



BC Provincial Echo

January, 2013



*At the sound of the tolling midnight bell
a brand New Year will begin.
Let's raise our hopes in a confident toast,
to the promise it ushers in.*

*May your battles be few, your pleasure many,
your wishes and dreams fulfilled.
May your confidence stand in the face of loss
and give you the strength to rebuild.*

*May peace of heart fill all your days
May serenity grace your soul.
May tranquil moments bless your life
and keep your spirit whole.*

The Echo January, 2013

From BC Provincial Madam President, Thelma Redmond:

Hello Sisters; I hope that each and every one of you has had a wonderful Christmas and a great start to 2013. My wish for each of you is that we will each be able to have the best year ever in Eagledom and personally. If it were in my power no one would be ill or anything like that but as you know I am but a mortal so if anything should happen please know that my thoughts are with you.

I know that I would not have been able to have gotten as far along this year as I have without each of your kind thoughts and prayers for both Micheal and myself, they truly mean the world to me. Your friendship and Sisterhood are something that means more than gold or all the riches in the world. Now before I really start to get maudlin here let me continue.

I have tentatively set out a schedule for visitations to the Lower Mainland and am sending out letters to each of the Auxiliaries that are affected this week. I hope that this will work. My visitations to the Interior were marvelous. I really have enjoyed seeing other Auxiliaries in action and watching the Initiations that have been done it has been very gratifying. Please keep up the work and keep signing those New Members without them we will soon cease to exist.

To Sister Joan, once again thank you for such a fabulous job you do on the Echo. It truly is a work of love on your part and I know we all appreciate the fact that you put your heart and soul into it. To each of the Sisters who have been ill or have lost someone please know that Micheal and I are thinking of you. Have a Happy and Joyous 2013.

With rainbows and Hugs

Fraternally, Thelma Redmond, BC Provincial Madam President

From BC Jr. Past Provincial Madam President, Edith May:

Happy New Year Sisters; It saddens me to hear that this year is not starting off very well for Provincial Worthy President Ron. I know everyone sends their condolences on the loss of his wife Betty Anne.

Thank you to those who sent me Christmas cards; they were greatly appreciated. I hope all your wishes get fulfilled this year.

On January 27th the Alzheimer's Walk for Memories will be taking place. Leigh, one of my Provincial Honorary Mothers and Provincial Alzheimer's Chairman during my term, and Ray Hawksworth, Provincial Aerie Alzheimer's Chairman and I will be taking part in the walk in Victoria. I hope if there is a Walk in your area that you have considered taking part. I want to take this opportunity to thank Ladysmith Auxiliary, family and friends who have made donations so far. I will let you know in the next Echo how we made out.

With the weather constantly changing everyone please stay safe. I hope to see many of you at some of the upcoming Zone Conferences. You just never know where I'll show up. Please stay happy and healthy

Fraternally, Edith May, BC Jr. Past Provincial Madam President

*"A Friend Is One Who Knows You As You Are;
Understands Where You Have Been
Accepts Who You Have Become;
And Still Gently Invites You To Grow"*



“Chaplain’s Corner”

To All My Auxiliary Sisters: Our Condolences go out to Provincial Worthy President Ron Gair and daughters on the passing of his wife Bettyanne. Condolences also go out to Annette Johnson, family and friends on the passing of Provincial Grandfather Les Flanagan. Our Condolences also go out to the Ladysmith Auxiliary 2102, family and friends on the passing of PPMP Mae Knight and Nora Knight. They will all be sadly missed.

Get Well Wishes go out to Grand Madam Vice President Lori Matheson as she was in hospital; and to Brother Ed Pellrene, who is in hospital for a Triple Bypass. We wish you a speedy recovery.

