

Feather Facts



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STATE SECRETARY ELLIE FEE

Hello Sisters,

I will apologize for no newsletter the last two months, but as they say, sometimes no news is good news. On that note, I do not have much for you.

The annual 5th District Cancer Telethon is next weekend. This is the time to make your donation. Donations are to be mailed to me and made out to the Minnesota State Auxiliary. If you do so for this year, please let me know asap. Mail is slow so I want to ensure it is included in our totals.

Many local secretaries have received communications from the Grand regarding conciliation committees. I have been asked questions so I broke it down into a checklist you will find at the end of this newsletter.

The Grand is very worried about insurance. This is a reminder that your entire insurance policy must be sent to the Grand Aerie (easiest way is to email compliance@foe.com). It is the job of your Madam Trustees to make sure this is done. Under the Rules and Regulations, the Aerie must cover insurance for you Auxiliary. The Trustees need to make sure the Auxiliary and Grand Aerie are listed as additional insureds on the policy. Please retain a copy of the insurance policy. This is something renewed every year. Most of our Auxiliaries come due January 1st. If you want to know what date your Auxiliary is covered to, please reach out to me as I can see them all in our club health reports.

"Sunflowers end up facing the sun, but they go through a lot of dirt to find their way there –

J.R. Rim

DISTRICT MEETING 2025—2026

District 1

Grand Rapids #2469 - 10/11 @ 1pm

Bemidji #351 - TBD

District 2

Roseau #3882 – 9/20 @ 12pm

Hallock #2617 – 10/11 @ 12pm

Thief River Falls #2368 – 11/22 @ 12pm

Detroit Lakes #2342– 12/13 @ 12pm

Crookston #873 – 1/10 @ 12pm

Warroad #4195 – 2/21 @ 12pm

Karlstad #3486 – 3/21 @ 12pm

E. Grand Forks #350 – 4/18 @ 12pm

District 3

Willmar #2334 – 9/6 @ 1pm

Alexandria #3063 – 11/1 @ 1pm

Litchfield #3424 – 1/10 @ 1pm

St. Cloud #622 – 3/14 @ 1pm

Brainerd #287 – 4/11,12 @ 1pm

District 4

New Brighton #3718– 10/11 @ 1pm

New Brighton #3718 – 1/10 @ 1pm

New Brighton #3718 – 3/14 @ 1pm

New Brighton #3718 – 4/25 @ 11am

District 5

Mankato #269—9/21 @ 1pm

Faribault #1460—10/19 @ 1pm

Albert Lea #2258—11/9 @ 1pm

Owatonna #1791—2/15 @ 1pm

Northfield #2242—3/15 @ 1pm

Rochester #2228—4/11-12 @ 1pm

District 6

Worthington #3282 – 9/6 @ 1:00

Tracy #3918 – 11/8 @ 1:00

Marshall #3405—12/13 @ 1:00

Fairmont #3394 – 1/10 @ 1:00

St. James #3420—3/28 @ 1:00

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR DEBRA HENRY

Happy New Year! We are seven months in, it is going fast, but we still have plenty of time to keep going strong with our membership. I hope you all are working on your dropped membership list!! We have many new members to welcome to our sister hood, please remember to keep in contact with your new members, don't let me fall on the side of the road, keep them in the know. I'd like to tell you about an event that would be easy for all our Auxiliary's to do next year. The Owatonna Eagles held a Witch's Walk this last October, this was the first year I was able to attend and Sisters it was a blast. It was open to nonmembers with their ticket cost a little more than a member. About half that attended were not members. The route included 4 other establishments on the main road, ending back at the Aerie for a Chili meal, games and raffles to raise money for the charity. By the end of the night many of the applications that were put out on the tables were filled out and paid. Initiation will be a large one. Sisters this was a very low-cost event for the Auxiliary, raffle prizes were donated and the ticket cost covered the meal plus. I am already working on my costume for next year, that's how much fun it was. Thank you, Susan, for sharing the event information with me. Maybe next year we will have many more witches out there in the state of Minnesota. Please share you events that will bring in members with me to showcase and we can grow our membership tall and proud. I would like to thank the 6th District for having me at there last District Meeting and their Christmas Pary. For a small group you do have fun. The Cookies were awesome. Thank you again. I am working on a schedule to make it your district; I will keep you posted.

