





## December, 2018





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 ~ December, 2018





# PROVINCIAL CONVENTION 2019 CAMPBELL RIVER #3097 JUNE 5 – JUNE 9 INFORMATION

The <u>Deadline Date</u> for all Convention Booklet Ads is <u>March 1<sup>st</sup></u>, <u>2019</u> to allow time for the printer to get everything put together.

#### **Convention Booklet Ad Prices are:**

Full Page: \$135.00 Half Page: \$75.00 Quarter Page: \$50.00 Business Card: \$25.00

We are offering a Meal Package for the Price of \$50.00. Deadline Date for the Meal

Package is May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019 NO EXCEPTIONS

**Meal Package - Includes the following:** 

Wednesday: Dinner – Thursday: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Friday: Breakfast and Lunch – Saturday: Breakfast and Lunch

**Individual Meals** – Can be purchased at the following costs:

Breakfast: \$6.00 - Lunch: \$7.00 - Dinner: \$12.00

Friday Night Banquet: Held at the Quinsam Cross Hall – Dinner Price - \$45.00 per person

We will be holding a Dinner and Dance on Saturday Night - Price for Members - \$15.00 Price for Non Members - \$20.00

Cheques can be made payable to Aerie #3097 and can be sent to Secretary for the Auxiliary or the Aerie.

Please Make Cheques Payable To: Aerie #3097. Cheques can be sent to either the Secretary of Aerie or Auxiliary.

More information to follow in the next issue of the Echo

Fraternally, Marilyn Lewis dalmar1@telus.net

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

Hello Brothers and Sisters and Brothers; Well it is hard to believe that another year is almost over where does the time go. I guess the old saying goes the Older you get the faster the time goes by and does it ever fly by.

So far this year has been really great and looking forward to the rest of the year. Had a very nice Joint visitation to Chemainus-Crofton in October with a very good turnout. Great dinner and socializing with a donation to BC Wheelchair Sports.

As this Christmas Season approaches I know it will be very hard on all of you who have suffered a loss this past year. My thoughts and prayers go out to each and every one of you and can only hope that all the good memories you have will help to ease the burden you are feeling this year. To anyone who is under the weather I wish you a very speedy recovery.

At this time I would like to wish each of you and your family all the best for the Holiday Season and that you all stay Healthy and to always keep in mind those that are a little less fortunate. Safe Travels to anyone travelling.

All the best for the New Year may all your New Year's Resolutions come true

#### From BC Provincial Worthy President, Ray Hawksworth:

Merry Christmas Brothers and Sisters! As the festive season is upon us I would like to wish all Eagles the best for the holiday season. I sincerely hope you will enjoy the company of your family and friends this Christmas. It's a wonderful time to come together and enjoy fellowship with others. Let's pause and reflect on the joys of the past year and how our efforts in this great Fraternal Order have made many lives better.

I urge you to keep the good work going and help others in need in your Community this season. Many Aeries and Auxiliaries are working together to assemble Christmas Hampers for needy families. This is an excellent way to reach out and show empathy for others. I have been part of this effort in my home Aerie #12 for many years. I receive great joy in knowing that I am helping make others happy, particularly those who are struggling to get by, often without the basic necessities of life. Let's all work together to share the gift of caring for others this Christmas. So let's all celebrate the holidays, have fun, and be safe!

My wife Karen and I wish you and your family happiness this season and we extend our wishes to each of you for a Happy 2019.

Fraternally, Ray Hawksworth, BC Provincial Worthy President, Victoria #12

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#### From BC Provincial Jr. Past Madam President, Klara Schubert:

Hello all my Sisters and Brothers; It is now officially Winter, the first Snowfall, Wow, how fast has this Year gone by, Christmas in front of the Door. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, may all your wishes come True.

And to all those who lost a loved one, my Condolences and those of you who are ill with the flu or colds, or getting over Surgery, get well soon.

Thank you to everyone who sent Cards, e-mails, phone calls, during my Surgery, it is very much appreciated, and I am on the Mend. We are on our way to Mexico for a Holiday, to get a little T.L.C. and Sun.

I hope 2019 will be a better Year to all.

#### "People Helping Pantries"

#### Campbell River #3097

Hello Brothers and Sisters; On November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 we had our Annual Donations and jointly we presented a cheque in the amount of \$8,150.00 to our Local Food Bank.

In photo from left to right: okay this one is Aerie President Franco Sartor, Auxiliary Member Shelly Morton, Food Bank Rep Debbie Willis, Food Bank Chairman Marlene Jordan and Auxiliary Vice President Kealy Donaldson

Fraternally, Marilyn Lewis, Secretary, Campbell River #3097







#### From Grand Aerie Vice President, Dave Smith:

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

Hope to see you on the Eagle trail. Everyone stay safe, take care and enjoy the Holiday Season.

Fraternally Yours, Dave Smith, Grand Vice President, Rossland #10/Penticton #4281

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

Hello to All Brothers and Sisters, It has been a very busy and interesting year for all the Eagles. And it has also been a sad year with the loss of many Sisters and Brothers who were very active Members and will be missed.

