



BC Provincial Echo

March, 2013



*For Renewal Of Life
For Birds That Sing
Thanks For Easter
Thanks For Spring*

*Have A Very Happy Easter
And May You Find
Spring Has Left
The Winter Behind*



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From BC Provincial Madam President, Thelma Redmond:

Hello Sisters; Happy Easter Everyone! I hope that each of you has a wonderful basket full of Joy and Happiness and that the bunny brings us all a lot of New Members....hey I can dream can't I? It makes for a good idea. I would certainly like to see the look on Brother Joseph's face if Sister Bev could beat him in the Membership Challenge and I know she would like this too.

I had the pleasure of spending two (2) days with Grand Madam President Sally Villava; which is pronounced V L va; she told me in Campbell River at our Island Zone Conference. She is the most down to earth lady you could meet. I was fortunate because I had met her twice before so we renewed our acquaintance.

I have been informed by Grand that the Representative they will be sending to our Convention this year is Past Grand Madam President Mary Myers who is currently holding the Office of Grand Madam Chaplain. She is from Michigan and has been to BC before; so some of you will have met her before and I am sure will be glad to see her again. I know that we will make her very welcome.

If any of you who are going to Convention have a preference as to which Committee you would like to serve on at Convention please let me know and I will try to see that you are assigned to that particular one. You can let me know at crispette@hotmail.com or phone me at 250-390-9098

I am looking forward to seeing each of you at Convention and "Thank You" for all your support this year.
Fraternally, Thelma Redmond, BC Provincial Madam President

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

Sisters Hello Sisters: I'm sure by now everyone is ready for Spring to arrive and an improvement in the weather. The weather cooperated for the Alzheimer's Walk for Memories held at the end of January. There were four Auxiliary Members and one Aerie Member walking. I won't tell you how we did as Sister Leigh; our Walk Captain has put a report into this issue. Thank You to everyone who supported us in this very worthwhile cause. If there is a Walk in your area please consider entering.

It is time for Zone Conferences and Ritual Competitions. I hope many of you will be putting teams in. Past Provincial Honorary Mother Barb and I attended the Lower Mainland Zone Conference and it was nice to see two teams from Maple Ridge competition. I'm told it's the first time in three (3) years teams from the Auxiliaries competed at their Zone Conference. I would like to say "Thank You" Abbotsford for your hospitality. For those of you who know how I hate getting on the ferry this time of year, the weather Gods cooperated and all went well.

The Island Zone Conference had the Honor of having Grand Madam President Sally attend. It was an even bigger honor to receive my Past Provincial President's pin from her, as did Past Provincial President Maureena. What a way to finish off my term as a sitting Provincial Officer. I know the attendance for Zone Conferences are dropping but please sisters if you are able to attend please do so; not only do you get to visit at a smaller venue but you may also go away with some new ideas.

The next big event will be the Provincial Convention. Please Secretaries remember to send your Delegates list to Provincial Madam President Thelma so she can make up her Convention Committees. There were some who did not send me their list last year and it can be hard trying to fill some Committees.

In closing I wish you all Sunshine, Spring Flowers and Butterflies to brighten your day.
Fraternally, Edith May, BC Jr. Past Provincial Madam President



“Chaplain’s Corner”

To All My Auxiliary Sisters: Our Condolences go out to Provincial Madam President Thelma Redmond and family on the passing of her Aunt. And to the family and friends of Brother Bill Shaigetz on his passing They will all be sadly missed.

Get Well Wishes go out to Past Provincial Honorary Mother; Vera Hartley who has been very sick, Provincial Worthy Trustee, Ed Simmons, of Rossland #10 has come down with walking pneumonia, and Brother Rob Trask, Penticton #4281 has been having health problems. We wish you a speedy recovery.

Now for a bit of news from around the States: Our Condolences go out to Grand Madam President Sally Villalva and family on the death of her cousin; to Nancy Schliske and family on the passing of husband; former Grand Tribunal Justice, Don Schliske. And to the family and friends of Washington State PSMP Martha Hall on her passing and Washington State PSWP Bill Knox on his passing. They will all be sadly missed.

Get Well Wishes go out to PGAO Mebble Hansen, who has been suffering with shingles. PSMP Gayle Jay of Washington was ill with pneumonia and the hospital also caught a strain of e-coli which they are treating her for. PSP Fran Remillard from Washington had pace maker surgery. We wish you all a speedy recovery.

