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Fraternal Order of Eagles Trail Aerie No. 2838's Secretary John Klit presents a \$1,500 donation to Lisa Pasin, director of development KBRH Health Foundation and Poplar Ridge residents Vi Harding and Grace Walden (front row left to right). This donation will be used to build a kitchenette area in Poplar Ridge so residents and their families will have access to food and beverage services as needed.



A Message from Our Worthy Provincial President



Hi everyone!

Just a short note to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year from my wife Bettyanne and myself.

Betty is doing well. Thanks to everyone (both Aerie and Auxiliary) for all the support over the past few months, we really appreciate it.

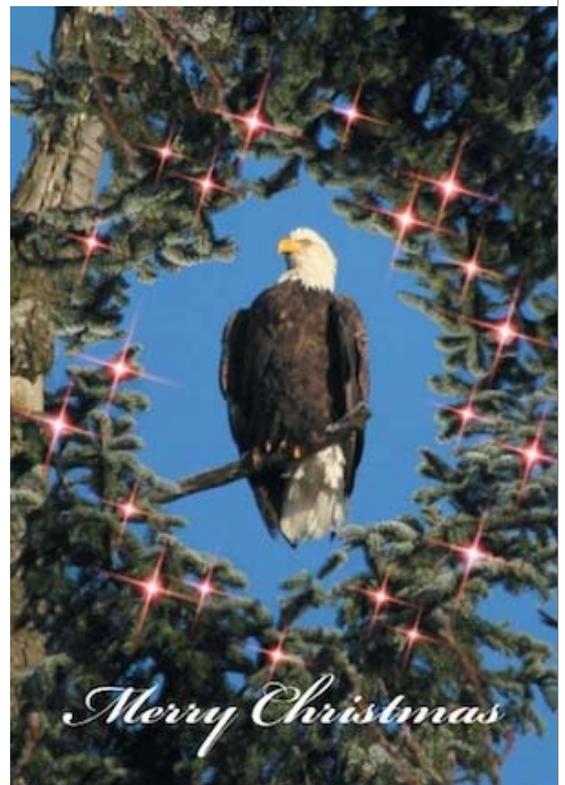
Again, all the best to everyone, and be safe!

Fraternally,

Ron Gair

B.C. Provincial Aerie President

2012-2013



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CALENDER OF EVENTS 2012/2013

December 28	Tree Down Decorate for New Years Eve NEW YEARS EVE
December 31	New Years Eve Party
<u>2013</u>	
January 4	1st Friday
January 13	Ukrainian Dinner need entertainment
January 20	Family Dinner
February 1	1st Friday
February 9	Valentine's Dance (Cheryl, Rita, Joseph, Joyce)
February 15-16-17	Zone Conference (Hope)
February 24	Family Dinner
March 1	1st Friday
March 17	Family Dinner St Patricks Day
April 5	1st Friday
April 20	Membership Dinner (hall rented Apr. 13)
April 29	Ladies Aux Bingo
May 3	1st Friday
May 11	Strawberry Tea
May 12	Mothers Day
May 25	Installation of Officers
June 16	Fathers Day



From the Junior Past Provincial Worthy President



Hello Brothers,

Well here we are over half way through the term and Christmas just around the corner. I hope everyone enjoyed our late summer and are ready for Santa and the fundraising for our Provincial Presidents Charities this winter. I have been really enjoying my time this fall riding my motorcycle, my new toy has given me great joy. I see why our President chose the term ride into the future.

Speaking of riding into the future, Abbotsford had a very good time with our Provincial President on his visit here. He gave a great speech and made sure I felt ruff for at least three days after he left (lol thanks, Ron). I would like to thank all the Abbotsford volunteers again for a great job they did making his visit a success. It was fun watching someone else stand in front of everyone, and have to do the Prez gig. Good job, Ron.

I hope everyone is working hard to sign up members for our Presidents and your Aerie and Auxiliary, remember without new members replacing the lapsed ones we will soon not exist. Make sure you get a phone committee together Aerie and Aux Presidents(if you have not already) and re-invite the lapsed members back. Our numbers are getting smaller and in this economy and the new Government rules we have to more vigilant on this matter of getting New Brothers and Sisters into our organization. If you all treat the members the way you have treated all the Provincial Presidents they are sure to stay members and become new members, you Brothers and Sisters are an amazing group of people. I thank you all again for the Great times Edith and I had at your home Aeries and Auxiliaries.

I would like to wish our Provincial Presidents continued success in the rest of their term, I hope you have as great of a time as we did. To the Provincial Officers I wish you all well also and to remind you it's your turn soon, so work hard at your Local and Provincial duties, be a leader and be prepared for the greatest ride of your future.

