



BC Provincial Echo

February, 2014



*Silently, As The Dark Dreary Days Of Winter, Seem To Never Lose Their Hold
Beneath The Surface Of The Earth, The Magic Of Springs Wonders
Unravel And Unfold.*

*Then At Once, One Chilly Morn After Winters Gripping Frost
A Tiny Sprig Of Green Appears From Beneath The Sod
A Sign That All Has Not Been Lost.*

*The Sun Comes Out, The Rains They Fall; The Crickets Begin To Serenade
Then Winter Slips Off Into Yesterday, As Flowers Break Forth Everywhere
As If In A Great Parade. Spring Is Not Far Away.*

*Wait! The World Shall Waken, It Is Not Dead, For Lo
The Fair Maids Of February; Stand In The Snow!*

The Echo February, 2014

From BC Provincial Madam President Yvonne Harry:

To all my BC Sisters; Boy has the year seemed like it is going fast. Provincial Worthy President Eric and I have had a very good year so far; we have had fantastic Meals and Fraternalism; we have seen beautiful places that we would not have seen and history about our beautiful Province. Brother Eric and I will be going to all of the Zone's and hope to see you all there; if not at Convention.

Talking about Convention, as soon as you're Secretary receives the papers for Convention and as soon as you find out who would be coming to Convention could you please put your name on a Committee. If you have a preference to be on a certain Committee or Chairman please send a copy to me and one to the Provincial Secretary, so I can put together a list for each Committee.

Committees; I hope that everyone is working on their Charity's. Charity Chairman it is your duty to get a representative for your Charity to be at the Convention to receive the donation for their Charity. I want to say "Thank You" to all of the Auxiliaries that have contributed to my Special Charity, I do appreciate it.

Membership; I have a challenge with the President of Washington State. I would like to be able to inform her that she owes me not the other way around. So bring in New Members and let's make our Quota.

I am looking forward to seeing as many as possible to be at the Convention; Thank all of you for your support all of these years.

To the Members that may have lost a love one I am sending my sympathies and to those that may be in hospital or sick at home Get Well Soon.

Fraternally Yours, Yvonne Harry, BC Provincial Madam President

From BC Provincial Madam Vice President/President Elect Carol Edgington:

Hello My Sisters; It has been a very busy few months trying to get things done while working full time. It is a very slow process but things are slowly coming together. Finding "me time" is almost out of the question until my daughter says lets go for a time out.

My new address is 3923 Waterton Cres., Abbotsford BC, V3G 1J8.

You can reach me at 1- 604-854-2301 which is my daughters land line, text me at 1- 604 -308-1415 or email me at caedgington@gmail.com

I want to thank all the Auxiliaries and Aeries for accepting the dates and having a Joint Visitation with Gerry and myself. My letters for the Committees have gone out to all the Auxiliaries and if you like, you can email your name to me to be put on a Committee.

I would like to say "Happy St. Patty's Day and also Happy Easter as there will not be another bulletin before those dates.

Take care and stay safe

Fraternally Yours, Carol Edgington, BC Provincial Vice-President/President Elect

"Commitment Leads To Action, Action Brings Your Dream Closer"

From BC Provincial Madam Secretary Joanne Krisko:

Hello Sisters; By now you should have received your Convention Packages. If you have not received the Convention Packages please let me know and I will send out another one for you. Please take notice of the dates contained in the overview letter. The first one coming up is for the Anne Ferstay "Woman of the year". It is due to me no later than February 28, 2014.

Please remember that Convention Registration must be sent to me no later than March 31, 2014. Payment for the Convention Banquet can be sent to;

Barb Gilbert
P.O. Box 1176
376 Fort Street,
Hope British Columbia,
V0X 1L0

Sister Secretaries, if you have any trouble filling out the Convention Credentials or have any questions regarding Convention, please do not hesitate in calling me at 1-604-349-9956 or emailing me at bcprovoux@gmail.com

I am here to help you in any way I can.

Thank you all for the work that you do for the Fraternal Order of Eagles and your local Auxiliaries. Please know that I appreciate each and every one of you and that my wish for you is that your life is filled with Peace, Love, Joy and Happiness.