I am sorry if I have missed any Sister or Brother who has been ill, in hospital or had a death in the family.

A Reminder; for the Sister’s who are contacts for the Province or any Sister or Brother; 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. My email address is cdedgington@telus.net.

Let’s keep all in our thoughts and prayers
Fraternally Yours, Carol Edgington, BC Provincial Madam Chaplain

From BC Provincial Mother, Maureena Wilson:

Greetings My Provincial Daughters; I have had the honor of doing a few more visits with Provincial Madam President Thelma, and as always have enjoyed seeing the Sisters again.

I look forward to trying get to the last visitations with her this spring. Thank you for all the kindness shown.

I hope everyone has a blessed Easter and with the coming of spring has a renewed spirit. To those who are ill and suffering may God speed you to a quick recovery.

HAPPY EASTER

Luv Mom, Maureena Wilson, BC Provincial Mother.

*Easter Brings The Best Surprises,
Baby Chicks And Buds In Bloom
And Spring Sunshine That Fills Your Room*

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

Hi sisters; I don't know where to start, Flo Monaghan and I went to Reno to the In-Coming Presidents and Membership Chairman's Meetings. They flew us down on Thursday then Friday and Saturday there were full days in meetings. We had information on Membership our Goals and Challenges. It was a lot of fun. The Grand gave us lunches and Saturday night supper.

After four in the afternoon we could do networking with other Incoming Presidents and Membership Chairman or gamble. Flo and I aren't good gamblers. We did have fun though. Made it home okay then I got real sick, a virus. I am getting better it will take time.

Soon we will be finding ourselves at Convention. There are a few Committees that still have to be filled. Help is needed on the following Committees; **Alzheimer's Fund, DRC, Stamps, Memory Book, Activities Book, Publicity Book.**

I would appreciate if any of the Sisters would like to be on these Committees, **Please** e-mail or call me. The booklets for 2014 have to be made up. And this would be real nice if the Committees were filled up. You can contact me at my Phone Number: 250-493-5140 or my E-mail Address: eyharry@telus.net

Hope to see you all at Convention in Kamloops. Stay Healthy.
Fraternally Yours, Yvonne Harry, BC Provincial Vice-President/President Elect

From BC Provincial Madam Chaplain, Carol Edgington:

Hello Sisters; It was so nice to see all that attended the Executive Meeting in Vernon and hope everyone had a safe trip home.

Abbotsford was host to the Lower Mainland Zone Conference and enjoyed having all that came out for it. Aerie visitation is set for March 23rd, 2013 in the Banquet Hall. The Joint Aerie and Auxiliary Memorial will be held March 24th, 2013. It is such a simple but elegant service for our deceased members.

The Auxiliary is getting ready for Nominations of Officers, Provincial Madam President Thelma's visit, and then it is Installation time for the new Officers.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Easter and also a Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers.
Fraternally, Carol Edgington

From BC Provincial Madam Secretary, Joanne Krisko:

Hello Sisters; Happy Easter to each and every one of you!

Convention is just around the corner and with Convention comes paperwork; lots and lots of paperwork. By now you have received your Convention Packages. Please take note of the Deadlines outlined in the cover letter. Some of these Deadlines have passed, some are fast approaching.

To all Charity Chairpersons; remember that it is your responsibility to arrange for a Representative to attend our banquet to receive their cheques. Please do not leave it until the last minute to make your request.

I would like to take a moment to thank you all for the amazing job that you do. The tireless hours that you put in to our Organization makes life better for so many others.

Yours in Sisterhood, Joanne Krisko, BC Provincial Madam Secretary

From BC Provincial Madam Treasurer, Judy Enns:

Hello Sisters; I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter. Spring is just around the corner with Convention quickly following.

It was so nice to see everyone at the Executive Meeting held in Vernon on March 16th. I would like to say a big "Thank You" to Vernon Aerie and Auxiliary for hosting the meeting and for a wonderful lunch and dinner.

