



# ECHO

The Newsletter of the BC Provincial Eagles.



## December, 2025 Edition



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**BC Provincial President**

**2025**

**Barbara Bell, Provincial Worthy President**

**SYMBOL : SIREN**

**COLOUR : ROYAL BLUE**

**SLOGAN : WE HONOUR YOU**

**CHARITY : HONOUR HOUSE**

**Installing Chairman** : Wayne Bucklage

**Installing President** : Kit Chamberland

**Installing Conductor** : Renee Paquette

**Aerie Father** : Andy Davies

Hello Brothers and Sisters

I want to express my gratitude to all for your cards, support and words condolences on the recent passing of my husband David Bell, its taken a toll on my visitations but I will be back in the new year and I will finish those visitations still needed by April.

I had the opportunity to go to Kenai Alaska for our PNWRC and boy what I time. They were amazing hosts, we had a ton of fun and learned a lot about membership and how to retain our members. Two things come to mind about retention that stick in my mind. One is that the number one reason that members don't renew their membership is because they believe that they are not being utilized. They joined the Fraternal Order of Eagles to endeavour our mission of 'People Helping People' so when they are not asked to help they become discouraged. The second thing that comes to my mind is that they don't meet people. Most people are introverted and will sit by themselves. I found an interesting right up on the internet regarding spending 20 minutes with Jim and I've been using this tool on our new members. It basically means that officers, Past Presidents and long time members should spend time with the new members, introduce yourself, give them your Eagles story ask them about themselves, this is a great way to break the ice and you and them will start a relationship that will carry on for years. I for one know everyone in my club by name.

Thank you to everyone that has donated to Honour House thus far. Let's keep it going to help those that serve us on a daily basis. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Peace Love and Joy in the New Year

Barbara Bell, Provincial Worthy President



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## PROVINCIAL COMMITTEES

Information	Randall Didiuk
Auditor	Lesley Kristianson
BC Hall of Fame	Geoff Middlehurst
BC Pins	PPP Larry Kellum
By-Laws	PPP Wayne Bucklage
Parliamentarian	PSP Dan Thompson
Memorial	Cranbrook Aerie
Ritual	PPP Renee Paquette Terry Arnett
Nominations	PPP Rick Warkentin PPP Larry Kellum PPP Steve Welcher PPP Ray Hacksworth PPP Renee Paquette
Elections	PPP Mike Wilson

## VISITATION CHAIRS

Island	Daryl Hippolt
Lower Mainland	Terry Arnett
Interior	Harley Elaso

## TROUBLED AERIES

Island	Ray Hawksworth
Lower Mainland	Renee Paquette
Interior	Kit Chamberland

Cursory Survey	Renee Paquette
Provincial Golf	Paul Funk
Eagle Riders	Rick Warkentin

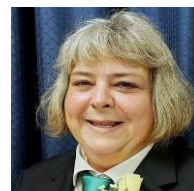
## CHARITIES

Home & Family	Debbie Cosman
Mr & Mrs Eagles	Steve Welcher
BC Lung	Jon Athey
Heart & Stroke	Dick Penner
Cancer	Kevin Cregan
Diabetes	Shane Overton
Charity Coordinator	Gerry Acton
Alzheimers	Daryl Hipolt
Childrens Fund	Harley Elaso
Hospice	Maurice Fox
Youth	Terry Arnett

*This year I hope to make everyone aware of my charity. I have a passion for those that serve. They are an amazing group of people that protect us, save our lives and our country. They have superior inner strength that we can only dream of having, yet they suffer daily from the severe things that they see on a daily basis. PTSD is a cancer that grows in them and unfortunately, some do not survive. Honoure House provides a respite for them and they have people at the home and on the ranch that help them. People Helping People just like us. Please join me this year in honouring those that serve. Ask them to join you at the club for a dinner, raise some money for the or just let them know that we honour them.*

*Thank you*

**Barbara Bell**  
**Provincial Worthy President**





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## BC Provincial Worthy Vice President

Harley Elasoff

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Today, the Eagles went shopping for the shop of wonders. One in 3 families say they are struggling due to the high cost of living, this leaves the little from in their budget to buy gifts to place under the Christmas tree. The shop of wonders was created to ensure that all families have equal opportunity to celebrate Christmas despite any hardship they may face. Penticton eagles started raising money last February and raised 10,000.00 this year to buy Christmas presents for the shop of wonders.