Now for a bit of news from around the States: Our Condolences go out to GWP Ron Stine’s daughter in law Tracey passed away, to Gloria Mason and family on the passing of Terry Mason, Assistant to GWP. To PSMP Mae Luke her daughter passed away from her battle with MS. To the family and friends of PP and Dist # 2 Mr. Eagle Ed Heard who passed away, and to Dorothy Hansen, family and friends on the passing of PSP Bob Hansen. Our condolences also go out to PSO Judy Abbott on the passing of her mother. They will all be sadly missed.

Get Well Wishes go out to PGMP/PSMP Clara Johnson Harding who had a stroke; SMP Joanna Pellerin is in hospital with pneumonia, Oregon State Aerie Inside Guard Rick McBride as he had pneumonia; PSP Gene McInnes has been hospitalized with fluid on his lungs. PSO Bill Knox has had colon cancer surgery. Oregon State PP Don Schliske’s health is not good and was taking to Hospice; Jackie Davis, wife of PSP Bob Davis was given last rights and not expected to live but is responding very well at this time. PGO Mebble Hansen is having a terrible time with a bout of Shingles on her face and neck at this time. PSO Judy Abbott has been diagnosed with cancer. We wish you all a speedy recovery.

We are sorry if we have missed any Sister or Brother who has been under the weather or has been in the hospital, we pray that you are getting better and wish you all a speedy recovery.

A Reminder; for the Sister’s who are contacts for the Province; please if you hear of any Sister or Brother who has been ill, in the hospital or death in the family remember to send their names to me so we do not forget anyone.

Let’s keep all in our thoughts and prayers

Fraternally Yours, Carol Edgington, BC Provincial Madam Chaplain

From BC Madam Vice President/President Elect, Yvonne Harry:

Hi to all Sisters. I hope that you had a great Holiday and I hope that the New Year brings great joy to all.

I have been real busy starting to get all of the letters out that have to go out at this time. If you want to be on a Committee please let me know “The” time is coming up real fast.

Fraternally Yours, Yvonne Harry, BC Provincial Vice-President/President Elect

From BC Provincial Madam Secretary, Joanne Krisko:

Hello Sisters; Happy New Year Sisters!

Thank you to all Secretaries who have sent their Per Capita and donation for Grand Madam President's gift. If you have not sent it you can expect a call from me soon. Convention packages are in the mail. If you do not receive yours by the end of January, please drop me a line or call me.

If your Auxiliary would like to host a visit from Grand Madam President Sally, please let me know. Sister Sally will be on the Island for their Zone Conference March 8th, 9th, and 10th and will have March 11th and 12th for a visit to another Auxiliary. Please email me at jkrisko44@gmail.com to let me know. Let's show Sister Sally the hospitality that the sisters of British Columbia are known for.

Thank you all once again; for your thoughts and well wishes. This past three months; have been very trying for Cory and I but I think the worst is behind us. May you all have peace, happiness and above all good health!

Yours in Sisterhood, Joanne Krisko, BC Provincial Madam Secretary

From Oregon Past State Madam President, Marna Newby:

Hello Sisters and Brothers; You are invited to come out and help us



Pendleton #28 ~ 110 Years of Let'er Buck Fun

Come help us Celebrate March 8th, 9th and 10th, 2013

We have lots of fun planned starting with Dinner and Music on Friday
Saturday will be full day with an Open House Carnival, Special Initiation,
Dinner Banquet and Live Music

We have come a long way even a devastating fire couldn't keep us down.

So

Please come as we start our next 110 years.

Please call Tim Cant at 1-541-300-0237 or Marna Newby at 1-541 731-1299

Hope to see you there.

Fraternally Yours, Marna Newby, Oregon Past State Madam President

From BC Provincial Madam Treasurer, Judy Enns:

Hello Sisters; I hope everyone had a great Christmas and Happy New Year to all. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the next Executive Meeting in March.

Take care and stay warm and safe.

Fraternally Yours, Judy Enns, BC Provincial Madam Treasurer

From BC Provincial Madam Conductor, Theresa Kleefeld:

Hello to all my Sisters; I hope everyone had a Happy and Safe Christmas. I would like to first thank the Ladysmith Auxiliary #2101 for their generous donation of \$50.00 towards my "Walk With Memories" pledges, to be held Province wide on January 27th.