Yours in Sisterhood, Joanne Krisko, BC Provincial Madam Secretary

From BC Provincial Madam Treasurer Judy Enns:

My dearest Sisters; I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter. Hope you are able to spend time with family and friends.

Lower Mainland Zone Conference is February 22 and 23 followed by the Executive Meeting in March. I am looking forward to seeing everyone. Travel safely.

Yours in Sisterhood, Judy Enns, BC Provincial Madam Treasurer

From BC Provincial Madam Chaplain Shirley Hunt:

Hello ladies, hope all are well. To all that are ill please get well soon. Ladysmith is busy getting ready to go to Victoria for Zone where we have been given the honor of doing the Memorial.

We are all still trying to get over the big rush at Christmas. Thankfully the weather has been good so it's nice to get out. Take care

Fraternally, Shirley Hunt, BC Provincial Madam Chaplain, Ladysmith #2101

*"To Accomplish Great Things, We Must Not Only Act, But Also Dream,
Not Only Plan But Also Believe"*



“Chaplain’s Corner”

To All My Auxiliary Sisters: Our Condolences go out to PPWP Norm Nance, family and friends on the passing of his loving wife Past Grand Officer/Past Provincial Madam President Phyllis; and to the Munro family and friends on the passing of Past Provincial Treasurer/Past Provincial Secretary Tom Munro; and to Trish Young; family and friends on the passing her loving mother Past Provincial Mother Ruth Young. Our Condolences also go out to the family and friends on the passing of Ethyl Rodway a 102 year old Member from #20, and to MP Louise Alexander #2726, family and friends on the passing of her loving husband Larry, and to the family and friends on the passing of Lyle Bomberry, as well as to the family and friends of Harley McKay #2690 on his passing; and to June and Byron Bruce on the passing of their grandson. They all will be sadly missed.

Get Well Wishes go out to Past Provincial President, Kit Chamberland who had a bad fall and fractured five ribs; Honorary Past Provincial President/Past Provincial Father John Klit will have surgery on February 19th, Past Provincial Madam President, Charlotte Bond has had hip replacement surgery and PWP Jack Binns has also had hip replacement surgery. We wish you all a speedy recovery.

Birthday Greetings go out to Brother Al Herd who turned 90 on Saturday January 25th.

News from Alberta: Our Condolences go out to Sylvia Armstrong, family and friends on the passing of Past Provincial Worthy President Chuck Armstrong.

Now for a bit of news from around the States: Our Condolences go out to Grand Madam Trustee Judy Johnson on the passing of her Brother. Our Condolences also go out to the family and friends on the passing of Judy Bolling Past Oregon State Auxiliary President, to the family and friends of Carmella Gill-Walters, District #8 Deputy from Kelso Auxiliary on her passing, to Barb Osmun, District #12 Deputy on the passing of her Sister and Niece; to Past Grand Auxiliary Officer Sally Gerrish-Whipple, family and friends on the passing of husband, Alan; and to Terri Oswald, family and friends on the passing of her father; also to Brett De Rousie, family and friends on the passing of his father Gene De Rousie; to Oregon Past State Officer Kathy Lindsay, family and friends on the passing of her sister; Washington PSMP Charlene Butterfield, family and friends on the passing of her Sister-In Law. They all will be sadly missed.

Get Well Wishes go out to: Oregon PSMP Nancy Willard who has had a stroke, Oregon PSMP Fern Klein is in the hospital with pneumonia; Oregon State Jr. Past Madam President Phyllis Schweitzer was in the hospital with a 90% blockage to the artery in her right Kidney; Oregon PSMP Bonnie Cobb has been very sick, Washington State Ritual Chairman Edie Summers, has had surgery on her vertebrae, Washington PSWP Doug Ashmore had pneumonia and was in the hospital. We wish you all a speedy recovery.

Let’s keep all in our thoughts and prayers

Fraternally Yours, Shirley Hunt, BC Provincial Madam Chaplain

*“The Human Heart Feels Things The Eyes Cannot See
And Knows What The Mind Cannot Understand”*

From BC Provincial Madam Conductor Donna Roach:

Hi Sisters; Hope everyone had loving Valentine's with the ones they love or were able to think fondly of them. As St Patrick's Day is just around the corner, for those who aren't Irish, I am sure us Irish can share a little Irish luck with you for one day. I am hoping luck will smile upon us and it will warm up.