Thank you to Canadian Tire for opening early for us to shop. All \$10,000.00 was spent at Canadian Tire because it is a local business and all money stays in Penticton. A big shout out to all the eagle members that supported this and a big thank for the donation we received.

In the past 3 years we have raised \$26,000.00 for children.



Fraternaly yours

Harley Elasoff  
BC Provincial Worthy Vice President





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## BC Provincial Secretary.

Dave Smith

Well Hello Brothers, winter is with us once again, and its time to hunker down and work on our projects. Now Brothers that is not a terrible thought! We all should be working on our spring programs to raise money for our local and Provincial Aerie charities, this way we fulfill our commitment to be PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE, after all that is the Eagle way.

If any Brother has an Eagle question for the Provincial Officers, please email them to myself or our Provincial President, that way I can include them in the Spring Officers meeting agenda, and hopefully we can help you.

Upcoming events to put on your calendar; Spring Officers meeting, Saturday March 21 st , Provincial Convention June 3rd through June 6th , and the International Convention Aug 8-14. Enough about our commitment: I hope everyone has a very happy holiday season, have fun but be careful and most of all enjoy.

Dave Smith, BC Provincial Secretary,  
Past Grand Worthy President.



## Provincial Madam President

Marlene Jordan

Merry Christmas everyone.

At this time I would like to wish everyone a happy, healthy Christmas season with great times spent with the people you care the most about.

I have enjoyed my visitations throughout our province so far. Left on my list for the spring are Ladysmith and Campbell River. Some of our Aerie and Auxiliaries are struggling and that concerns and saddens me. In most cases I feel that the struggle for control by some is making it very difficult for the rest of the membership. Please, please everyone remember all the good that our fraternity accomplishes is easier when we all work as a team. With the beginning of a new year just around the corner let's all try to work together to make our organization the best we can.

Happy New Year! From Marlene Jordan, Provincial Madam President



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## Ritual

Hester Macmillan

Dear Provincial and L. A. Auxilliary.

To keep up the spirit of our wonderful clubs, and our membership, it would be a delight if your Aerie or Auxilliary would do the ritual this year. It is an honour to be the Ritual Chair, for Madam Provincial President Marlene Jordan.

Please let me know or Madam Secretary Marilyn Lewis. Thank you all.

Hester Macmillan  
Provincial Auxiliary Ritual Chair

## Provincial By-Laws

Wayne Bucklage

Hi Brothers,

It's time to wish everyone a merry christmas and a happy new year as it is fast approaching. Also brothers remember to get any bylaws and resolutions in to myself (WAYLIN2@SHAW.CA) and worthy secretary Dave. (bcfoesecretary@gmail.com)

Thank you  
Wayne Bucklage BC Provincial Bylaw chair





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## Provincial Echo - Membership Report

Franca Warkentin

Hello brothers and sisters,

For those of you who did not receive the previous Echo, I am BC Provincial Madam President Marlene Jordan's membership chair. Our goal this year is to hit net gain plus 4% and hopefully open a new Auxiliary in Parksville.

Our Provincial Madam President Marlene has chosen the Hummingbird as her symbol this year so membership prizes will be of hummingbirds. We will be giving a prize to the top producer each month and to anyone who proposes 3 members, and they have been initiated. We will also put everyone's name in a hat that has proposed a member for a draw of \$200. This will take place at our convention in Cranbrook June 2026.