Christmas was a quiet one with my sisters this year (the first in eight years) as the grand kids were off on a trip. New Years I was the Designated Driver for our New Years Eve party at the Eagles. Here`s to a year of quiet solitude, after such an eventful last year.

Looking forward to Spring Executive Meeting in March in Vernon, don`t forget to buy your tickets for the raffle.

Happy New Year to all

Fraternally Yours, Theresa Kleefeld, BC Provincial Madam Inside Guard, Kamloops #3453

From BC Provincial Madam Inside Guard, Shirley Hunt:

Hello my Sisters; I hope you had a very Merry Christmas and we are wishing you a Happy New Year with love and happiness always.

We are very sad here with the passing of two of our Charter members Mae Knight Past Provincial President and Norah Knight who had just about 30 years in as our Secretary. We also lost Irene Copp (Sis) the other day. Sis was on the Escort team for many years.

We are all done with all the caterings now and parties. What a busy time. It will be nice to see the Officers in March in Vernon.

Hope all are safe and doing well. Keep smiling, big hug,

Fraternally Yours, Shirley Hunt, BC Provincial Madam Inside Guard

From BC Provincial Madam Outside Guard, Donna Roach:

Happy New Year Sisters; hope everyone had a joyful Christmas and were able to ring in the New Year in some fashion or another.

It is hard to believe that there is only five months until this fraternal year is over. Try to attend any Zone Conferences that are being held in your area in the coming months.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year, Love on Valentine's Day and Happy Easter.

With love and hugs, Donna Roach, BC Provincial Madam Outside Guard, Prince George #3318

From BC Provincial Madam Trustee, Bev Bailey:

Hello Sisters; I hope everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season, now it`s time to get back to work on our Charities and start getting ready for Ritual competitions. I am sure Sister Dot is waiting anxiously for those forms to come in.

Sisters remember your Zone Conferences are coming up in the next few months so try to make a point of attending them, you will learn a lot and it is a good start on meeting new Sisters and seeing old friends.

To all the Sister`s who have been ill or in hospital I wish you a speedy recovery. Please take care in this winter weather and hope it leaves soon and we get into Spring weather.

Continued From BC Provincial Madam Trustee, Bev Bailey:

To Provincial Worthy President Ron my sincere sympathy on the passing of your loving wife Bettyanne, please remember the Eagles are here for you.

Well Sister's I believe that is all for now, take care and stay safe till next time.
Fraternally Yours, Bev Bailey, BC Provincial Madam Trustee, Vancouver #2075

From BC Provincial Trustee Faye Cook:

Hello Sisters; Wishing you all a Happy New Year. With the holiday season over it is time for us to be getting back to work on our Charities and getting ready for our Zone Conferences.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Executive Meeting in Vernon this coming March.
Fraternally, Faye Cook, BC Provincial Madam Trustee

From Provincial Madam Trustee, Marilyn Lewis:

Happy New Year Sisters, I hope everyone had a happy and safe Holiday Season and all the best to everyone in 2013.

We are busy getting everything organized for the Zone Conference and Grand Madam President Sally's Visit. We want to extend an invitation to any sisters that would like to come over on March 9th and 10th for our Zone Conference. We will be having Competitions on Saturday and Saturday night we are planning a dinner and some great entertainment. If anyone would like any more information you can contact me at dalmar1@telus.net or call me at 250-286-6854.

I am looking forward to the Executive Meeting in Vernon in March. Everyone keep well
Fraternally Yours, Marilyn Lewis, BC Provincial Madam Trustee

From PGO - PPMP, Barbara Johnson:

Happy New Year Sister's; My deepest sympathy to Ladysmith Auxiliary for the loss of their Sisters. They have lost very dedicated Sisters. To all other Auxiliaries who have lost a Sister / Brother or they are ill at this time my sympathy and hope for a healthier 2013.