Merry Christmas to all you Brothers and Sisters and Happy New Year from my family to yours,

Brian Kersey, Prov. Jr. Past Worthy President

hoss2726@telus.net

From Alzheimer's Chairman Ray Howksworth

Alzheimer's Disease attacks our Eagles family!

It's true. The ravages of Alzheimer's and dementia touch each and every one of us. I have had family members become victims to this and I'm sure so have you. Great Eagles whom we have known have been fatally struck down. As populations age our social society risk seeing a near epidemic as Alzheimer's inflicts its damage on the elderly.

We Eagles can be part of the solution, which is a cure! As BC Aerie Chairman for Alzheimer's I urge each Aerie to become involved to help raise funds to eliminate Alzheimer's. The Alzheimer Society of BC has branches throughout the province. See their website at <http://www.alzheimerbc.org/> or on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/AlzheimerBC>

An upcoming event you can get involved in is *The 2013 Investors Group Walk for Memories*, being held on Sunday January 27th across the province. Contact and work with the local branch directly. I will check in with each Aerie Secretary individually to follow up on your success. Go Eagles Go!

Ray Hawksworth,
BC Provincial Alzheimer's Chair



From the Provincial By-Laws & Resolutions Chairman

Brothers,

If you have any suggestions for changes to the By-Laws of the Provincial Aerie, please send them to me, Dave Smith, at fran-dave@shaw.ca or to Provincial Secretary Will Heigh.

Thanks in advance,

Dave Smith, PPP

B.C. Provincial By-Law Chairman

New Year's Eve Bash!

- 🍷 Gourmet Dinner Buffet
- 🍷 Champagne Toast
- 🍷 Party Favours
- 🍷 Dance the year away with....

The Eagles Club

Starlight Room
170 West 3rd Street, North Vancouver, BC

Monday, Dec 31, 2012
8:30 pm

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Get Your Tickets Before It Is Sold Out!
Save \$10 before Dec 15th



From Provincial Trustee Reb Simmons

It was a huge honour to be elected to the Provincial Aerie Executive Board for this term, I give a big thank-you to all the brothers who supported and voted for me.

We congratulate Abbotsford Aerie and Auxiliary #2726 for doing an outstanding job at convention 2012. We also congratulate P.P.W.P. Brian Kersey for the fantastic year he had. We also give thanks to Brother Brian for his courtesy, kindness, compassion and consideration shown to P.P.M.P. Edith May when she spoke on Alzheimer's a subject very close to her heart. Honourable deeds never go unnoticed, Brother.

W.W.P. Ron Gair is having a great term; his term charity is Lupus, so let's all get out there and raise some money for this very important cause.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Brother Ron for choosing me to be the Eagle Riders Chairman for this term. I invite any and all Aeries interested in forming an Eagle Riders Club within their Aerie to feel free to contact me if you require any assistance.

The Executive and members of Aerie# 10 wish everyone a safe and Happy Holiday Season, and if you're passing through, please stop in.

Fraternal regards,

Ed (Reb) Simmons

Eagle Riders Chairman

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From the **Provincial Secretary**

Hello Brothers,

As we head into the second half of the term and the brand new year of 2013, 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 2016 or beyond (2015's will be held in Penticton, by the way), please refer to the Provincial By-Laws for the process. There are numerous suggested By-Law amendments afoot this term so please forward your proposals to By-Laws Chairman Dave Smith or me for their circulation to all the Aeries in B.C.; those that have been derived so far have been forwarded to all Local Aerie Secretaries in the province. If they have not come to your meeting floors for discussion yet then the current Worthy Presidents are responsible for acquiring their Aeries' decisions on the amendments so that their delegates can be informed as to which ones to endorse with their votes at the upcoming Provincial Convention.

This term's Cursory Audits will be 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. At last count, more than eight hundred Aeries have had their charters revoked because their Officers have chosen to ignore the very rules and regulations that make us all the same. The changes, upgrades and improvements made at the 2012 Grand Convention are further steps to clarify and emphasize the importance of the simple structures the Statutes contain. If I am asked anything the most often it is regarding why each Aerie cannot be allowed to manage its own business in the manner that its officers decide. My answer has always been that Aeries may certainly manage themselves in whatever manner they see fit, but the Statutes are there to define how Aeries record their business, so that all Aeries produce the same information. For instance, all Aeries should have their books be in the same format so that details can be checked easily and in the same manner in every Aerie. Reports should be on file so that from one term to the next new officers can track what their predecessors have done. Printed reports are useful to the current officers and are the only form that Aerie Auditors can examine. A profit-and-loss report in one Aerie should contain the same information in one Aerie as it does in the next. The Statutes, therefore, 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 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. Besides, the forms are statutory and the oath you gave at your installation as an Officer bound you to using them. These standards have worked for 115 years now, and while there are those that scoff at the suggested antiquity of old hardcover ledgers, there still remains nothing more reliable and more useful than numbers on an easily accessible piece of paper. Anything unseen and unavailable somewhere in a computer serves nobody any good.

