



# NEW YORK STATE REPORTER

Fraternal Order of Eagles, New York State Aerie

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**November 2020**

Greetings Fellow Eagle Members!



Fortunately, COVID-19 did not put a damper on all FOE activities. We were finally able to install this year's State Officers at the Fall Conference on September 18-19<sup>th</sup> in Utica. Hats off to Utica Aerie #97 President Celia Antonik and members for a terrific weekend of fellowship, food, and fun. The presentation of the food for the cocktail hour was outstanding. Many enjoyed the dancing and karaoke Friday night thanks to our very own DJ Rich Baldwin.

Below at the Fall Conference, Pam Strong and her mother Wanda Cooper express the gratitude they have for Marathon for a Better Life, NYS President Dale Nunamann's charity.



During the parade of checks, I was overwhelmed by the generosity of my fellow Eagle members. On behalf of Marathon for a Better Life, Larkin Nikolaus accepted checks totaling just over \$5000. Thanks to Buster Weldon and the bartenders of Utica Aerie #97 we raised an additional \$190 while enjoying drinks and dancing with the band. It was a productive and enjoyable weekend.



Adirondack Aerie #4410 was able to hold their Anniversary Dinner at the end of September. NYS Vice President Ed Dolback and his wife Betty, along with Aerie President Jack Hargett, welcomed State Officers Rich Baldwin and his wife Ann, Don Yanchunis and his guest Kim, as well as my girlfriend, Donna and me. After serving us a delicious prime rib dinner, we were able to celebrate Ed's 88<sup>th</sup> birthday. Congratulations Ed on this significant milestone!



In November, Donna and I were able to travel to Littlestown, Pennsylvania to attend the Eastern Regional Conference hosted by Littlestown Aerie #2226. NYS Secretary Don Yanchunis and Kim were also in attendance.

Grand Aerie Trustee Pete Ackers, Grand Madam Chaplain Rebecca Pelkey, Grand Madam Vice President Elaine Regi, and Grand Past Worthy President Robert Wahls all had valuable words of wisdom for those in attendance.

It was my honor to be chosen along with NYS Auxiliary Madam President Paula Borchardt by Eastern Regional Presidents Larry Mendenhall and Kathy Kovacs to speak on the topic of membership efforts. We need to invite dropped members to reenroll as well as look at the members in the Victory Aerie to see if they could be brought back into a local Aerie.

**Past President's December Raffle** Tickets have been distributed. Please ask people to PRINT their names and addresses legibly. All tickets returned need to be postmarked by December 1<sup>st</sup> to be honored. Thank you on behalf of the Past Presidents for your support.





**A Message from  
Fraternal Order of Eagles, New York State Aerie  
Membership Committee Chairman**

October 29, 2020

**Members of the New York State Aerie:**

I have been very busy visiting Aerie's around our great state. Many Aerie's have asked me to pay them a visit. Thank You to the following Aeries; Johnson City #2644, Utica #97, Glen Falls #2486 and Depew #2692 for allowing me to be part of **their** meetings and letting me talk about and promote membership. When I was at the Johnson City Aerie I got to watch their installation of new officers for this year. What a nice group of leaders! When visiting the Glen Falls and Depew Aeries, they did a great job initiating new members. A special thanks to State Secretary Don Yanchunis and the entire Ritual team from Saratoga Springs #2586 for doing a great job at the Glens Falls Aerie initiation. It was an honor watching you guys carrying on the traditions of the F.O.E.

It only takes two words to reach new members "**JUST ASK**". Please remember to carry a membership application at all times and don't let a moment slip away.

When I get back from the Eastern Regional Conference, I would like to continue visiting the Aerie's in New York so let me know if you would like me to come when you are doing an initiation. I would be honored to talk about membership. Stay safe keep up the good work of the F.O.E.

Fraternally,

*Jim Chavez*

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