Fraternally Yours, Judy Enns, BC Provincial Madam Treasurer

From BC Provincial Madam Conductor, Theresa Kleefeld:

Hello to all my Sisters; Well that rotten pesky cold/cough that has been hanging around me on and off for the last month is finally gone. For good I hope this time.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Convention in June. This will also be the first time I will be in the Provincial Convention Memorial Service on the Friday. It will be an honor to participate as one of our dear Sisters, Bettyanne Gair will be remembered.

Stay Safe and Healthy

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

From BC Provincial Madam Inside Guard, Shirley Hunt:

Hello my Sisters; I hope this finds you all well and looking forward to Spring. It will be so nice to see you all at Convention in June.

We here in Ladysmith are busy getting ready for the Zone Conference in Campbell River, then the Executive Meeting in Vernon, our Annual Memorial Service and we have done three (3) big Fund Raisers.

Hopefully the snow stays away now. You all stay safe and keep smiling.

Fraternally Yours, Shirley Hunt, BC Provincial Madam Inside Guard, Ladysmith #2101

From BC Provincial Madam Outside Guard, Donna Roach:

Hi Sisters; Just back from a very informative and productive spring Provincial Executive Meeting in Vernon. Thank you to Vernon for you kind hospitality. Though on the drive home I think Mother Nature forgot that spring was around the corner.

We are just a short time away from Convention, please sign up for Committees, think of running for Provincial Office or just attending, would love to see you there. As we gear up for the end of the Fraternal year and Elections in our local Auxiliaries are coming up soon, think how you could best serve your Auxiliary, and try something new.

Wishing everyone a blessed Easter, Happy Spring

Fraternally, Donna Roach, BC Provincial Madam Outside Guard, Prince George #3318

*The Wish Is Old The Wish Is True,
Happy Easter,
My Friends, To You*

From BC Provincial Madam Trustee, Bev Bailey:

Hello Sisters; Well Spring is on its way sun is shining today, let's hope it lasts. I hope everyone is working hard on their Charities and Membership.

Convention is only a few months away, I am looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new Sisters.

For all the Sisters who have been sick or in hospital I wish you a speedy recovery.

Until the next issue please take care and will see you at Convention.

Fraternally Yours, Bev Bailey, BC Provincial Madam Trustee, Vancouver #2075

From BC Provincial Madam Trustee, Nancy VanOosten:

Hello and a Happy Spring Sisters; I'm sure we are all ready for winter weather to end. Sorry I missed you at the spring meeting. Sometimes these things happen, but at least as a result I'm in one piece (I would hold on to the bubble wrap for June however).

Happy Easter to you all; I am looking forward to seeing you at Convention in Kamloops. Hugs
Fraternally, Nancy VanOosten, BC Provincial Madame Trustee, Cranbrook #3032.

From Provincial Madam Trustee, Marilyn Lewis:

Hi Sisters; It was great to see everyone at the Executive Meeting in Vernon, to those unable to attend due to illness I hope you are feeling better.

I am looking forward to seeing more of the Sisters at the Convention in June.
Fraternally Yours, Marilyn Lewis, BC Provincial Madam Trustee

From PGO - PPMP, Barbara Johnson:

Hello Sisters; Wishing you a Happy Blessed Easter. Spring is having a hard time coming this year but should be just around the corner.

To all our Brothers and Sisters who are shut in, those who have been ill or experiencing a loss, I send my get well wishes and sympathy. Life leads us down many unexpected roads. "Chin up and keep smiling".

The Vancouver Island Zone Conference in Campbell River was well attended, was so nice to see everyone once again. C.R. Initiated two new Sisters and with the Grand Madam President Sally Villalva present it was a special time for us all. Campbell River had a very large shoe that hung in the middle of the stage which was a Highlight for our Grand Madam President Sally. There should be some pictures available for you to see.

I am passing along two quotes I recently heard:

NUTS – "Never underestimate the Spirit." TEAM - "Together Everyone Achieves More".

May the sun always be at your back and the road ahead look bright.
God Bless, Yours Fraternaly, Sister Barbara Johnston, PGO.

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

From PGO, Mebble Hansen:

Hello My Brothers and Sisters; I wish to send along a heartfelt “Thank You” to my BC Brothers and Sisters for the sentimental cards and e-mails of support while recovering from my bout with Shingles.

