

A message from NYS Auxiliary President

Happy New Year Sisters! (and Brothers, 'cause I know your reading this too!)

What a whirlwind this Presidential experience is! I've met a lot of new people and seen a lot of friends along the Eagle trail.

At the end of October, Gary and I went to the Joint Anniversary of Rochester. It was wonderful to see the men in the Past President's Circle. My "Golden Girl" Pat Fields did a great job filling in for Joanne (get well soon) running things. Their Halloween Contest was a hoot! Yes, I forgot to introduce Gary!

November brought on the Auburn Anniversary. What a great bunch of guys and gals! The camaraderie between the men and women is just wonderful. They even had me bowling!

Empire Anniversary, the following week was at a wonderful Italian restaurant. It was great to see Carol Smiklo and Betty Carrick again. Aerie and Auxiliary celebrating together- I see a trend starting here. (And yes again, forgot to introduce Gary!)

Ithaca Anniversary, everyone was there! Watertown entourage surprised me; it was great to see Tommy Hodges up and well. As always, they did a great meal and wonderful job. I can't imagine the wonderful job they'll do for the State Convention. Lots of introductions here, but forgot to the Past State Presidents while I was up, but hopefully recouped after Dave introduced the Aerie P. Presidents. (Didn't forget to intro Gary-left him home!) Maybe I'll get it right by the end of the year!

Even though I was unable to attend, I would like to thank Hoosik Falls for their donations to Dave's and my charities. I want to thank them all again for all their support and wonderful hospitality and the great job they do as Eagles!

Hope your Christmas was the merriest of all and you were good so Santa brought you lots of good presents. I, myself had a great Christmas Eve Surprise, my son brought his son to see me. What a nice present for me. You see I haven't seen him since he was two months old. Nice things like this don't ever happen to me, so this was very special.

I call January the catch-up month. You catch up on all the stuff you put off before the holidays to do. So that's what I'm doing this month.

Lastly, it is with great sadness I have received the resignation of Tammy Osmon as Membership Chairman for this year. I know we all wish her the best.

Hope to see you in Depew!

Love Ya!

Mary Gwitt-Stoldt

Just a word ... Please note a change in status. If you have information for the newsletter please send to: mailbags2@aol.com by the 20th of the month . This allows time for me to compile everything for publication about the 5th of the month. Or you can mail to me:

Pamela Rivers 5981 Mayflower rd. Niagara Falls, NY 14305. Or call 716-531-0459.

Thank you for your help and lots of hugs and love to Tammy Osman for the work she has done thus far. Thanks Tammy.

MESSAGE FROM THE STATE SECRETARY:

SISTERS,

I hope "ALL" had a Merry Christmas and have a Joyful, Healthy, Happy New Year.

Secretaries, believe it or not, it's that time of the year again, 11/30/11 per capita taxes are due. I would like to remind you that when paying your New York State taxes, the checks should be made payable to the NYS FOE Auxiliary. I would also remind you that the information on how your Charity Checks should be made out and where they are to be mailed is on the front of the last page of the Secretary Listing which you received in September. No check should be mailed to the Chairman of the Charity. I also would like to remind the Secretaries that if you are expecting Madam State President Mary to attend your Anniversary Celebration, a letter of invitation MUST be sent to the New York State Secretary, well in advance of your festivities.

We were saddened to hear of the passing of May McCluskey, New York State President 1958-1959 on Friday, November 18, 2011. Cards may be sent to May's companion at 1825 6th Avenue, Apt. #207, Owen Sound, Ontario Canada N4K5Y9.

Betty Nichols, New York State Inside Guard's address has changed to 36 Pleasant Drive, Lawrenceville, Pa. 16929. Betty is receiving Therapy from her recent stroke and cards may be sent to the above address.

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RUTH SHARKEY, N.Y. STATE AUXILIARY SECRETARY

FYI: lottery tickets for the month of February to benefit Parkinson's research are now on sale. Contact Pam Rivers or Barbara Newman if your interested in tickets. They are on the way to State Officers and Auxiliaries as you read this. We need to sell ASAP as we are a little late with our mailings. Thank you for helping this worth while charity.

DIABETES RESEARCH CENTER CALENDARS

As Eastern Regional Chairman of the DRC, Bob and I were sent Calendars to sell for the Annual DRC Fund Raiser that are good for the year 2012. The drawings start on January 1, 2012 with 2 \$100.00 drawings each day for the entire year, with the exception of Christmas Day, when there will not be a drawing. The winning numbers are posted weekly on the Grand Aerie web site and the checks are automatically sent to you from the Grand Aerie Offices. The Calendars sell for \$20.00 each.

What a “Great” Gift for your Children, Grandchildren, or any other member of your family or for a friend.

If you are interested in purchasing a calendar, send a check to me, made payable to the Grand Aerie FOE, earmarked DRC Calendar, telling the name and address of the holder of the calendar and I will immediately get a calendar in the mail to you. All winnings that might occur before your purchase will be paid after information and numbers are received.

Keep in mind also that ALL funds raised are going for Diabetes Research.

Thanking you in advance for your Support.

Ruth Sharkey, Eastern Regional Chairman DRC

To all my children,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Years, may the 2012 year be filled with health and happiness for everyone. May the Servicemen and women be safe and return home to their families soon. I hope everyone takes the time to remember the past year and strive to make this new year better. So with the New Year upon us always remember we are a group of “People helping People”. Let’s keep up the good work. Love to all, Janet Bruning State Mom

UPCOMING DATES:

February 18, 2012	Depew Auxiliary Anniversary & Aerie Past Presidents Ceremony Dinner/Dancing 4pm-?
April 14, 2012	Olean Joint Anniversary Dinner
April 28, 2012	Addison Anniversary Dinner
May 12, 2012	Tonawanda Joint Anniversary Dinner