For events coming up, the Provincial Executive Teleconference is set for January 18th, and our Spring Executive Session is scheduled for March in Vernon Aerie #3557.

Until next time, please keep in touch, and all of you please have a wonderful holiday season and a bold and wondrous 2013!

Fraternal ho-ho's to all,

Will Heigh, Secretary, BC Provincial Aerie,

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AERIE #2726



THIS IS A BIG HEADS UP

FOR

**ALL LOWER MAINLAND AERIES
AND AUXILLIARIES**

IN SPITE OF ANYTHING ELSE YOU MAY HAVE HEARD THE

“LOWER MAINLAND ZONE CONFERENCE”

WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE

ABBOTSFORD AERIE ON FEB 23& 24, 2013

~ DETAILS TO FOLLOW ~

GET YOUR RITUAL TEAMS READY...
DUST OFF YOUR DEBATING DIALOGUE
ABBOTSFORD IS AT IT AGAIN!



From Provincial Trustee Steve Chisholm

Hello Brothers,

hope you all are doing well I have lost a total of 27.5 lbs since July and feeling great. No money to my name but what's money compared with having a better life.

Thank you all,

Steve Chisholm, BC Prov. Trustee
 250-420-7887 poppychi62@gmail.com

From the Provincial Membership Secretary/Treasurer



Hello again, Brothers...

As you'll see from the toteboard on the next page, we've had a good year in Membership so far. 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.

Remember, the quotas set by Grand Aerie are there to help us keep up with the losses we all suffer; to thrive, we have to meet these quotas and then surpass them, even if it's only by a single member. We all need to help our Aeries make—and then **BREAK**—their quotas for the year. There's a list of the current membership standings for our Aeries in the province on the back page of this bulletin, showing the totals with a color coding to show Aeries that have added to their roster since June 1st (blue), those that have lost members since then (red) and those that have stayed the same (black). You'll notice the pattern, which is why we need to get more members either back (through re-enrolling them) or in for the first time.

Membership prizes this year will be bottles (26 ounces at least), provided your Aerie makes its **Ride Number**. If your Aerie doesn't make that number, your Aerie will owe the bottle to the Provincial Membership Board. The bottles will be handed out at Convention. We can all do more in the second half of the term and bring in more people than ever before.

Until next time, be good to each other, and sign some members up to help Provincial President Ron in his efforts to Ride Into the Future.

Seasonal best wishes,

Will





Provincial Membership Toteboard

December 22, 2012		YTD		TTD	DEC						
BRITISH COLUMBIA		N	R		N	R	QTA	VAR	RIDE #	% of Q	% of RIDE
*	10 ROSSLAND	32	2	34	19	0	12	22	30	283.33	113.33
*	12 VICTORIA	18	10	28	0	0	12	16	32	233.33	87.50
	15 NANAIMO	0	0	0	0	0	12	-12	20	0.00	0.00
	20 NEW WESTMINSTER	1	0	1	0	0	12	-11	14	8.33	7.14
	22 NELSON	1	0	1	0	0	12	-11	12	8.33	8.33
	1864 SPARWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	12	-12	12	0.00	0.00
	2075 VANCOUVER	0	1	1	0	0	12	-11	13	8.33	7.69
	2096 PORT ALBERNI	0	1	1	0	0	12	-11	13	8.33	7.69
	2101 LADYSMITH	18	8	26	0	0	36	-10	30	72.22	86.67
	2546 DUNCAN	9	6	15	0	0	36	-21	24	41.67	62.50
	2638 NORTH-WEST	20	4	24	0	0	24	0	30	100.00	80.00
	2690 HOPE	21	0	21	1	0	12	9	59	175.00	35.59
*	2726 ABBOTSFORD	22	16	38	0	1	36	2	121	105.56	31.40
	2831 MAPLE RIDGE	1	1	2	0	0	12	-10	27	16.67	7.41
	2838 TRAIL	1	1	2	0	0	12	-10	13	16.67	15.38
	3027 CRESTON	0	0	0	0	0	12	-12	12	0.00	0.00
	3032 CRANBROOK	3	7	10	0	0	12	-2	39	83.33	25.64
	3097 CAMPBELL RIVER	11	5	16	0	0	36	-20	31	44.44	51.61
	3318 PRINCE GEORGE	0	0	0	0	0	12	-12	22	0.00	0.00
	3453 KAMLOOPS	10	14	24	3	0	36	-12	50	66.67	48.00
	3557 VERNON	2	1	3	1	0	12	-9	26	25.00	11.54
	3922 PARKSVILLE	2	1	3	1	1	12	-9	3	25.00	100.00
*	4281 PENTICTON	40	7	47	4	1	36	11	87	130.56	54.02
	4400 CHEMAINUS	2	1	3	0	0	12	-9	20	25.00	15.00
TOTALS		214	86	300	29	3	444	-144	740	67.57%	40.54%
ZONE BREAKDOWN		ZT	ZQ	VAR							45 over last term 255
Island 7/8		92	168	-76							
Lower Mainland 6/6		87	108	-21							
Interior 3/4		74	96	-22							
Kootenays 4/6		47	72	-25							
TOTAL 20/24		300	444	-144							
LEADERS											
* ZONE LEADERS											