I was very disappointed to hear two of our Ladies Auxiliaries have turned in their Charters. We need to work towards putting a stop to this trend. The Ladies Auxiliary is an asset to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Locally, Provincially and for Grand. We are successful as "People Helping People" but it is time to also be "Eagles Helping Eagles". Please, let us make this one of our New Year Resolutions.

My prayers go out to the Sisters and Brothers who are ill and in distress. My Sincere Sympathy to those who have lost a loved one.

With Thanksgiving and Halloween behind us we can look forward to Christmas with all the lights and love it brings. My wishes for you all "Have a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year".

My poem to you

T'was the week before Christmas,
And all through our land,
The Eagles were lending a hand;
Giving to Charities, young to old,
Sick and Needy on a list, checked twice,
And it was heard as those Eagles drove out of sight,
A Merry Christmas to All and -God Bless Everyone.

Fraternally, Barbara Johnston, PMP, PGO, Campbell River #3097

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#### From BC Provincial Madam Vice President, Donna Roach:

"Christmas whispers to our hearts of simpler times and places"
In your thoughts, may there be peace
In your heart contentment
And all around you, the love of Christmas

Wishing all the Brothers and Sisters the untold joy of Christmas PPMP Donna Roach

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#### "People Helping People"

#### Campbell River #3097

Hello Brothers and Sisters; On November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2018 we had our Annual Donations and jointly we presented a cheque in the amount of \$5000.00 to Kidney Cancer Research which will be matched making the donation \$10000.00.



In photo from left to right: okay this one is the Kidney Cancer Canada Rep Stephen Andres, Auxiliary Member Debi Muir, Aerie President Franco Sartor and Auxiliary Kidney Cancer Fundraiser Chairman Dot Muir

Fraternally, Marilyn Lewis, Secretary, Campbell River #3097

#### From BC Provincial Worthy Vice President/President Elect, Joseph Millette:

Hello Brothers and Sisters; First I would like to say Thanks to all the Officers for their support to achieve Brother Gary's wishes. Also thank you to Brother Mike and Brother Marty who will help me achieve his goals.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Yours In Brotherhood, Joseph Millette, BC Provincial Worthy Vice President/President Elect, Maple Ridge 2831

#### "JOIN THE McMILLAN EXPRESS FOR THE FOE"

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#### From BC Provincial Madam Secretary, Joan Klit:

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**.

<u>Deadline Date</u> for submitting your requests for the Grand Madam President to make a visitation in April to your Auxiliary is **February 1<sup>st</sup>**, **2019**. Remember your letter must be signed by the Madam President and Madam Secretary and must have the Auxiliary Seal.

<u>Other Dates To Remember:</u> The deadline for the Woman of the Year is February 28, 2019 and for the Hall of Fame the deadline is May 1, 2019. Late entries **WILL NOT** be accepted.

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

Fraternally Yours, Joan Klit, BC Provincial Madam Secretary, Trail #2838

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

Hello Brothers and Sisters; Thank you to everyone for the encouraging phone calls, cards, messages and kindnesses that you have extended to me during this difficult time. There are no words to express my gratitude for the love that has been so freely given to me. Saying "Thank You" just doesn't seem enough to cover this outpouring. I am so proud to belong to a group that proves over and over that they are truly "People Helping People".

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. May the New Year bring Health, Happiness and Peace to all of you and yours.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone in 2019.

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

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To All My Sisters And Brothers: Our Condolences go out to Sylvia Hollinger, family and friends on the passing of her husband Past Provincial Worthy President Fred Hollinger. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers. He will be sadly missed.

Get Well Wishes go out to Sisters Shirley Welcher, Diane Tucker, Sue Blanc and Louise Goldfuss who all have been under the weather. We wish you all a speedy recovery.

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 <a href="mailto:nvanoosten@gmail.com">nvanoosten@gmail.com</a> I can't send out cards if I don't know about these people.

Fraternally Yours, Nancy Van Oosten, BC Provincial Madam Chaplain, Cranbrook #3032

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#### From BC Provincial Worthy Chaplain, Steve Welcher:

Hello Brothers and Sisters. As Provincial Chairman for Youth Art I have had some interest so far. If you have children or grandchildren in grades 3-6 and they like to draw Email me at: <a href="mailto:sappertonsteve@yahoo.com">sappertonsteve@yahoo.com</a> and I will send you the information. The deadline for entries is the end of February.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year from my family to yours.

Fraternally, Steve Welcher, BC Provincial Worthy Chaplain

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PROVINCIAL MADAM PRESIDENTS CHARITY - BC WHEELCHAIR SPORTS

After such a positive response to the Dolphin Pins I want to let everyone know I have order another 100 pins and they have just arrived. The cost for the pins is \$5.00.

For those of you that had wanted a pin and never got it let me know and I will keep one for you.

Anyone else wanting a pin let me know.

All profits are going to the Provincial Presidents Special Wheelchair Sports Charity so lets sell these pins and add to our Charity total.