### Top producers to date:

June – Mavis Norrish - Abbotsford #2726 – 2 new members

Carol Edgington- Abbotsford #2726 – 2 new members

July – Helen Little – Penticton #4281 – 1 new member

Dora Binns – Penticton #4281 – 1 new member

August – none

September- Shelly Morton Campbell River #3097 – 2 new members

October – Michelle Strandberg - Duncan#2546 – 2 new members

Stephanie Ponak - Abbotsford #2726 - 2 new members

Catherine McKenzie - Campbell River #3097 - 2 new members



Thank you to everyone who is signing up and bringing in new members. Keep up the good work. I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Franca Warkentin – BC Provincial Conductor/Membership Chair

## BC Hall Of Fame

Geoff Middlehurst

To all our brothers,

Please look out for any brother that you feel should be honoured and inducted into our BC Hall of Fame.

There are two categories one for the living and one for the deceased.

Any brother should be or had been involved in the Local and Provincial Aerie and if possible the Grand Aerie.

If you can't name anyone from the present then maybe look at your Aerie archives.

This province has a lot of history.

Resumes can be forwarded to our Provincial Secretary or to myself via email or regular mail

E-mail: [geoffm11@telus.net](mailto:geoffm11@telus.net)

Yours Fraternally,

Geoff Middlehurst PPNWR President





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## BC Provincial - Membership Report

Marty Kennelly

Good morning my brothers,

As we enter the second half of this years Provincial membership year, we have made great progress to sign up new members, but there are still a lot of brothers who may have forgot to sign up again this year, there is a total of 285 members that for got to pay there dues. That been said, i put out a challenge to all Aeries to try and see if they can get these brothers back in the fold. The Aerie who signs up the most re-enrolled members will be awarded a special award.

Also remember THOSE WHO SERVE, Provincial Worthy President Barbs special project for some great awards at years end. And now some good news we have 4 Aeries that already have made there provincial quota. They are : Rossland #10, Victoria # 12, Nanaimo #15 and Cranbrook #3032  
Congratulations keep up the great work.

Fraternally yours:

Marty Kennelly  
BC Membership Chairman.



## BC Provincial - Chaplin

Marty Kennelly

Hello my Provincial Brothers and Sisters,

As we enter the Holiday Season i would like to wish you all a a very Merry Christmas and a great New year. If any one knows of anyone who is sick or has passed away could you please let me know so i can send out cards.

Fraternally Yours:

Marty Kennelly  
Provincial Chaplain





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

Hello my Sisters and Brothers; I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to all those who sent a Card, Email, Phone Calls, Special Surprise Visits, and Help during my recovery, it is great appreciated.

### **PLEASE READ AND TAKE NOTE OF ALL NOTICES AND DEADLINE DATES**

- The Woman of the Year is – February 28 th , 2026
- Letter of Support - anyone wanting to submit there for a Grand Office must have their letter from their Auxiliary in by – February 28 th , 2026, must have the signatures of the Madam President and Madam Secretary and the Auxiliary Seal
- Officers Letters of support must be in by April 30 th ,2026
- Hall of Fame is – May 1 st , 2026
- Grand Madam Presidents visitation to BC in April to your Auxiliary must be submit by January 15 ,2026. You must have the signature of the Madam President and Madam

Secretary and the Auxiliary Seal. **LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED**

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

#### **Madam Secretary Joan Klit:**

201 – 2430 South Main Street  
Penticton, BC V2A 5H9  
Phone: 1-250-364-3875  
No landline. Email: jjklit@shaw.ca

#### **Madam Treasure: Judy McMillan**

221B – 34313 Forrest Terrace  
Abbotsford, BC V2S 7L2  
Phone: 1- 604 – 302 -1220  
No landline Email: judymcmillan1211.2@gmail.com

### **To All Auxiliary Secretaries**

I have enclosed all the documents for the Hall of Fame, Anne Fersty, and the Ritual, Please print them off as you need them. "Thank You" again for all you have done and know that you are greatly appreciated. Remember that we are all "Volunteers". Please treat each other with respect.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. "May the New Year bring you Health, Happiness and Peace to you and your family".

