



# This Month's Peanuts

July, 2017



## YOUR STATE PRESIDENTS

JEANMARIE MCCLURE AND ALLAN PORTER

Ithaca member Tiffany McDermott presented your state presidents with framed photos with their logo for their presidencies at the State Convention Banquet on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Hello Auxiliary Sisters!

What a truly wonderful first month as your New York State Madam President!

Let's start with installation – I was honored to have 32 members of my family members present to witness this monumental occasion in my life. And I had so many of you there to share it with me as well! I am a blessed woman. Thank you so much to Ithaca #1253 for a great Convention and Congratulations to my partner in crime, **AL PORTER**, the New York State Worthy President – I love you!!

Here are the highlights: Our New York State Mom this year is Past New York State Madam President Louise Badi from Rensselaer #4446. I'm not sure she realized that's what I was asking her – but once she realized she seemed quite pleased lol! Our New York State Honorary Grandmother this year is Past New York State Madam President Carol Harris from Olean #616. I have spoken

with her and she is thrilled. Both of these women have had my back for a long time and I am glad I could honor them in this way. Our Membership Chairman is New York State Madam Chaplain Debbie Parsons from Ithaca #1253 and my advisors are Past New York State Madam Presidents Ruth Fitch from Olean #616 and Tracy Hadsell from South Glens Falls #2486.

Our big sisters this year are Past New York State Madam President Judy Gray from Depew-Lancaster #2692 and Past New York State Madam President Kitty Spencer from Watertown #782. Our little sisters are New York State Madam Trustee Mimi Briggs from Johnson City #2644 and Heather Love from Cobleskill #2695. Our Mr. and Mrs. Eagle are Al Porter and Debbie Parson from Ithaca #1253.

And our New York State FOE Stampede: Lead Guitar – Brian Hicks from Olean #616, Bass Guitar – Past New York State Worthy President Lenny Briggs from Johnson City #2644, Keyboards – Past New York State Worthy President Pete Vaughn from Olean #616, Percussion – Glen Porter from Ithaca #1253, and the Pips: Past New York State Worthy President Pat Gray from Depew-Lancaster #2692, Past New York State Worthy President Jon Badi from Rensselaer #4446, and New York State Worthy Chaplain Shane Strong from Cobleskill #2695. We will have so much fun with them this year – I promise. Gentlemen, don't forget your bandanas and instruments as you travel ☺!!

My theme this year is: SING AND DANCE WITH JEANNIE THE WHOLE YEAR THROUGH – RETAINING CURRENT MEMBERS WHILE BRINGING IN SOME NEW! I plan to start every meeting and precede my "little talks" with a little music for us all to dance to – we sit quite a bit at these things, so let's dance it out first. Elephants



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are my favorite thing in the world and I'll share with you all why that is as I travel. I hope to visit as many Auxiliaries as I can this year and look forward to seeing you all along the Eagle Trail.

My state project this year is The ReHAbilitation Foundation and our hope is to raise monies that will help to start a Music/Art Therapy room for the people served by the ReHAbiltitation Foundation. Please feel free to go to [www.rehabcenter.org/donate](http://www.rehabcenter.org/donate) to get more information about this wonderful charity. Should you wish to donate online – please answer **“YES”** under **“I would like to donate to a specific fund or endowment”** and then click on the “NYS FOE Madam President's Project”. I'll make sure to give you more information on this charity in each newsletter. I will also have the Stay-Dri Polo shirts with me as I travel for \$20 each. Feel free to let me know if you want me to bring a particular size with me and I will try to accommodate.

I can't wait to attend the Grand Convention in a few weeks representing the New York State Auxiliary! And, I can't wait to share all the good things I'll learn there with all of you in our next newsletter!

Hugs and Kisses,

Jeannie

## Happy Birthday!!

July 1<sup>st</sup> - Ruth Vaughn

July 20<sup>th</sup> - Joan Farrell



## Happy Anniversary!

Debbie Parsons and Allan Porter

July 8<sup>th</sup>



What did the elephant say to a naked man?

