



BC Provincial Echo

November, 2013



*May the good times and treasures of the present
Become the golden memories of tomorrow.*

*Wish you lots of love, joy and happiness.
Merry Christmas
And a
Happy New Year*

The Echo August, 2013

From BC Provincial Madam President Yvonne Harry:

To all my BC Sisters: Well looks like winter is here. I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. I want to "Thank" everyone that bought my pins for Special Olympics, this money goes to the Penticton Club to help with their cost of the venues that they rent to help the special needs people to keep them active.

Eric and I would like to thank all of the Aeries and Auxiliaries that we visited. The accommodations were great Excellent meals especially the jambalaya that was made for me. BC has the best cooks around. The corsages, Fruit baskets, sightseeing tours and to our groupies Miss you all and last but not least the donations that we have received so far a good time was had by all.

The Grand Convention in Reno was the highlight of my year so far as well as Ketchikan Alaska. I will never forget the feeling that I had caring the BC flag even though it was misunderstood. Eric and I also attended the Washington and Oregon State Convention great time, and also meeting with the Grand Rep. Grand Trustee Tom McGrath and Grand Madam President Katie Ziebol such a great lady.

Just a short note on Membership, this is the back bone of our clubs if we don't bring in new members we will die we also have to keep the older members they have the knowledge that we need.

I would like to send out my prayers to those that have been ill or in hospital or lost a love one my prayers are will you all. Hoping you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hope to see you all on the Eagle trail.

I would like to pass along this little note:

Hummingbirds float free of time, caring our hopes for love, joy and celebration of life. The hummingbirds delicate grace reminds us that life is rich, beauty is ever where, every personal connection has a meaning and that laughter is life's sweetest creation.

Fraternally Yours, Yvonne Harry, BC Provincial Madam President

From BC Provincial Jr. Past Madam President Thelma Redmond:

To all my BC Sisters: Sorry that I missed the last Echo Bulletin: so I will start by saying I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Sister Charlene and the Sisters of Kamloops for all their hard work in pulling off a successful Convention. Well done Sisters! I know that you had your backs against the wall at many occasions but you came thru with flying colours.

Next I would like to thank all of the Officers who helped me this year and those who served on my many Committees and those who filled in at the last minute your help was incredible. I hope that you will continue to give Provincial Madam President Yvonne the same loyalty that I have been the beneficiary of. To Provincial Madam President Yvonne I wish you the best of luck on your term and know that you will do very, very well, the sisters of this Province are incredible and have your back all the way. To GMVP Lori we stand behind you 1000% and wish you well.

To my Nanaimo and Island sisters we have had a wonderful ride and I know that I couldn't have done it without each and every last one of you and to each of you I say a humble THANK YOU. To Sister Joan thanks for a fabulous job on the Echo and keep up the great work. I look forward to seeing each of you soon. If I have missed thanking anyone I am truly sorry but I do thank you from the bottom of my heart. To the new Executive good luck and safe travels always.

Fraternally Yours, Thelma Redmond, BC Provincial Jr. Past Madam President

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

Hello My Sisters: I have had some down time this past month as I have been battling the flu that has been going around. It takes away your energy but you have to keep going. I have moved and am now living with my daughter and son in law with their family.

I have been working on my Committees and things are slowly getting done. I have been working with Gerry Liu and we have decided to have as many Joint Visitations as possible. This will cut down on the expenses and we want to work together as much as possible.

If anyone one has a special Charity that they would like to work on please do not hesitate to contact me at caedgington@gmail.com. This is the easiest way to get a hold of me. I still have my old email address of cdedgington@telus.net but I do not have my landline any longer. You can reach me on my Cell if you need to phone, 604-308-1415.

I hope everyone stopped for two minutes of silence on November 11th. I had to work but it was announced and everyone took time to stop and remember the Veterans that gave their lives for us.

It is now into the Christmas season and to remember the needy and less fortunate at this time of year. Our motto "People Helping People" is what our organization is all about.

I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and the best and Happiest New Year.
Take care and stay safe

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

From BC Provincial Madam Secretary Joanne Krisko:

Hello Sisters, There are still quite a few Auxiliaries that have not sent their donation to the Grand Madam President's Visitation Fund. If you have not sent it please do so as soon as possible.