With April come Easter celebrations and the Elections of New Officers. Sisters if you have never let your name stand for an Office, this may be the year you will try something new and do so. It is a great experience and your Auxiliary is there to support you.

Special Note: Sisters if you have pictures regarding Provincial Madam President Yvonne Harry; **Please** either snail mail or email all pictures for PMP Yvonne Harry's President's book - chronicles of her year to the following; E-mail: donna_roach@telus.net or Mail to: Donna Roach 653, Alward Street, Prince George, BC V2M 2E6 Please don't leave it to the last minute to send them. Thank you

Have a happy spring (whenever it decides to get here).

Fraternally, Donna Roach, BC Provincial Madam Conductor, Prince George #3318

From BC Provincial Madam Inside Guard Karla Schubert:

Hello Sisters; I would like to thank everyone who sent cards and good wishes, during my surgery, everything went well. My Condolences to Norm Nance and his Family on the loss of his wife Phyllis; great loss to the F.O.E. she was a great Lady.

I am in Mexico right now and our R.V. Park put on their Annual Breast Cancer Clinic, and I am Volunteering for three days for this good cause.

I am Looking Forward to a very Productive Year. Remember Ladies the Raffle Tickets. Hope there all sold; please bring them to the Spring Meeting in March. See you all in Hope in March.

Fraternally Yours, Klara Schubert, BC Provincial Madam Inside Guard, Vernon #3557

From BC Provincial Madam Outside Guard Bev Bailey:

Hello my Sister's; Well the holiday season is over and is time to get back to work. Remember all Zone Conference's are getting ready, please Sister's try to attend, they are very informative and a way to get new ideas and to meet new Sister's.

I was very saddened to hear of the loss of Sister Phyllis Nance, she was a very special person to me and I will certainly miss her guidance. To all the Sisters and Brothers who have been ill or in hospital I wish you a speedy recovery.

Happy Valentines to everyone don't eat too many chocolates.

I would like to thank our Provincial Madam Secretary Joanne for all the help she has given me over the last few months, it was greatly appreciated. Provincial Officers don't forget your tickets and gifts for the March Executive Meeting.

I will close for now and hoping to see you at Zones and looking forward to seeing you at Convention in Hope.

Fraternally Yours, Bev Bailey, BC Provincial Madam Outside Guard, Vancouver #2075

From BC Provincial Madam Trustee Nancy Van Oosten:

Hello Sisters; It's hard to believe that spring is nearly here. We are currently keeping busy with our Monthly Pancake Breakfasts as well as some Caterings and preparations for the Spring Craft Fair and East West Zone Conference. It should be an exciting time.

To all of you that have been ill or lost loved ones you are in my prayers.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued love and support. I am looking forward to seeing many of you next month in Hope.

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

From Provincial Madam Trustee Marilyn Lewis:

Hi Sisters; Hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and wishing everyone all the best in the New Year.

To everyone who has been ill I wish you a speedy recovery. To those of you who have lost someone in the past few months I offer my Condolences. It has been a pretty tough year for the Eagles losing so many great Brothers and Sisters.

Look forward to seeing lots of you at the Zone Conference in Victoria and the ones I don't see there will see you in Hope. Safe Travels Everyone.

Fraternally, Marilyn Lewis, BC Provincial Madam Trustee, Campbell River #3097

From Provincial Madam Trustee Louise Hodge:

Hi Sisters; Wishing you all a Happy Valentine's Day, Great Saint Patrick's Day and a very Happy Easter spent with family and friends.

I am looking forward to attending the Lower Mainland Zone Conference and seeing you all there and at our upcoming Executive Meeting in March in Hope.

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

From Provincial Madam Trustee Barb Calve:

Hi Sisters; I hope everyone fared well over the Christmas holidays, as we are streaming along as if there hasn't been a break, time is flying by! Valentine's Day is gone and I hope people had time with their Sweethearts and Loved ones; watch out St Patty's day and Easter are just around the corner.