My husband Keith has finally been fortunate enough to leave the hospital and is now residing at Evergreen Seniors Home in Campbell River. He is sharing a room with a Brother Eagle, Vic Samuels. Cards can be sent to either Brother c/o Evergreen Seniors Home, 635 Evergreen Road, Campbell River, BC V9W 3R7.
Keith and I Thank All of You for your cards of support

Our Auxiliary has had a very busy December with Catering. We have many dedicated Sisters who you can always count on. The Children's Christmas Party was a huge success from all reports and Sister Marleen does hundreds of Ginger Bread Cookies for Children at the Party plus three schools where our Sisters go and help the children ice the Cookies to take home; Another Community effort of "Eagles Helping People".

God Bless and Happy Trails to You All.
Fraternal Love, Sister Barbara Johnston, PGO.

*"Don't Walk In Front Of Me, I May Not Follow
Don't Walk Behind Me, I May Not Lead
Just Walk Beside Me And Be My Friend"*

From BC Provincial Membership Chairman, Bev Bailey:

Hello Sisters; As promised in the last issue I would let you know which Auxiliary is in the lead with New and Re-enrolled Members, well Sister's it is Penticton and Abbotsford running a close second.

Sister's the game is on, we are doing well but, I know we can do better; I would really like to see us make our quota for Provincial Madam President Thelma. From now till the end I would like to see every Auxiliary bring in one New or Re-enrolled Member and I know we can do it.

Thank you to the Secretary's that have sent in their reports; it really does help.
Thank you Sisters for all your help

Fraternally Yours, Bev Bailey, BC Provincial Membership Chairman

From BC Provincial Ritual Chairman, Dott Bryan:

IMPORTANT NOTICE: RITUAL

The deadline for registration for Provincial Competition is - January **30th, 2013**
Please send moneys to Provincial Secretary.

Send The Entry Form to - Dott Bryan, 104 Morgan St., Apt 311, Nelson BC. V1L 4A8
dottbryan@telus.net

Thank you
Fraternally, Dott Bryan, BC Provincial Ritual Chairman

From the BC Provincial Diabetes Chairman, Bobbi Williamson:

Dear Sisters: I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. I sure every Auxiliary has come up with a unique way to raise money for Diabetes.

Ladysmith #2101 is hosting a Vegas Night on Saturday, February 9th from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm, bar opens at 7:30. I invite all Brothers and Sisters to come out and enjoy an evening of big stake gambling. Tickets are \$15 and you get a light lunch and \$5000 in play money; \$10 will purchase an additional \$2500 of play money. There will be a Silent Auction throughout the evening with a Live Auction at 10:00 pm.

I can be reached by email kandb@shaw.ca

THANKS SISTERS.
Fraternally, Bobbi Williamson, BC Provincial Diabetes Chairman

From Provincial Madam Trustee, Marilyn Lewis:

IMPORTANT NOTICE: RENO BUS TRIP

As we didn't get the response to the Bus Trip we had hoped for we have found that we have to **Cancel the bus trip.**

Sorry for all of you that wanted to go and gave me their names but no matter how hard we tried we just couldn't get a full bus. Maybe another time

Fraternally Yours, Marilyn Lewis, BC Provincial Madam Trustee

Sun Fun *Tours*

EAGLES

GRAND CONVENTION

RENO NEVADA

JULY 26 - AUG 3 - 9 DAYS

PRICE FOR NO HOTEL IN RENO:

30-39 paxs	40-47	48-56
Double- \$469	Double - \$379	Double - \$309

PRICES FOR HOTEL IN RENO: CIRCUS-CIRCUS

30 -39	40 - 47	48-56
Double \$599	Double \$469	Double \$419

These prices are based on the amount people that sign up for the trip. So the more we get the cheaper it is. There are no taxes on the bus trip. The price for **No Hotel** is if you want to make you own accommodations for your stay in Reno.