Please Note: Attached to this issue of the Echo is the Application Form for the Anne Ferstay "Woman of the Year" Award. Please Note the Deadline Date: **All applications must be post marked no later than February 28, 2014, no exceptions.**

Secretaries, please make sure that you are tracking your Local Donations throughout the year and report them to myself before Convention. Your report must have detailed information as well as the Madam President's and the Secretaries signature as well as your Auxiliary Seal. Last year we had very few reported. These totals are taken to Grand and reported at the International Convention.

As I have a very busy month in January with Skating Competitions I will be mailing out Convention packages to all Auxiliary Secretaries in December. I will email a reminder in January.

On behalf of my family, Cory, Trevor, Colin, Daniel and Benny boy, I would like to take a moment to wish each and every one of you a happy, safe, and joyous Holiday Season. May the magic of Christmas be in your hearts and may all of your Christmas dreams come true.

Yours in Sisterhood, Joanne Krisko, BC Provincial Madam Secretary



Peace  *On Earth*





“Chaplain’s Corner”

To All My Auxiliary Sisters: Our Condolences go out to PGO Barbara Johnston, family and friends on the passing of her loving husband Keith: to PPWP Joseph Millette, family and friends on the passing of his loving wife Past Provincial Mother Rita, and to the Knight family and friends on the passing of Honorary Past Provincial President Clarence Knight. Our Condolences also go out to the family and friends on the passing of Florence Frew, Jack Ordway, Genevieve Baxter, Theresa O’Bray, Owen Sherratt and Barb Desjardin. They all will be sadly missed.

We send special thoughts, hopes and prayers to Provincial Madam Inside Guard Klara Schubert who had surgery and to PPWP John Myckatyn, PPWP Irv Dick and to Bob Roach who have been in the hospital. We wish you all a speedy recovery.

Now for a bit of news from around the States: Our Condolences go out to the family and friends on the passing of PGMP Clara Johnson-Harding: PSWP Bill Stotko, family and friends on the passing of his mother Patricia, to PSWP Bob Davis, family and friends on the passing of his wife Jackie and to Lauralee Hewitt, family and friends on the passing of her husband PSO Jon Hewitt. Our Condolences also go out to the family and friends on the passing of PMP Leona Jemmett, Diane Reyes mother and Dennis Mann. They all will be sadly missed.

Get Well Wishes go out to Duane Lagervall who had a motorcycle accident, PMP Helen Schlecht who had hip surgery, SM Chaplain Linda Knowles, PSMP Elsie Glotfelty, PSMP Lena Hill who broke her ankle, PSMP Susie Krogh who had knee replacement surgery, Rosalie Nopen who has to have by-pass surgery and to Ginny Baker. We wish you all a speedy recovery.

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

From BC Provincial Madam Chaplain Shirley Hunt:

Hello everyone, hope you are all looking forward to Christmas. Let's hope you have been good.

Ladysmith is looking forward to a busy time with Caterings, and our own parties. Light up will be on November 28th with a spaghetti dinner at the Eagles.

You all have a very Merry Christmas and health, wealth and happiness in 2014.
Fraternally, Shirley Hunt, BC Provincial Madam Chaplain, Ladysmith #2101

*We hope this Christmas enriches your life:
May each day be happy and bright,
Overflowing with pleasure and love:
May your Christmas be filled with delight.*

From BC Provincial Madam Treasurer Judy Enns:

My dearest Sisters: We in Abbotsford had an enjoyable and wonderful visit with Yvonne and Eric. Hope they were able to leave us with great memories and not that awful cold most of us had.

In the spirit of the season let's remember those who are shut in and would enjoy a visit, those who may need a special hug or words of encouragement and those who may be alone. If we can all open our hearts and show understanding, love and kindness to everyone around us we will be truly celebrating the meaning of Christmas.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year. Have a safe and wonderful holiday.

Yours in Sisterhood, Judy Enns, BC Provincial Madam Treasurer

From BC Provincial Madam Conductor Donna Roach:

Hi Sisters: Wishing all a very blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year. May time you spend with family and friends be joyful and cherished.

As we head into 2014, let us continue to work towards growing our Auxiliaries, having fun with our fellow Sisters and enjoying each other's company.

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

From BC Provincial Madam Inside Guard Karla Schubert:

Hello Sisters: I hope everyone had a nice Summer. I would like to thank my Auxiliary for their continued Support as all the Provincial Officer: I Love you all and without you I would not be there. Thank you.