* denotes Zone Leaders

From Provincial Trustee Ray Hawksworth

Have you “Friended” us yet?

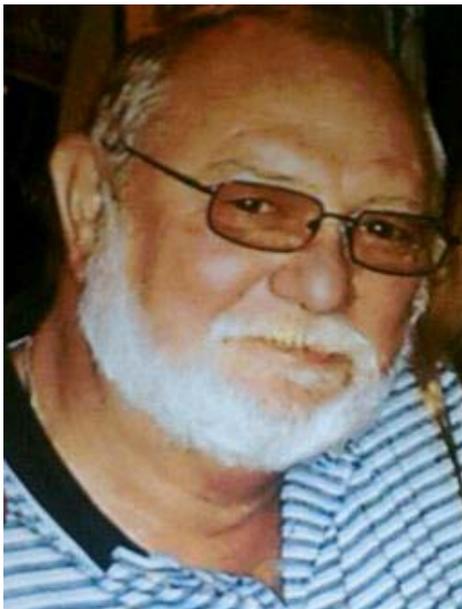
The BC Provincial Aerie now has a Facebook page! Just sign onto Facebook and type in [BC Provincial Aerie](#) and be our friend. You help us spread the Eagles word by posting photos and event info. Get your other friends online. You will find it an easy and effective way to communicate with other Eagles. Grand Aerie, in the August 2012 Officer’s newsletter, states “These days, it’s easy for people anywhere in the world to communicate instantly. At the Grand Aerie, we’re taking advantage of these opportunities to use Facebook as a method for easily passing on information to our individual members”. You can find the Grand Aerie at [FOEGrandAerie](#). Get the word out!

Ray Hawksworth, PWP

Provincial Trustee & Publicity Chairman, **250-880-0521** rayhawksworth@shaw.ca

Terry L. Mason

August 6, 1946 - December 18, 2012



Terry L. Mason, 66, of Vincennes, passed away surrounded by his loving family on December 18, 2012. His loving heart and loyal friendship will be missed by his family, friends, and co-workers. He was born August 6, 1946, the son of Sterling “Buss” and Edna Mason in Vincennes. Terry was an employee at Vincennes Steel for almost 40 years and after his retirement from there moved to Grove City, OH to work for the International Office of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. For the past seven years, he served as the Assistant to the Grand Worthy President.

He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #384, the Sons of the American Legion Post #73, and the Moose Lodge #11 in Columbus, OH. Terry was a past Indiana State President of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, former coach of the Rivet Girls High School Basketball team, as well as the Rivet Boys Jr. High Basketball Team. He also coached Basketball at St. Johns Catholic School as well as many softball and baseball teams in the Vincennes area.

Terry is survived by his loving wife of 48 plus years, Gloria (Vieke); their two daughters Trish Wilson and her husband Chris, and Shelly Mason and her fiance Bill. He was the proud grandfather of four grandchildren, Ashlee Montgomery and her husband Tyler, Mason DeLisle (loving partner Peyton Haas), Lexi Wilson, and Caycee Wilson, as well as three great-grandchildren, Jaycee, Grannan, and Harlee Montgomery, all of Vincennes, In. He is also survived by his brother Jack Mason and father in law, Paul Vieke, both of Vincennes. Terry is preceded in death by his parents, Sterling “Buss” and Edna Mason, mother in law, Maxine Vieke, as well as his brother, Franklin Mason. The family will receive friends Thursday December 20, 2012 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM with an Eagle’s Memorial Service at 7:30 PM at Fredrick and Son McClure-Utt Funeral Home Vincennes Chapel, 313 Church St. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday December 21, 2012 at 9:00 AM at St. John’s Catholic Church with Rev. Dave Fleck officiating and burial following at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the family, who will donate to the charity of their choice. Online condolences may be made at www.fredrickandson.com.