Headquarters in Reno is at the Grand Sierra 1-800-648-5080, the room cost is \$89.95 per night plus taxes. The Hotel price includes your accommodation at Circus Circus.

Accommodations for our 1st night and last night will be at the Sunridge in Baker Oregon; this has been included in on both prices.

Require a \$50 deposit per person at time of booking.

Triple or Single price are available.

Please contact Cindy Smith @ 250-493-575 or 250-492-0969

Or Email kitncindy@shaw.ca

*"This bright new year is given me; To live each day with zest
To daily grow and try to be; My highest and my best!"*

From the BC Provincial Alzheimer’s Chairman, Lucille Watson:

Dear Sisters: Hope everyone had a happy Christmas and New Year’s celebration. Now it’s time to get back to the regular programs and things to do.

I hope the members of the Alzheimer Committee have had a chance to consider fundraising ideas. Ladysmith #2101 held a raffle for an I-Pad and two donated prizes. Our local grocery store let us set up a sales table in their lobby, as they do for all Charitable efforts, and with the help of a few Sisters we sold 64 tickets @ \$5.00 each. With other sales, we have netted \$1,000.00 for Alzheimer Society’s Caregiver programs.



Presenting the winner with her I-Pad is from left Auxiliary President Janet Carlson, winner Arlene Daniels, Alzheimer Chairman Lucille Watson.

It is important to report to Committee Chairpersons, so that credit is acknowledged. Please contact me at watsonlu@telus.net, with your ideas, plans or funds raised for this charity.

Fraternally, Lucille Watson, BC Provincial Alzheimer’s Chairman

From PPMP, Linda Vipond and PPWP Wayne Bucklage:

Hello Sisters and Brothers; Here we are in a New Year. It is hard to believe the time is passing so quickly.

We send wishes for Health and Happiness to everyone for this New Year and forever.

Hope to see one and all at Convention in June.

Fraternally, Linda Vipond, PPMP and Wayne Bucklage, PPWP

*Another fresh new year is here; Another year to live!
To banish worry, doubt, and fear, To love and laugh and give!*

NEWS FROM THE AUXILIARIES:

CAMPBELL RIVER #3097:

Hello Sisters: New Year Greetings from the Sisters of Campbell River. Another busy year has come to an end, and we are already gearing up for a busy time. We are going to cut back on some out of Hall Caterings this year. So that will free up some time for us; having said that; we have a very full Calendar already.

We will be hosting the Zone Conference in March in conjunction with the Grand Madam President Sally's visit. Zone Conference is Sunday March 10th and Zone Competitions on Saturday March 9th. Saturday night is fun and games, with dinner and entertainment. Everyone is welcome to join us.

We will be hosting another Crib Tournament and Lunch in April and invite anyone in the area to join us.

Our Anniversary has come and gone, but we will be celebrating it on Saturday February 16th, No charge, and open to all. We will be doing our Cheque Presentations that night as well.

Our Club is a busy place with ongoing events; we have a Dart Tournament coming up in March, a Pool Tournament in April, as well as lots of regular Drop In activities. We look forward to seeing many of you for Sally's visit.

We sent Get Well Wishes to those who have been ill, Condolences to those who have lost loved ones and Congratulations to those who have great things to celebrate.

Take Care and May God Bless each and everyone. Till next time.

Submitted by, Maureena Wilson, Secretary

KAMLOOPS #3453:

Hello Sisters; From our family to yours, we hope your Christmas and New Years were all you had hoped for and Santa was good to you. (If you were good; lol)

We had a sad start to December when we lost our beloved Provincial Grandfather Les Flanagan. He was such a main stay with the Club. I apologize that the notice was not sent sooner. The Service and Memorial held at the Club was filled to capacity with all those whose lives he had touched with his kindness and a never ending pocket full of candies. To those he met for the first time, the next time he saw them he had an angel he made, to give to them.