Our Ritual Team went to Grand Convention and did very well. We made 14th Place, and Earned \$600.00 U.S. Funds: very Nice Team. We had a very busy summer at the Club, with Catering and Dinners: Camping, etc.

I am looking forward for the winter, down South. My computer is always with me so I can keep in touch with everyone.

Wishing all my Sisters a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
And we see you all at the Spring Executive Meeting in Hope.

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

From BC Provincial Madam Outside Guard Bev Bailey:

Hi Sisters: To start I would like to wish all of the Sister's and Brother's a very Happy and Healthy Holiday Season, my wish for all is Peace and Happiness.

I have read the Provincial Chaplains report and am very saddened at the number of Brothers' and Sister's we have lost here in B.C. and across the border, I hope all the family's know they have prayers coming their way.

Thank you Sister's for all your support you have given me over the years it is very much appreciated and I love you all.

To All the Sister's and Brother's who have been ill or in hospital I wish you a speedy recovery.
Until next time everyone take care and be healthy.

Fraternally, 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 December is nearly here. I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

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

Thank you for your continued love and support.

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

From Provincial Madam Trustee Marilyn Lewis:

Hi Sisters: It was great to see everyone in Penticton. Provincial Madam President Yvonne you ran a great meeting.

To all the Brothers and Sisters who have been ill I wish you a speedy recovery.

As the Christmas Season is just around the corner I would like to wish everyone and their family a safe and healthy holiday season.

Look forward to seeing everyone in Hope in March.

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

From Provincial Madam Trustee, Louise Hodge:

Hi Sisters: To all our Eagle Brothers and Sisters who have lost loved ones: you are in my thoughts and prayers.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Prosperous New Year.

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

From Provincial Madam Trustee, Barb Calve:

Hi Sisters: Well this year is going by fast, with hoping everyone had a great summer to wishing everyone a Merry Christmas already. Wow! Well it was nice to see all at my first "Official" Executive meeting and thank-you to Penticton Brothers and Sisters for hosting that event as you always put on a great time.

This last month we remembered our Veterans and Military Members past and present, I hope everyone were able to get out and take time for this.

Christmas as I mentioned is right around the corner and I am sure every Club is starting to make their Event plans and Fundraising /Hampers etc. Good Luck as this is such a full filling time.

Take care and I wish all a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! I hope to see you all next Year.

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

It is Christmas in the Heart: That puts Christmas in the Air.

From Provincial Madam Trustee, Sandra Winters:

Hi Sisters: Greetings to you all from Maple Ridge Auxiliary 2831. I hope you all had a Happy Thanksgiving and are now anticipating the upcoming Christmas Season. For myself with 21 grandchildren I always have a little trepidation but love it none the same.

As the third year Provincial Trustee, it is my job to send out all the Anniversary wishes to all the Auxiliaries. I found it interesting to see just how long some have been in existence. Hopefully you will find it interesting as well.

These are the cards that have gone out so far this term:

June 8, 1947	Nelson #22	67yrs
June 22, 1942	Port Alberni #2096	72yrs
August 25, 1949	Ladysmith #2101	64yrs
September 7, 1949	Duncan # 2546	64yrs
September 21, 1975	Hope #2690	38yrs
October 5, 1991	Parksville #3922	22yrs
October 19, 1958	Trail #2838	64yrs
November 20, 1972	Kamloops #3453	41yrs
December 10, 1951	Campbell River #3097	62yrs
December 11, 1949	Maple Ridge #2831	64yrs

I will complete the list for you in the next Echo Bulletin, until then be healthy, happy, and stay safe.

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

From PGO & PPMP Barbara Johnston:

Dear Sister's. Another year is nearly over. So many Eagle Families have lost a loved one in 2013. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Each year has its challenges but the Eagles march on with events for their Charities and contributions to their Communities.

We marched together on Remembrance Day to Thank our Veterans for keeping our World Free, "Lest We Forget". Laying Wreaths at the Campbell River Cenotaph were Aerie President Larce Kermode, L.A. Vice President Darleen Kranjc, Isobel Warner Representing the Mothers, Nick Bortnick representing the Korean War Veterans.

I am wishing you all a "Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I sign off with the last Verse of a poem signed, "Mrs. O'Grady"

For to have a Merry Christmas doesn't need to cost a lot, Happiness and laughter are two things that can't be bought: And simple joys and simple toys are not outmoded yet, If you get the Christmas Spirit of, "To give and not to get". Amen

God Bless You and you're Families.