“Brother Terry was a credit to our Order for many years and helped make the Eagles in British Columbia stronger and more efficient with his attention to detail. He always emphasized that British Columbia Eagles should be the administrators for our own causes and concerns, and I often thanked him for this view. The next Assistant to the Grand Worthy President will have some very big wings to wear.” - WBH

From Provincial Chaplain Eric Harry

This year, Ron has asked me to be his Arthritis Chairman and I was pleased to accept. Unfortunately, last year our donations for Arthritis were not that strong, so I would like to put out a request, that maybe this year, each Aerie in the Province put on at least one function or event to help raise extra funds for this painful and disabling disease. If you have any new or different ideas for fund raisers, let me know and I will be happy to pass them along to our Aeries throughout the province.

On a different note, when you find out that a member is sick or injured, be sure to let your Sick and Visiting Committee, President and Secretary know so that they can get the word out to our other members. This is the only way that we can send out get well wishes and let the Brothers know that we are thinking about them and are concerned about their well being.

We can send our get-well wishes to our Vice President Gerry Liu (who, I hear, is continuing to recover nicely from his heart attack and is out of hospital and recovering steadily) at his home address 470 A East Columbia Street, New Westminster, BC, V3L 3X5 or by phone/email at **778-861-7388** and guido8820@gmail.com. In addition, our Provincial Treasurer is also on the mend following some irregularities with his heart also; you can reach Cory at #82-19250 119th Avenue, Pitt Meadows, BC, V3Y 2B2 or by phone/email at **604-465-4840** and ckrisko44@gmail.com.

That's all for now — I send my thanks to everyone.

Fraternally yours,

Eric Harry, Rossland #10

Provincial Worthy Chaplain

Brothers We Have Lost This Term...We Shall Remember Them

VICTOR	ANDERSON	2546 DUNCAN	WALTER	LEUTENEGGER	2690 HOPE
WILLIAM	ANDERSON	2638 NORTH-WEST	JOHN	LOWERY	2101 LADYSMITH
JOHN	BAILEY	2101 LADYSMITH	WILLIAM	MATHESON	4281 PENTICTON
GEORGE	BARNARD	2638 NORTH-WEST	CHRISTOPHER	MCCRINDLE	4281 PENTICTON
JANET	BASHAM	2690 HOPE	CLARENCE	MITCHELL	3097 CAMPBELL RIVER
BARRY	BELTON	2546 DUNCAN	EARL	MOGGEY	3032 CRANBROOK
CHUCK	BERLINGHOF	3557 VERNON	JOHN	ORTIZ	4281 PENTICTON
PETER	BROOKSBANK	2638 NORTH-WEST	MARK	PROCTOR	2101 LADYSMITH
JOHN	BROUILLARD	2075 VANCOUVER	ROBERT	RONEY	3097 CAMPBELL RIVER
JOHN	BUKOWSKI	2690 HOPE	NICK	SERHENIUK	2638 NORTH-WEST
JOHN	CATTO	12 VICTORIA	JOHN	SHIELDS	2638 NORTH-WEST
RICHARD	CATTON	22 NELSON	JERRY	SHPELEY	3557 VERNON
MURRAY	CHADWICK	2101 LADYSMITH	BERNIE	THALMAN	10 ROSSLAND
WILLIAM	CHIPMAND	3097 CAMPBELL RIVER	WAYNE	WOOD	2101 LADYSMITH
DON	COULL	4281 PENTICTON	SILVANO	ZANIN	2638 NORTH-WEST
ROBERT	DEWARLE	3097 CAMPBELL RIVER			
JOSEPH	ETIENNE	4281 PENTICTON			
EDWIN	FINNERTY	4281 PENTICTON			
KENNETH	HATTON	2101 LADYSMITH			
ED	HENSHELL	2838 TRAIL			

*"We shall meet again in the Grand Aerie beyond,
where the faults and frailties of this earthly life
are forgotten, and all become perfect
in the love of an infinite God."*

Celebrating 115 Years of Excellence

In February, The Fraternal Order of Eagles celebrates 115 years of People Helping People. Since 1898, our members have been dedicated to improving the quality of life of citizens across the United States and Canada. To help you share your enthusiasm for the Eagles' upcoming anniversary, the Grand Aerie Marketing & Communications Department has created a tool kit with a press release, letter to the editor, PSAs and a flier for you to reach out to media and raise awareness for the history of our great organization. These items can be found on the Resources page of our [Members-Only website](#). If you have questions, please contact the Marketing & Communications Department at marketing@foe.com or by phone at 614-883-2210.