Faternally Yours, Joan Klit, BC Provincial Madam Secretary, Penticton #4281



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## *People Helping People*

*Maple Ridge Aerie & Auxiliary 2831*

*Family Dinner*

*November 16, 2025*



Kristy Rogge, Executive Director, and Kim Mapson, Director Programs and Practice, Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Community Services accepting a \$5000 donation for the "Meals on Wheels" Program from Auxiliary Conductor Cheryl Acton, and Aerie Secretary Gerry Acton



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## *People Helping People*

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Sheila & Marty Graber,  
Maple Ridge / Pitt Meadows  
Christmas Hamper Society  
receive a \$2500 cheque from  
Auxiliary Secretary Lynne  
Martin and Aerie President  
Dick Penner



Alyson Cuthbertson and  
Holly Henderson, Christmas  
Haven Project receiving a  
\$2500 cheque from  
Auxiliary Secretary Lynne  
Martin and Aerie President  
Dick Penner





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## *People Helping People*

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Corina and John Ardelean, Ridge Meadows Ministries, The Salvation Army, accepting a \$5000 donation for their Christmas Village Program, from Auxiliary Treasurer Kathie Rodway, and Aerie Conductor Tom Wood



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## *Fraternal Order of Eagles*

Aerie & Auxiliary 2831

Maple Ridge, BC

*Family Dinner, October 19, 2025*



*Kim Mapson & Jody Mason, Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows Community Services, accept a \$3,500 donation in support of their Alisa's Wish Program. Pictured above are Wayne Bucklage, Linda Vipond, Kathy Rodway, Kim, Jody, Dick Penner and Jim Disdero. Alisa's Wish Child & Youth Advocacy Centre helps all children and youth in Maple Ridge, Pitt Meadows and Katsie First Nation who have experienced or witnessed physical, emotional or sexual abuse.*

*Also announced at the October 19<sup>th</sup> Family Dinner were the following donations:*

<i>Children of the Street Society</i>	<i>\$ 3500</i>
<i>Friends in Need Food Bank</i>	<i>\$ 5000</i>
<i>School District No. 42 (Lunch Programs)</i>	<i>\$ 10,000</i>
<i>Coats for Kids / St Luke's KofC</i>	<i>\$ 1200</i>



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## **Campbell River Updates**

**Barbara Johnston**

Hello Brothers and Sisters, This is the first opportunity I have had to say Congratulations to the Past Provincial Officers 2024-2025 and the newly installed Provincial Officers 2025-2026.

Campbell River #3097 continues to Initiate new Brothers and Sisters who can enjoy the many opportunities the Eagles have to offer. Halloween has just passed, what a HOOT, the decorations added to the festivities. We also hosted the Annual Halloween Party for the Community Living Group which was well attended, the costumes were very good, the food and entertainment was enjoyed by all.

The Remembrance Day Service was attended by Aerie & Auxiliary. Aerie President Richard McFayden and Auxiliary President Nancy Kolbeins placed wreaths at the Cenotaph.

Volunteers led by Sister Sharon Hippolt have decorated the Eagle Halls and the lounge staff decorated the Lounge for Christmas. The Complex looks very festive and inviting for the many Caterings and Christmas Parties which start this week-end and end with the Annual New Year's Eve Celebrations. If you are in Campbell River, please drop by and have a visit with the many Sisters and Brothers waiting to greet you.

To One and All Have a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy, Healthy New Year.

For any Sister or Brother who is ill, I wish you a speedy recovery. My Deepest Sympathy to those who have lost a loved one.

God Bless and God willing we will meet again on the Eagle Trail.

Sister Barbara Johnston, PGO

## **BC FOE Website**

**Paul Funk**

Earlier this year I coordinated the move of the BC FOE.com website to a local website hosting company in the lower mainland. This has resulted in a reliable website that loads pages quicker compared to the other server that was hosting our websites.



If you see something about your Aerie or Auxiliary needing updating on the website please email me at [matt.paul.funk@gmail.com](mailto:matt.paul.funk@gmail.com). Please provide the aerie number and the details of what needs changing.

Thank you, Paul Funk



## B. C. PROVINCIAL COMPETITIONS

Auxiliary Name: ..... #.....

