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Peter Ackers, Mary Gutierrez Installed as 2024-25 Grand Presidents Eagles Donate Nearly \$1 Million in Charitable Grants During International Convention

From parades and caricature artists to palm readers and stilt walkers, the full authentic New Orleans experience was on display as the Fraternal Order of Eagles International Convention hit the Big Easy.

From August 3-8, Eagles from across North America descended upon the Hilton Riverside Hotel for the greatest Eagles week of the year. During the day, the Grand Aerie offered a variety of classes, teaching members about Grants, QuickBooks, Ritual, Officer Duties, MMS, Marketing, Auxiliary Responsibilities and more.

In the evenings, the Eagles enjoyed sharing memories, listening to great music, and laughing with an incredible lineup of entertainers, including country legend Tracy Lawrence, comedian Killer Beaz and country artist Rodney Watts.

While members enjoyed seeing the bold Mardi Gras outfits and exploring the Big Easy, the best part of our annual gathering was raising money for charities. Eagles are proudly known as “People Helping People,” and the week served as a showcase of exactly what we do and how we uphold that motto.

Several different groups were hard at work raising money. The Memorial Foundation collected \$5,541 and Eagle Village collected \$6,251 through a variety of basket raffles. Our Auxiliary raised \$5,880 from our Eagle Village gown sale, while IBA and Nightcappers collected \$3,081 and \$1,000 respectively. To top it off, our daily 50/50 drawings collected a whopping \$22,034 for the F.O.E. Charity Foundation.

Through raffles, parade of checks and other donations, the F.O.E. raised \$165,739 for the Charity Foundation, \$21,071 for the Memorial Foundation and \$22,381 for Eagle Village for a grand total of \$209,191. It was truly amazing to see all of our Eagles working together and embracing who we are as “People Helping People.”

On Tuesday night at the Aerie & Auxiliary Members Banquet, Jr. Past Grand Worthy President Chuck Weber presented a check for \$296,543 to Children’s Hospital Colorado’s Autism program – his special project for the year. That same night, Jr. Past Grand Madam President Becky Wilson presented \$168,704 for Meals on Wheels. Their donations were part of a total of \$985,419 in grants presented during the International Convention.

Members also had the chance to buy brand new items at the F.O.E. Store, including the 2024 Children’s Art Contest



puzzle, our 2024 New Orleans Charms, Convention shirts, and more. If you didn’t have the chance to buy in person, you can visit the store at foe.com to browse our new items and purchase some Eagles flair of your own.

We ended the week on Thursday evening with the Installation of your new Grand Presidents, Peter Ackers and Mary Gutierrez, and the rest of our 2024-25 Grand Aerie and Grand Auxiliary Officers.

The 2024 New Orleans International Convention was a whirlwind of fun, learning, and cultural immersion. The city’s charm, combined with the diverse range of activities and the beautiful, vibrant Mardi Gras outfits, made it an unforgettable experience for everyone involved!

We look forward to seeing everyone next year in the Grand Rapids, Michigan!

Top Producers/New Leaders

July 2024

Aerie:

- 1. #486 Coeur d'Alene, ID 90
- 2. #1291 Celina, OH 80
- 3. #4392 Waterboro, ME 56
- 3. #4123 Fredericksburg, VA 56
- 3. #1760 Murray, UT 56

Auxiliary:

- 1. #4123 Fredericksburg, VA 36
- 2. #3358 Granite Falls, WA 34
- 2. #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ 34
- 4. #486 Coeur d'Alene, ID 30
- 5. #4121 Gladwin, MI 29

Aerie (Individual):

- 1. Cecelia Sanchez 44
Vashon, WA #3144
- 2. David Limerick 36
Woodford, VA #4123
- 3. Edgar Muhlenkamp 28
Coldwater, OH #3025
- 4. Dewayne Meats 26
Herriman, UT #1760
- 4. Steven Hendrix 26
Lake Havasu City, AZ #4299

Auxiliary (Individual):

- 1. Sue Beck 26
Gladwin, MI #4121
- 2. Kobi Aschim 21
Sedro Woolley, WA #2069
- 3. Nancie Rape 19
Lake Havasu City, AZ #4299
- 4. Lisa Schmidt 18
Granite Falls, WA #3358
- 5. Pam Ritchie 18
Celina, OH #1291

August 2024

Aerie:

- 1. #4294 Burnham, PA 138
- 2. #1291 Celina, OH 101
- 3. #622 St. Cloud, MN 77
- 4. #1490 Black Diamond, WA 59
- 5. #455 New Castle, PA 58

Auxiliary:

- 1. #4123 Fredericksburg, VA 35
- 2. #4273 Okahumpka, FL 32
- 3. #3153 New Port Richey, FL 29
- 4. #4089 Port Orange, FL 24
- 5. #2374 Louisville, OH 23

Aerie (Individual):

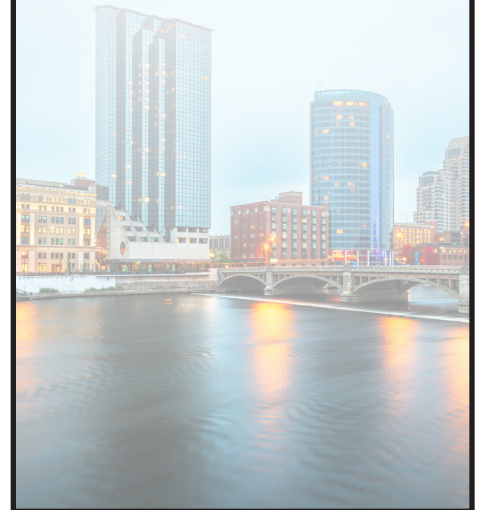
- 1. Jana Kuschel 44
St. Cloud, MN #622
- 2. David Limerick 32
Fredericksburg, VA #4123
- 3. Derek Alexander 28
Reedsville, PA #4294
- 4. Weslie Moore 27
Roslyn, WA #696
- 5. Christina Ziesmer 24
Pottstown, PA #626

Auxiliary (Individual):

- 1. Yolanda Alvear-Macke 16
Buena, WA #2229
- 2. Debbie Fulgham 15
Caseville, MI #3690
- 3. Megan Garrity 12
Paulding, OH #2405
- 4. Rachelle Keenan 11
Viroqua, WI #2707
- 4. Lisa Schmidt 11
Granite Falls, WA #3358

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**Fraternal Order of Eagles
2025 Grand Convention
Grand Rapids, Michigan
July 5-10, 2025**



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People Helping People - Convention Edition

Fundraising

- 50/50 Raffles: \$22,034
- IBA: \$3,081
- Nightcappers: \$1,000
- Mem. Foundation Raffle: \$5,541
- Eagle Village Raffle: \$6,251
- Village Gown Sale: \$5,880

Overall Totals Raised

- Charity Foundation - \$165,739
- Memorial Foundation - \$21,071
- Eagle Village - \$22,381

Grand Total - \$209,191



International Convention Charitable Grants

- \$60,000 to the Menninger Foundation
- \$60,000 to National Jewish Health
- \$30,000 to Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation
- \$30,000 to Schneck Medical Center Foundation
- \$30,000 to Orlando Regional Healthcare Foundation
- \$30,000 to Blank Children's Hospital
- \$30,000 to University of Michigan
- \$30,000 to The Research Foundation
- \$30,000 to Joe Andruzzi Foundation
- \$30,000 to Toka's Friends
- \$77,178.15 to Bridge to the Cure for GWP Chuck Weber
- \$52,994.28 to Bridge to the Cure for GMP Becky Wilson
- \$168,704 to Meals on Wheels for GMP Becky Wilson
- \$296,543 to Children's Hospital Colorado to GWP Chuck Weber

Total - \$985,419.43



2023-24 Charity Foundation Totals

Charity Foundation (General)	\$1,118,760.01
DRC	\$408,609.16
Heart Fund	\$438,933.33
Diabetes Fund	\$283,799.00
Cancer Fund	\$534,330.11
Kidney Fund	\$231,148.06
Muscular Dystrophy Fund	\$137,431.00
Children's Fund	\$654,921.33
Spinal Cord Injury Fund	\$288,546.01
Alzheimer's & Neurological Fund	\$402,831.67
Golden Age Fund	\$138,117.97
Parkinson's Fund	\$165,413.75
Memorial Foundation	\$147,951.62
Eagles HOME Fund	\$200,952.84
Eagle Village	\$1,102,044.43

Total

\$6,253,790.29

2024 Ritual Competition Winners

Aerie Ritual Winners

TEAM

Class B - Albert Lea, MN #2258 (99.94)