Story Submissions

To submit your stories and photos e-mail them to marketing@foe.com or mail them to the following address:

Attn: Marketing & Communications Department

Fraternal Order of Eagles Grand Aerie
1623 Gateway Circle S.
Grove City, OH 43123



2012-2013 Membership Awards

<p>F.O.E. Diecast Car</p>  <p>5 Members • 1/64 scale car</p>	<p>Button-Up Shirt</p>  <p>15 Members • Sizes S-5XL</p>
<p>Bamboo BBQ Set</p>  <p>25 Members • 5 piece set</p>	<p>Bomber Jacket</p>  <p>50 Members • Sizes S-5XL</p>

Program Calendars Now On Sale

The 2013 Grand Aerie Program Calendar is on sale now through the Grand Aerie Supply Department for \$15. Grace your Aerie walls with relevant dates and deadlines from across the Eagle world. Each month features a unique artwork from past Children's Art Contests. The Program Calendar is perfect for hanging on an office wall and is printed on uncoated paper to better allow you to write in your own important deadlines and events. Order yours today by calling the Supply Department at 614-883-2178 or by e-mail at supplies@foe.com.

Help Us Meet The Mark

Ohio Eagles have made a challenge. Can we meet it? Ohio F.O.E. leadership voted to put up \$100,000 in matching funds for The Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center. All you have to do is contribute to the DRC in November and December and Ohio will match every dollar donated up to \$100,000. Encourage your Aerie/Auxiliary to donate and make the most of this generous opportunity. Donations can be mailed to the F.O.E. Diabetes Research Center, 1623 Gateway Circle South, Grove City, OH 43123. Please be sure to write "Ohio Challenge" in the memo line.

Top Producers/New Leaders Information

Congratulations to the Top Producers/New Leaders for the month of November:

Aerie

1. Port Angeles, Wash., #483 - 58 members
2. Lima, Ohio, #370 - 51 members
3. Mesa, Ariz., #3468 - 45 members
4. Burlington, Iowa, #150 - 43 members
5. North Canton, Ohio, #2223 - 41 members

Auxiliary

1. Columbia Station, Ohio, #4003 - 37 members
2. Auburn, Wash., #2298 - 26 members
3. Port Orange, Fla., #4089 - 25 members
4. Lake Havasu City, Ariz., #4299 - 23 members
5. Buckley, Wash., #1387 - 22 members

Thank you to all of our Aeries and Auxiliaries for their hard work throughout the month!

Don't Fall Out of the Loop

Get your news and information as fast as possible and join our more than 5,000 fans by "liking" the Grand Aerie's Facebook page. We're constantly working to develop new tools and programs for our members and sharing their great efforts with the outside world. Through Facebook, we can connect instantly with anyone, anywhere. Each day our fan base grows, spreading the word about their upcoming events and learning more about the latest tools we have to offer. Follow us today by visiting facebook.com/FOEGrandAerie and clicking the "Like" button!

Happy New Year !



Broken Wings + Stricken Body = Soaring Spirits

This extraordinary tale of love, hope and healing is told by Jeff Guidry, a member of the educational team at [Sarvey Wildlife Center](#) in Everett, Washington.



Jeff Guidry and Freedom (2007 Christmas card photo)

Every day at Sarvey Wildlife Center we witness firsthand the incredible battle for life that our animal brothers and sisters go through. This is a story of one Bald Eagle's magnificent spirit and sheer will to live.

It was mid-summer when a call came in reporting a fledgling Bald Eagle had fallen out of a nest on a Seattle golf course. Our very own Crazy Bob went to the rescue and transported her to the Center. She arrived with two broken wings. When asked to take her to the vet, I jump at the chance.

When I load this hurt and terrified baby into the car, she neither whimpers nor fights; she can't even stand. This is not a good sign; she is obviously in very bad shape. As I drive to Sno-Wood Veterinary Hospital, I constantly look back to check on my very special passenger. She stares at me with big beautiful brown eyes, her mouth slightly agape. I drive a little faster—this Bald Eagle must live!

She is operated on and has both wings pinned; they are now immobile. Back at Sarvey we lay her in the bottom half of a huge carrier filled with shredded newspaper for support.

The fight for her life begins.

Twice a day a tube is pushed down her throat so that food and medicine can be pumped into her. A week goes by with no change; she still cannot stand up. At three weeks, there's a slight change, but it's for the worse. I'm getting scared for this young Bald Eagle.

