

# BC Provincial Echo





# November, 2017





Love, Joy and Peace Today, Tomorrow and Always May Your Celebrations Be Merry Your Heart Be Light Your Christmas Happy Your Season Bright



### The Echo ~ November, 2017

#### From BC Provincial Worthy President, Renee Paquette:

Happy Holidays To My Brothers and Sisters; Klara and I have completed most of our Visitations. The hospitality we have received has been overwhelming.

If any Aerie will be competing in Ritual this year please make sure you contact Provincial Father David Bell with your intentions so he can make arrangements to get you judged. Remember it is the backbone of our Fraternal Organization. So please try and put a team together.

Cursory Surveys have started. If your Aerie hasn't been done a Representative will be contacting you in the near future. You can download a Cursory Survey on **bcfoe.com** and do one on your own before your actual one is done. Grand Aerie would like one done yearly.

Thank you for all your support in supporting the cure for Breast Cancer this year.

To All of You, may your Christmas and New Year be filled with Joy and Happy Memories!

Fraternally, Renee Paquette, BC Provincial Worthy President, Abbotsford #2726



#### From BC Provincial Madam President, Klara Schubert:

Hello My Sisters and Brothers; First of all, "Thank You" for all the Get Well Wishes, Cards, E-mails and Phone Calls while I was in Hospital having surgery, I am on the mend.

Well this Year has come to an end, can't believe it, Renee and I did our Visitations, except for two. It was an Honor to visit all the Auxiliaries. Thank you for all the Gifts, Hotel Rooms, Flowers, Gift baskets, and Hospitality, you have shown me, you are all so awesome, especially for supporting my Charity so generously.

You all do such a good Job in your Community, to raise money for Charity, keep up the good work. And the Ritual was wonderful; the Ritual is the backbone to our Auxiliaries.

My deepest Sympathy goes out to everyone who lost a loved one, special Get Well Wishes to everyone who is sick at home or in Hospital.

Kurt and I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Stay Healthy and God Bless. We will see you all in Abbotsford Spring Meeting in March. Fraternally Yours, Klara Schubert, BC Provincial Madam President, Vernon #3557



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#### "People Helping Pantries"

#### Campbell River #3097

Hello Brothers and Sisters; Members of the Campbell River Fraternal Order of Eagles were joined by Provincial Madam President Klara Schubert on October the 3rd to present a \$10,000.00 cheque to the Campbell River Food Bank. "We are thrilled with the end result of all of our hard work and that so many members of our community supported our fundraising efforts," said Marlene Jordan, chairperson. "The majorities of all funds were raised by numerous jams and bake sales over the last few months, and every dollar added up. Our goal was to raise as much money as we could to support some of our most vulnerable community members," said Jordan.



In photo from left to right: Provincial Madam President Klara Schubert, Aerie President Hector Dubois, Provincial Officer Marilyn Lewis, LA President Jackie Collis, Chairperson Marlene Jordan, Campbell River Food Bank Manager Debbie Willis and Worthy Provincial President Renee Paquette

Fraternally, Marilyn Lewis, Secretary, Campbell River #3097

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#### Ladysmith #2101

Hello Sisters and Brothers; The Ladysmith Sisters had a Stock the Pantry Fundraiser and raised more than \$4000 for our local Food Bank and donated over 1,000 lbs of food. We also will be having a Toiletry Drive in December for the Food Bank for those necessities that are not usually included in the bags of food the recipients receive such as shampoo, deodorant, razors, etc.



Fraternally, Bobbi Williamson, Secretary, Ladysmith #2101

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### 2017 EAGLE CHRISTMAS GIFT HAMPER

\*\*\* Is Now Being Prepared for the Lookout Society Residents \*\*\*
YES – They get a Place to Rest their Bones for the Night ...
YES – They get at least one Nourishing Meal each Day ...
But ... "that is it" ... There is No Money for Extras!!!

That Means ... At Christmas ... Santa Claus does not Arrive !!!

The New Westminster Aerie #20 has Started its Christmas Hamper DRIVE ... From now until Christmas ... The Brothers & Sisters will be Gathering Soft Goods to Fill our Christmas Hamper ... Good Used Stuff is Welcome as Well ...

The Homeless will be Remembered by Santa Claus and his Elf Brigade !!!

#### We are Gathering:

\*\*\* Warm Socks \*\*\* Warm Underwear

\*\*\* Warm Hats \*\*\* Warm Toques

\*\*\* Warm Scarves \*\*\* Warm PJ's

\*\*\* Warm Mittens \*\*\* Soft Facecloths

\*\*\* Soft Towels \*\*\* Warm Bedding ... etc







Christmas Hamper Donation Coordinator: Randall Didiuk 604-377-7765

#### From Grand Aerie Trustee, Dave Smith:

To all the British Columbia Brothers and Sisters; I wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

And once again thanks to everyone for their support. Hope to see you on the Eagle trail. Everyone stay safe, take care and enjoy the Holiday Season.

#### From PGO/PPMP, Barbara Johnston:

Brothers and Sisters, Wishing you a Merry Christmas and look forward to another successful New Year for all Eagle's and their families.

Deepest Sympathy go out to New Westminster Aerie and Auxiliary, and the family of Sister Jean Strachan also members and their families who have lost a love one and wishing a speedy recovery to all who have been ill and especially to Past Provincial Mother Doreen Tosoff who had an unfortunate accident.

A reminder to support the Provincial Spinal Cord Charity by donating a "Dime for the Spine" during your many activities. Please send me a note if you are planning a special event for Spinal Cord or have a unique idea to collect funds.

RITUAL is important to the success of our Aerie and Auxiliary. Practice makes perfect they say, hope to see a Team from your Aerie / Auxiliary at the Convention in 2018, or compete at your Zone and be judged by Provincial during your Zone Conference. Have fun and make some memories.

Campbell River hosted Provincial Aerie President Renee Paquette and Provincial Madam President Klara Schubert on October 3rd. With a joint Dinner followed by Aerie and Auxiliary Meetings; it was a very enjoyable evening.

"May you always, Have Love to Share, Health to Spare and Friends who Care." Have a great time during this festive season with Family and Friends,

#### From PPNWRP, Marna Newby:

Brothers and Sisters; "Thank You" all for the calls on the passing of my Brother-In-Law; he was more a Brother then the In-Law title; he was with my Sister since I was nine (9) years old. I know he is now in a better place free from all the pain. He will be greatly missed. Again "Thank You".

Happiness always

Fraternally, Marna Newby, PPNWRP/PSP

#### From PPNWRP, Yvonne Blom:

Hello Sisters and Brothers; We are fast approaching the end of another year, and a new one is on its way, hopefully it will be a more peaceful one. We always say "Rest in peace" when someone passes, would it not be better if we all could just "Live in Peace"?

Amid the hustle and bustle of Christmas shopping, let us not forget the true meaning of Christmas, and whose Birthday we are celebrating!

To all my Sisters and Brothers have a wonderful and joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year! Merry Christmas, Yvonne Blom, PPNWRP





### 2017 Annual New Westminster Kids' Christmas Party With Santa Claus

Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>
3:30PM to 6:00PM
St. Barnabas Church Hall
1010 – 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue - New Westminster



\*\*\* For Kids "up to" 10 Years of Age \*\*\*
Christmas Candies Candy Canes
Christmas Oranges Pop Corn
Juices & Pop Surprise Christmas Bag
Games & Prizes Meet Ralph the Elf
Talk to Santa (Bring your List)
Santa Claus Photos

All Children must be Register before Friday December 08th!!!