It warms my heart.
Sincerely, Mebble Hansen

From BC Provincial Membership Chairman, Bev Bailey:

Hello Sisters; Well Sisters we are doing well but we could do better, we are on the last leg so please Sisters let's get the New and Re-enrolled Members in.

You have been working hard and I “Thank You” for all your hard work.
Fraternally Yours, Bev Bailey, BC Provincial Membership Chairman

From BC Provincial Diabetes Research Center Chairman, Maureena Wilson:

Hey Sisters; We are on our last millions for the DRC so let’s all get out and support this cause.

I hope everyone bought tickets on the painting by Scott Middlehurst. It is a beautiful picture of an Eagle in flight, a one and only, and will not be reproduced. If you have not bought your ticket yet please do, your Aerie Secretary should have them.

If you do not have them in your club, please contact myself or Prince George Aerie as I'm sure they will have information on where to get them. Please support the DRC so we can get it finished this year.

Fraternally, Maureena Wilson, BC Provincial DRC Chairman

From BC Provincial HOME Chairman, Joanne Mallett:

Hello Sisters; This is a **REMINDER** for you about our newest Provincial Charity; **HOME** - Hands of Many Eagles. Money raised can be used to support Charitable Organizations that don’t fall under our other Provincial Charities.

Auxiliary donations must be sent to the Provincial Secretary before April 30th. To apply for funds for a specific Charity; a letter of request must be Dated, sent on Auxiliary Letterhead, signed by **BOTH** the President and Secretary and must carry the Auxiliary Seal and be received by the Provincial Secretary by **APRIL 30th 2013**.

Fraternally Yours, Joanne Mallett, BC Provincial HOME Chairman

Special Notice To All Secretaries:

With Election of New Officers coming up this is a good time to let all the Auxiliary Secretaries know that the Grand Aerie have just published a **New Officers Handbook** and the cost is **\$2.00**.

For those who do not have the Officers Handbook this is a Good time for ordering. This can be very helpful, for Officers Duties etc. Secretaries can do Direct ordering by sending and e-mail to: supplies@foe.com

Cheers, Maureena

From BC Provincial Hall of Fame Chairman, Charleen Proznick:

Hello Sisters, **REMINDER;** Please remember to submit your Sisters names for the **Hall of Fame** to our Provincial Secretary. Kamloops is looking forward to seeing you all here in June.

Fraternally Yours, Charleen Proznick, PPMP, BC Provincial Hall of Fame Chairman

From the BC Provincial Diabetes Chairman, Bobbi Williamson:

Dear Sisters: Ladysmith 2101 hosted a Vegas Night in February and raised \$1000 for Diabetes. I look forward to hearing from each of the Auxiliaries on how you raised money for the BC Provincial Diabetes as well as the amount raised.

Hope to see you all in Kamloops in June. I can be reached by email kandb@shaw.ca

Fraternally, Bobbi Williamson, BC Provincial Diabetes Chairman

From PPMP, Marge Radford:

Hi to all my Sisters; It is so good that Joan gets a wonderful newsletter out to all the Sisters. However I must have missed one as I never saw any Registration Forms for Convention, and that seems to be the way it always is. But I want to say Hi to all the Sisters and thank you for keeping us up to date on all the news. Thanks go to Campbell River for always inviting me to their affairs. I wish I could attend, also Vancouver is very good.

I am mobile but have no way of attending functions. I want to wish all Auxiliaries in BC a wonderful year and I am keeping tabs on Lori as I am so happy for her and want to wish her all the best. I just hope I am around when her BIG year comes. Thanks Joan for a lovely ECHO. I think maybe it would be a good idea if I could rejoin an Auxiliary in BC.

Anyway HI to all Love you Marge One of the "old ones" Smile.

Marge PPMP for 1979 -1980.

From Lloyd and Shirley Hunt:



Hello all; Since Brother Ken's passing Lloyd and I have decided to take over the Eagle Release. Instead of the Chemainus/Crofton #4400 Eagle Release we have decided to call it the FOE Eagle Release. I hope this is okay with everyone as there are Clubs on the Island and on the Mainland that donate. We have some big shoes to fill here so hopefully we will have all your support and help.

This year's Eagle Release will be June 23rd from 12:00-3:00 p.m., with the Eagle being released between 2:00 and 3:00. As with Ken it will depend on the person winning and the Eagle if help is needed. We certainly don't want to hurt the eagle.