The Executive Meeting is at the end of March and I hope to see as many of you that I can between the two Zone Conferences that I will be partaking in and at the Executive Meeting!

I hope if you and or your loved ones are under the weather that you all have a speedy recovery and are on the mend very soon.

Remember we are Eagles and you are what can make it happen!

Fraternally Yours, Barbara Calvé, BC Provincial Madam Trustee, Victoria #12

From Provincial Madam Trustee Sandra Winters:

Hi Sisters; Hello to you all from Auxiliary #2831 Maple Ridge. Our Auxiliary has been extremely busy this year with many Caterings. We have been very successful in raising a considerable amount of money for our Charities. There are very few Anniversaries between December and March.

I have sent out a card to the following Auxiliaries:

January 29, 1967	Abbotsford	#2726
February 1, 1952	Cranbrook	#3032

These cards are ready for the following just waiting to be mailed at the appropriate time:

March 28, 1998	Chemainus-Crofton	#4400
April 16, 1969	Prince George	#3318
May 5, 1927	New Westminster	#20
May 9, 1927	Victoria	#12
May 8, 1976	Vernon	#3557
May 10, 1927	Nanaimo	#15
May 19, 1927	Vancouver	#2075
May 25, 1991	Penticton	#4281
June 8, 1947	Nelson	#22
June 18, 1942	Port Alberni	#2096

If any of these dates are noted to be wrong, please let me know as I only have my list to go by.

Yours in Sisterhood, Sandra Winters, BC Provincial Madam Trustee, Maple Ridge #2831

From PGO, PPMP Barbara Johnston:

Dear Sisters. **This is the only time you see this phenomenon in our lives.**

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August 2014, will have 5 Fridays, 5 Saturdays and 5 Sundays. **This happens only once every 823 years.** The Chinese call it 'Silver Pockets Full. "

Sister Barbara Johnston, PPMP, PGO.

*"A Man Is The Sum Of His Actions, Of What He Has Done,
Of What He Can Do, Nothing Else"*

From A Concerned Member:

Question: What is Fraternalism?

Answer: Fraternalism began by people with common interests pooling their resources for the benefit of all. Today, we look at Fraternalism as people with different backgrounds, from different cultures, coming together and realizing that we all have the same basic needs and working together to help improve the Communities in which we all live, work and play. Also of or being a Society associated in a Brotherly Union, as for Mutual Aid or Benefit a Fraternal Order, or a Fraternal Organization

Question: What has happened to the Fraternal Order of Eagles?

Answer: We seem to have forgotten that we have all stood at an Altar and took an Obligation, Never Purposely To Do Anything, By Word Or Act, That Will Make Her Unhappy. May Strength Be Given Me To Keep These Pledges; Henceforth If I Willfully Violate Any Of Them, I Deserve To Be Expelled From This Sisterhood.

Sisters I think it is time that we all started to work together for the betterment of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and stop thinking of what I want. We should be here to support one another no matter what not here to Condemn.

Remember we all have lots going on in our Personal Lives so before you Condemn someone for something maybe you should try walking in their shoes. Remember there is no I in EAGLES

From East West Zone Chairman Nancy Van Oosten:

Hello Sisters; I would like to invite everyone to East West Zone Conference in Cranbrook on April 12th and 13th 2014.

We will be having a Clinic on Gio Cashing to be put on by our Provincial Worthy President Eric Harry on Saturday at 2:00 pm followed by a Steak Supper and evening of Camaraderie.

Memorial will be on Sunday morning at 10:00 am followed by our Meeting and Lunch.

I sincerely hope that a good number of you will be able to attend.

Fraternally Nancy Van Oosten, East West Zone Chairman

From BC Provincial Spinal Cord Chairman Bobbi Williamson:

Hello Sisters; Hope everyone enjoyed a festive Christmas season. Now that winter has finally arrived to the Island, I hope the rest of you are surviving what has been a long cold winter in most regions of the Province.

The time is drawing near when your Donations to Provincial Spinal Cord Charity need to be submitted. This vitally important Charity aids people with Spinal Injuries and the related complications of injuries to the Spinal Cord. Every dime helps.