**Contacts:** 

Joan Nelson 604-521-2391 jnelson2110@shaw.ca

Vera Gjestrum 604-520-1187 <u>veragj@shaw.ca</u>

#### From BC Provincial Worthy Vice President/President Elect, Ray Hawksworth:

Greetings Brothers and Sisters; I was saddened to learn of the passing of Sister Bev Bailey; my partner in the Provincial Aerie/Auxiliary. We lost a great Eagle when we lost Bev! Everyone appreciated her work through the years in helping her Community through the Fraternal Order of Eagles. She cared deeply for her Aerie/Auxiliary, Vancouver #2075, and everyone in the Eagles.

Everyone she touched will have special memories of Bev. I certainly have mine. She was to be a great Provincial Madam President this coming year. The Fraternal Order of Eagles is only as good as the people who make up our group, and Bev was one of the finest Eagles I knew. I can only try to carry on serving as she did and live from her example. I offer my condolences to her family and those close to Bev.

Bev's passing reminds us how life is fleeting and makes it more essential that we cherish those around us and the time we have with each other during this holiday season. Bev would want that.

My wife Karen and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2018

Yours In Brotherhood, Ray Hawksworth, BC Provincial Worthy Vice President/President Elect, Victoria #12

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#### From BC Provincial Madam Secretary, Joanne Krisko:

Hello Sisters, With the year coming to an end and the Holiday season upon us the next thing up is Convention. Convention packages will be emailed out to each Auxiliary Secretary in the New Year.

#### Please take the time to read it carefully and take note of ALL instructions and ALL date deadlines.

Please make sure to check your MMS system at the beginning of December for your Per Capita Invoices. This Invoice must be paid in order for your Auxiliary to receive voting privileges at Convention. Remember that there are three (3) Invoices to pay, Grand Per Capita, Provincial Per Capita and Grand Funeral Benefit. Please make sure that all cheques for the Provincial Auxiliary are payable to the **BC Provincial Auxiliary**.

I have attached a copy of the Anne Ferstay "Woman of the Year" application as well as the Hall of Fame application. Please take a look at your roster; we have so many Sisters that are deserving of these awards.

The deadline for the Woman of the Year is February 28, 2018 and for the Hall of Fame the deadline is May 1, 2018. Late entries **WILL NOT** be accepted.

Wishing you all a; Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Fraternally Yours, Joanne Krisko, BC Provincial Madam Secretary

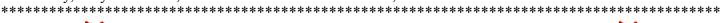
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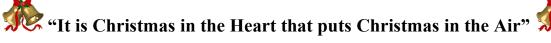
#### From BC Provincial Madam Treasurer, Judy McMillan:

Hello My Brothers and Sisters; I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Lower Mainland Zone Conference February 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018, which is being held in Hope.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year. Please stay safe during your travels.

Fraternally, Judy McMillan, BC Provincial Madam Treasurer, Abbotsford #2726





#### From BC Provincial Worthy Secretary, Will Heigh:

Hello Brothers, As we head into the second half of the term and the brand new year of 2018, we're making good progress in membership, expanding our marquee status in our communities and doing that good and noble work for our charitable causes.

Next, for any Aeries that want to host a Convention for 2021or beyond (2018's will be held in Vernon, by the way), please refer to the Provincial By-Laws for the process. Any suggested By-Law amendments need to be sent to me so they can be forwarded to all Local Aerie Secretaries in the Province.

Once that happens then they need to come to your meeting floors for discussion to decide your Aeries' decisions on them so that your delegates can vote for or against them at the upcoming Provincial Convention.

This term's Cursory Audits are being performed in all Local Aeries by spring; please remember that we perform these to help Aeries get back on track so that all duties of Aeries Officers are in compliance with our Statutory and Constitutional definitions.

The Statutes are about standardization more than anything else, and are designed to guarantee that minutes, reports and cash books are all in printed form for ease of scrutiny by the Aerie Auditor or any Aerie member as needs arise. Electronic versions of both the Treasurer's and Secretaries' Cash Books are available at no charge and are easily understood by anyone who examines them.

One common thing I have noticed from Aeries that do not have Auditors reporting on a monthly basis is that most suffer from financial challenges to some degree. It is in the nature of Aerie Auditors that their reports, good or bad, do the most in keeping everyone informed about how things are going; far more than any other record produced in the entire Aerie.

And the only way your Auditor can do his/her job properly is for them to be able to view standardized paperwork each and every month. If they are provided with these materials, your Aerie can only benefit, and any member as is their right is able to easily review how the Aerie is doing.

For events coming up, our Spring Executive Session is in Abbotsford on March 24<sup>th</sup> in Abbotsford Aerie #2726, followed on June 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> for Convention in Vernon Aerie #3557.

We're all very sad at the loss of our beloved Sister Bev Bailey, and we continue to hope for the quick return to health of our Provincial Aerie Conductor Willis Artindale.

Until next time, please get in touch with the Provincial Aerie in writing (emails are just fine) if you need anything, and all of you please have a joyous holiday season and a bold and wondrous 2018!

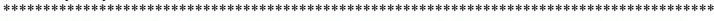
Fraternal ho-ho's to all, Will Heigh TYPS, Secretary, BC Provincial Aerie, F.O.E. 301-33430 Bourquin Place, Abbotsford, BC, V2S 6V8, (604) 852-9183 wbh@telus.net

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To All My Sisters And Brothers: Our Condolences go out to Deb and Rod Bitz and Norm Dodds, family and friends on the passing of their mother Provincial Vice President/President Elect Bev Bailey; Lindsey Simmons, family and friends on the passing of her husband Past Provincial Officer Edward (Reb) Simmons; Past Provincial President Randy Strang, family and friends on the passing of his mother; and to Bill Martens, wife and family and friends on the passing of Past Provincial President Jean Strachan; and to HPPP/Provincial Aerie Father John Klit and his family on the recent loss of his brother. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

Condolences also go out to Carol Novakowski, family and friends on the passing of her mother Vera (Betty) Heintz; to Penny Fletcher, family and friends on the passing of her mother PMP Bernie Kean from Nanaimo #15 and to Dave Mckeown, family and friends on the passing of his wife Donna. They will be sadly missed. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

Get Well Wishes go out to Provincial Madam President, Klara Schubert who has recently had surgery, hope you are up and about again really soon. And to Past Provincial Mother Doreen Tosoff who is in the hospital with a hairline Fractured Hip and to Brother Jim Gellatly, Past Worthy President of Kamloops Aerie #3453, who is recovering from surgery. We wish you all a speedy recovery.

Thinking of You Wishes goes out to Ron and Shirley Welcher, PPMP Shirley Hunt and Louise Yuris who are all dealing with health issues at this time. We wish you all the best.

Now for a bit of news from around the States: Our Condolences go out to PGMP Marcy James, family and friends on the passing of her daughter, Pam Maiden Zobkiw; and to the family and friends of PGMP Bonnie Quatkemeyer on her passing. Oregon PSP Marna Newby, family and friends on the passing of her brother-in-law. They will all be sadly missed. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

Get Well Wishes go out to Oregon PSP Mae Luke who has been in the hospital. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers. We wish you a speedy recovery.

Please keep Oregon PSP Fran Green and her husband John in your thoughts and prayers as the lost their home recently in a fire, they made it out safely but their fur babies did not.