Christmas was quiet at the Aerie, but we made up for it New Years Eve. Steve and Celeste again came up from Abbotsford to perform for us and it was, as always one of the most enjoyable events of the year. Nothing planned for the rest of winter except for our usual events. Our weekly Meat Draws on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Karaoke on Sunday and Tuesday nights, Horse Racing with Big Jim on Wednesday, and Darts on Thursday. So if you're coming through or visiting in Kamloops be sure to drop in.

Fraternally, Theresa Kleefeld, Secretary Kamloops #3453

"A new year is unfolding—like a blossom with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within. Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good—with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those who need our help and the humility and openness to accept help from others.

As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible—with Your help and guidance."

LADYSMITH #2101:

Hello From The Sisters In Ladysmith. Hope everyone had a Happy New Year. We wish you all the best in 2013.

It seems that all we are hearing lately is sad news and we have had some of our own. We lost another Charter Member and long term thirty (30) year Secretary when Norah Knight passed away in December. Also a long time Member, Irene "Sis" Copp passed away.

I'm sure some of you will remember her quick wit and sense of humour. We will miss them both.

Our Catering Teams are now enjoying a well deserved rest after a very busy December. As usual we held a Joint Christmas Party which was well attended and brought in the New Year in style, not so well attended but those who did come had a great time. This is a month of New Beginnings and if you've made a New Year's Resolution, good luck.

We wish all of you good Health and Happiness, a Special Get Well Wish for our Sister, Pat Irvine and we extend our Sympathies to Ron Gair and family.

Fraternally, Nancy Sauvageau, Secretary, Ladysmith Auxiliary #2101

NANAIMO #15:

Hello Sisters; We are busy getting ready for our Spring Tea in April and we still have our regular Saturday Meat Draws each week at 3:00 p.m. Please come and visit us anytime.

We are planning on hosting the Provincial President in April, but the date isn't quite firmed up yet but will be announced after our next meeting. We are trying to get as many Sisters to go to Campbell River to the Zone Conference as possible, but as a small Auxiliary this poses a challenge as many of you know.

Fraternally Thelma Redmond, Secretary Nanaimo #15

NELSON #22:

Hello Sisters; We would all like to wish all Eagles and their Families a Special Healthy New Year for 2013.

Our Love and Prayers are extended to all those who have lost their loved ones. If you remember that all your Special Eagles friends and family are always there to support you with love and prayers, this will give you strength to caring on. To so many who are struggling with their health, we send best wishes to you. I hope you are all dodging the flu because it is a bad one.

As we get on to working on our Eagle Charities and showing that the Eagles are still busy raising funds to help others lets show our Provincial President Thelma what we can do for the Province and Locally.

In Nelson we are preparing for the big event, Robbie Burns Night on January 26th.

All the best as we look forward to spring
Fraternally, Nelson Auxiliary # 22

"A Friend Is Someone Who Reaches Out For Your Hand And Touches Your Heart"

PENTICTON #4281:

To All Our Sisters: Welcome 2013! I would like to take this opportunity to offer a toast to all my Sisters and Brothers.

A Scottish Toast

**May the best ye've ever seen; Be the worst ye'll ever see,
May a moose ne'er leave yer gernal; Wi 'a tear drap in his eye.
May ye aye keep hale and he'rty; Till ye're auld enough tae dee
May ye aye be juist as happy; As I wish ye aye to be.**

Author unknown

Auxiliary Mother and Assistant Secretary Shirley Pedersen, held a Bake Sale and Raffle that raised \$600.00 to be donated to the "Walk for Memories" happening on January 27th. Thanks to all the Sisters who donated baking and or made donations.

Our now famous sister, Charlene McIntosh, who was on the front page of the Penticton Western; who holds an open house every Christmas to show off her extensive Christmas village (It takes over the house) took donations and raised \$134.00 for the Ladies Charities.

Madam President Cindy's Charity this year is the DRC and we had an opportunity to answer a challenge from the Ohio State and send a donation for \$1000.00 to Grand that they would match.