Compete on: Check only one: @ ZONE: \_\_\_\_\_ @ CONVENTION: \_\_\_\_\_

Application for entry in: Class A \_\_\_\_\_  
Class B \_\_\_\_\_  
Class B 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Class B 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Class C \_\_\_\_\_  
Class C 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Class E \_\_\_\_\_  
Novice \_\_\_\_\_  
Shot Gun \_\_\_\_\_  
One-Women Open Div. \_\_\_\_\_  
One-Women 55 and Over \_\_\_\_\_

### List of Officers:

Junior Past President \_\_\_\_\_  
Madam President \_\_\_\_\_  
Vice President \_\_\_\_\_  
Chaplain \_\_\_\_\_  
Conductor \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate \_\_\_\_\_  
Ritual Coach \_\_\_\_\_  
Drill Captain \_\_\_\_\_  
( If applicable)

Auxiliary Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of President: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need a Secretary? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Do you need an inside guard? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Return applications for entry to: Provincial Ritual Coordinator by January 30th.**

**Send entry fee to Provincial Secretary . . . \$ 35.00 per team by January 30th.**

**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES - - - JANUARY 30th.**

**EXEMPTIONS**  
PROVINCIAL RITUAL COMPETITIONS

AUXILIARY NAME ..... # .....  
TEAM CLASS: .....

MADAM ..... IS RESPONSIBLE TO LOWER AND BRIGHTEN THE HOUSE LIGHTS DURING INITIATION. IN THE EVENT OF AN ERROR WITH THE HOUSE LIGHTS THE MADAM IS TO BE CHARGED.

ODE RECITED BY – CHECK ONLY ONE – ALL OFFICERS ..... ( )  
EACH OFFICER WILL HAVE A PART ..... ( )  
OR ONE OFFICER ..... ( )

IF ALL OFFICERS RECITE THE ODE TOGETHER AND AN ERROR IS MADE THE MADAM PRESIDENT WILL BE CHARGED WITH THE ERROR

IF EACH OFFICER HAS A PART AND AN ERROR IS MADE IT WILL BE CHARGED TO THAT OFFICER MAKING THE ERROR

IF ONLY ONE OFFICER GIVES THE ODE THAT OFFICER WILL BE CHARGED IN THE EVENT OF AN ERROR

THE OFFICERS OF THE TEAM ARE: **PLEASE PRINT**

JUNIOR PAST MADAM PRESIDENT .....  
MADAM PRESIDENT .....  
MADAM VICE-PRESIDENT .....  
MADAM CHAPLAIN .....  
MADAM CONDUCTOR .....

**DECLARATIONS AND EXEMPTIONS:**

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**NOTE:** PLEASE PRESENT THIS FORM TO JUDGE CHAIRMAN BEFORE TEAM INSPECTION

**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:**

1. 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.
2. Nominee must be in good standing in her Auxiliary.
3. Nominee must be at least thirty-three (33) years of age.
4. 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.

**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 British Columbia wishes to place in nomination for the British Columbia Provincial  
Auxiliary Hall of Fame award the following named sister:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Initiation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Deceased: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Outstanding Achievements:

Local Auxiliary:

BC Provincial Auxiliary and/or Zone:

Grand Auxiliary:

Use additional sheets of paper to add other qualifications for nomination into the British Columbia  
Provincial Auxiliary Hall of Fame, if necessary.

Madam President

Madam Secretary

Auxiliary Seal

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

Name of Sister nominated \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Auxiliary Name and Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Joined Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_  
Local Auxiliary Offices (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary Highlights:

Community Highlights:

Miscellaneous facts about nominee:

Signed:

Madam President

Madam Secretary

Auxiliary Seal

Please return this form with your Madam President and Madam Secretary's signature as well as your Auxiliary Seal no later than February 28, 2025 to:

Joan Klit  
British Columbia Provincial Secretary  
201 – 2430 South Main Street  
Penticton, BC  
V2A 5H9

\*\*\*\*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 id for consideration of the Alta Browning Smith Woman of the Year Award.