Remember if your hear of someone that you think may need a card to cheer them up either because they are sick or just dealing with life itself **PLEASE** let me know at <u>dalmar1@telus.net</u> I can't send out cards if I don't know about these people.

Like I said before I don't mind not sending cards because that means everyone is keeping well and healthy.



"May trouble neglect you and Angels protect you"

Wishing you all the joy of the season

#### **From Lindsey Simmons:**

Our family would like to express our sincere gratitude for all the help and support thru such a difficult time. The words to express how much the hugs, phone calls, gifts of time, flowers and food meant to all of us have not been invented yet, a simple thank you will have to do.

On a personal note Reb and I would like to extend our deepest love and appreciation to our girls Tammy and Angela with help from Sasha for your timeless commitment and support thru the toughest week of our lives. Our son Cody for doing such a beautiful job on the eulogy and Jay for helping us put Reb front and centre. Special thank to Gwen and Tracy from My Alternatives and friends and staff from C.V.L. Your kindness shown was immeasurable.

The Eagle Riders: What a great spread you put on and you were all such a great part in keeping Rebs riding spirit alive. For this I thank you all.

Mike Paulson for the memorial pin tribute for Reb. Cody will forever treasure it. Krystal and Shelly for doing such a one of a kind cake; the picture boards done representing the Eagles and friendships long held, a nice touch.

Of course the Eagles club for hosting Rebs celebration of life...There was no other place but the Eagles....The Eagles held a special place in his heart.

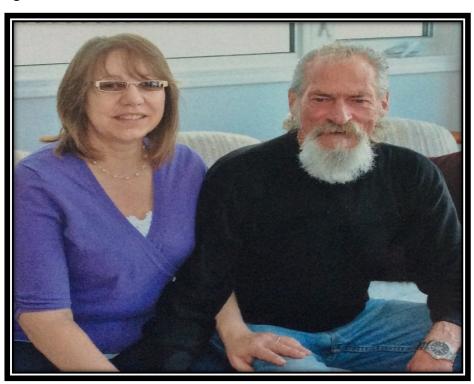
The support from friends, family, neighbours and co-workers continue to help thru this journey. The donations on Rebs behalf thank you so much.

I would much rather be riding the Harley with my man than the waves of sorrow. But with a great love comes a great sadness...But oh what a ride. I wouldn't change a moment.

What great stories and memories you have left us with...

I will miss your voice.

Love until we meet again...



#### From BC Provincial Madam Secretary and BC Provincial Worthy Treasurer, Joanne and Cory Krisko:

Hello Brothers and Sisters, The last while has been an extremely challenging one for both myself and Joanne (Provincial Madam Secretary). While Joanne was diagnosed with late stages of Lung Cancer, she has managed her symptoms very well until recently. In mid November, Joanne has suffered several blot clots, including in her lungs. At present, Joanne has one collapsed lung and the other presents with clots.

Joanne remains in great spirits, and continues to be the fighter that she always has been. There is nobody tougher on the face of this earth than my best friend Jo. Needless to say, most duties of both of us are on a hold with emergencies being handled.

I would be remiss if not to express our deepest sympathies to the family of our dear sister Bev Bailey. As Bev is a favourite among most of us, she was very special to both myself and Joanne. We shared a very deep relationship.

There are many brothers and sisters who are ill presently and it is the wish of both Jo and myself that we respect the families and only post on Social Media when the family gives its blessing. Social Media is a great tool to Communicate, and its speed is amazing. Let us all please just remember that privacy is paramount when we are ill or passing. That being said, I guess the cat is out of the bag as far as Jo, so go ahead and communicate away.

The year so far has made us so very proud of our Provincial Presidents and their efforts in Office. It seems like such a short time ago that I just had to meet the newbie at Convention in Kamloops who won the 1 ounce of gold and donated it right back. Such character is common among Eagles, but rare in life.

Brother Rene has been a great friend and outstanding brother ever since, and I admire him deeply. This example is what true Fraternalism breeds; "Thank You" Brother from the bottom of my heart.

Lastly, I wish to thank all for the well wishes received by both Jo and myself, and wish to divert attention to all others who are ill and suffering. We are in this together. Love to all on behalf of Joanne and myself.

Fraternally, Joanne and Cory Krisko, BC Provincial Madam Secretary and BC Provincial Treasurer, Maple Ridge #2831

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#### From BC Provincial Madam Chaplain, Marilyn Lewis:

Hello My Sisters and Brothers; Like the saying goes the older you get the faster time goes by and that is so true. I am sitting here wondering where the past year has gone. It seems like we just took the tree down and it is just about time to put it up again.

Get well prayers and wishes to those of you that are ill and sympathy to you if you have lost a loved one or a friend. This time of the year can be particularly hard on the people who have been dealing with health issues, loss someone or are just alone, if you know of someone going through a rough time please remember to reach out to them. A call or send a card it takes very little time and it can make all the difference in the world.

I want to wish each and every one of you and your families a very happy Holiday Season wishing you all good health and happiness and look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Fraternally Yours, Marilyn Lewis, BC Provincial Madam Chaplain, Campbell River #3097

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#### From BC Provincial Worthy Chaplain, Gary McMillan:

Greetings Brothers and Sisters; Condolences go out to Brother Dave McKeown, PWP of New Westminster #20 on the loss of his wife Donna. Condolences go out to Provincial Aerie Father John Klit and his family on the recent loss of his brother.

I would also like to send Condolences to Lindsey Simmons, the family and friends of Past Provincial Officer Edward (Reb) Simmons who passed away November 5, 2017. Reb was a member of Rossland #10 and Trail #2838.

On behalf of the British Columbia Provincial Aerie I would also like to extend sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of our beloved Provincial Madam Vice-President/President Elect Bev Bailey who passed away November 28, 2017. She will be sorely missed.

Get well wishes being sent to Brother Jim Gellatly, Past Worthy President of Kamloops Aerie #3453, who is recovering from surgery.

Please advise me as soon as possible of any well wishes; words of encouragement or message of condolences that I may not be aware are needed. Your help with this is greatly appreciated. My email address is gary465@shaw.ca but please ensure that those involved are in agreement with having their situation shared.

I am wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best to you and yours in 2018. If you are traveling please take care on the roads and stay safe.

Please keep in mind all of those who may be struggling with illnesses or who are in need of a kind word of encouragement during this season. If you can, try to include those who may be facing a Christmas alone in your celebrations.

#### From BC Provincial Madam Conductor, Nancy Van Oosten:

Hello Sisters and Brothers; I will start by doing a little housekeeping; I was looking at the Officers List and realized that my phone number or address have been updated. The correct ones are 1025 17th Ave. S. Cranbrook, B.C. and the phone is 250-421-0064.

With the Christmas season fast approaching our Auxiliary has been busy with Craft Fairs and Caterings and we are now getting ready for both our own as well as our Children's Christmas Party.

At our last meeting I had the pleasure of witnessing Lidia Ridkey being presented her 55 year pin. She was very excited to finally be able to attend a meeting to receive it.

I would like to take this time to wish each and every one of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. Remember each day we have with each other is a gift so never miss an opportunity to let your friends and family know what they mean to you.

To my two fellow blue butterflies of Eagledom; try to behave until we meet again.

Yours in Sisterhood, Nancy Van Oosten, BC Provincial Madam Conductor, Cranbrook #3032

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#### From PPWP/President Eagle Riders CR #3097, Erich Hippolt:



#### F.O.E. EAGLE RIDERS 3097 CAMPBELL RIVER

Hello Brothers and Sisters; Just a quick update on what's happened and happening for Eagle Riders Campbell River. We had a great riding season last year despite the extreme fire conditions throughout the Province.