Marilyn Lewis
BC Provincial Madam President

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



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

Hello Brothers and Sisters;

Winter as set upon us; Just a quick update on what's happened and happening for Eagle Riders Campbell River right now. Nothing much, it's damp and cold and not congenial for riding around on our two wheeled toys. We are having a meeting in the middle of December setting up for the Poker Run for next year.

Other than that, we had a great riding season last year, went to Barkerville and area and then down to Washington State for a couple of long weekend trips. I know my crew is looking forward to the spring of 2019 to wash off the dust and look for more adventures of the Campbell River bad boys and girls. We are the only 99% club on the Island. Currently we have 26 active Eagle Riders Members in Campbell River.

At this time I would like to wish a Merry Christmas to all my Eagle Brothers and Sisters.

For more info on our Poker Run and other activities please contact <u>hippolts@shaw.ca</u> See you soon. Thanks to Joan for all you do.

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

#### From BC Provincial Madam Conductor, Joanne Mallett:

Hello Sisters and Brothers; Oh where oh where did November go? We have been busy in our Auxiliary providing Christmas party time for Fund Raising returns!

I want to wish all of my Sisters and Brothers a wonderful Christmas season. Enjoy, but keep safe. My thoughts and prayers go out to all who have lost loved ones, as this is an especially difficult time for them. Well wishes to all those who are ill or coping with illness in the family.

As for my job as Muscular Dystrophy Chairman; keep doing what we do best...helping others and please share with us any new or successful ideas for making money for Charity.

Fraternally, Joanne Mallett, BC Provincial Madam Conductor, Nelson #22

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#### From BC Provincial Worthy Conductor, Joey Lasaga:

Holiday Greetings to all my Brothers and Sisters, I wish all of our Brothers and Sisters a Safe Holiday, and a Happy New Year. May we all be blessed for a new beginning.

2019 is coming close, let's put our heads together for a Great Successful Year.

Yours in Brotherhood, Joey Lasaga, BC Provincial Worthy Conductor, Ladysmith #2101	

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## Join us for a New Year's Eve Party at the Eagles Hall December 31, 2018

Doors Open @ 6:00 pm

Dinner @ 6:30 pm

Music & Dancing @ 8:00 pm

**Door Prizes, Good Music & Lots of Fun!** 

### Tickets are only \$45.00 per person!

(Presold tickets only, no ticket sales at the door)

Don't be disappointed! To get your tickets call...

Dave Rodway	604-374-4074
Kathie Rodway	604-467-3069
Yvonne Blom	604-467-5471
Marlin Priebe	604-467-8099
Olga Vegh	604-466-6472
Delmar Boyne	604-467-7275





We are..... "People Helping People."

For a century, the FRATERNAL ORDER of EAGLES has been a major influence internationally, nationally, regionally, in our states and provinces, and most of all.... in our communities.



#### From BC Provincial Ritual Chairman, Shirley Welcher:

Hello my Sisters; Ritual is the backbone of our Organization. No other event binds us together the way our Ritual does. It makes us unique and helps us to grow as Eagles.

Every one of you either Aerie or Auxiliary should at least compete on a Zone Level at one time or another. It will give you a sense of the dedication it takes to memorize or follow the Ritual and will open your eyes as to what makes us different from every other Organization out there.

Provincial Ritual Competitions will be held at the Island Zone Conference in March and at the each individual Zone Conference or at the Provincial Convention in June in Campbell River.

Fees for the Competition are \$ 35.00 and must be received by January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The Ritual Fees are to be sent to Provincial Madam Secretary Joan Klit at her home in Trail. Her address is: 275 - 2nd Ave, Trail, BC V1R 4V3

The Ritual Form is to be sent to the Ritual Chairman Shirley Welcher at the following address: #14 – 1610 Bowen Road, Nanaimo, BC V9S 1G6.

Wishing each of you all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Fraternally, Shirley Welcher, BC Provincial Auxiliary Ritual Coordinator, Nanaimo #15

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#### From BC Provincial Madam Inside Guard, Barb Calve:

Hello Sisters and Brothers; I hope everyone is staying warm and healthy over this holiday season.

Merry Christmas to all of you; I wish you all Peace and Joy this Christmas and all good things for the New Year.

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

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#### From BC Provincial Madam Outside Guard, Bobbi Williamson:

Dear Brothers and Sisters; I send to you Greetings for this Christmas Season. I hope each and every one of you has a very, Merry Christmas and that the New Year brings lots of Wealth, Good Health and Happiness the whole year.

Fraternally Yours, Bobbi Williamson, BC Provincial Madam Outside Guard, Ladysmith #2101













Cindy Smith 10 – 281 Norton Street Penticton, BC V2A 4H8 250-492-0969 - kitncindy@shaw.ca

Hello Sisters; so far we are seven (7) months into our year and we are doing awesome. Thank you for all your hard work in getting New and Re-enrolled Members.

#### Congratulations:

Abbottsford - 2 New Members and 3 Reenrolled Cranbrook - 3 New Members and 1 Reenrolled Campbell River - 6 New Members and 1 Reenrolled Victoria - 13 New Members Ladysmith - 13 New Members and 2 Reenrolled Penticton - 13 New Members and 9 Reenrolled

Our Total as of December 5th, 2018 is 50 New Members and 16 Re-enrolled a total of 76 New and Re-enrolled Members so far this year. And there are still 23 applications between all the Auxiliaries that have not yet been initiated.

