hotel. On Monday, Lorraine Hufnagel, Janet Bruning and I took Jean to Outwater Park to see if we could see the Canadian horizon, but it was too hazy. We went to the Erie Canal locks, then on to Tonawanda #1411 where we had a light lunch provided by the Tonawanda Auxiliary. Later in the afternoon we went to Depew #2692, where we visited with our sisters and brothers and went to dinner. On Tuesday, Janet and I took Jean to Niagara Falls, then along the wine trail on Route 104. That evening, we presented Jean with some gifts and a proclamation from Mayor Michael Tucker. Wednesday had us up at 4 am to take Jean to the airport. She is a very pleasant person to have around and to talk to. It was too bad more of our sisters didn't have the opportunity to meet her.

On November 14th, Merle and I went to Rochester for their anniversary. Sisters from Lockport, Rochester and Tonawanda put on the Past President's ceremony and the closing. Great job, girls! We had a delicious dinner and enjoyed the music. There were six officers, 6 past presidents, the State Mom, my Little Sister, Big Brother, and my advisor in attendance.

On November 21st, we went to Ithaca for their Anniversary. They conducted a Joint Past Presidents' ceremony. We had a great evening, a great dinner and as always enjoyed the great hospitality. There were many state officers and Past Presidents in attendance.

On December 5th, Merle and I went to Hoosick Falls. Boy, what a drive! We drove out of the snow, had good weather for awhile, and then drove back into snow. By morning, the ground was white. WE met some new sisters, had an excellent roast beef dinner, and enjoyed some music. We had a great time on Friday night at the club. Next time, we hope the snow stays away.

I would like to say THANK YOU to Middletown, Rochester, Ithaca and Hoosick Falls for the rooms, flowers, gifts and our dinners. Most of all, Merle and I would like to say THANK YOU for the hospitality and the memories that we have received on our visits.

I hope everyone had a Happy Holiday, and wish you all a Safe and Better New Year.

Fraternal yours,

New York State Madam President Janet Sechler

Just To let You Know!

To everyone that participated in the 12 Days of Christmas Raffle –THANK YOU! I am listing the winning numbers so you know who won. I am leaving it up to the lucky winners to let you know if they wish to share their good fortune! The ticket numbers are:

<i>Dec. 13</i>	<i>Dec. 14</i>	<i>Dec. 15</i>	<i>Dec. 16</i>	<i>Dec. 17</i>	<i>Dec. 18</i>	<i>Dec. 19</i>
100	111	118	40	31	34	188
<i>Dec. 20</i>	<i>Dec. 21</i>	<i>Dec. 22</i>	<i>Dec. 23</i>	<i>Dec. 24</i>		
217	111	246	134	1		

Again, Thank You!
 Mary Gwitt-Stoldt, Ways and Means Chairman

The Mid Winter State Officers Gathering in Cortland will again be held at the Cortland Aerie on January 16, 2010. Past State Aerie President Harry Stewart made the arrangements for a group rate of \$54.00. At this meeting, the Grant Committee will be meeting. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!!! Days Inn Cortland/McGraw 3775 US Rt. 11 Exit #10 off Interstate 81 Cortland/McGraw, New York 13101 Phone 607-753-7594 Fax 607-753-6508 Cortland Aerie #2191 (Crown City) 155 Port Watson Street Cortland, New York 13045 607-753-6107**

Members of the Band	
Your New York State Auxiliary Officers	
<i>Jr. Past Madam President</i>	<i>Michele Lanning</i>
<i>Madam President</i>	<i>Janet Sechler</i>
<i>Madam Vice President</i>	<i>Joanne Serpe</i>
<i>Madam Chaplain</i>	<i>Mary Gwitt-Stoldt</i>
<i>Madam Secretary</i>	<i>J. Ruth Sharkey</i>
<i>Madam Treasurer</i>	<i>Anita Dieckmann</i>
<i>Madam Conductor</i>	<i>Brenda Denman</i>
<i>State Trustees</i>	<i>Donna McChesney</i>
	<i>Tracey Suttle</i>
	<i>Pam Rivers</i>
<i>State Inside Guard</i>	<i>Maureen Phelps</i>
<i>State Outside Guard</i>	<i>Louise Badi</i>
<i>Membership Chairman</i>	<i>Debra Parsons</i>

UPDATE, FOR THOSE WHO TRIED CALLING AND COULD NOT GET THE \$54.00 RATE, PLEASE TRY AGAIN. HARRY STEWART GOT THE PROBLEM CORRECTED WITH A.J., THE MANAGER OF THE DAYS INN IN CORTLAND.