We had to travel south to have someplace to go that didn't have road closers for forest fires, but in saying that met and made new friends from several Eagle Rider groups from Washington State and Oregon. Trips included Ocean Shores, Snohomish, Anacortes and a few trips on the Island. Sorry that the Kamloops Poker Run got canceled but understandable, that was on our list for sure till the fires made it impossible.

Going forward we are already working on next year's Poker Run with a date of Sunday June 24th, 2018.

Our condolences go out to Lindsey for the loss of her husband and our friend Reb, he was an honorary member of Eagle Riders Campbell River and we will miss him. **Thanks to Joan for all you do.** 

Fraternally Yours; Erich Hippolt; Past Provincial President, Eagle Riders President #3097

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#### From BC Provincial Madam Inside Guard, Joanne Mallet:

Hello Sisters and Brothers; With Christmas around the corner, it is a busy time for Catering, Parties and personal chores. Add to that, it is always a difficult time for those who have lost loved ones and for those who have loved ones that are ill. For all of you, I keep you in my heart, thoughts, and prayers.

I see by various Communications that we really are "People Helping People" with so many Fund Raising Activities for needy causes. Keep up the good work. I am proud to belong to such an amazing Organization of giving people.

I wish you all Peace and some Joy this Christmas and all good things for the New Year. Fraternally Yours, Joanne Mallet, BC Provincial Madam Inside Guard, Nelson #22

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#### From BC Provincial Madam Outside Guard, Barb Calve':

Hello Brothers and Sisters; Well this is the last Echo for the year and another wonderful job done by Joan. I'm sending well wishes to everyone that is under the weather.

I am wishing all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Fraternally Yours, Barb Calve', BC Provincial Madam Outside Guard, Victoria #12



#### From Jeannie Hounslow and Marilyn Lewis:

#### **Auxiliary Supplies From Grand**



On behalf of the Provincial Auxiliary, I'm tasked with collecting your Order for Supplies from Grand if you wish to participate in Group Bulk Ordering, like last year.

To facilitate this, we will endeavor to compile a Blank Order Form and get it to the Secretaries in early January. Kindly complete this form and return by first week in February.

As in our Trial run last year, your supplies will be ready for pick-up at the March Executive Meeting and Sister Marilyn will collect your payments.

If you need supplies before March, please place your own order with Grand; we considered different options and believe that one shipment drop with pick-up at the Board Meeting is the best way to optimize savings.

#### From Provincial Madam Trustee, Bobbi Williamson:

Hello Sisters and Brothers; From my family to each of you a very Merry Christmas. May the season be generous to each of you all.

#### From Provincial Worthy Trustee, Rick Warkentin:

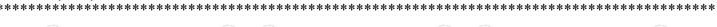
Hello Brothers and Sisters; I just want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year and I hope to see all of you at the Convention in Vernon next June.

#### From Provincial Madam Trustee, Faye Cook:

Season's Greetings to all my Eagle Brothers and Sisters; Hope you all have a healthy and happy Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year.

My thoughts and prayers go out to those who might be struggling at this time of year. Draw strength from your family and friends.

Fraternally, Faye Cook, BC Provincial Madam Trustee, Trail #2838













#### From Provincial Worthy Trustee, Larry Kellum:

Hello Brothers and Sisters; First, Season's greetings to all Brothers and Sisters from the Officers and Members of Hope Aerie 2690. Our Aerie is very busy at this time of year. The cooler weather seems to bring people to the warmth of a nice Aerie bingo or dinner night.

As well as our Sunday meat draw, starting at 3:00 we now have chicken wings for sale, thanks to our new Convention Committee. After a prompt from the Grand, this new committee was formed to think of ways to generate extra funds which are earmarked to send members to convention that had never gone before. The committee members are new and are having fun as they are doing their task and it is proving to be very profitable.

The Aerie 2690 Members and Officers are grateful to this committee of volunteers for their efforts, and we wish for their continued success. The Joint Meetings have been coming up with some great ideas to try for the enjoyment of the members and the community. Movie Night is in the works, Monthly Breakfast is being tried, and the Halloween dinner dance. All members are welcome to all meetings, and are needed for their ideas and valued opinions to help us be prosperous and helpful to our members and our community.

Our Auxiliary hosted a Halloween Dinner and Dance this year with the Aerie helping with decorating the hall and providing some prizes, and operating the bar. The Auxiliary and the Aerie each made a good profit with this joint function. There were fantastic costumes and I think all deserved a prize. We thank all that attended. We had Eagles from down valley drive up to party with us, we hope they had fun and thank them for their attendance.

Our monthly Flea Market operated by our Ladies Auxiliary is doing well this time of year. Addition to their Flea Market; the Auxiliary have a breakfast and lunch; I am always amazed at how hard our Auxiliary works and how much money they raise for charity. They are a great asset to our Aerie and Community. Our Auxiliary is a key player in the Aerie Bingos on Fridays and Mondays, as there are more Auxiliary volunteers than there are Aerie volunteers. Special thanks go to all the auxiliary members for their help.

The first and third Friday night dinners are still doing well and if enough people show up for Karaoke it is a go, and a fun night of singing follows. Plans for Grey Cup and Super Bowl parties are on the go, as well for the Children's Christmas party. As the weather gets colder our thoughts grow stronger about the less fortunate people of our Community. Plans are in the works for our annual Community Christmas Dinner, feeding over 200.

Our officers and members are also working hard preparing for the Zone Conference that will be held in Hope this coming February 2018. Our newly elected and appointed Officers; Val, Deanna, Ed, Doug and Don; they have been doing a great job working together to help each other. Our so called, bar trustee is doing a great job learning the duties. The bar seems to be the biggest job, but with the help of other members and officer, with all things, including the monthly inventory makes it easier. Members also help with maintaining the Aerie, as it is at times too much for one person.

The Aerie should commend all that stepped up to take Officer Positions, and accept Committee duties; you are an inspiration to all. Thanks to all the Officers that help the Worthy President, keeping the meetings and the Aerie running smooth and in order. The Worthy Conductor has a lot of important duties before and during and after the meetings, our Worthy Conductor has been doing a good job. I wanted to make comment. I am proud to say, this year I have noticed that our Officers have been memorizing some of their ritual, more than they have, for a long time at our Aerie.

I had a chance to visit North West Aerie for the first time I had a good time socializing with the members. I attended the meat draw, coming so close to winning, and also had a tour of the facilities. Thank you, North West, for your hospitality.

#### **Continued From Provincial Worthy Trustee, Larry Kellum:**

Our Aerie was mentioned in the local paper this past week. Our fire department responded to a house fire where pets had suffered smoke inhalation. The firemen were able to treat the pets with a custom oxygen mask designed for animals. These pieces of equipment were donated to the local fire department by our Aerie a couple of years ago. As a result of that publicity our social media page received much positive feedback.

The potential for our Aeries to make significant positive contributions to our communities is great. If all Aeries work hard together, follow the rules set out for our success, share our successes and failures, this history will help us and we will have a hard time failing. Do the right thing for the right reasons and the right things will happen, and peace and harmony will follow. Hope Aerie 2690 and I thank the Grand, Provincial and all other Aeries for their support.

We wish for all to have a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and all other Joyous days of Celebration this coming holiday season.