Thanks to all you ladies that work so hard for you Auxiliaries without you we would not have such a great Auxiliary across the Province. To all you girls that signed up a New Member or Re-enrollee please keep an eye for your Membership Award I have just mailed them out.

I want to wish each and everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and all the best for the New Year.

Fraternally, Cindy Smith BC Provincial Membership Chairman

- D Dedication
- O Organization
- L Loyalty
- P Participation
- H Harmony
- I Integrity
- N New members















#### From BC Provincial Stamp Chairman, Jeannie Hounslow:

Santa is coming, Christmas is near,
If you're reading this message you know stamps are dear!
So get out the scissors and start cutting away
Because every stamp counts in its own little way
Collected, together they form a big pile
Which helps someone in need and gives reprieve for a while
Thank you in advance, again I must say, because
Through all our efforts, we brighten someone's day.

Best thoughts for the season and take really good care

Fraternally, Jeannie Hounslow, BC Provincial Auxiliary Stamps Chairman

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

Hello Sisters and Brothers; From my family to each of you we wish all our Brothers and Sisters a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year. May the season be generous to each of you.

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

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

Hello Brothers and Sisters; Had a great meeting at the PNWRC in Wenatchee. Talked to old friends, and met many new ones. The conference was very informative; learned a lot.

I want to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Stay healthy and Safe.

See everyone March 30, 2019 in Maple Ridge.

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

From Provincial Madam Trustee, Louise Alexander:

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. I hope that you all have the opportunity to enjoy this holiday with family and friends.

I hope that 2019 brings you a year filled with good health, love and happiness and may we all work hard in order to make our Eagles clubs an important part of our respective Communities.

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

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## Paint Night

Sunday, February 24, 2019 1:30 pm

Eagles Hall - 23461 Fern Crescent Maple Ridge

Cost: \$40.00 Includes: 16 x 20 canvas / paint supplies 1 beverage & appies

Tickets available: Contact - Dick Penner 604-217-5170 Lynne Martin 604-614-2714 Barrie Clark 604-864-1946

"Your Unique Painting - No Experience Needed"

A Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie & Auxiliary 2831 Fundraiser With all Proceeds to Ridge Meadows Hospice Society

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

Hello Sisters and Brothers; Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all. I hope everyone has a great holiday Season.

If you have any projects that you have done for your local Cancer Charity could you please let me know what and how much you raised on your Cancer Fund Raising Event it would be greatly appreciated, you can E-mail me at: <a href="mailto:gail\_mcdonald1946@hotmail.com">gail\_mcdonald1946@hotmail.com</a>

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

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

Hi guys! Hello again Brothers and Sisters! It's been a busy year already, and it's almost over. I wish all of you a happy holiday, safe and sound with the ones you love.

For me, I've been busy with Provincial and Aerie responsibilities. We've got a few Aeries that have made the leap and gotten signed up to be hosted on the new <u>BCFOE.com</u> website.

If you haven't heard; we are offering hosting for all Aeries and Auxiliaries in the province. It would have the format of <AERIE#>.bcfoe.com. For example, Ladysmith has just joined the site and they are 2101.bcfoe.com.

For those that don't know how to make websites, it's built on a framework that's pretty easy to create pages for. It's very much like writing emails.

There's a great YouTube video that is just about managing/editing/creating pages for wordpress here: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2YwFDyjc50">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z2YwFDyjc50</a>

If you're interested in setting something like this up for your Aerie send me an email at <a href="mailto:bcfoeweb@gmail.com">bcfoeweb@gmail.com</a> and I'll start working with you to get something setup.

Thanks for reading and you'll hear more from me in the New Year!

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

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#### From Provincial Madam Trustee, Marlene Jordan:

Dear Brothers and Sisters, I am sending Merry Christmas wishes to all our Sisters and Brothers. May your season be filled with love, laughter and joy. Also, Happy New Year to everyone.

Let's all work hard for the good of the Eagles and make 2019 a year to remember!

Cheers, Marlene Jordan, BC Provincial Madam Trustee, Campbell River #3097





#### From BC Provincial Worthy Trustee, Barbara Bell:

Hello again, Brothers and Sisters;

#### TWAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTAMS FOR ALL EAGLE VOLUNTEERS

Twas The Night Before Christmas, For This Volunteer, I Sat In My House, Warmed By The Cheer. Full Of Good Food And Counting Each Friend, I Took Just A Moment To Reflect On Our Past Year. Those That I Love Were Snuggled Up Tight, Dreaming Of Who Would Be Coming That Night. Seeing The Presents All Wrapped Round The Tree, My Heart Began To Glow And A Smile Crept Over Me.