Sisters,

“HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR” to all!! Hope you All had a “Great Holiday Season” with Family and Friends.

It’s that time again!! A Reminder to ALL SECRETARIES that your 11/30/09 New York State Per Capita Taxes are now MORE than 30 Days past due. Please sit down and write the checks today. Remember, the statements can be found on the MMS System.

I will be sending Letters in the near future to MANY SECRETARIES. I have received notice from the Grand Aerie that many of you are not in compliance with the MMS System. You must enter information on a timely manner, including your Officer Roster. Please take the time to get the information on the System SOON!!

Hope to see many of you at the Cortland get together on the 16th of January. Just a reminder that the Grant Committee will be meeting at 1:00 pm. Just pray for decent weather!!!

Till next time, I remain.....

Fraternally,
 Ruth Sharkey, N.Y.S. Auxiliary Secretary

2009-2010 Calendar	
January 16, 2010	State Officer's Meeting, Cortland, NY
February 20, 2009	Depew Past President and Appreciation Night
March 6, 2010	Glens Falls Joint Anniversary
April 3 and 4, 2010	Mason-Dixon Conference, Wilmington, DE
April 10, 2010	Olean Joint Anniversary
April 17, 2010	Spring Conference, Addison, NY
May 1, 2010	Johnson City
May 8, 2010	Tonawanda Anniversary
May 15, 2010	Lockport Anniversary
June 5, 2010	Addison Anniversary
June 17, 18, and 19, 2010	State Convention, Olean, NY
August 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2010	Grand Convention, Louisville, KY
The reservation form for rooms is available at: http://www.nyaerie.org/files/2010/FOE2010GrandConvRoomResForm004.pdf	
September 18, 2010	Fall Conference ????

A host Aerie is needed for the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 2010 New York State Aerie Fall Conference.

The Aerie that was hosting it had to cancel due to a scheduling conflict. The dates are September 18 & 19, 2010. If your Aerie is interested in hosting this conference, please send a letter into the New York State Aerie Secretary. The State Secretary plans to bring it up at the upcoming Spring Conference in Addison. Donald Yanchunis Sr., P.S.P. N. Y. S. Aerie Secretary Fraternal Order of Eagles 277 County Road 71 Stillwater, New York 12170-1723

From Donna McChesney.... *I hope this will give some new insight on what Eagledom is all about.*

The number 13 has special meaning to me from when I lost my son. I took the letters of the number 13 and wrote a meaning about the Eagles to it and here they are:

THIRTEEN

T - TRUST YOUR FELLOW EAGLES

H - HONOR YOUR SENIORS, THE YOUNG, AND MOST OF ALL, HONOR THY SELF. REMEMBER THE SENIORS HAVE YOUR KNOWLEDGE AND THE YOUNG NEED THE KNOWLEDGE TO BECOME LEADERS.

I - INVOLVE YOUR NEW AS WELL AS YOUR OLD MEMBERS AND SHOW THE NEW THE PATH TO EAGLEDOM.

R - RELY ON YOUR INSTINCTS, TO HOPEFULLY BE RIGHT.

T - TRY TO DO SOMETHING GOOD EVERYDAY - EVEN IF IT'S JUST GIVING A HUG OR KIND WORD WHERE NEEDED.

E - EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO BE AN EAGLE - HELP ALWAYS, OFTEN AND EVERYONE.

E - EVERYDAY IS AN OPPORTUNITY, TAKE AND MAKE THE BEST OF IT.

N - NOTICE WHEN SOMEONE NEEDS A HELPING HAND, GET UP HELP THEM, DON'T JUST SIT THERE AND WATCH, AFTER ALL WE ARE "PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE", AREN'T WE?

Happy Birthday to...