Fraternally, Larry Kellum, BC Provincial Worthy Trustee

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#### From Provincial Auxiliary Campbell Soup Label Chairman, Jeannie Hounslow:

#### **Campbell's Soup Labels**

Campbell's' has changed their *Labels for Education* program and has moved to other charity giving programs. With apologies, only labels which have the pencil logo on them will now be accepted.



I personally have not found many cans with this label on them, but there are some out there. If you find some, kindly save as much of the complete label as you can, including the barcode, pencil label, and product brand info. I will source who might still be participating in this programs that we can donate to.

The past few years outside organizations have collected for us; if you wish to have a thank you sent to them or someone within your Auxiliary, please let me know and I would be more than happy to do that. Their and your work at saving the labels provided equipment and tools for some well deserved organizations -- Thank you!!

#### From Provincial Madam Trustee, Gail McDonald:

Hello Sisters; It is that time of year when we are all looking forward to Christmas and the New Year. Hope everyone has a great holiday season.

I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas.

Fraternally, Gail McDonald, BC Provincial Madam Trustee, Duncan #2546

#### From Provincial Worthy Trustee, Steve Welcher:

Hello Brothers and Sisters; If any Aerie is interested in the Youth Art Program please contact me at <a href="mailto:sappertonsteve@yahoo.com">sappertonsteve@yahoo.com</a>

On behalf of Port Alberni Eagles and my Family; we are sending wishing for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and great New Year.

Hope to see some new and old faces in March at the Executive Meeting in Abbotsford Fraternally, Steve Welcher, BC Provincial Worthy Trustee, Port Alberni

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#### From BC Provincial Aerie By-Law Chairman, Wayne Bucklage:

Hello My Brothers; As the year seems to be going by quickly I thought I would send out this **Reminder** if your Aerie has any **Bylaws or Resolutions** that you would like to see on the floor at Convention this coming June; "PLEASE: get them in early so they can be circulated within the proper time limit".

Thank you in advance

Fraternally, BC Provincial Aerie By-Law Chairman, Wayne Bucklage, Maple Ridge #2831

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#### From Provincial Madam Trustee, Louise Alexander:

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I can't believe that Christmas is just around the corner! The hustle and bustle has already started and we haven't turned the calendar to December yet!! I still don't put up my tree or decorate my home until the beginning of December.

As with all the stores and businesses, I imagine all the F.O.E. Clubs are busy with Christmas activities and functions.

Both the Abbotsford Aerie and Auxiliary worked together to put on a very "Unique" Fashion Show on November 4<sup>th</sup> with the proceeds going to Breast Cancer. We had a Roast Beef dinner followed by a hilarious evening of fashion divas "Strutting Their Stuff"! The winners of this event were: third place – Gary McMillan, second place – Mel Eisner, and first place went to none other than our Provincial President Renee Paquette!! A fun evening was had by all!

Our Auxiliary has also been busy making Beef and Chicken Pies this month and they have been flying out of the kitchen. Nothing like a warm, homemade Meat Pie on a cold, rainy winter evening!

I want to take this opportunity to wish all my Brothers and Sisters a very "Merry Christmas" and a very Happy New Year. I hope 2018 is a year filled with love, laughter and good health for you and your families.

Fraternally Yours, Louise Alexander, BC Provincial Madam Trustee, Abbotsford #2726

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#### From Provincial Worthy Trustee, Rick Bumby:

Hello Brothers and Sisters; First of all, I want to say how sorry we are for Mrs. Lindsey Simmons loss of her husband Reb; our prayers are with you.

I really enjoyed my first Provincial Executive Meeting in Vernon. The Executive meeting was very informative and also making new friends. Thank you Vernon for the memories we share.

On another topic I would like to thank everybody for their heartfelt wishes for our safe journey to Vancouver on Sunday it was really foggy on the way down, then, the heavy rain kicked in to Vancouver. On the way back the rain and thick fog continued at Sun Valley the snow started and got heavier all the way to Princeton, Again, thank you for all your prayers and wishes.

Sandy and I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Years. Drive safe and don't drink while driving, please. Hope to see everybody in March.

Fraternally, Rick Bumby, BC Provincial Worthy Trustee, Penticton #4281



#### From BC Provincial Worthy Trustee, Dan Miner:

Hi guys! It's Dan Miner your Provincial Trustee! First I'd like to wish all of you a Happy Holidays!

I've still been working on getting the Provincial Website transitioned. There are some applications that needed re-writing to be able to work on a new server; I will be moving all our information over to in the next couple of weeks. If all goes well I'll get everything up and going before the New Year.

I've also committed to running a seminar at the Lower Mainland Zone Conference on using the website for your local Aeries and Auxiliaries and how to leverage different social media tools to help expand the reach of your events.

In the meantime, Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year!

Cheers, Dan Miner, BC Provincial Trustee, Northwest #2638

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#### From BC Provincial Membership Secretary, Will Heigh:

Hello again, Brothers; As you'll see from the Tote Board on the next page, we're making progress this year in Membership so far, but we need to get moving and bring in some numbers. Some Aeries are doing wonderful work to get a leg up on some drops and losses on their rosters due to death, moving members and lapsed dues renewals but we cannot let the losses we suffer each term remain unchallenged.

We all need to help our Aeries make and then BREAK their goal this term. The Tote Board (shown on a following page) lists every Aerie's **Net Gain + 2%** (**NG2**) number for the term. Aerie Secretaries can always see their current NG2 from the main page of their MMS Login.

Membership prizes this year will be Pins, Pre-paid Credit Cards, and a Grand Prize (to be drawn at Convention). Every member that you sign up gains you a ticket in the draw; sign up ten members, then there will be ten tickets with your name on them in the bin from which the winning ticket will be drawn. So let's get busy bringing those members in.

Until next time, be good to each other, and sign some members up to help Provincial President Renee in his efforts to bring record numbers in both Membership and Charity donations during his term. Thank you to all who play the Membership Game.

Seasonal best wishes, Will

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#### From BC Provincial Aerie Heart/Stroke Chairman, Rob Trask Sr.:

Hello Brothers and Sisters; I would like to take this opportunity to wish all Aeries and Auxiliaries a Merry Christmas and a Productive New Year; on behalf of the Officers and Members of Penticton #4281.

We can all be proud of the work we do in our Communities and North America. To all our Volunteers "Thank You" without you we could and would not achieve our Goals. In my Heart you all are amazing. "Thank You" to each and everyone and let's make the New Year an Exciting and Outstanding year.