We would like to see you all bring a lunch and join us. We will supply the coffee. If you have children please bring water or whatever for them to drink. There will be a 50/50 Draw plus the Eagle Release Draw.

Please if making a donation make all cheques out to North Island Wildlife Association. If you have any questions pertaining to the Eagle Release please contact us at Phone: 250-245-1374; E-mail: alicehu@telus.net

Thank you all
Lloyd and Shirley Hunt

**SUN FUN TOURS
EAGLES BUS TRIP
TO
GRAND CONVENTION
RENO NEVADA
JULY 26 - AUG 3 - 9 DAYS**

PRICE FOR NO HOTEL IN RENO:

30-39 Passengers 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 is 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. The Headquarters in Reno is 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 first 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 at: 250-493-5757 or 250-492-0969
or Email kitncindy@shaw.ca**

From Campbell River #3097, Secretary, Maureena Wilson:

Hello Sisters; Campbell River Sisters had the pleasure of hosting Grand Madam President Sally for four (4) days. She is a great lady and we enjoyed having her. I am sure all the Sisters who talked with her enjoyed her very much. On Friday we had a meet and greet at the Eagles, where many of the out of town Sisters had a chance to meet Sally. Saturday she attended the only Ritual competition held. Sally also does Ritual, and has done the One Woman as well, so was pleased to sit in and watch. Saturday night we had a dinner and entertainment for all to enjoy. It was a great fun filled evening, and one I'm sure she will be sharing with others. Sunday was the Island Zone Conference and Sally was amazed by how much our Island Sisters did and how much money we raised.

Our gift from BC was a Silver Maple Leaf Pin, a Book and Calendar of BC, Campbell River gave her one of our Cookbooks, and Nanaimo Sisters gave a Wooden Jewellery Box, a Kleenex Box and a Card Box made by Brother Ron Welcher from Cedar wood.

With a sudden death in her family Sally was called home a day early, so Monday was a rush getting her ready to be off on the 5:00 p.m. plane. During her time in Campbell River Sally went to visit Past Provincial Honorary Mother Vera Hartley at the hospital. Vera was so happy that this busy lady would take the time to go see her she cried. Sally went a second time and took flowers to Vera, it wasn't a very good day for Vera but she did wake up long enough to have her picture taken and say hello.

I would like to thank all the Sisters who came for Grand Madam President Sally's visit, and especially those who had to take the ferry across. I think BC left a very favorable impression on Sally.



Pictured from top of shoe; Provincial Mother Maureena Wilson, Provincial Madam Trustee Marilyn Lewis, In the shoe are; Grand Madam President Sally Villalva and Past Grand Officer Barbara Johnston.

Fraternally submitted

Maureena Wilson, Secretary, Campbell River #3097

NEWS FROM THE AUXILIARIES:

CAMPBELL RIVER #3097:

Hello Sisters: Greetings from the Sisters of Campbell River #3097. As I sit here to write this for the ECHO, The sky is blue and the sun is shining, what a way to welcome spring.

We are as always very busy with our Catering and Food Service, and it's looking like a very busy few months ahead of us. We will be hosting Provincial Madam President Thelma's Official Visit on April 2nd and everyone is invited to join us.

There is a Crib Tournament set to go on April 14th, with lunch and cash prizes, open to all. We have started to have Jam Sessions in the lounge on the second Saturday of the Month, these are starting to get more members out to enjoy the club, and showcase some local talent.

We still have our regular Saturday afternoon Crib at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday Pool League, Monday Darts, and Thursday Poker, Friday is a different dinner each week from 5:00 to 6:30, with a Meat Draw in the lounge.

Wishing you a "Happy Easter"; from all your Sisters in Campbell River.
Submitted by, Maureena Wilson, Secretary

CRANBROOK #3032:

Hello Sisters; Wow it is hard to believe that another year is fast coming to an end. Elections will be here in no time. We have been very busy here in Cranbrook with our Caterings and monthly Pancake Breakfasts. We are also looking forward to hosting our Bi-annual Community Craft Fair in April. It is a busy time of year.

Below is a picture of Madame President Nancy VanOosten and Junior Past Madame President Lisa Kennelly presenting a cheque for \$625 to Marion Hess of the Heart and Stroke Foundation. This money was raised at two Pancake Breakfasts.