Class B-3 - Wellington, OH #2051 (99.97)

SHOTGUN

Junior Past Worthy President - Randy Cox, Loveland, OH #3006 (100)

Worthy President - Mike May, Stillwater, OK #4277 (100)

Worthy Vice President - Tom Smith, Columbia Station, OH #4003 & Ed Campbell, Wellington, OH #2051 (100)

Worthy Chaplain - Jim Donaldson, Wellington, OH #2051 (100)

Worthy Conductor - Dorland Davis, Wellington, OH #2051 & Bob Wahls, Carlisle, PA #1299 (100)

SURE SHOT

Junior Past Worthy President - Bill Schramm, Wellington, OH #2051 (100)

Worthy President - Doug Scansen,

Sunnyslope, AZ #2957 (99.78)

Worthy Vice President - Ed Connell, St. James, MN #3420 (100)

Worthy Chaplain - Jim Giesen, Faribault, MN #1460 & Larry Steketee, Santa Barbara, CA #442 (100)

Worthy Conductor - Kelly Williams-Greer, Kingman, AZ #3744 (100)

Auxiliary Ritual Winners

TEAM

Class B - Carlisle, PA #1299 (99.694)

Class B-3 - Mnk'D Wells (98.195)

Class A - Muskegon, MI #668 (91.592)

Field Drill - Muskegon, MI #668 (97.7)

SHOTGUN

Junior Past Madam President - Linda Donaldson, Wellington, OH #2051 (100)

Madam President - Kelly Batchelder,

Missoula, MT #32 (99.3)

Madam Vice President - Christine Tarvin, Walla Walla, WA #26 (100)

Madam Chaplain - Debbie Davis,

Wellington, OH #2051; Judy Johnson, Leavenworth, KS #55 & Darlene Walston,

Lewiston, ID #631 (100)

Madam Conductor - Wanda Ehlert, Missoula, MT #32 (100)

SURESHOT

Junior Past Madam President - Lynn Rud, Fargo, ND #153 (100)

Madam President - Anne Dumais, Calgary, AB #2098 (100)

Madam Vice President - Franca Warkentin, Campbell River, BC #3097 (99.89)

Madam Chaplain - Kristen LeBlanc, Sandpoint, ID #589 (100)

Madam Conductor - Julie Silvestro, Kissimmee, FL #4048 & Cathy Wilcoxon, Springfield, MO #3934 (100)

2024-2025 Grand Aerie & Grand Auxiliary Officers

Grand Aerie

Chuck Weber, Casper, WY #306

Peter Ackers, Folsom, CA #929

Dave Wooster, Flint, MI #629

John Boyd, Cape Girardeau, MO #3775

Brett Joyce, Leominster, MA #477

Gary Weber, Batesville, IN #1130

Jim West, Hopkinsville, KY #3423

Jayc Powell, Santa Fe, NM #2811

Gail "Rock" Ruark, Alexandria, VA #871

Eric Barnes, Gettysburg, PA #1562

Danny Jones, Shoals, IN #2442

Bill Stotko, Everett, WA #13

Ray Measel, Bellevue, NE #3912

Joe "Bundy" Smith, Bacliff, TX #3199

Grand Tribunal

Chief - Steve Silvestro, Kissimmee, FL #4048

Jim Donaldson, Wellington, OH #2051 • Rod Owen, Springfield, MO #3934

Dave Ross, Fruitport, MI #3666 • Devere Dunham, San Pablo, CA #3028

Jr. Past President

President

President-Elect

Vice President

Chaplain

Secretary

Treasurer

Conductor

Inside Guard

Outside Guard

Trustee

Trustee

Trustee

Trustee

Grand Auxiliary

Becky Wilson, Springfield, MO #3934

Mary Gutierrez, Santa Fe, NM #2811

Rebecca Pelkey, Milton, VT #4218

Kim Haidsiak, Red Oak, IA #2715

Arline Giacomozzi, East Weymouth, MA #2899

Sue Limerick, Fredericksburg, VA #4123

Linda Day, Beaverton, MI #3655

Debra Henry, Mankato, MN #269

Sally Garrison, Deer Valley, AZ #3871

Lynn Loss, Wausau, WI #251

Annie Taylor, St. Marys, GA #4379

Tara Florentin, Ottawa, KS #2700

Heather Callahan, Coeur d'Alene, ID #486

Holly Niemi, Rugby, ND #3834

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