Fraternally, Rob Trask Sr., BC Provincial Heart/Stroke Chairman, President Penticton #4281



## BC Membership in 2017-18



November 27, 2017		ΓD	TTD		ΟV			
BRITISH COLUMBIA	N	R		N	R	NG2	VAR	% of NG2
10 ROSSLAND	5	8	13	2	1	14	-1	92.86
12 VICTORIA	12	1	13	9	1	11	2	118.18
15 NANAIMO	5	1	6	1		3	3	200.00
20 NEW WESTMINSTER	1	0	1			3	-2	33.33
22 NELSON	0	1	1			10	-9	10.00
1864 MICHEL	0	0	0			10	-10	0.00
2075 VANCOUVER	0	0	0			3	-3	0.00
2096 PORT ALBERNI	2	8	10			12	-2	83.33
2101 LADYSMITH	7	14	21	3	6	31	-10	67.74
2546 DUNCAN	11	3	14			30	-16	46.67
2638 NORTH-WEST	6	6	12	2		21	-9	57.14
2690 HOPE	9	2	11	3		35	-24	31.43
2726 ABBOTSFORD	7	7	14	1	1	49	-35	28.57
2831 MAPLE RIDGE	3	0	3			7	-4	42.86
2838 TRAIL	0	0	0			7	-7	0.00
3027 CRESTON	0	0	0			0	0	0.00
3032 CRANBROOK	5	9	14	2	3	21	-7	66.67
3097 CAMPBELL RIVER	7	4	11	2	3	36	-25	30.56
3318 PRINCE GEORGE	0	0	0			2	-2	0.00
3453 KAMLOOPS	5	7	12	1	2	25	-13	48.00
3557 VERNON	4	2	6			17	-11	35.29
3922 PARKSVILLE	0	0	0			8	-8	0.00
4281 PENTICTON	17	3	20	4		18	2	111.11
4400 CHEMAINUS	0	0	0			6	-6	0.00
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TOTALS	106	76	182	30	17	379	-197	48.02%
ZONE BREAKDOWN	ZT	ZQ	VAR					-31
Island 6/8	75	137	-62	over				over
Lower Mainland 5/6	41	118						last
Interior 3/4	38	62	-24	term				
Kootenays 3/5	28	62	-34		213			
TOTAL 17/23	182		-197	* ZONE LEADERS				

Brother Secretaries: If using the MMS Online Membership system, please be sure to convert Applicants to Members in Good Standing. Send any discrepancies to Membership Secretary, Will Heigh at 604-852-9183 or <a href="wbh@telus.net">wbh@telus.net</a>

#### From Dawn Rickey:

Hello my Sisters and Brothers; In our Society now it is hard not to find someone who is not on facebook. Facebook can be a dream come true as an easy way to keep in touch with your loved ones and friends. But it can also be a nightmare. The skill of Facebooking when it comes to both good and bad news is in the timing and the simple step of double-checking before clicking the post or send button.

When someone dies; whether suddenly or after a prolonged illness, there is one universal truth; the ripples of people whom are affected is vast and at times, largely unknown to all other parties. A death is always a gut punch with varying degrees of force and a reminder of our own mortality. Most people are moved to express their love for the deceased by showing their support to the family and friends left behind.

In the days before social media, these expressions came in the form of phone calls, voicemail messages, and floral deliveries. If you were lucky enough to be in close proximity to the family of the newly deceased, there were visits that came wrapped with hugs and tears, and deliveries of food and beverages to feed all the weary souls. Insert social media. All of those courtesies still occur, but there is a new layer of grief expression; the online tribute in the form of Facebook posts, Instagram photo collages, and short tweets.

What's the problem with that? Shouldn't people be allowed to express their love, care, concern, support and prayers for the soul of the recently deceased and for their family? Yes and No. Why? Because there are no established "Rules" and people have adopted their own.

We know that you like us are hurt and shocked. You "need" to express your pain, acknowledge your relationship with the deceased and pray for the family. Yes. However...Please give them a minute. They are shocked. They are heartbroken.

Give the immediate family a little time to handle the immediate and time-sensitive "business" related to death. In the minutes and early hours after someone passes away, social media is most likely the last thing on their minds. Pause and consider your role and relationship to the newly deceased. I caution you to wait and then wait a little longer before posting anything. This may seem trivial, silly, and not worth talking about, but I promise you it isn't.

The timing of sharing sensitive information or news should be up to the people most closely involved to the situation. Especially if the death was unexpected, the family may just want some privacy until they are ready to share their sad news.

Your love and expressions of support are appreciated and needed, but they can be ill timed and create unintended additional stress. Let those closest to the deceased set the tone for how they tell the world that their loved one has passed on. Ultimately, all roads lead back to them, so let's give them a little breathing room.

So always use caution before turning to social media to post a message of this type, even if you have good intentions. This is a tough one, because at some point, the family may want to see and read all the messages, posts, tags, pictures, and memories, but in the beginning it might be too painful for them to see.

Following are some websites of Facebook Etiquette:

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/jo.../10-facebook-etiquette-rul\_b\_9425740.html http://www.countryliving.com/life/a44077/facebook-etiquette-rules/https://www.hongkiat.com/blog/facebook-etiquette/

Fraternally, Dawn Rickey

#### From Provincial Auxiliary Stamp Chairman, Jeannie Hounslow: Stamps for Cancer



Hi Brothers and Sisters; Please keep collecting stamps to further helping others through the program "Stamp Out Cancer". With the expanding use of social media, mailings are less and less, but Christmas is a great time to acquire stamps.

Collection buyers want a certain amount of paper around the stamp, so cutting off the end of the envelope is quick, and easily gives them the margin they desire.

Thanks so much for helping Cancer patients throughout BC by picking up the scissors and rescuing the stamp from the garbage; we can make much better use of it!!!

Happy Holidays to you all,

Fraternally, Jeannie Hounslow, New Westminster Auxiliary #20, foe20aux@gmail.com

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#### From PPWP/PPMP, Curtis and Sharon Johnson:



Brothers and Sisters; We would like at this time to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year.



Fraternal Regards, Curtis and Sharon Johnson. Past Provincial Presidents

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#### From PPMP, Linda Vipond:

Brothers and Sisters: It is hard to realize that it is almost Christmas once again. Where has the time gone?

Brother Wayne and I wish all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Please be safe in all your travels. Hope to see all in the New Year.

Fraternally Yours, Linda Vipond and Wayne Bucklage, PPMP/PPWP



#### From PPWP, Randy Strang:

Hello Brothers and Sisters; I would like to Thank all the Brother and Sisters who sent cards of condolences. Thank you for your thoughts and prayers.

At this time of year I wish all the best for the holiday season, be smart and don't drink and drive. Let's all have a safe and Merry Christmas.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Executive Session in March.

Happy holidays to all Fraternally, Randy Strang, PPWP

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#### From PPMP, Carol Torrance:

To all of my Eagle Sisters and Brothers; To those who are ill-get better real quick and to those who have lost a loved one my thoughts and prayers are with you.

I also want to wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I hope that all your dreams and wishes come true over the Holiday Season and during the coming year.

Please stay healthy and stay safe.

Fraternally, Carol Torrance, PPMP

#### From PPMP, Shirley Hunt:

Hello everyone; I hope you are all well and looking forward to Christmas. I would like to thank everyone for the cards and calls. You are so great.

Keep smiling and enjoy the Christmas season. May God bless you all.

Fraternally, Shirley Hunt, PPMP, Ladysmith #2101

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#### NEWS FROM THE AUXILIARIES AND AERIES:

#### **ABBOTSFORD AUXILIARY #2726:**

Hello Sisters and Brothers; The Abbotsford Auxiliary would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and the best for 2018. 2017 has been a tough year for many and with fingers crossed it will not get any worse.

The Abbotsford Auxiliary with the help of the Aerie put on a Fashion Show to be proud of. It was a successful show with everyone enjoying themselves; some more than others. And a big "Thank You"; to all that were involved.

Our next Event is a Chinese Meal on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 as the following weekend February 16th, 2018 is Chinese New Year's. We all are in Hope for the Lower Mainland Zone Conference. Details are still in the planning stage and will be finalized shortly. We are in the process of a Bylaw change to change the time of our Meeting from 7:30 to 7:00 pm. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday. And we are just waiting on the approval of the Grand Aerie.