I started collecting dimes in a plastic water bottle after last year's Convention in Kamloops. It is about 1/2 full, and weights 1 1/2 lbs. Ten dimes; approximately weighs 1 ounce. So I estimate I have collected about \$24 for the Provincial Spinal Cord Charity. Imagine if each of us collected a water bottle full of dimes we could donate thousands of dollars to Spinal Cord.

Respectfully Submitted, Bobbi Williamson, BC Provincial Spinal Cord Chairman

From BC Provincial Alzheimer’s Chairman Vera Gjestrum:

To Auxiliary Alzheimer Committee Chairman Hello Sisters; I know that you are all working with your Auxiliary Sisters to raise your Donations for the Provincial Alzheimer’s Fund.

There is really very little time left so keep on doing all your good hard work, and we’ll see you at the Convention.

Thanks you.
Fraternally, Vera Gjestrum, BC Provincial Alzheimer’s Chairman

From PPMP Edith May:

Hello Sisters; The time has passed when we all wished our family and friends Happy New Year. But as I read and hear this year has started off anything but happy. Friends have lost loved ones and others are suffering physically.

Here’s hoping when all the aches and pains have subsided this year will be a much happier one. Here’s hoping no one else will suffer any kind of pain for the remainder of the year. Stay safe

Fraternally, Edith May, PPMP

From PPMP Charlotte Bond:

Hi Sisters; I want to thank everyone who has sent Cards, Visited, Phoned and brought food etc. A special Thanks to Joan and Louise and the Trail Auxiliary for their visit and flowers while in the Trail Hospital after my surgery.

A very special “Thank You” to my own Nelson Sisters for bringing food and staying to have lunch/ supper with me; I can’t thank you all enough. It is quite the experience not to be able to do anything for yourself except to dress yourself.

Love and prayers to all of you
Fraternally, Charlotte Bond, PPMP, Nelson #22

From PPMP, Linda Vipond, and PPWP Wayne Bucklage:

Hi Sisters and Brothers; We would like to wish everyone a Happy, Healthy Prosperous New Year. We send our Sympathies to all those who have had someone pass.

Here’s hoping that we will see many of you at Convention in Hope in June. It is very hard to believe we are already into February.

Fraternally, Linda Vipond, PPMP and Wayne Bucklage, PPWP

“Hope Is The Companion Of Power And The Mother Of Success; For Those Of Us Who Hope The Strongest Have Within Us The Gift Of Miracles”

From PPMP Marge Radford:

Hello Sisters; This is from MARGE; Past President of the Defunct Surrey Eagles. 1979-1980 My Goodness is it that long since I was a Provincial President! Oh well here I am and at 90 plus I am wondering how everyone else is doing. I do so enjoy my Echo and the news of all the Sisters and Brothers. It is always good to hear about everyone.

Somehow or another my Membership got put to an Auxiliary in the States and I wonder how I can get it back here, also Kathryn Butcher. Can anyone let me know as we want to belong to B.C. Eagles.

George and I are doing fine although he has a bit of dementia, but mostly I think it is boredom, smile. I hope everyone is okay and I wonder about our Candidate for GRAND AUXILIARY. Is she still our Grand Rep? Just say HELLO to Lori and all, and I am so sorry to hear of all the Sisters passing on.

Love to all and I will see you along the way. Love and Kisses Marge PPP 1979-80.

NEWS FROM THE AUXILIARIES:

CAMPBELL RIVER #3097:

Hello Sisters: Wishing everyone all the best for 2014. We were so busy in the month of December with Catering we are now enjoying a bit of down time before we start again with the spring rush of Caterings. Our girls have been busy practicing for Ritual Competitions.

We are putting on a Fundraiser for Hospice in March so lots of work to be done there. We have started having a Fun Night once a month and it seems to be going over very well. Members and Guests come out and bring whatever kind of games they would like to play and just socialize. It is one way of getting to know each other a bit better and also picking up some New Members.

The Aerie and Auxiliary both meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month; if you happen to be in the area we love to have you drop in for a visit; Meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

We still have some Cookbooks for sale, if anyone should want one just let me know and I will make sure we get it to you.

We are sending all our best wishes to anyone who is suffering with any sickness or any loss.