Working at the Center, you begin to recognize a look, a look that indicates death is winning. This bruised and broken Bald Eagle was losing the battle but not her dignity. The struggle for her life was not over.

Every chance I get I talk softly to her, telling her to hold on, to fight, to live. Why I felt such a connection to this particular eagle, I do not know.

Four weeks go by and she is still on her belly. There is nothing so heartbreaking as seeing the life force of this majestic bird slowly slip away.

At five weeks we are approaching the end.

Sarvey Wildlife Center believes in giving every soul that comes in a chance to live; but when it is painfully clear that death is the only way out, the decision is made to let that particular spirit continue on its journey. We were at this juncture; this beautiful baby eagle was given one week to see if she could, or would, stand up. This was a crushing blow. Every day that next week I checked to see if she was up. The answer was always the same . . . “No.”

On the following Thursday I could barely face going to the Center. As I walked in not a word was spoken but everyone wore a huge grin. I raced back to the young Bald Eagle’s cage, and there she stood in all her glory!

She was standing! She had won. This girl had cheated death by a mere 24 hours. She was going to make it. She was going to get her second chance.

After another week the pins in her wings were removed. Her right wing was perfect, but her left was not. She couldn’t fully extend it. We tried physical therapy and hoped a little time was all she needed, but there was no significant progress. Her wing was too badly damaged. She would never fly, never soar the skies with her people. At least her life was saved, but for what? Was she doomed to live her life in a cage? Not exactly, for this was a special soul.



Photo by Annie Musselman

Bald Eagles normally want nothing to do with humans and will go to great lengths to get away from them. This girl liked people; she wanted to see what you were doing, to follow where you were going, and to see whom you were going with. She was very curious.

About this time our director suggested that I try to glove train her. She had the right temperament; maybe she could do educational programs. Wouldn’t that be something? Very few eagles are able or willing to be handled, much less remain calm in front of large crowds. The work began.

I started getting her used to the glove, a little at a time. At first she was thinking, “OK, I’ll step on your hand but only with one foot.” Then, “OK, I’ll use both feet but only for a second.” Later, “Yeah you can take me part way out of my cage, then I’ll jump right back in.” And finally, “OK, I’ll let you walk around with me on your arm. Hey, this is fun!”

At this point, every day a volunteer would take this Bald Eagle out for a cruise around the clinic. It was time for her final test—jesses, the leather straps that attach to the ankles of birds-of-prey to give control to the handler and to protect the bird from injury or escape. I put the jesses on her—a piece of cake. It was as if she were born with them on. This was certainly a very mellow Bald Eagle.

Now it was almost time for her first program, but she needed a name. None that we could come up with seemed right, and then Paula, a volunteer, said, “Hey, what about Freedom?” That was it; that was her spirit and her spirit was why grandfather sent her to us. She was ready.

Freedom is now four years old and one of Sarvey Wildlife Center’s premier ambassadors. She clearly enjoys our programs and really knows how to turn on the charm. She is a star. Freedom has been on national television, on the front page of major newspapers, and is known across the country.

She is also one of the great loves of my life. She will touch her beak to the tip of my nose and stare into my eyes. At that moment our spirits are one. I am the luckiest person on Earth. Thank you, Freedom.

What's Up in New Westminster Aerie #20

Look who represented our Order at the Remembrance Day proceedings...



For all those who serve, and all who have done so in the past,

Thank You

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From the BC Ritual Chairman Wayne Bucklage PPP

Hi again, Brothers,

Just a quick blurb for the bulletin as a quick reminder that Ritual Competitions will soon be here. To all Zone Ritual Chairs please make sure that your teams are registered and that you have a schedule for competitions. Also, please ensure that you have people to do the books in the back room; if you have to, you can train a couple to do this for you as I'm sure that you can find at least one Brother that can do the books to do the training. Thank you in advance,

Wayne Bucklage, B.C. Prov. Ritual Chair

...Speech Excerpts...

“I want to make sure everybody who has a job wants a job.”

— George H. W. Bush, during his first Presidential campaign

“This is a great day for France!”

— Richard M. Nixon, while attending Charles De Gaulle's funeral

“Now we are trying to get unemployment to go up and I think we're going to succeed.”

— Ronald Reagan

“I hope I stand for anti-bigotry, anti-Semitism, anti-racism. This is what drives me.”

— George W. Bush

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The following is the scheduled submission deadline date for this term's Provincial Newsletters:

January 31, March 31, May 30.