Take care and stay safe

Submitted by Carol Edgington, Secretary, Abbotsford #2726













#### **CAMPBELL RIVER AUXILIARY #3097:**

Hi Brothers and Sisters; Well as usual we are as busy as ever. Caterings from November 18<sup>th</sup> right through until December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Each year I think we must be crazy but when we see what we can do for our Charities it makes all the hard work worthwhile.

This year Campbell River worked very hard on the Food Drive and was able to donate a cheque in the amount of \$10,000.00 plus a number of food items.

December 7<sup>th</sup> we have our Annual Local Donations where we will be presenting a number of cheques with the largest being to Kidney Cancer Research in the amount of \$5,000.00. Lots of Caterings and lots of Meat Pies, Fruit Pies, Jams and Homemade Baking as well as Raffles are all part of the funds we get to donate.

On December 9<sup>th</sup> we will be having our Charter Member and Past Presidents night, January 21<sup>st</sup> will be holding our Annual Memorial Ceremony and on January 27<sup>th</sup> we will be having our Anniversary Banquet.

If anyone is in our area for any of these dates or any time at all please stop by we would be more than happy to see you.

Fraternally, Marilyn Lewis, Secretary, Campbell River #3097

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#### **DUNCAN AUXILIARY #2546:**

Hello Sisters and Brothers; Merry Christmas to all our Sisters and Brother, We had our Memorial Service on November 5<sup>th</sup> with the Team doing a great job then served refreshments following.

Our Joint Christmas Dinner will be on December 12<sup>th</sup> with Aerie and Auxiliary coming together to do the cooking. Open to all members and bring along a friend or two. Tickets will be sold at the door at a cost of \$10.00. We will not be doing a Charity dinner for the month of December but will start again in January 2018.

We are wishing everyone a safe and Happy Christmas, and a wonderful New Years. Fraternally, Fran Ryan, Secretary, Duncan #2546

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#### **HOPE AERIE #2690:** Message from Aerie 2690 Worthy President to the 2690 Membership;

- (1) Any member wishing to be on or taken off a Committee contact your Worthy President and if possible you will be accommodated. Any member thinking about taking any Officer position; please contact the Nomination Committee and or your Worthy President.
- (2) Any member that has some time to volunteer for the Aerie contact the appropriate Committee or Worthy President. There are most always small projects we need help on; E.g. Bingo, fun and easy, meeting and working with great fun loving people. Meals and Fund Raisers always need a little help, sometimes as little as 15 minutes, E.G. helping prepare food or moving things is needed and will be greatly appreciated. We will do our best to accommodate your time.
- (3) This is your Aerie and You the members run your club, electing and directing your Executive Officers. The Executive Officers are also members and volunteers, and they need your help at times. If we all work together and follow the rules and laws set out for our success, there will be peace and harmony and prosperity in our Aerie. Talk to some senior members, and they will tell you of times in the past of volunteering and socializing and what a good time was had doing so. Social Media has affected actual socializing, and laws have put a bit of a damper on lounge business. I believe an increase in family oriented entertainment and activities are a good way to attract and retain new members. It seems that the main activities for members are the Lounge and Bingo. But with a little effort you could have the best of both worlds. With your help and ideas, there could be more kinds of social activities and fun.

Continued From HOPE AERIE #2690: (4) If you have an idea to help your Aerie achieve more peace, harmony and prosperity please come to a Meeting, they are for all members! Or talk to an appropriate committee, any Executive Officer or your Worthy President, they will listen to your idea and help decide the next step. All ideas are worth consideration, some might need a little modifying, but worth trying to see if they work. Any activity that the members and their families enjoy and your Aerie does not lose money is worthy of trying, and thank you, from the Aerie for putting forward.

(5) Some members of Aerie and Auxiliary 2690 think that they are separate entities, and believe that the Auxiliary 2690 are just there to help themselves and or the Aerie. Yes, we do have our separate Executive Offices, and rules and regulations, but we have the same Aerie number, 2690. This makes us one body. I think of it this way, the Aerie 2690 is the right hand of the body and the Aerie Auxiliary is the left hand of the body. just different parts of the same body. With both hands working together we can do more work and have more fun with less effort. I think if we work together in joint projects and activities, we will be happier and more prosperous as we work for the good of the order.

I look forward to getting your feedback and working together to strengthen and grow our Aerie.

Fraternally yours: Worthy President Larry Kellum

#### LADYSMITH AUXILIARY #2101:

Hello Sisters and Brothers; The Ladysmith Sisters haven very busy this fall. We had a Stock the Pantry Fundraiser and raised more than \$4000 for our local Food Bank and donated over 1,000 lbs of food. We also have a Toiletry Drive in December for the Food Bank for those necessities that are not usually included in the bags of food the recipients receive such as shampoo, deodorant, razors, etc.

Our Children's Christmas Party is in early December with the children having lunch making crafts and receiving goody bag from Santa. One of the Brother's is our Santa every year and has been growing a snowy white beard since spring to look more authentic.

The Joint Christmas party is our last event of the year and is usually well attended with the tickets selling out quickly. It is also an opportunity to have one last fund raiser of the year with proceeds going to the Salvation Army.

We have been recruiting and re-enrolling new members and our Roster is growing.

Your Sisters from Ladysmith 2101 Auxiliary wish to express their sincere wishes of a happy, relaxing Christmas season.

Fraternally, Bobbi Williamson, Secretary, Ladysmith #2101

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#### **MAPLE RIDGE AUXILIARY #2831:**

Greeting from Maple Ridge Auxiliary #2831; It is hard to believe that we are less than a month from Christmas. In the busy days ahead please don't forget to say I Love You and to take time with your loved ones now.

Yesterday has gone, Tomorrow is not promised, Today is a gift Unwrap it and use it. Live today like it is your last.

Merry Christmas All and Sincere wishes for a Healthy and Happy New Year. Submitted by, Romi McMullen, Maple Ridge #2831



#### **NELSON AUXILIARY #22:**

Hello to all Sisters and Brothers; Season Greetings to all our Brothers and Sisters! We hope you are all keeping well and preparing for the Christmas season!

Nelson Auxiliary just had another successful Borscht Luncheon/ Bake Sale raising funds to support the Kootenay Women's Centre. We are planning our annual Joint Christmas Party Dec. 6, at 7:30 pm at our Eagles Hall; if you are in the area please stop by you will always be welcome. We are also busy with caterings for Christmas parties.

We are all sad to receive the news that our Dear Sister and Provincial Auxiliary Vice-President Bev Bailey passing, she will be sadly missed by all of us. We extend our deepest Love and Sympathy to her family at this very sad time, I know we will not forget Bev and her positive, caring attitude and friendship to all she knew.

We would like to send sincere greetings to you and your families for a Happy Holiday Season.

As we give thanks this Christmas season please remember all those who are grieving and who are ill. We send our love and prayers to everyone, we wish you all a blessed Christmas, from all the Brothers and Sisters of Nelson #22

"Let's all remember the Christmas Spirit all year round" Submitted by, Charlotte Bond, PPMP, Nelson #22

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#### **NEW WESTMINSTER AUXILIARY #20:**

Hello Brothers and Sisters,



What happens to the time!!! Tis Christmas already!!!

The Brothers and Sisters of New Westminster wish everyone greetings of the season, and hope you are well and partaking of the festivities.

Autumn brought change in the air; we are now about to settle into our new meeting venue at 318 Keary Street, New Westminster. Meetings will be held there with both Aerie and Auxiliary on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month. Contact addresses are the same as they have been for the past year.

