



February – March 2018
MINNESOTA STATE AUXILIARY NEWSLETTER
FEATHER FACTS



Hello Sisters, I hope everyone is weathering the cold. What an exciting couple of months. I was very honored to attend the District 5 Cancer telethon. I was very impressed with all the volunteers and the hard work they do to pull off such a wonderful event for charity. The luncheon, the tour, the dinner, and the telethon itself was just very exciting and very informative. Thank very much for the invite it was awesome.

Next, I am off to Arizona for the Camp Confidence Golf Tournament. If you would like to sponsor a hole for \$50.00 send it to John Tobie. it's a wonderful charity event for camp confidence learning center.

Then March 17th, St. Patty's Day, is our Spring Planning Meeting in Litchfield, so all you State Officers and Past State Presidents dress in your best St. Patty's Day outfits, there could be a prize for best dressed. Let's have fun and join Litchfield and their festivities.

We now have four months to sign up new and re-enrollees, so let's get out there and find those special sisters to join our organization. We currently have signed up 243 members and are -6.17% behind net gain so sisters let's get out and do this. But more importantly let's hold on to the members we have, let's work hard to keep our Auxiliaries going.

Thank you Everyone for everything you do.

SMP Sherry Peters

Hello Camping Sisters,

The Holidays have now passed hope they were good to you and now we need to survive the cold weather. Since the last time you heard from me I finished up my visits with District #2 on December 16th in Thief River Falls. It was interesting to see the different programs and ideas other Districts have to offer. I received warm welcomes where ever I traveled. Thank you all for the sisterly love I was given. We are now three quarters the way into our camping year, so far, we have 135 Reenrolled Embers and, 170 New sparks reported, 25 of them have not been Initiated. It's really important when you're signing up a member that you let them know when Initiation is and if not initiated within 3 months they will automatically be dropped and lose their monies.

Our top Auxiliaries as of February 1st with a Net Gain, Shakopee with 27.8%, Fairmont with 7.7%, Warroad with 7.4% and Hastings with 5.1%. Congratulations!! We only need 317 more new or re-enrolled members to make our State a Net Gain!

We Can Do This for Sherry

Our high producing Secretaries are Luanne Kuschel of Grand Rapids with 14, Christina Reed of Warroad with 13, Judy Ann Hanson of Rochester with 7. Our high producing members are Amy Reisch of Luverne with 10, Theresa Richie of Shakopee with 8, Renee Tschumper of Rochester, Jean Meier of Brainerd and Gail Kipka of Brainerd all with 7, Marilyn Hazen of Bemidji, Val Ahrens of Bemidji and Susan Johnson of Owatonna all with 6. **KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK CAMPERS.**

Until Next Time Keep The Embers Burning! Happy Valentine's Day (keep warm)

Your State Membership Chairman

Bina Silverthorn

Remember Ladies that as of last Grand Convention you will no longer have 3 1/2 months to pay your dues after May. Dues are now due no later than July 15 and if not paid the Grand Offices will automatically drop you. The Grand Aerie Membership Department would like to announce our latest contest, the Early Bird Contest. All Aerie and Auxiliary members who renew their 2018-2019 dues by March 26th, 2018 will be entered into a drawing for one of ten \$100.00 prizes to be awarded by the Grand Aerie Membership Department. We will select 10 winners (5 Aerie & 5 Auxiliary) at random on April 1st, 2018 and winners will be posted on the MMS Home Page as well as the Member's Only Site.

Please note: Any member who has already paid their 2018-2019 dues will also be included in the drawing.

Reach out to your members and encourage them to pay their dues early for a chance to win!!

Attached please find the Early Bird Contest flyer which we suggest you post in a conspicuous place on the Aerie/Auxiliary premises.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Grand Aerie Membership Department either by phone at [614-883-2177](tel:614-883-2177) or by e-mail at membership@foe.com.

Have a wonderful day and the Happiest of Holidays! Sincerely, Jenny Peterman

Don't forget the Camping wind chimes for SMP Sherry Peters. These will be auctioned at the Thursday night hospitality room. Proceeds go to Camp Confidence – president's charity

1. Must be no bigger than 1 foot by 2 feet long.
2. Name of Creator and her Auxiliary in a sealed envelope tapped to the bag covering the wind chime.