“Hey that's cute but can you breathe through it?”

## This years membership gifts



Cell phone holder/Key chain/Elephant planter

## MESSAGE FROM THE STATE SECRETARY:

SISTERS & BROTHERS;

If you were not in attendance at the New York State Convention in Ithaca, New York you missed out on a Great Convention. What an awesome job the Brothers and Sisters did. They are to be Congratulated over and over again for having not left a stone unturned in taking care of the attendees!! Congratulations also to Presidents Jeanmarie McClure and Al Porter, the new State President's.

Welcome to Kathleen Jason, Johnson City # 2644 as New York State Inside Guard. Best Wishes to



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the entire New York State Auxiliary and Aerie for a Great Year in 2017-2018.

Secretaries; Thank You to all the Secretaries who have paid their per capita taxes. A reminder, if any one from your Auxiliary is attending the Grand Convention, YOUR PER CAPITA TAXES MUST BE PAID FOR 5/31/2017. You should also have your New Officers for the year 2017-2018 in put into the MMS System by this time and YOU MUST LIST YOUR AUDITOR AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE.

SECRETARIES; IF YOU WISH TO INVITE THE NEW YORK STATE MADAM PRESIDENT TO BE A GUEST AT YOUR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, A LETTER MUST BE SENT TO THE STATE SECRETARY FIRST REQUESTING HER PRESENCE.

**A Reminder to all that Grant requests for the upcoming year must be received at my home address NO LATER THAN SEPTMBER 1, 2017. There will No Exceptions!!**

Looking forward to seeing many of my Auxiliary Sisters and Brothers along the Eagle Trail.

Fraternally,

Ruth Sharkey, New York State Auxiliary Secretary

**Hello Sisters and Brothers from your membership chairman!**

This year's challenge for membership is not between the Aerie and the Auxiliary. Your state presidents have challenged Lenny Briggs, the Aerie Membership Chair, and I to a combined 1% gain in membership for the year.

As many of you know, I am a staunch believer in our Auxiliaries. I think in Ithaca, where I am the Auxiliary secretary, that we are a stronger organization because we have an Aerie and an Auxiliary- that we donate more and support our community more because we approach those donations, that support, from different angles.

Having said that, I also believe even more firmly in the Eagles. We need brothers and sisters, Aerie and Auxiliary members, to do the things we do. As Past Worthy State President Lenny Briggs used to say- we are ordinary people doing extraordinary things- and that takes all of us.

At the end of May, our combined net gain for 2016-2017 was .6%. The Auxiliary as of today has a net gain of .6%. Good work, ladies! But now is not the time to rest on our laurels. It will be important for us to work on keeping our members. The new change to everyone paying their dues at the end May will mean we will have to drop members by mid-September. Secretaries, let's reach out to those who haven't paid their dues yet, to encourage them to do so.

I haven't received access to our individual Auxiliaries' membership numbers from the Grand Aerie yet, but hope to by the first of next week. I'll send that out for June as a separate email.

I expect to attend as many anniversaries as possible this year, and also hope to join as many of you as possible at one of your regular meetings. I'll be in touch with your secretaries!

I have attached 50-50 raffle tickets. Money raised will go the State Auxiliary Membership Fund to be used for membership related expenses. Any help you can give in selling the tickets will be appreciated! Please send sold tickets to me at 148 Sheffield Rd., Ithaca, NY, 14850. The drawing on September 16<sup>th</sup> will be at the Fall Conference being held at the Ticonderoga Aerie

If there is anything I can help you with, or if you have any suggestions you would like to share, please give me a call- 607 342-6010, or email me at [debaparsons@gmail.com](mailto:debaparsons@gmail.com).

Until we meet on the trail!

Debbie Parsons  
Membership Chair