Fraternally yours, Nancy VanOosten, Cranbrook 3032

KAMLOOPS #3453:

Hello Sisters; We have had a very busy couple of months. With Convention just around the corner, I am sure it will be more of the same. The Aerie is in the process of training more Volunteers to help with staffing the Bar in the lounge, and its going great. Never thought I would be so good at serving the drinks.

In April we will be holding a Comedy/Magician Night, Triathlon, and a Western Theme Dance. Our Spring Bazaar is being held on April 6th, so if you happen to be in town drop in between 8:00 am and 11:00 am for some great baking from our members and see what the ladies that rent the tables have for sale.

Fraternally, Theresa Kleefeld, Secretary Kamloops #3453

LADYSMITH #2101:

Hello Sisters; The crocuses and daffodils are coming up here on the Island and spring is in the air. Not so much happening at our Auxiliary.

Our Diabetes Chairman, Sister Bobbi Williamson organized a Vegas Night in February which was tons of fun. The proceeds of course will go to Diabetes, in particular to sponsor a child at the Diabetes Camp on Quadra Island. Bobbi worked very hard on this event and now that she knows how to do it will be called upon once again. Our sisters continue to work hard making Meat Pies for sale, Caterings etc.

Now it is time to get that paper work into Provincial for the upcoming Convention. To all of you Secretaries out there, our work is never done is it?

Hope all is well with everyone. Cheers

Fraternally, Nancy Sauvageau, Secretary, Ladysmith Auxiliary #2101

MAPLE RIDGE #2831:

Hello Sisters, Greetings from Maple Ridge #2831. Yippee! Spring is here! Now if the sun would shine everything would be perfect. We have been busy with caterings. Weddings seem to be in the air. We enjoyed the Lower Mainland Zone Conference. There were interesting questions and answers at the Workshops.

Jim and I had good news today. We are the proud Great Grandparents of a new baby boy.

We are still having our Family Dinners on the third Sunday of each month. We also have a Dinner on the First Friday of each month followed by games. Everyone is welcome. The Aerie and Auxiliary are hosting a Murder Mystery on March 30th, 2013 and our Strawberry Tea is on May 11th, 2013. Our 2nd Annual Presidents Charity Fun Bowl will take place on May 18th, 2013.

To those who are grieving, our thoughts and prayers are with you. To those who are not feeling well, get better soon! We wish you all a joyous Easter.

Yours in Sisterhood, Doris Krisko, Maple Ridge #2831

NANAIMO #15:

Hello Sisters; Happy Easter we are getting ready for our Spring Tea to be held April 30th and hope to see you there. It will be held at St. Andrew`s Presbyterian Church on Departure Bay Road from 1:00 to 3:00.

We are still doing our regular meat draws each Saturday and would like to see you there any day. Come on down to one of our meetings too and we will try to come and visit you as well.

Fraternally, Thelma Redmond, Secretary Nanaimo #15

NELSON #22:

Hello Sisters; The Nelson Eagle Sisters send Special Easter Greetings to all Eagles and their families. Enjoy the changing of the season again as we celebrate this wonderful time "Easter". I hope this helps all those with colds and flu get well soon!

To all our friends who are struggling with any serious health problems, we send our love and prayers to you and your families. To all those who have lost their loved ones, we send our Sympathy, Love and Prayers. We are so fortunate to belong to the Eagles and have so many friends as well as our families for support and strength through difficult times.

Best wishes to our Provincial Madam President Thelma, her Mother Maureena and all the Provincial Officers, for a job well done this past year. Joan, thank you for keeping us connected with the Echo, Good job!

In Nelson we are working to-wards our Charities and planning for the Provincial Convention in Kamloops. We all look forward to seeing you there.

Fraternally, Nelson Eagle Auxiliary # 22 Sisters

NEW WESTMINSTER #20:

Hello Sisters; Greetings from New Westminster #20. Like all of you, we are busy into events for the last quarter of this term. Plans are being put in place for upcoming events such as Our Aerie/ Auxiliary Anniversary and Charity night event in May and arranging for a venue for the Aerie/ Auxiliary joint Installation of Officers.