If any Sister or Brother would like to have the Provincial Newsletter e-mailed directly to them please send a request by e-mail to wbh@telus.net by phone at **604-852-9183** or by surface mail to the address on the last page of this newsletter (requesting the newsletter). Copies of the most recent issue will be posted on the Provincial Website at www.bcfoe.com and will be e-mailed to all Local Aerie Secretaries and, if desired, surface mailed to those who want it.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER IS: January 31, 2013

(Remember Brothers, this does not mean you have to wait until January 30th to send in your messages. ACTUALLY, in by no later than the 26th would be perfect in each case.)

So...let's see all your reports by January 26th, please, lads.

Regards,

— Will Heigh, Editor

Of What Does a Canadian Have to be Proud?

1. Smarties.
2. Crispy Crunch.
3. Coffee Crisp.
4. The size of our footballs and fields, not to mention one less down.
5. Lacrosse is Canadian.
6. Hockey is Canadian.
7. Basketball is Canadian.
8. Both insulin and birth-control pills are Canadian.
9. The biggest flags ever seen/flown at any Olympics were Canadian—twice (the second one was smuggled in because they made a rule against it because of the first time)...
10. Much Music kicks MTV's ass.
11. Maple syrup kicks Mrs. Butterworth's ass.
12. Tim Horton's kicks Dunkin Donuts ass.
13. Mr. Dress-Up can kick Mr. Rogers ass any day of the week.
14. Way better beer commercials/contests and beer company give-aways. Hence, the Molson Canadian House Party -- where you get to keep the house (trashed or not).
15. In the War of 1812, we pushed the Americans so far back that we passed their 'White House', and then, just for something to do, we burned it, and most of Washington with it. All the while, we were under the command of William Lyon McKenzie, who was insane and hammered all the time. We got bored because they ran away so we came home and partied. Go figure.
16. Canada has the largest French population that never surrendered to Germany.
17. The largest English population that never ever surrendered or withdrew during any war.
18. Our Civil War was a big bar fight that lasted a little over an hour.
19. The only person who was arrested in our Civil War was an American mercenary, who slept in and missed the whole thing, but showed up just in time to get caught.
20. We knew plaid was cool long before Seattle caught on.
21. The Hudson's Bay Company once owned over 10% of the Earth's surface, and is still around as the world's oldest company.
22. The average dog sled team can kill and devour a full grown human in under 3 minutes.
23. We still know what to do with all the parts of a buffalo.
24. We don't marry our kin-folk.
25. We invented ski-doos, jet-skis, velcro, zippers, zambonis, and both long distance and short-wave radios that save countless lives each year. Oh yeah, and handles on beer cases big enough to fit your hands with mitts on.
26. We can hum the tune to 'Definition'.
27. We all know that a scale that measures boiling water at 212 degrees and freezing water at 32 degrees is asinine.
28. We've ALL frozen our tongues to something metal and lived to tell about it.
29. We wear socks with our sandals.
30. We can out-drink Americans in a heart-beat.

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Aerie Members in Good Standing as of 11/30/2012

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2726 ABBOTSFORD 412	15 NANAIMO 81
2101 LADYSMITH 368	2831 MAPLE RIDGE 68
3453 KAMLOOPS 298	2075 VANCOUVER 62
3097 CAMPBELL RIVER 291	4400 CHEMAINUS-CROF. 61
2546 DUNCAN 244	3318 PRINCE GEORGE 55
2690 HOPE 201	2838 TRAIL 48
10 ROSSLAND 178	1864 MICHEL 43
12 VICTORIA 153	2096 PORT ALBERNI 28
2638 NORTH-WEST 149	20 NEW WESTMINSTER 26
22 NELSON 139	3922 PARKSVILLE 18
3557 VERNON 131	3027 CRESTON 2

Total: 3,631

Moments of Pause:

- “In Managua, people are cheering in the streets, which are deserted.” — CBS reporter during the solar eclipse
- “A trucker called to thank all of the courteous Seattle drivers he had run across.” — Announcer on KZOK radio
- “He threw 110 pitches in six innings, and that's a mouthful!” — CBS baseball announcer
- “An agreement is not an agreement until the parties to the agreement have reached an agreement.” — Irish Politician on RTE radio
- “This is the biggest pawn that Israel holds in the whole hostage equation.” — BBC

ACTUAL NEWSPAPER HEADLINES

BRITISH LEFT WAFFLES ON FALKLAND ISLANDS
 ENFIELS COUPLE SLAIN; POLICE SUSPECT HOMICIDE
 FARMER BILL DIES IN HOUSE
 HOW WE FEEL ABOUT OURSELVES IS THE CORE OF SELF-ESTEEM, SAYS AUTHOR LOUISE HART
 JUVENILE COURT TO TRY SHOOTING DEFENDANT
 MAN SHOOTS NEIGHBOR WITH MACHETE