Fraternally, Marilyn Lewis, Secretary Campbell River #3097

LADYSMITH #2101:

Hello Sisters and greetings from Ladysmith. Now that the dust has settled after our extremely busy December it is time to get back to normal. Seems like Ladysmith has been under a cloud with the loss of two of our Past Madam Presidents and our long term Aerie Secretary (57 Years); Clarence Knight. It is always sad when pieces of our history are gone.

Our Memorial Team is now busy practicing for upcoming Memorials, at the Zone Conference in Victoria, our own in Ladysmith and for Provincial Convention in Hope. Our President, Shirley Hunt leads this team and keeps us all in line, she dedicates a lot time to make this event one Ladysmith is proud to be a part of. Kudos to Shirley.

We look forward to seeing some of you in Victoria and lots more in Hope. In the meantime, enjoy life and stay healthy.

Fraternally, Nancy Sauvageau, Secretary, Ladysmith 2101.

MAPLE RIDGE #2831:

Hello Sisters, Greetings from Maple Ridge #2831: The cold weather has lifted and it is raining. The sun was welcome while it lasted.

I think we all had a great Christmas, and now it is back to work. We are looking forward to Zone Conference in Hope on February 21st and 22nd.

We have Catering to keep us busy as well as a Sweethearts Ball....with a twist on February 15th. Our first Friday Dinners are ongoing and our Family Dinner on February 16th will have a Ukrainian theme.

We are having a Bowling Event on May 3rd at the Maple Ridge Bowling Lanes. It would be nice to have you join us. It is a lot of fun. We wish you all a fun Valentine's Day, and a blessed Easter

To you who are ill, we wish you a speedy recovery, and to you who are grieving, we wish you peace and solace. Yours in Sisterhood, Doris Krisko, Maple Ridge #2831

NELSON #22:

Hello Sisters; It was with a heavy heart that our Nelson Sisters and Brothers and friends said farewell to our beloved Sister Phyllis Nance, PGO/PPMP on February 15th, 2014. She will be sadly missed.



Fraternally, Nelson #22 Auxiliary Sisters

NEW WESTMINSTER #20:

Well Sisters, with the sped at which the time passes by, it will be no time at all that we are in our final quarter of the Term and finalizing all our endeavors for the year in preparation for the BC Provincial Convention in June.

New Westminster continues to work closely with the Brothers in the Aerie to help re-establish ourselves here in our Community.

We have participated in the local Christmas Parade, assisted with a Special Santa Afternoon for the Children from the local Elementary Schools, participated in a Joint Christmas Dinner and Fellowship Evening with the Aerie and REAC, continue to assist with the Aerie Meat draws at a local Pub and manned information tables at the Festival of Volunteers.

We are planning to attend the Lower Mainland Zone Conference being held in Hope at the end of February. We have a Fundraising Raffle for Heart and Stroke and the BC Cancer Foundation, running over the next couple of months.

We will be having a joint Spring Dance Fundraiser with the Aerie in April, and will be Co-hosting an Open House "Meet and Greet" Event to inform the neighbours who the Eagles are and to encourage Membership.

This will bring us to the preparations for Installation of Officers and BC Provincial Convention. All the Best Wishes, Vera Gjestrum, Secretary, New Westminster #20

PARKSVILLE #3922:

Hello Sisters: Hope you all had a great holiday season. We had a great Christmas Party that was enjoyed by all that attended. January is a very slow month for us which sometimes we appreciate. We have also have had a lot of illness with that flu.

However, Darts, NASCAR and our Garage Sale/Flea Market has started up the second Saturday of every month. We helped the Aerie with an out bar and DND for the Pacific Salmon Foundation, this is always a great success. The Auxiliary have their heads together to come up with more ideas to make more money for our Charities. Hope this short note finds you all healthy and hope to see you all in Victoria at Zone.