Sister Love, Debra Henry, State Membership Chair, see you on my Minnesota travels

Don't forget www.foe.com is a great information location.

"Membership is not just a card; it's a connection to a network of like-minded individuals."

Minnesota State Convention
June 17 – 20, 2026
Crookston, MN

International Convention
August 8–13, 2026
Dallas, TX

Minnesota State Convention
June 23–26, 2027
Alexandria, MN

State Membership Rewards:

- 1 New or Re-enrolled—Lapel Pin**
- 3 New or Re-enrolled—Sunflower Beaded Keychain**
- 5 New or Re-enrolled—Sunflower Makeup Bag**
- 10 New or Re-enrolled—Sunflower Blanket**

Net Gain Rewards:

- \$100 to top Auxiliary in each class**
 - Class A: 1—100**
 - Class B: 101—200**
 - Class C: 201 and up**
- \$50 to Top Producer in each District**

Sunflower Centerpiece:

- Must include: Stand Tall with Me for the F.O.E.**
- No limitations—Be Creative!!**
- Put name of person making it and Auxiliary in an envelope**
- Place centerpiece in a black garbage bag**
- Tape the envelope to the bottom of a black garbage bag**
- Prizes:**
 - 1st: \$50.00**
 - 2nd: \$30.00**
 - 3rd: \$20.00**
- Centerpieces will be put on a live auction during the district hospitality room**
- All proceeds go the Confidence Learning Center**

Goal:

Make Net Gain

District Directors:

- 1—Sherry Peters**
- 2—Mary Lee**
- 3—Sara Hesse**
- 4—Ann Hadel**
- 5—Vicki Schoonover**
- 6—Linda Connell**



Hope everyone had a great fall. I saw lots of beautiful fall colors on my travels around the state in October. I just love fall time! I was invited to Mankato for their Anniversary and pin night on October 11th. Ed and State Mother Garnet, received their 50-year pins as dual members. State Grandmother Margie Reinke also came along and of course State Grammy Judy Spencer was there. The food was delicious, loved the carrot cake! They made a very generous donation to my charity Confidence Learning Center. Thank you sisters, for that! Congratulations to the Brothers and Sisters receiving pins, you are helping to keep the Eagles organization moving forward. I attended the State bowling tournament on October 25th & 26th in New Brighton. Only seven teams but that didn't matter, they all made it fun! Even had the pleasure of seeing Nancy Wadsworth at the club – feeling better and looking good! New Brighton didn't disappoint, with their karaoke and “Bargo” and all the delicious food. Also, we helped Nancy Johnson (State Outside Guard) celebrate her 50th birthday! That was a party! On October 24th I was invited to Alexandria to their Anniversary/Pin night. The food was amazing, including the cooked carrots (Gary Miller's favorite-ha ha!) Ed couldn't make it, so State Mother Garnet traveled with me. The Auxiliary also made a very generous donation to my Charity, Confidence Learning Center. Thank you so much sisters. I had a wonderful time! Congratulations to the members receiving pins. Garnet and I traveled to Brainerd on October 25th for the celebration of life for Roger Hyatt, Past State Worthy President. A dedicated Eagle member for 48 years. What a great turnout to show their love and support for an Eagle Brother. The service was beautiful and quite touching, we even sang “Where Eagles Fly”. What a great tribute to Roger! My sympathy to Carolyn, Laurie and the Hyatt family. Then it was off to Detroit Lakes for Larry Swiers Benefit. Great turnout for Larry. He sure has a beautiful family! I hope they raised a lot of money to help Larry with his medical expenses. I bought some auction items, bought some meat raffle tickets, 50/50 tickets, didn't win anything, but Garnet and I had a great time, and all the money went to a worthy cause. I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. It was great to spend time with family and friends. So much to be thankful for! It is now December and along with it came about 10” of that beautiful white stuff. Please be careful out there when traveling! I didn't have any invitations for November, just attended our 6th District meeting in Tracy on Saturday November 8th. Looking forward to the Christmas parties in December. If you forgot to get anyone a gift, don't forget that Eagle Memberships make great gifts for family members and even friends! We have to keep our membership strong, and thanks to all of you that have already signed up members! Please note that District 6 has changed the meeting locations for January and March. The January 10th meeting will be in Fairmont, and the March 28th convention will be in St. James. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and I wish you all a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year! My how time flies! Can't believe it is 2026! On December 1st, I attended the Auxiliary Christmas party in Worthington. Mother, Garnet and Grandmothers, Margie and Judy accompanied me. We had an awesome time, playing games and winning bingo prizes and opening gifts. The food was delicious, especially the perfectly grilled steak made by Neil Rothbarth! Thank you, my sisters, for the wonderful time. On December 6th I attended the St. James club Christmas party. Of course, Garnet and Margie were there along with my Special Sister, Gloria. It was potluck, with many delicious food assortments and desserts. Had a great time and received a gift card from the club. Thank you, St. James. We still need to sign up members; we have a ways to go yet! Also, don't forget to sell those raffle tickets for our charity, the Confidence Learning Center, and get them turned into Debra Henry. The Golf Tournament will be held again in Mesa, AZ in February to raise money for the Confidence Learning Center. You can sponsor a hole for \$50. We are looking for donations for this event also. That's all for now. Until next month.