Happy Birthday to the State Officers: Diane Hinkemeyer 2/9, Kay Nelson 2/20,

Debra Henry 3/18

State officers meeting March 17th Litchfield. 2pm District Directors meeting in Brainerd May 5th 2pm

Hello fellow campers. There are only 6 Auxiliaries left to pay their PCT payments, please remember to make the check out to "MN State Aux". Also, please remember there are 2 different PCT's. One goes to the Grand in Ohio, and the other one comes to me for the State. Happy Valentine's Day to all our sisters, and a Happy St Patrick's Day. Let's keep signing up those embers and sparks to help make Sherry's year a great one. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask any of the State Officers. We are here to represent you.

Denise Hemenway – MN State Secretary

Hello Sisters, getting an early start on requests for By-Law Changes, if you have any please send them to Debra Henry, 57390 174th Lane, Good Thunder MN 56037. I have sent the forms out to all the Secretary's for your access.

Thank you, Debra Henry, By-Law Chairperson.

PROMOTIONS-----PROMOTIONS-----PROMOTIONS-----PROMOTIONS

I know it is not State Convention time yet, but I want to put a reminder out there to remember the Promotions table while you are putting together your craft items this winter. They are greatly appreciated by the Promotions committee. We need your help to keep our Promotion Fund growing.

Thanks For ALL You Do

Judy Spencer PSMP - PNCRP and The Promotion Committee

Hotels for District 3 Convention Morris, MN April 20-22, 2018

GrandStay Morris, 5 East State Highway 28, Morris, MN 56267, 855-455-7829 or 320-585-4000

Web Site-<https://www.grandstayhospitality.com/find-a-hotel/locations/morris/overview>

\$116.10/Night, double queen room, 20 rooms blocked until 3/10/18

Hotel 200, 200 Hwy 28E, Morris, MN 56267 (Old Prairie Inn), 320-589-3030

reservations@thehotel200.com, Web Site-<http://www.thehotel200.com/>

\$88.20/Night, King, 2 Queens (2 smoking, 4 non-smoking)

\$106.20/Night, Poolside (1 bed)

They are in the process of remodeling. If you request a newly remodeled room early enough, you might get one. They will be available on a first come, first serve basis. We have 10 rooms blocked until 4/5/18. There is a wedding that weekend. On-Site Bar & Restaurant

Super 8, 102 Hwy 28 E, Morris, MN 56267, 320-589-8888, morrissuper8@gmail.com

Web Site-<https://www.wyndhamhotels.com/hotels/morris-minnesota>

\$79/Night, 1 adult

\$89/Night, 2 adults, 2 queen beds

District 2 Crookston 4/21/18 (District Convention)

St. James #3420 will be hosting the Sixth District Convention

April 7 & 8, 2018

Hotel: Super 8 – Phone: **507-375-4708**

Rooms are blocked under Margie Reinke until March 16th

Double - \$83.29 + tax -- Single - \$79.04 + tax

Banquet - Saturday April 8th will be catered by The Hometown Restaurant

Menu: Beef & Ham, Au Gratin Potatoes, Veggie, Roll & Dessert for \$12.00

R. S.V.P. for banquet by March 23rd – call Margie Reinke: **507-375-4900**

Saturday following the banquet – Enjoy Music by the Paul Stewart Show

Tammy Gerdts is still looking for pictures from her year as president. Her picture books were damaged before she got them so please submit to her email tammygerdts@hotmail.com or mail them to 533 McDelmoth Ave #2 Kandiohi Mn 50251

Secretaries - a reminder to make checks to **MN State Aux**, for all checks sent to the state. We cannot deposit checks made out any other way. They have to be returned to you or we have to forward to the payee.

Sending donations to the State Aux will give us credit for our charities.

Thanks, Kath

Warroad Aux is still having Meat Raffles every Saturday until Spring. Fellow Sisters are putting on an ATV Ride June 23rd 2018 to raise money for our Veteran's here locally. The Run will be at Carp's Pit in Roosevelt MN. For more information contact Chris Reed at [218-434-0288](tel:218-434-0288). We are holding a benefit for Sally Dane February 25th from 11-2 pm. She has leukemia. That's all for now!