Plans completed, we await our Christmas dinner get-together and annual Children's Christmas Party. Participation in the annual Christmas Parade and Christmas Kettle Drive is being arranged. Feeding the Needy Brunch and Pub Meat Draws remain fun activities. *Thank you, thank you* for those that so generously supported our Spinal Cord fundraisers in September; we are most appreciative!

With wishes to you and yours for only good things now, and in the coming year, have a very *Merry Christmas and Happy New Year* 

Fraternally, Jeannie Hounslow, Secretary, New Westminster Auxiliary #20, foe20aux@gmail.com









#### TRAIL #2838:

Hello Sisters and Brothers; On November 18<sup>th</sup> the Auxiliary once again participated with the Wantea Plaza's Annual Christmas Bake and Craft Sale. We find that this gives us the opportunity to get the word out to those from the area about the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Trail Auxiliary Sisters which to send their condolences to Lindsey Simmons and family on the passing of her husband PPO Edward (Reb) Simmons and our condolences also go out to Deb and Rod Bitz and Norm Dodds on the passing of their mother Provincial Vice President Bev Bailey; they will both be sadly missed.

Our Sisters would like to send wishes to all the Sisters and Brothers who have been ill. We wish you all a speedy recovery.

Our meeting nights are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

To our Brothers and Sisters we wish you all a Healthy and Safe Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year Fraternally, Joan Klit, Secretary, Trail #2838

#### **VERNON #3557:**

Hello Sisters and Brothers; The Aerie had a well attended Western Theme, Dinner and Dance on October 28<sup>th</sup>. They are still holding their "Mega Meat Draws" and of course, we are continuing with our Friday night Dinners and Sunday Breakfasts.

We have missed our Provincial Madam President, Klara Schubert, as Klara has been a regular fixture in our Eagles Kitchen. But her visits to other Auxiliaries and Aeries Sisters and Brothers; has kept her busy. We do have a lot of Catering for Christmas Parties booked, which will certainly keep us busy, sometimes two in one day!

We have had a lot of Sisters and Brothers in the Hospital these past few months, so we wish them all a speedy recovery.

Our Ladies Christmas Party is December 11<sup>th</sup> we usually take a break from the Kitchen and have it Catered. We also bring goodies for the "Last Baby of the Year" and products for the Food Bank. Our Charities are taken care of and Bursaries handed out. Sister Joanne will be delivering the Christmas presents, and Food Hampers to our chosen families.

We wish everyone a very good Christmas and happy New Year. Fraternally, Rosalie Schmidt, Madam President, Vernon #3557

#### VICTORIA #12:

Hello from the Island: Hope everyone is well. We had a "Wheel Spin" on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>; and we are having a Bake Sale on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. That evening we will have some Special Entertainment; The Crazy Aussie, cost \$12.00, 7:00 p.m.; a fun time for all.

Our Brunches are doing well. We had a "Wheel Spin" on Sunday, November 19th; a fun time for all.

We would like to send out Christmas Wishes to all our Eagle Sisters and Brothers. And also Wishes for a Happy New Year.





#### From Echo Chairman, Joan Klit:

Hello Sisters and Brothers; Once again we will have a Section in the Echo called Questions and Answers. If you have any questions you wish to send in for this Section, please send them to my E-mail: jjklit@shaw.ca We will print them in the issues of the Echo. If we are not sure about the answer to your question we will find out the right answer before we print it in the Echo.

Remember this is one of the best ways to keep the line of Communications open between all of us in the Province and I hope that you will continue for this term.

#### **SPECIAL NOTE FOR ALL:**

The following are the <u>Deadline Dates</u> for the Echo Bulletin; January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and the last issue May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. I will also send out little friendly reminders to each of you regarding the upcoming deadline date for the Echo Bulletin.

If there is any Sister or Brother who would like to have the Echo Bulletin sent to them via e-mail; please e-mail me your full name and e-mail address to: jiklit@shaw.ca

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year Yours in Sisterhood, Joan Klit, Echo Chairman



#### British Columbia Provincial Auxiliary Anne Ferstay Woman of the Year Award Official Nomination Form

Name of Sister nominated:	
Address: Postal (	
City: Postal	Code:
Auxiliary Ivallie and Ivalliber.	
Joined Auxiliary:	
Joined Auxiliary:  Local Auxiliary Offices (if any):	
Auxiliary Highlights:	
Community Highlights:	
Miscellaneous facts about nominee:	
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Signed:	
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Madam President	Madam Secretary

Please return this form with your Madam President and Madam Secretary's signature as well as your Auxiliary Seal no later than February 28, 2018 to:

Joanne Krisko
British Columbia Provincial Secretary
#82-19250-119<sup>th</sup> Ave.
Pitt Meadows, BC
V3Y 2B2

\*\*\*\*If additional space is needed please attach extra pages\*\*\*

Please note that the Anne Ferstay Woman of the Year is awarded Provincially. The name of the recipient along with a copy of this form will be forwarded to Grand for consideration of the Alta Browning Smith Woman of the Year Award.

## Fraternal Order of Eagles British Columbia Provincial Auxiliary Hall of Fame

#### **PURPOSE:**

This Hall of Fame is dedicated to provide honour and recognition to those members of the local Auxiliaries of the British Columbia Provincial Auxiliary, Fraternal Order of Eagles, who have provided the leadership, stability, knowledge, time and effort in the advancement of membership, programs, activities and the general ideals of this order throughout the Province of British Columbia.

The Hall of Fame is not meant to replace the Woman of the Year honour that is given for local service. It is to honour those that are serving, or have served, this Provincial Auxiliary.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:**

Nominee must have been an Auxiliary member for a minimum of twelve (12) years continuous membership with her home Auxiliary located in the Province of British Columbia.

Nominee must be in good standing in her Auxiliary.

Nominee must be at least thirty-three (33) years of age.

Nominee should have been, or still be. Active in her local Auxiliary as well as Zone and/or the Province.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

Applications to be submitted by local Auxiliaries on the application form attached. Applications must contain all facts and dates of service to assist the committee in their selections. Applications may be submitted by an Auxiliary, signed and sealed by the Madam President and the Madam Secretary. They may also be submitted by at least two (2) Past Provincial Madam Presidents or two (2) Hall of Fame members, and signed by these proposers.

There will be four (4) selections with no more than two (2) being deceased.

Applications shall be submitted to the Chairman of the committee prior to the deadline of May 1<sup>st</sup> to be considered for presentation at the Provincial Convention. Applications will be held for a period of three (3) years with automatic reviewing each year.

#### **ADMINISTRATION:**

The Provincial Madam President shall appoint the Hall of Fame committee from the Past Provincial Madam Presidents and the Hall of Fame members.

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# FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES BRITISH COLUMBIA PROVINCIAL AUXILIARY HALL OF FAME OFFICIAL APPLICATION FORM

Date:	
Auxiliary Name and Number	, Ladies Auxiliary, of the Province of tion for the British Columbia Provincial Auxiliary Hall of Fame
British Columbia wishes to place in nomina	tion for the British Columbia Provincial Auxiliary Hall of Fame
award the following named sister:	
Name:	
Address:	
	ion Date:
Birthdate: Initiati	on Date:
Deceased: YesNo	
Outstanding Achievements:	
Local Auxiliary:	
BC Provincial Auxiliary and/or Zone:	
Grand Auxiliary:	
Use additional sheets of paper to add other of Auxiliary Hall of Fame, if necessary.	qualifications for nomination into the British Columbia Provincial
Madam President	Madam Secretary

Auxiliary Seal