Cold Winds Were Blowing Just Outside My Door, Reminding Me Of The Things That We Never Ignore. The Hungry The Homeless, Lost In Our Cities And Poor Lonely Seniors Who Deserve More Than Pity. Children In Schools That Cannot Help Their Need, Wishing For Someone To Teach Them To Read. For Those Living Each Day As they Battle Diseases, Hoping Someone Will Ease Their Miseries.

There's So Much To Do, We Say To Ourselves With A Sigh, But We Are Up To The Challenge Before The End Is Nigh. We Are Plain Everyday Folk We Can't Solve Every Woe, But We Put On Thinking Caps And We Know Just How This Goes. So Armed With Our Laptops We Hop Online Quick, Finding The Answers Takes Merely A Click.

People Making A Difference Without Putting On Airs, Each Hour We Spend Proclaiming "Eagles Care!" With Knowledgeable Partners And Bright Volunteers, We've Been Serving Our Cities for 120 Years. We Register Quickly And Sign Up Right Then, With So Many Choices, We Do Not Know Where To Begin. Tutoring, Art Clubs, Cooking Galore, Bingo, Food Pantries, Crafting And More.

Serve Dinner At A Shelter Now Let's Not Be Frugal, Or Spend Time With Seniors And Teach Them To Google. With So Many Ways To Simply Give Back, We Picture A Day When No One Would Lack. We Call In Our Families, Friends And All Members, Soon There Is A Room Full Of Assemblers. We Each Find A Project That Is Close To Our Heart, Knowing Full Well That This Is Just The Start.

Just Like The Grinch We Will Suddenly Know, Our Hearts Are More Than Just Show. "Maybe Christmas Need Not Come From A Store, Maybe Christmas, Perhaps, Means A Little Bit More!" And What If These Feelings, These Actions Could Last, What If We Need Not Return To The Past?

By Choosing To Serve Throughout The Whole Year, Each Day, Week And Month Could Be Filled With Good Cheer! What Started So May Years Before, Has Become A Place With Friends We Adore. "People Helping People" As Long As We Can, That Is Our Long Term, Forever Plan.

#### Author Unknown

So In Conclusion And This Has Gone On Quite Long

Merry Christmas To You All My Brother And Sister Eagles, May The New Year Bring You Health, Happiness And Yes Good Cheer

Seasonal Best Wishes, Barbara Bell, BC Provincial Worthy Trustee, Abbotsford #2726

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## 18 **Auxiliary Supplies From Grand**



Hello My Sisters;

It will soon be time to get your stationery orders in for 2019. I am taking over the ordering for our Sister Jeannie who has done an exceptional job. (Any help you can give me is appreciated)

Please go through the Grand Catalogue and send me a list of your items needed by the end of January so we can receive and package up before Sister Bobbi Williamson brings it to Provincial Officers Meeting in March.

I would like to take this time to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with love and peace and new beginnings.

Fraternally, Arlene Neale, Madam President, Ladysmith #2101

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#### **MESSAGES FROM THE PAST PROVINCIAL PRESIDENTS:**

#### From PPWP/PPMP, Wayne Bucklage and Linda Vipond:

Dear Brothers and Sisters: Once again the season is upon us. Seems it comes faster each year. Brother Wayne and I wish each and every one a very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

Be safe and have fun.

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

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#### From PPMP, Carol Torrance:

To all of my Eagle Sisters and Brothers; We are into the holiday season now and I really don't know how we got here so fast. Anyway, I would like to wish all my Brothers and Sisters a very Merry Christmas and the happiest of New Years.

To anyone who is under the weather, please get better real soon. Take care and enjoy what is left of 2018. Fraternally, Carol Torrance, PPMP





#### From PPMP, Glenda Brommeland:

Wishing all My Brothers and Sisters a very Merry Christmas and the very Best in 2019

Looking behind I am filled with gratitude.

Looking forward
I am filled with vision.

Looking upwards I am filled with strength.

Looking within I discover peace.

-Unknown Artist but much appreciated.

Love Sister Glenda Brommeland, PPMP

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#### From PPMP, Beulah Gilday:

To My Sisters and Brothers, I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Fraternally, Beulah Gilday, PPMP

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#### From PPWP, Harry Gold:

TO ALL MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS WHEREVER YOU MAY BE, HAVE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY AND WONDERFUL NEW YEAR.

Fraternally, Harry Gold, PPWP

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#### From PPMP, Helen Little:

To all my Sisters and Brothers; Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May the wonderful traditions of the Season bring special memories and much happiness to all.

Fraternally, Helen Little, PPNWRP/PPMP, Penticton #4281 Home Aerie of Dave Smith, Grand Worthy Vice President

#### From PPMP, Thelma Redmond:

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you I hope that this will be the best season that you have ever had. I wish each of you happiness and health as they are two (2) Commodities that can't be bought but bring joy to each of us.

I was privileged to attend the Nanaimo Regional Hospital Foundation's Annual Christmas evening as a Representative of my Auxiliary. The NRGH Foundation is one of our most favorite Charities and is a cause that is dear to my own heart. We all need the help and care that our local Hospital provides each of us when we require it.

It is nice to see that several Sisters from other Lodges have stepped in to become Dual Members with us to help keep us afloat and this is truly appreciated by me and every other Sister in Nanaimo.