Linda Connell – State Madam President

INFORMATION AND NEWS

Confidence Tickets are starting to be turned in!!!
 Reminder, if you have sold tickets please send them in, you don't have to wait. Use the pre stamped envelope that was given with the tickets. We only have a few no signed out, if you need some to sell or want to buy some let me know we can make that happen. Sisters, PELASE DO NOT SEND CASH IN THE MAIL. It is so unfortunate we cannot do this, but it is just not safe. I understand sending a check may take a little time to clear your bank, so, if you want, you can write the check out to CASH. I will cash your check ASAP and replace the check with the cash. Total so far collected for the CLC, State Madam Linda Connell:
 STAY TUNED - IT'S A SURPRISE Thank you for all your support for the CLC. Debra Henry – State Charity Chairman



FRIDAY February 20th - 6 pm - 8 BALL SINGLES
\$30 entry - Race will be determined by entries - Double Elimination
SATURDAY February 21st - 9 am - 4 PERSON TEAM \$160
RACE TO 8 - Limit 32 Teams - Double Elimination
SUNDAY February 22nd FINISH IF NEEDED
GREEN FEES ARE INCLUDED IN ALL ENTRIES

**** Saturday night Mini Singles as tables become available ****

Paid Registration by February 1st 2026

Entries forms can be found on Facebook event - Faribault Eagles State Pool Tournament 2026 page

Mail Entries to - Faribault Eagles Attn: Tina Francis, 2027 Grant St, Faribault Mn. 55021

Tournament questions contact Rich Arendts @ 507 838 7299

VNEA Rules - Open to all Eagles member in good standing - Compusport will be used

The club will offer shuttle service to these select hotels-

Grandstay Suites Hotel - 1500 20th St NW, Faribault MN 55021 ph 507-334 2888

Boarders Inn & Suites - 1801 Lavender Dr, Faribault MN 55021 ph 507-334 -9464

Minnesota State Officers

Past Madam President	Diane Hinkemeyer	#622
Madam President	Linda Connell	#3420
Madam Vice President	Tina Haugen	#2368
Madam Chaplain	Tina Giesen	#1791
Madam Secretary	Ellie Fee	#873
Madam Treasurer	Carolyn Skogstad	#3882
Madam Conductor	Crystal Cabana	#873
Madam Inside Guard	Diane Haas	#269
Madam Outside Guard	Nancy Johnson	#351
Madam Trustee	Susan Johnson	#1791
Madam Trustee	Tandra Landman	#873
Madam Trustee	Tricia Tobin	#269
Madam Trustee	Laurie Johnston	#287

District Directors

Sherry Peters	District 1	#351
Mary Lee	District 2	#2342
Sara Hesse	District 3	#620
Ann Hadel	District 4	#3718
Vicki Schoonover/Tricia Tobin	District 5	#2228
Linda Connell	District 6	#3420

District Secretaries

Bina Silverthorn	District 1	#351
Carolyn Skogstad	District 2	#3882
Laurie Johnston	District 3	#287
Ann Hadel	District 4	#3718
Debra Henry	District 5	#1791
Marge Reinke	District 6	#3420