Deaths: St. Cloud Auxiliary is saddened by the passing of three of its charter members and original Ritual team members, within days of each other. Donna Roisen passed away December 24th, Doris Weis on December 26th, and Betty Host on January 10th. These wonderful ladies were a vital part of Auxiliary 622 for many, many years and are dearly missed.

Also passing was Florence Flossy Bruggeman who was a mainstay at many state conventions. She was charter member at Sauk Centre and then joined Alexandria upon Sauk Centre's closing.



Feather Facts
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Returned Address Requested

SHERRY IS WORKING ON GETTING CHAIRPERSONS SET UP BUT THOUGHT YOU MAY WANT GET INFORMATION OUT NOW TO YOUR STUDENTS WHO MAY WANT TO SUBMIT ESSAYS

Greetings to the Sisters of the Minnesota State Auxiliary.

I am Doc Burnham from Georgia, the smallest State chartered within the Eagles' jurisdiction. I am contacting you for your help with an Eagle program in which many show interest but few participate...God, Flag & Country Youth Oratory Competition. I am reaching out to the State Worthy & Madam Presidents and the State Secretaries to get you to help me help you. That way we are People Helping People.

Madam Secretary, If your State has a State God, Flag & Country Coordinator, will you please provide me with her name and contact info?

State Madam President, if your State does not currently have a State Coordinator, will you please appoint one and provide me with contact info?

Feel free to share this with your local Auxiliaries; some states have both Aerie and Auxiliary Coordinators and some have a single coordinator.

Sadly, most have neither, but as I learned at the God, Flag & Country workshop held at the 2017 Convention in Grand Rapids, in almost EVERY State there is someone wanting to know how to get involved.

Brother BJ Jackson and I are committed to helping Brothers and Sisters in each State and Province learn how easy it is to get involved in the GF&C program. I can promise you the EARNED PUBLICITY each local Aerie involved will receive is far greater than the cost of the program. We just need to know who to work within your State/Province, so we look forward to your reply.

**With fraternal regards,
Doc Burnham**

“Gratitude is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse.”

**I am Chairman of the Art Ehrmann Cancer fund for the region and would appreciate any auxiliary who has raised money for that charity e-mail me with the amount or made a donation. This is a great charity that benefits a lot of us who have had family die from cancer. Thanks Mary Lee
PSMP**

Dear Aux. Sisters, thank you who have sent the Max Baer Heart Fund and those that haven't March will be here soon.

Sincerely, NCR Chair for the Max Baer Heart Fund JoAnn Burkel

An older lady gets pulled over for speeding...

Older Woman: Is there a problem, Officer? Officer: Ma'am, you were speeding. Older Woman: Oh, I see.

Officer: Can I see your license please? Older Woman: I'd give it to you but I don't have one. Officer: Don't have one?

Older Woman: Lost it, 4 years ago for drunk driving. Officer: I see....Can I see your vehicle registration papers please.

Older Woman: I can't do that. Officer: Why not? Older Woman: I stole this car. Officer: Stole it?

Older Woman: Yes, and I killed and hacked up the owner. Officer: You what? Older Woman: His body parts are in plastic bags in the trunk if you want to see.

The Officer looks at the woman and slowly backs away to his car and calls for back up. Within minutes 5 police cars circle the car. A senior officer slowly approaches the car, clasping his half drawn gun. Officer 2:

Ma'am, could you step out of your vehicle please! The woman steps out of her vehicle. Older woman: Is there a problem sir? Officer 2: One of my officers told me that you have stolen this car and murdered the owner... Older Woman: Murdered the owner? Officer 2: Yes, could you open the trunk of your car, please.

The woman opens the trunk, revealing nothing but an empty trunk. Officer 2: Is this your car, ma'am?

Older Woman: Yes, here are the registration papers. The officer is quite stunned.

Officer 2: One of my officers claims that you do not have a driving license.

The woman digs into her handbag and pulls out a clutch purse and hands it to the officer. The officer examines the license. He looks quite puzzled. Officer 2: Thank you ma'am, one of my officers told me you didn't have a license, that you stole this car, and that you murdered and hacked up the owner.

Older Woman: Bet the liar told you I was speeding, too.

Moral: Don't mess with little old ladies!