Once again I wish nothing but the best for you and your Auxiliary and Aerie.

Fraternally Yours, Thel Redmond, PPMP Nanaimo #15

#### From PPMT, Vera Gjestrum:

Season's Greetings to all my Provincial Brothers and Sisters; Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy New year.

Fraternally, Vera Gjestrum, Past Provincial Treasurer

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#### **NEWS FROM THE AUXILIARIES AND AERIES:**

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

Hello Sisters and Brothers; The Auxiliary would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and the best in the New Year. The Auxiliary has been busy; attending the Remembrance Day Ceremonies, Charity Events in New Westminster, lighting of the Christmas Lights at Canuck Place and touring Holmberg House; a Palliative Care Home for adults in Abbotsford.

The Auxiliary have started making Family Dinners on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month, December 28<sup>th</sup> menu will be homemade Pierogies/bacon, Farmer Sausage and Sauerkraut with Salad and Dessert; all for \$10.00 a ticket. In January it will be homemade Chinese Food.

Plans are underway for the Lower Mainland Zone Conference on February 16, 2019. We are hoping Members will come out and support this as it has been changed to a one (1) day Event. Please attend as we are doing this for the Members.

The Abbotsford Auxiliary meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday with the exception of Dec 25, 2018 (being Christmas) at 7 pm. We would love to have any Auxiliary member in good standing join us.

Submitted by Carol Edgington, Secretary, Abbotsford #2726

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

Hi Brothers and Sisters; Campbell River is all geared up for another busy month ahead of us. On November 21<sup>st</sup> we had our Annual Donations and jointly donated \$20,100.00 to Local Charities with the largest donations going to the Local Food Bank for \$8,150.00 and \$5,000.00 to Kidney Cancer Research which will be matched making the donation \$10,000.00.

The New Year is going to be busy for us as we start January with our Anniversary Banquet; we will be hosting the Zone Conference in March and in April looking forward to hosting the GMP visitation and June the Provincial Convention. We are hoping to put in two (2) Ritual Teams this year so all in all we will be very busy.

We would like to wish everyone all the best for the Holiday Season and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year

Fraternally, Marilyn Lewis, Secretary, Campbell River #3097

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

Merry Christmas to all our Brothers and Sisters, We have kept busy with the 2018-2019 Eagles year, in September we started up with our Charity Dinners once again on the third Tuesdays of the month still well received. November 4<sup>th</sup> was our Joint Memorial and our Team came through once again and did a great job.

The Aerie has started doing a Steak and Chicken Dinner every other Friday night which has being doing very well; next steak night will be November 23<sup>rd</sup>; cost for this Dinner is \$16.00 service starts at 5:30 pm.

A Craft fair was held in our hall on November 10<sup>th</sup> and the Auxiliary had a table and did very well and had some fun as well. December 11<sup>th</sup> we are having a Joint Christmas Dinner serving both Turkey and Ham with the trimmings.

Wishing all a Wonderful and Happy Christmas and a Great New Year! Fraternally, Fran Ryan, Secretary, Duncan #2546

#### **HOPE AERIE #2690:**

Greetings Brothers and Sisters from Hope Aerie and myself; First off Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all; Hope Aerie/Auxiliary are planning the annual Community Dinner in December. This dinner in the past has feed close to 200 people some years. We never know how many people will come to this dinner, free to the community. As well in the plans is the Kids Christmas party which takes a lot of volunteer help. If you can help contact someone at the Aerie or Auxiliary, we are always looking some help.

The Halloween (Dance and Snack), went well, every one having a good time. This joint function seems to be growing thanks to the hard work of the volunteers involved. As any function, they are a learning curve, trying to do better every year, so see you here next year.

I attended the Conference in Wenatchee Washington. I went down 2 days early and sat in on a Meeting /Initiation witnessing 4 new members come in. I enjoyed the conference and the hospitality, meeting a lot of nice people. Also, I went to Summerland and attended Fred Hollinger's celebration of life. He was the "Greatest Provincial President of all times." Fred was a great guy and I enjoyed visiting with him every convention. I think the convention will miss him, I know I will.

Kay and I attended the North West Visitation in North Vancouver. We had a good time, great meal and entertainment. Tipped a few Yellow Dogs craft beers, they were not bad, might grow on me. But make no mistake Lucky is still the best. Thanks to all volunteers that made the night a great one. As well to all that showed up for the event, making it a nice social.

Aerie Bingos are still going strong on Mondays and Fridays. One of the latest jackpots went to some new residents of Hope, for over \$6600. Bingo is a great social time with lots of laughs and good meals. And as well the concession and can't miss the ice cream cart.

Brother Don Dixon my Worthy Vice President has been on night shift, very busy at his work. And not able to attend meetings, his presents and opinions are missed. Hopefully he will be back on day shift soon.

Our Lounge hours for the winter are: open Thursday to Saturday, 3 to close and Sunday 2:00 to close. Sunday is the meat draw day having chicken wings and fry's for sale. Every second Thursday ("thirsty Thursday") most of the time have wings and fry's.