"People Helping People" is never more apparent than at the Holiday Season. The Angel Tree and Food Bank Barrel were generously supported by the Membership, and the Children's Christmas party was a resounding success. Not to forget the Joint Christmas party or the Ladies Christmas goodies after December 12th meeting. Whew, Penticton was a hopping in December.

Welcome 2013, we look forward to the challenges and opportunities this New Year will bring.
Fraternally Yours, Brenda Craig, Secretary, Penticton Auxiliary #4281

PORT ALBERNI #2096:

Hello Sisters: I hope your holidays were happy ones.

We lost one of our long time Member of 58 years; Maggie Melhus. She passed away on January 1st. Maggie will be sorely missed by all of us.

We are looking forward to our Provincial Madam Presidents visitation on February 28th. Hope to see everybody at the Zone Conference in March and Meeting our Grand Madam President.

Fraternally Yours, Louise Goldfuss, Secretary, Port Alberni #2096

My New Year Wishes for You...

**Happiness deep down within; Serenity with each sunrise
Success in each facet of your life; Family beside you
Close and caring friends; Health, inside you
Love that never ends; Special memories of all the yesterdays
A bright today with much to be thankful for; A path that leads to beautiful tomorrows
Dreams that do their best to come true; Appreciation of all the wonderful things about you**

**Have a great Year.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

TRAIL #2838:

Hello Sisters: The Trail Auxiliary hopes that you all had a fantastic Holiday Season. With the start of the New Year, it is back to planning functions to raise funds for all our Charities. The Trail Sisters have been working on their "Foot of Quarters" and so far have turned in "45 Feet of Quarters".

We are working jointly with our Aerie Brothers on a special project to raise funds for a Wheel Chair Ramp for our Hall.

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

We would like to wish all our Brothers and Sisters a wonderful New Year.

Fraternally, Joan Klit, Secretary, Trail #2838

VANCOUVER # 2075:

Hello Sisters: Vancouver #2075; have the following upcoming Events scheduled;

January 26 – Robbie Burns Dinner and Dance

Feb 9 – Vancouver Aerie Visitation

Feb 26 – Vancouver Auxiliary visitation

March 30- Hobo junction night

If you are in town please come and visit us you are all welcome.

Submitted by, Bev Bailey, Secretary, Vancouver #2075

VERNON #3557:

Hello Sisters: It is with sadness that we announce the passing of a long time Auxiliary member, Violet Bradley. Vi was a 53 year Member who initially joined in Calgary, Alberta and maintained her active Membership when she moved to Vernon. Vi was instrumental in starting up our Ritual and Drill Team and led us in many competitions. She will be missed by all of us.

As for our current Ritual Team, we are busy fund raising thru Friday Night Suppers and Bake Sales in order to take our team to Reno to compete at the National Convention in July. This will be our 3rd time at Nationals and we hope to do our Province proud with our performance.

On January 20th our club will be hosting an Open House to promote new Memberships. This is also the day we, along with the Aerie, make our Charity donations to various groups and do a photo op for the local paper to show the community what Eagledom is all about..

Lastly, the annual Vernon Winter Carnival will be starting on the 1st of February, with the parade on Saturday, February 2nd. Once again we will be putting our Disaster Relief Trailer in the parade as this is another means of showing how hard our Club works for the Community.

Submitted by, Elouise Kliback, Madam Conductor

VICTORIA #12:

Hello from the Island; We hope everyone had a nice Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope everyone is in good health. We are slowly getting back into the swing of things. There will be a Zone Conference on the Island, March 8th -10th, 2013 in Campbell River. Our Club will be having a Friday Night Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost \$10.00. Come out and join us.

Cheers for now.