Sister Barbara Johnston, PPMP & PGO.

*The Magic of the season never ends: And it's gifts are Family and Friends
Wishing you a Magical Christmas*

To All Our Sisters and Brothers
The Challenge Is On

In this issue of the Echo and the next issue we will post baby pictures of our Provincial Auxiliary and Aerie Officers.

Do you think you could tell which picture belongs to which Provincial Officer?

Now here is the **Challenge:** We are asking all our Brothers and Sisters to try and pick out our Provincial Officers as they may have looked like when they were a baby or toddler.

We would like you to guess and then e-mail your answers to jjklit@shaw.ca or mail them to Joan Klit, 275-2nd Avenue, Trail, BC V1R4V3.

At Convention in Hope this coming June we will present prizes to those members from both the Auxiliary and Aerie who guess the most correct Provincial Officers.

Thanking you in advance for participating.

Fraternally Yours,
PPMP, Joan Klit and Provincial Madam Outside Guard Bev Bailey

From BC Provincial Membership Chairman Flo Monaghan:

Hello Sisters: AUXILIARY SECRETARIES PLEASE SEND ME THE NAMES OF THE PROPOSERS OF NEW MEMBERS: HOW MANY NEW MEMBERS: THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS: THE NUMBER THAT ARE PATRON MEMBERS, THE NUMBER OF DELINQUENTS MEMBERS, ALSO HOW MANY NEW MEMBERS YOUR AUXILIARY INITIATED ON THE PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT'S VISIT.

To date only 10 Auxiliaries are sending reports – with a total of 19 new members for the term (to the end of October).

Send this information to myself at my E-mail Address – flofloyd@telus.net or mail information to me at – 4153 McLean Creek Rd., Okanagan Falls, B.C. V0H 1R1 . Thank You.

All the Best to each of my Sisters: and have a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year, Wishing everyone good health.

Flo Monaghan, BC Provincial Membership Chairman



From BC Provincial Heart Chairman Louise Yuris:

Hello Sisters: I hope that everyone had a good summer. Now that we are back into the full swing of fall lets be thinking about what we can do for our Charities. May each Auxiliary plan at least one event for the Heart Fund. Let us try to set our goals higher than we did last year. I appreciate all the hard work that you all put into raising Funds in your Auxiliaries. Keep up the good work.

I do not have a list of the members who have put their names forth for the Heart Fund. If you are on this committee could you please e-mail me your name, address and phone numbers to t4yuris@telus.net or by post to Louise Yuris, 670 Dickens St. Trail B.C. V1R 2B6

Thank you and good luck with all of your Fund Raising
Fraternally, Louise Yuris, BC Provincial Heart Chairman

From BC Past Provincial Mother Leigh Lawrence:

Hi from Victoria: All is progressing smoothly. We are working on Zone preparations and information packages will be out soon, so keep a look out. Please pass information on to our Brothers please.

We seem to be always busy, as you all are too, so remember if you are in town on a Monday evening, please drop in for a meal and camaraderie with Monday night Football. Ladies meetings are the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the Month if you would like to visit too.

We have had the pleasure of Sister Shirley Welcher for a couple of them and hope that the next time we see her is under happier times. We still have a jam session coming up on 17th and Grey Cup on the 24th. So hope to see some visiting sisters, maybe.

We hope that everyone has a safe happy Christmas and holiday season. Merry Christmas from Rainy Victoria

Fraternally yours
Leigh Lawrence

From BC Provincial Alzheimer's Chairman Vera Gjestrum:

Hello Sisters: Greetings Sisters from your Provincial Alzheimer Chairman Vera Gjestrum. Hopefully your Auxiliary Alzheimer Chairman has made plans and is activating them in your Auxiliary for fundraising for the BC Provincial Alzheimer Fund for June 2014.

If I can be of any help or if you have any questions: please contact me at veragj@shaw.ca or phone at 604-520-1187. Thanks

Fraternally, Vera Gjestrum, BC Provincial Alzheimer's Chairman

From PPMP Carol Torrance:

Hi Sisters: It's hard to believe that 2013 is almost over. Where has the time gone? I would like to take this opportunity to wish all those who have been ill-a very speedy recovery. To those who have lost a loved one, I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.