I if you have a group passing through that wants the lounge open, or having a birthday or other event give us a call and we will accommodate your group if possible. If you have any ideas that might make opening the Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday prosperous, let us know and we will try it.

#### **Continued From HOPE AERIE #2690:**

This is your Aerie and we are always looking for your ideas to make it better for you members. Contact any Officer or better yet come to a meeting and forward your ideas, all opinions must be considered.

Aerie and Auxiliary both marched in the parade and presented Wreath's at the Hope Cenotaph and then went to the Legion to respect and support the veteran's. They always have a great lunch and entertainment and cold beer. Thank you to all Veterans and their family's for the life we enjoy today!

Our Aerie has been progressing well in the right direction for the past year. Our Executive seems to work very well together, guiding the Aerie in a considerate and professional manner. All volunteers have been working very hard to keep us prospers and healthy. The Auxiliary seems to be doing extremely well with the Bingo dinners and Concession, as well as the Flea Market day with breakfast and lunch, good job! Aerie meat draw is doing better than it has ever done, with record attendance. We all should be proud of what we have achieved, with our hard work.

But as we work so hard to help others and raise money for our charities; Sometimes we become oblivious regarding our own members that may have stumbled, and we accidently step on them. If this happens we have to stop and help this member, saying we are sorry. If we would all follow our Obligation and Ritual, come to meetings to keep informed. Not getting our information second hand that is usually not 100% correct, not starting rumors and gossip. Our little Aerie will shine above the others

#### My thoughts of this day"

(Why does it seem so easy to be angry and make excuses, and so hard to be warm and considerate as our Ritual states? Always look for the good in people, and not for the flaws, that we all have!

I urge all members to think of those on their <u>least favourable list</u>, then think of something good that they have

done. You might even smile and be happier for it.)

Thank you to all members and your families, keep up the good work and support.

Again, I wish to all Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and Happy Life with good health.

WP/WPOG Larry Kellum

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#### **LADYSMITH AUXILIARY #2101:**

Hello Sisters and Brothers; Phew where have the months gone? A few weeks from Christmas....I hope everyone is prepared!

Since our last report October started out with our Annual contribution to Tour de Rock and the Red Serge Dinner. We donate in kind the hall rent, preparation of food and of course our money donation and from both the Aerie and the Auxiliary that was over \$5000. We could not do that without the help of all our Volunteers.

On to the next big event which was our annual Fill the Pantry Dance another sellout crowd and all net proceeds go to our Local Food Bank which total \$3500 plus close to 1000# of food. The end of October saw us make close to 1100 Meat Pies and we sold out! Next Meat Pie making adventure is end of January. Friday night Dinners have ended until January as well because of our heavy Catering load. November started on a low note with passing of Sister Leanne Saunders.

November 11<sup>th</sup> the Chaplains laid a Wreath at the Cenotaph and later joined a packed lounge for soup and sandwiches. Then 9 of us Auxiliary ladies travelled and had fun in Mexico to help celebrate my birthday we all arrived home safe and sound and left lasting memories (I am sure) in Mexico of us!

#### **Continued From LADYSMITH AUXILIARY #2101:**

We have initiated four (4) New Members and welcomed back one (1). January will see us initiate five (5). November 29<sup>th</sup> Ladysmith had their Festival of Lights. What an Event. Our Volunteers worked on preparing and serving community Spaghetti Dinner for over 500; our donation among a few to the Ladysmith Festival of Lights. We also decorated and entered a Float for the Parade.

December starts off with the Children's Christmas Party and it was very well received and wonderful work by the Committee. Also kudos to our fabulous decorating crew; the hall looks amazing. Our next Event is a joint Christmas Dinner/Dance on the 15<sup>th</sup>, which I will report on in the New Year and pictures as well. I am also sending along some other pictures of our Events up until now.



Ladysmith #2101 Float In Ladysmith Light-Up Parade



Parade Participants on Float



Auxiliary Mother Thelma Neale



Chrissy Manson, Anne Neufeldt and Arlene Neale all set to go

Merry Christmas and here is to a wonderful, peaceful 2019.

Fraternally, Arlene Neale, Madam President Ladysmith #2101

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#### NANAIMO #15:

Hello My Brothers and Sisters; Nanaimo 15 is growing. Happiness is firstly wishing each and every one of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. This wish comes from each and everyone here in Nanaimo. We have not grown with New Members in our Auxiliary but have signed a few more Dual Members from Campbell River and Ladysmith which help us to keep on an even keel. Three (3) of the Dual Sisters from Campbell River donated both a wonderful Christmas Basket that was won by Provincial Trustee Gail MacDonald from Duncan and a lovely Gingerbread Carousel that was won by Sister Betty Nelson from Campbell River. The money is going to go to Local Charities.

We were pleased to be invited and attend the Annual Christmas Social for the Nanaimo Regional Hospital Foundation. We had earlier presented them with two (2) cheques; totaling \$500.00 for the Expansion and Renovations for the ICU. We also presented Loaves and Fishes Food Bank with a cheque for \$100.00 and made a donation of food from both the Auxiliary and Aerie as this was a request from Grand that "People Help People".