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As of December 31, 2025 for the Fiscal Year

	Member Count	Net Gain	% of Net Gain
District 1			
351 Bemidji	391	-34	-8.00%
2469 Grand Rapids	327	-36	-9.92%
	718	-70	-8.88%
District 2			
873 Crookston	158	-3	-1.86%
2342 Detroit Lakes	87	-19	-17.92%
2368 Thief River Falls	128	-11	-7.91%
3882 Roseau	97	-8	-7.62%
4195 Warroad	58	-26	-30.95%
	528	-67	-11.26%
District 3			
287 Brainerd	219	-26	-10.61%
620 Morris	91	-6	-6.19%
622 St. Cloud	228	-24	-9.52%
2334 Willmar	32	-1	-3.03%
3063 Alexandria	125	-10	-7.41%
3424 Litchfield	47	-2	-4.08%
	742	-69	-8.51%
District 4			
2212 Hastings	61	-10	-14.08%
3718 New Brighton	244	-14	-5.43%
4120 Shakopee	57	-6	-9.52%
	362	-30	-7.65%
District 5			
269 Mankato	152	-10	-6.17%
703 Austin	107	-3	-2.73%
1791 Owatonna	296	-67	-18.46%
2228 Rochester	304	-38	-11.11%
2258 Albert Lea	256	-46	-15.23%
	1115	-164	-12.82%
District 6			
3282 Worthington	45	-1	-2.17%
3394 Fairmont	12	-9	-42.86%
3405 Marshall	19	-9	-32.14%
3420 St. James	62	-6	-8.82%
	138	-25	-15.34%
Total	3603	-480	-11.76%



**Grand Madam President
Rebecca Pelkey's Charities
Milton, Vermont #4218**

Cancer Fund

Rebecca will be raising money throughout the year for cancer research through the Fraternal Order of Eagles Charity Foundation Cancer Fund.

Brattleboro Retreat

The Brattleboro Retreat is a not-for-profit, regional specialty mental health treatment center that was founded in 1834. They provide a full range of diagnostic and treatment services for individuals of all ages. Nationally recognized as a leader in the field of psychiatry, the Brattleboro Retreat offers a high-quality, individualized, comprehensive continuum of care.

All donations can be sent to:
F.O.E. Charities Department
1623 Gateway Circle S.
Grove City, Ohio 43123

Please put either GMP - Cancer Fund or GMP - Brattleboro in the memo line.

Auxiliary – Conciliation Committee Checklist

Appointment & Eligibility

- ☐ Madam President appoints **five (5) Conciliation Committee Members** at start of term
 - ☐ **Past Madam Presidents** prioritized (if available)
 - ☐ All members appointed are in **good standing**
 - ☐ Dual or Dual-Auxiliary members confirmed eligible
 - ☐ Committee roster remains unchanged **unless a vacancy occurs**
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Dispute Filing Requirements

- ☐ Dispute occurred **within the past 30 days**
 - ☐ Member completed **Conciliation Dispute Form** within 30 days of incident
 - ☐ Form submitted to **Madam President**
 - ☐ Madam President **referred the matter to the Conciliation Committee**
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Meeting & Conciliation Process

- ☐ Committee scheduled a **conciliation meeting date for both parties**
 - ☐ Parties notified of meeting details
 - ☐ Committee facilitated discussion and **offered resolution recommendations** (no imposed penalties)
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Resolution Outcome

If resolution is reached:

- ☐ **Conciliation Dispute Resolution Form** completed & signed by Committee
- ☐ **Both parties** signed the agreement
- ☐ Resolution Form **filed with the Madam Secretary** and added to Auxiliary records

If resolution is NOT reached:

- ☐ Committee completed & signed Resolution Form indicating:
 - ☐ *Matter dismissed* OR ☐ *Formal complaint filed under Section 63.1, Statutes*
 - ☐ **Both parties** signed final Resolution Form
 - ☐ Final Resolution Form **filed with the Madam Secretary**
 - ☐ Filing party informed of option to proceed with **Official Complaint through the Aerie Secretary**
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Grand Tribunal Contact (For Trial Reference Only)

Jolie Stauffer – Secretary of the Grand Tribunal

- ☐ Email: grandtribunal@foe.com
- ☐ Phone: 614-883-2175