Last, but not least, I want to wish everyone a very "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year". May your holidays be filled with love, family and friends.

Fraternally, Carol Torrance, PPMP

From PPMP Marge Radford:

Hi time to write a bit of Chatter. HI: I'm Marge – remember me. I want to wish all my B.C. Sisters a very Merry Christmas and all good things for 2014.

I miss all of you and am so glad when my Echo comes so I can find about all that is going on. I really want to be in BC but I am not sure how to go about it. I need help. I am still getting around but with a cane for balance, it is a long time but my heart is still with the BC Eagles.

Love you all, Marge xoxoxo

From PPMP Edith May:

Hello Sisters: Happy Autumn Sisters. I'm sure everyone enjoyed the beautiful Summer we had and now Autumn is upon us and the weather just keeps staying beautiful.

As you know during my term of 2011-2012 I had Alzheimer's Caregiver Program as my Charity. I know in previous years monies raised were for a piece of equipment so my term was a different format. I want to "Thank You" for understanding why this program was important to me.

I have been in touch with the contact person at the Alzheimer's Society that I dealt with to find out how the funds raised were distributed. In 2012 The Alzheimer's Society of B.C. delivered 600 Education Sessions to over 13,000 participants, and facilitated 90 Family Caregiver Support Groups in over 50 Communities across the Province. In 2011 there were 499 Education Sessions with 11,381 participants. So you see Sisters how this disease is on the rise and the money you help to raise has gone a long way to help those who are caring for loved ones. It is my deepest wish that none of you would ever have to go through that experience but if you do you have the knowledge that help is available.

As the next Echo is not until the New Year I would like to wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year. Please stay safe until we meet again.

Fraternally, Edith May, PPMP

ADDRESS CHANGE: Please note that due to a revamping of addresses in my area my address is now: #23-124 Cooper Rd., Victoria, B.C., V9A 7B3

NEWS FROM THE AUXILIARIES:

ABBOTSFORD #2726:

Hello Sisters: Abbotsford Auxiliary # 2726's Secretary Renee German has a cracked bone in her leg and then ended up in hospital with blood clots. She is now recovering at home so Carol Edgington has stepped in as Secretary for the rest of the Term and is training a new Secretary, Louise Hodge. Renee will be moving to Cranbrook, sometime in April of 2014.

Abbotsford ladies have been down with the nasty flu that has been going around, even had to cancel a Workshop because of it and other Commitments that could not be broken. We have had Remembrance Day Ceremonies and hope everyone stopped and thought about the Veterans and people that were affected by this event.

Christmas is now upon us and it is time to look after the less fortunate and the needy.

We have a Craft/Garage Sale happening on November 17th, 2013 in the Banquet Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00p.m. Meat draw is every Saturday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with Proceeds going back into the Community.

Continued from ABBOTSFORD #2726: Come join us for an afternoon to try and win some meat: Sunday is the Aerie Bingo and you could win meat there as well but it is the friendship and camaraderie that is, what it's all about.

Ladies Meeting is on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every Month and welcomes other Auxiliary Members to our meetings. They start at 7:30 pm and we usually stop and enjoy a drink after the meeting if you feel up to it.

Merry Christmas to everyone and Best Wishes in the New Year

Fraternally Yours, Carol Edgington, Secretary, Abbotsford #2726

CAMPBELL RIVER #3097:

Hello Sisters: Well we are starting to find ourselves really busy with Caterings for the Christmas Season: it seems people are having their parties earlier each year.

We wanted to let everyone know we still have plenty of cookbooks for sale at the cost of \$20.00: they make Great Christmas Gifts.

November 24th, 2013 we will be holding a Crib Luncheon and a Bake Sale. We would also like to invite you all to our Anniversary Banquet on November 30th, 2013. If you are in the area or would like to attend please contact me at dalmar1@telus.net or by phone 250-286-6854

Fraternally, Marilyn Lewis

MAPLE RIDGE #2831:

Hello Sister, we hope things are going well with everyone. We have been quite busy with various events. We enjoyed having Provincial Madam President Yvonne and Provincial Worthy President Eric visit us. We enjoyed a Cajun dinner prepared by Brother Trevor. It was yummy!

Our Halloween Dance was a lot of fun. We also celebrated Oktoberfest. We hosted a Remembrance Day luncheon for our Veterans, members and friends.

We wish any who are ill a speedy recovery, and to those who are grieving we wish solace.