Kay Mosher, January 5th
 Judy Gray, January 11th
 Brenda Denman, January 16th
 Margaret Hodge, January 21st
 Lucky Thornton, February 12th
 Lorraine Hufnagel, February 22nd

Anniversary Wishes to

Bob and Ruth Sharkey, January 4th

Sisters,

Sorry for the lack of pictures in this newsletter. I lost my digital camera. If anyone happened to find a Kodak EasyShare with a battery charger in it bottom compartment of the case, please let me know. In the meantime, I bought myself a belated Christmas present and replaced it, so I hope by the next function I will be back in business!

Johnstown #155 at 217% of quota leads New York Auxiliaries, with Watertown #782 at 183% of quota and Rensselaer #4446 at 175% of quota following closely. Way to go, Sisters! Many more of you are on track to hit quota. We are in a challenging era for Auxiliary membership. Let's keep working to maintain our numbers.

Auxiliary members who have proposed three or more members as of November 30th are:

Amy Blair, Watertown #782	3 members
Margaret Hodge, Watertown #782	3 members
Michele Lanning, Watertown #782	5 members
Margaret "Bonnie" Sullivan, Ithaca #1253	3 members
Sally Wells, Ithaca #1253	3 members
Penna Smith, Johnstown #1575	3 members
Cindy Vaughn, Johnstown #1575	3 members
Ellen O'Neil, Binghamton #2119	3 members
Tracy Suttle, Glens Falls #2486	3 members
Lorraine Williams, Johnson City #2644	3 members
Michele Brusio, Depew-Lancaster #2692	3 members
Mary Gwitt-Stoldt, Depew-Lancaster #2692	4 members
Gloria Bennett, Rensselaer #4446	6 members
Theresa Krasher, Rensselaer #4446	5 members
Deborah Cotugno, Rensselaer #4446	3 members

Mary Haggerty and Janet Sechler found an error in the last newsletter, and will be entered in the drawing. Please make sure to drop me a line when you find a mistake to get your name entered in the drawing. Multiple entries are allowed!

Please don't forget to send me any information about your upcoming anniversaries or functions! Hope to see you in Cortland!

Debbie Parsons, NYS Auxiliary Membership Chair

The Depew-Lancaster Ladies Auxiliary will be celebrating our 55th Anniversary on February 20, 2010. We will celebrate with a Joint Past President and Charter Member Ceremony at 4pm. We would like to cordially invite you to join us on this special day as we honor you our Past Presidents and Charter Members. The ceremony will take about an hour and if you are able to join us for the day, please call or e-mail me as soon as possible so we can recognize you properly.

We will then join our Aerie in celebrating Eagles Appreciation and their Past Presidents. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 with dinner following at 7:30pm. Awards and presentations, music and dance will end the evening. Tickets are available at a cost of \$25 per ticket.

If you are planning on attending, please let me know as soon as possible, as there are a limited number of tickets available. The cut off date is February 10th. If overnight accommodations are needed, a group of rooms have been booked at the Red Roof Inn at 146 Maple Rd., phone # 1-800-733-7663, under B137Eagle at a rate of \$49.95+tax. Cut off date for these rooms is January 19, 2010. We look forward to seeing you.

Caroline Parry
Madam Vice President #2692

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FIND A MISTAKE IN THIS NEWSLETTER AND TELL ME AT ONE OF THE ADDRESSES BELOW, AND ENTER A DRAWING FOR A GIFT BASKET, TO BE DELIVERED AT THE 2010 CONVENTION!! ENTER WITH EVERY NEWSLETTER!

PLEASE!! Send pertinent information about your upcoming events to me at

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New York State Convention
June 17th to June 19th, 2010
Olean Aerie #616

Area Hotels

Microtel 716-373-5333
3234 NYS Rt. 417
Olean, NY 14760
1 Queen \$62.95 plus tax
2 Queens \$72.95 plus tax
Please book by May 15th

Best Western 716-372-1300
3051 W. State St.
Olean, NY 14760
Single \$99.00 plus tax
Double \$109.00 plus tax
Please book by April 20th

Hampton Inn 716-375-1000
101 Main St.
Olean, NY 14760
All rooms based on double
occupancy- \$99.00 to \$109.00
per room, \$10 per extra adult,
plus taxes
Please book by May 15th

Make your reservations ASAP. Olean's High School Reunion is the same weekend as the Convention.