The Brothers are still looking for a place to meet for both the Aerie and Auxiliary here in New Westminster that is affordable. Meanwhile the Sisters are busy assisting the Brothers at their Meat Draws and Salmon Dinner Fundraising Raffle. With a lack of a home, much of the events we participate in are shared with the Brothers. Have a good spring and see you in Kamloops at the Provincial Convention.

Fraternally, Vera Gjestrum, Secretary, New Westminster #20

PENTICTON #4281:

Hello Sisters; A \$600.00 cheque was presented at the Walk for Memories by the Ladies Auxiliary of Penticton #4281 Fraternal Order of Eagles. Proceeds are from a Bake Sale and Raffle held in December.

Pictured from left are Cindy Smith, Auxiliary President, Auxiliary Mother Shirley Pederson and Bake Sale Chairperson, Alzheimer Society Laurie Myers and Dennis Walker, M.C. from Internet Radio, Socountry.ca



Fraternally, Shirley Pedersen, Penticton Auxiliary #4281 Mother

PRINCE GEORGE #3318:

Hello Sisters; Prince George #3318 Auxiliary is busy working on plans for a long awaited kitchen upgrade. The Sisters who work the Caterings, Pancake Breakfasts, etc can hardly wait. It has been a long time in coming. Along with the kitchen, the Aerie is doing a long planned bar upgrade at the same time.

Submitted by Donna Roach, Secretary, Prince George #3318

TRAIL #2838:

Hello Sisters: We wish all our Sisters and Brothers a very Happy Easter. Here in the Kootenay's it is finally looking like we are going to have spring; today the sun is shining brightly and it is warmer than it has been in a very long time.

We had a Joint function with the Aerie to celebrate Saint Patrick's on Saturday, March 16th; a good time for all the little Leprechauns wearing their green. Saturday, March 23rd is the Jam Session at the Hall. Sunday, March 30th we are having an Easter Pancake Breakfast with an "Egg Hunt" planned for the little ones.

We are still doing our Meat Draws every Saturday and two Friday's a month, with all the proceeds going towards our special Wheelchair Ramp for the Hall at the Arlington Hotel. If you are in town please come and join us.

Our meeting nights are on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Fraternally, Joan Klit, Secretary, Trail #2838

VANCOUVER # 2075:

Hello Sisters: Vancouver Auxiliary #2075 has the following upcoming events planned;

- April 9th - Cheque Presentation
- March 10th - Mothers Day
- March 17th - Pin Night
- May 28th - Installation of Officers

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

Submitted by, Bev Bailey, Secretary, Vancouver #2075

VICTORIA #12:

Hi from Victoria #12 - the home of the blossoming trees and gardens.

Although we are reasonably small we are extremely busy trying to think of new ideas to raise money for the various Charities. We are trying to have a Monthly Charity with all monies raised going to it. Will let you know how that goes.

January was Alzheimer's month. We walked in the Walk for Memories – Alzheimer's. These were held Province wide at the end of January. The City of Victoria raised \$46,000. We had a team of four (4); Edith, Sharon, Leigh and Ray; and we raised \$1400. The three Sisters raised \$1,050.00. Yay! We are hoping to have a bigger team next year. This charity is the Madam President's Charity as well. We also had our monthly Friday Night Dinner profits go to Alzheimer's as well as the profits from the BBQ held in conjunction with the Jam Session and Meat Draw.

Continued From VICTORIA #12:

February was a no brainer as it is Heart and Stroke Month. We had our Friday Night Dinner \$10.00 per person, consisting of Stuffed Pork Tenderloin, Vegetables, Roasted Potatoes and a Heavenly dessert. After dinner we had an Auction where food, wine and assorted items were auctioned off. It was a lot of fun and raised \$406.00. The total for the entire evening was over \$600.00. We still have the BBQ profits to add in.

March is Lupus Month and our Friday Night Dinner is on March 22nd and will be Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Vegetables and Dessert. Let Barbie know if you can make it; her e-mail is barbielax666@gmail.com

If you are in Victoria on the last Sunday of the Month, pop in and listen to the great music and have something to eat; Burgers and Salad \$7.00, Hotdog and Salad \$5.00 or a Combo Burger and Salad \$8.00. Doors open at 1:00 p.m., Music, Jam Session and Meat Draw begins at 3:00 p.m. and BBQ at 5:00 p.m.