Our Madam President Shirley Welcher and our Madam Chaplain Diane Tucker have both been in hospital since the last Echo was sent out and are both home and recuperating. We also wish Sisters Sue Blanc and Louise Goldfuss a speedy recovery. In a small Auxiliary illness can have a very big impact so we are grateful for our Dual Members who often fill in as Officers for our meetings. We still have our usual Wednesday Meat Draws commencing at 3:00 and would invite each of you to come and see us.

Fraternally and Merry Christmas, Thel Redmond, Madam Secretary

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

Season's Greetings to all Eagle Sisters, Brothers and their Families; We wish you a Happy, Healthy, Safe Enjoyable Christmas Season! We know many are struggling with health issues, or have lost loved ones we are sending Prayers and Blessings to all.

Nelson Auxiliary keeps busy with Catering, a successful Borscht sale to raise funds for our Charities this holiday season! Our Auxiliary is planning a New Years Eve Party on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at the Eagles Hall; 641 Baker Street, there will be Live Music, Food and Refreshments. Fun for all, for any info check our Web Site, or call Eagles Hall at 250-352-5644. Come out and join us for a fun night.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New to all; wishing you all the best in 2019 From all the Sisters and Brothers of Auxiliary and Aerie # 22

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

The Brothers and Sisters wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season and only very good things for the year ahead.

Best wishes to all from New Westminster #20.

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"May trouble neglect you and Angels protect you"
Wishing you all the joy of the season

#### **PENTICTON #4281:**

Season's Greetings; We've been busy this past season. We're doing well on Membership, unfortunately have had several real good Members pass or been quite ill.

Our Fundraising efforts are doing really well and we're into our Christmas Party season now.

Our wishes go out to all the Members for a very Merry Christmas and wonderful, healthy New Year and please try to keep the joy of the holiday season in your hearts all year.

Fraternally, Penticton Ladies Auxiliary #4281

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#### TRAIL #2838:

Hello Sisters and Brothers; On November 17<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.

To our Sisters and Brothers who have been ill. We wish you all a speedy recovery.

To all our Brothers and Sisters;

May This Holiday Season
Leave You With Precious Memories:
A Christmas Filled With Love And Light
Perfect Gifts, Delicious Foods,
Love And Joy All Around.
A New Year With Continuing Blessings
Family, Friends, Good Work, Great Fun,
And Delightful Surprises.

Merry Christmas And Happy New Year!

Have a safe Holiday Season. Fraternally, Joan Klit, Secretary, Trail #2838

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#### **VANCOUVER #2075:**

From our Home to Yours, we wish a very Merry Christmas to all and thank you very much for your continued support to BC Wheelchair Sports: it means a lot to us.

May you have a joyous season and health, wealth and happiness in the New Year! Fraternally, Marlys Smith, Madam Secretary, Vancouver #2075





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

Merry Christmas and all the best for the New Year; from your Brothers and Sisters in Vernon, BC

As usual we have an extremely busy Christmas Catering Schedule. Ten Company Banquets, and our usual Friday night Dinners and Sunday Breakfasts. The Ladies Auxiliary Christmas Party is December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. And we collect for the Food Bank, and bring a Baby Gift, for the last baby of the year. The Aeries Christmas Dinner is December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Please note: there will not be a Breakfast December 23<sup>rd</sup>. They will resume on the 30th, with the Mega Meat Draw from 2-4 p.m.

New Years Eve, is our Open House, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2-5 p.m. - 50/50 Draws, Drink Specials and Free Appies. If you are in Vernon, please come and join us.

We are looking forward to the visit from our Provincial Madam President Elect, Marilyn Lewis on September 4th. The Ritual Team will start practicing the end of January. We are finding it difficult to get Volunteers for the Catering, which I am sure, most of the Eagles are encountering. If you have any suggestions for us, they would be welcome, as most of our regulars are at the age, where they are suffering from health problems, and unable to do the physical lifting required. However, I do want to acknowledge our dedicated Kitchen Volunteers, who put in endless hours, and still manage to keep smiling. Kudos to you all

Fraternally, Rosalie Schmidt, Jr. Past Madam President, Vernon #3557

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#### **VICTORIA #12:**

Hello from the Island: Victoria is going gung ho. We have initiated quite a few New Members. It feels so wonderful.

Our Brunches are still going well. We started a New Fund Raiser - making Meat Pies once again. And it was a great success. But it was a lot of work for so few people who turned out to help. For our first project we made 325 Meat Pies - Turkey and Beef.

We would like to send out our Christmas Wishes to all Auxiliaries and Aeries.

We would like to send out any condolence messages for anyone who lost a family member or friend. Also Get Well Messages to any member who has been sick or in hospital.

See you down the Eagle Trail. Cheers, Patti Robinson, Secretary, Victoria #12



#### From Echo Chairman, Joan Klit:

Hello Sisters and Brothers;

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

The following are the <u>Deadline Dates</u> for the Echo Bulletin: February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 and the last issue April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 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: jjklit@shaw.ca

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