Submitted by, Pat Robinson, Secretary, Victoria #12

From Echo Chairman, Joan Klit:

Hello Sisters: Thank you for sending in your submissions for this issue of the Echo. Just a reminder that if you have any questions for the Section Questions and Answers; please send them by mail or e-mail and we will print them in the following issues of the Echo. **If we are not sure about the answer to your question we will find out the right answer before we print it in the Echo.**

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

SPECIAL NOTE FOR ALL: The following is the schedule Deadline Dates for the Echo Bulletin. They are: March 15th and the last one for the term will be May 15th.

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, B. C. V1R 4V3

E-mail: jjklit@shaw.ca

Yours in Sisterhood, Joan Klit, Echo Chairman

Questions and Answers

Q - Is a Treasurer supposed to give a report at an Auxiliary Meeting?

A - Yes; Section 14.4 of the Rules and Regulations state; The Madam Treasurer shall keep such records, books and accounts, and make such reports as may be prescribed by the Grand Aerie.

Q - Can a Member resign her Membership?

A - Section 6.1 of the Rules and Regulations states; Any member of any Auxiliary who is in good standing and against whom no charges are pending may, without the payment of any fee, resign her membership in the Auxiliary and her membership in the Auxiliary shall forthwith cease upon presentation of such resignation to any regular meeting of the Auxiliary. Upon her resignation, she must return her Official Receipt to the Secretary.

Q - Can she then re-affiliate with another Auxiliary?

A - Section 6.2 of the Rules and Regulations states; Any member of an Aerie or Auxiliary who has resigned her membership and who desires to re-affiliate in any Aerie or Auxiliary may not do so for twelve (12) months and must do so as a new member.

New Year's Toast

Here's to the New Year... May it bring more joy and success and less grief and regret

~To our dreams~

May we never stop believing in them; And taking the actions that will make them a reality.

To our friends, loved ones, associates (or colleagues); May we take the time to let them know

How much it means to us; To have them in our lives.

Let us encourage more and criticize less, Give more and need less.

And whenever we can, Let us create harmony and peace.

~To new beginnings~

Let us start fresh, right now,

To make this the very best year ever.

A very Happy New Year to all of us!

From Past Provincial Mother Madeleine Prive:**- One of the Sweetest Prayers -**

I'm sorry for keepin' ya up late. But, I wanna know If'n you're too busy, I can wait. You see grandma's been forgettin' A lot of things. Mamma says so. She forgot my name, today, Mr. God, And she's a walkin' kinda slow. Yesterday, she jest left Without even sayin' bye. Daddy brought her back and He had a tear in his eye. So, I was wonderin', can you fix her? She has somthun' called 'all tizers', daddy said. She forgets who we are sometimes, And she forgot that grandpa's dead.

Mr. God, you give her a new brememberer 'Cause I miss her playin', and stuff, with me And the cookies she used to bake. And, she was so smart, wasn't she? She used to talk 'bout you a lot. Now, she jest talks to herself and, Mr. God, she don't know herself From the pictures on the shelf. Sometimes, she calls me 'little boy' And pats my cheek or hair. And she don't seem to care. Please, Mr. God, Will ya fix her, all new again, A'fore she gets lost and Can't bremember where she's been?

She ain't sang a Jesus song Like I like to hear her to do. Daddy says 'cause she is getting old. But, she's not as old as you. Daddy says you never forget and You are older than anyone, anywhere. Mamma says, "All we can do is Bremember her in prayer. So, Mr. God, I'm jest askin' 'Cause I don't know how to pray. 'Cause you un'erstand what I try to say.

Does Jesus have a grandma And does she forget people, too? I guess she would be your mommy And wouldn't she be older than you? Well, I gotta go to bed. Would ya keep grandma safe, O please, So as she won't wander off and get lost? She forgets her hat and coat, and she could freeze. I love her lots and I wish she bremember I'm her little Andy, And bake some good cookies for me, And even share my candy.

Tell my friend, Jesus, I was here and Give Him a hug from grandma and me. She used to know Him and I heard her say, "Thank you, Jesus, for little Andy." Good night, Mr. God. Are ya tired? You work, so hard, all day. I'll be back a'morrow, to visit, Before I go out to play.

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