We have just completed a month collecting used clothing, bedding and toiletries for Streetlink, an organization that helps the Homeless and the working poor. We delivered on March 16th, 200 bags and 17 large boxes which filled 2 trucks and a trailer. It was a pleasure to be on hand to donate everything and get a look at the brand new building. Streetlink Organization and the Eagles did a great job of joining hands to help people.

Looking forward to seeing some of you soon
Fraternally Leigh Lawrence, Victoria #12

From Echo Chairman, Joan Klit:

Hello Sisters: Thank you for sending in your submissions for this issue of 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 Date** for the last **Echo Bulletin** 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

AGENDA FOR 2013 CONVENTION – KAMLOOPS

Aerie Home – 755 Tranquille Rd, Kamloops, BC

Joint Events – St. John Vianney Parish Hall,
2826 Bank Rd, Kamloops, BC

Aerie Sessions – North Shore Community Centre,
730 Cottonwood Ave, Kamloops, BC

Auxiliary Sessions – St. John Vianney Parish Hall,
2826 Bank Rd, Kamloops, BC

Please make all cheques for the Banquet payable to: BC Provincial Aerie Convention 2013

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

“Meet and Greet”: Aerie Home - 11:30 a.m. to midnight

Registration: 12 noon to 8:00 p.m.

Aerie - Aerie Home - Lounge

Auxiliary - Holiday Inn - Host Hotel - Lobby - 675 Tranquille Rd

Golf : McArthur Island Golf Course - 3:00 p.m. - McArthur Island

Dinner at Aerie: BBQ - Hamburgers/Hot Dogs - \$5.00 - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Provincial Executive Meeting: North Shore Community Centre – 7:00 p.m.

Entertainment at Aerie: Jan and Steve Karaoke - 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 6, 2013

Aerie Home - 11:30 a.m. to midnight

Ritual Competitions: 7:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - North Shore Community Centre

Registration: 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. - Aerie - Aerie Home - Lounge

Auxiliary - St. John Vianney Parish Hall

Joint Opening Ceremony: 11:00 a.m. - St. John Vianney Parish Hall

Lunch: 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. - \$7.00 - St John Vianney Parish Hall

Sessions - with Registration: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00p.m.

Aerie - North Shore Community Centre - Dogwood Room

Auxiliary - St. John Vianney Parish Hall

Dinner at Aerie: Pizza - \$3.50 per slice - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Past Provincial President’s Dinner - 5:30 p.m.

Aerie - TBA

Auxiliary - TBA

Entertainment at Aerie: Geoff Morris - 7:00 p.m. to midnight

Friday, June 7, 2013

Aerie Home - 11:30 a.m. to midnight

Joint Memorial Service: 8:00 a.m. - St John Vianney Parish Hall

Sessions - with Registration:

Aerie - 9:30 a.m. - North Shore Community Centre - Dogwood Room

Auxiliary - 9:00 a.m. - St. John Vianney Parish Hall

Lunch: 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. - \$7.00

Aerie - North Shore Community Centre - Dogwood Room

Auxiliary - St. John Vianney Parish Hall

Sessions - with Registration: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Aerie - North Shore Community Centre - Dogwood Room

Auxiliary - St. John Vianney Parish Hall

Banquet: St. John Vianney Parish Hall - \$35.00

Cocktails - 6:30 p.m.

Dinner - 7:00 p.m.

Entertainment - 7:30 p.m. - Kamloops Pipe Band

Cheques and Trophy Presentations - 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 8, 2013

Aerie Home - 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Sessions - with Registration: 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Aerie - North Shore Community Centre - Dogwood Room

Auxiliary - St. John Vianney Parish Hall

Lunch: 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. - \$7.00 - St. John Vianney Parish Hall

Pictures: 2013-2014 Executive: 1:00 p.m. - St. John Vianney Parish Hall

Joint Installation Ceremony: 2:00 p.m. - St. John Vianney Parish Hall

Hospitality Room: 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - St. John Vianney Parish Hall

Dinner at Aerie: Chinese Smorgasbord - \$15.00 - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Entertainment at Aerie: Strange Brew - 7:00 p.m. to midnight

Sunday, June 9, 2013

Aerie Home - 11:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Breakfast at Aerie: 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. - \$5.00

Sorry – No Shuttle services available