Please check out our Facebook page and like the page and you can find out what we are up to at your leisure. Fraternaly, Gail Kapusta, Madam President, Parksville #3922

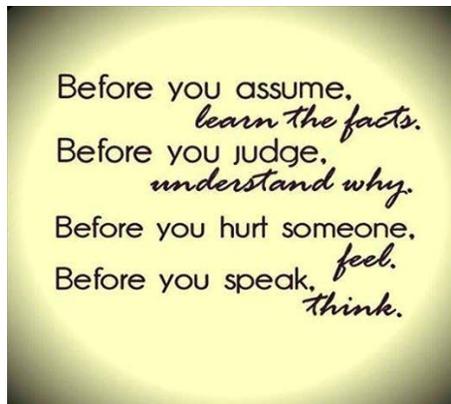
PENTICTON #4281:

Hello Sisters; Just a quick note to give you a glimpse of the goings on in Penticton #4281. We did something that was kind of unique and fun. We had a "Hug a Sister" month. It was very well received and actually carried on into the next month. Even Sisters that don't attend meetings were getting into the spirit of the hugging.

PMP Shirley Pederson holds a Bake Sale at the beginning of December every year to raise funds for the Walk for Memories and this year made over \$400.00. This past Christmas the Penticton Aerie and Auxiliary were very generous in their donation of gifts for children. The Women in Need Society was the recipient of the donations of toys. It is truly heartwarming to see the wrapped gifts for mothers and kids pile up under the tree. Not to be forgotten was the bin that was filled with groceries several times for the food bank.

The Aerie Hall was open Christmas Day for a free turkey dinner for whoever wished to attend. This year over 50 people attended. We have begun our drive to stock the Mother's Day Layette. Usually, two of our Sisters share the cost of purchasing a bassinet; however, this year they purchased a play yard that includes a bassinet and change pad. The Auxiliary will have to work harder to fill it with baby items.

We are getting excited about hosting the 2015 Convention. Sister Cindy Smith has been elected to be Chairperson for the Auxiliary. Congratulations Sister Cindy. Hope to see you all in Hope



Brenda Craig, Secretary, Penticton #4281

"Time Heals What Reason Cannot"

PRINCE GEORGE:

Hello Sisters; We started the New Year with Initiating three (3) New Sisters at the end of January; they are very enthusiastic and eager to start some new projects.

We continue our Pancake Breakfasts the 2nd and 4th Sunday's each month. For two of the weekends in May the Reining Club has asked us to once again do their Concession at the Reining Championships being held there. The competitors are actually asking if we are the ones doing it. Nice to know we are a special request at the event.

Fishing Derby will be held once again in June, more about that in the May newsletter, just wanted to give everyone a heads up in case you may wish to travel North for some amazing fishing and camping.

Fraternally, Donna Roach, Madam Secretary, Prince George #3318

TRAIL #2838:

Hello Sisters: Our condolences go out to all our Sisters and Brothers who have lost loved ones; you are in our thoughts and prayers.

The Auxiliary did their Annual Bake Sale at the Wantea Plaza this past November. The Auxiliary and Aerie had a Joint Christmas Party in December and a Joint Valentines Pot Luck Dinner and Dance was held on February 15th. Now it is time to start to getting ready for our Zone Conference this coming April and then we are looking forward to the Provincial Convention in Hope.

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

Fraternally, Joan Klit, Secretary, Trail #2838

VICTORIA #12:

Hello from the Island; We are progressing along as normal. We did have a great Chinese New Year's Dinner; a very good turnout. We have our usual Jam Sessions and BBQ on the last Sunday of the month along with our Meat Draw from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

We are getting ready for our 61st Island Zone Conference to be held on March 7th to 9th. We have one Ladies Novice Team and one Men's Novice Team competing.

Hope everyone is well and keeping fit. Sorry to hear about the cold weather and we hope everyone is coping.

Cheers, Pat Robinson, Secretary, Victoria #12

From Echo Chairman Joan Klit:

Hello Sisters; There will be one more issue of the Echo Bulletin for this term. We hope that we will hear from all of the Auxiliaries in the Province. Please remember that this is one of the best ways to keep the lines of Communications open between all of us in the Province.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR ALL:

The following is the scheduled deadline date for the last Echo Bulletin for this Term is; May 5th. I will also send reminders out regarding the next issue of the Echo so that everyone knows that the deadline date is approaching.

Please remember this is the last day you can send or e-mail your information to the Echo Chairman at: Address: Joan Klit – 275 – 2nd Ave, Trail, BC V1R 4V3, E-mail: jjklit@shaw.ca