We wish you all a joyous Christmas and health and success in you endeavors in 2014

Yours in Sisterhood, Doris Krisko, Maple Ridge #2831

NELSON #22:

Hello Sisters: Nelson Auxiliary has just had their Annual Borscht/Lunch and Bake Sale on November 9th. This is over thirty (30) years since we started this tradition. It was a great success.

This event has been one of our biggest Fund Raisers besides Catering. This year we will donate all proceeds after expenses to the Nelson and District Women's Centre, a very active group always there to assist anyone they can.

We are enjoying our new younger Members who have become very active in the Auxiliary: helping to raise money for all Charities.

Continued from NELSON #22: We enjoyed a wonderful Social Evening with our Provincial Presidents last month: it was nice to support Provincial Madam President Yvonne with a cheque for her Special Olympics Charity. We wish them both a safe journey through their year as Provincial Presidents.

We are getting close to another month where we start thinking about Christmas and giving to others. Please remember all those who are in need when most of us so much.

We send our Love and prayers to all our families and friends who are suffering with any illness or any loss.

Please try to remember how important this is to be part of a great organization as the Eagles, you will always find someone to share and who cares to listen or just be there in time of need. You just have to reach out.

We want to wish a blessed Christmas Season to you and yours for good health and happiness.

Fraternally, Nelson #22 Auxiliary Sisters

NEW WESTMINSTER #20:

We send Greetings from New Westminster #20 to all the Sisters in the Province. Early wishes for a great holiday season to you all.

We had a great visit at the end of October with Provincial Worthy President Eric and Provincial Madam President Yvonne Harry. We had a very laid back comfortable Social evening with them.

The Aerie and Auxiliary have participated in the city's Remembrance Day Services as we do every year. We are taking baby steps in establishing functions with the Aerie in our current rental facilities, working together in monthly Saturday night dinners and the like. We are currently planning a Christmas Social evening for the Aerie, Auxiliary and REAC members in December.

We are trying to expand our horizons in the New Year with activities and fund raising. Rebuilding does take a lot of hard work and effort, especially in activating the membership to participate and help.

All the Best Wishes, Vera Gjestrum, Secretary, New Westminster #20

PENTICTON #4281:

Hello Sisters:



Madam Provincial President Yvonne receiving her gift from the Ladies Aux 4281

Continued from PENTICTON #4281: Greetings from Penticton #4281 the home of our current Madam Provincial President Yvonne Harry. We are well on our way to having a stellar fund raising year. Our Madam President Tina Gibson was determined to have the Aerie and Auxiliary #4281 in this year's Peach Festival parade. Not only did she pull it off, our float won 1st in the Non-Commercial Division. Way to go Tina!

Doreen Tosoff our Provincial Chair for Diabetes and the DRC, arranged a Peachy Tea that was so well received a Spring Tea is in the works. Doreen also held a Harvest Tea in her home and raised over \$100.00 for the DRC. The Ladies Auxiliary is collecting "Dimes for Diabetes" at our meetings. We have been known to pinch dimes from spouses pocket change to help fill the jar.

Every year the Ladies make apple pies to raise funds to help send kids with diabetes to camp. This year is no exception, the pie sales have already raised over \$2000.00. A very big "Thank You" goes to Sister Darlene Gibson and Sister Debbie Kirk for keeping the Dough girls in order and for overseeing the process. Plenty of giggles could be heard coming from the kitchen. We even had a wounded Aerie Brother come in to help with the apple peeling. Thanks Vern. It truly is a wonderful bonding experience for those who were able to participate in the pie making.

Sister Ruth Carey has for a number of years chaired Children's Hospital Cancer Clinic as her charity and has printed Inspirational books that she sells for \$12.00, \$10.00 of which goes to her charity. Sister Ruth is planning a big fund raising evening in April with surprise entertainment and a roast beef dinner. Can't wait for that one! Sister Brenda Craig is selling pewter Christmas decorations for \$10.00 in support of her charity Muscular Dystrophy. So as you can see we are a very busy Auxiliary.

Besides fund raising, we also have a lot of just plain old fun. We have the Past Presidents Christmas dinner scheduled for Dec. 2nd a pot luck affair with plenty of attitude, and decorating party on Dec 4th, after the Officers meeting, with the Aerie's assistance. Continuing on with the festivities the Adult Christmas party will be held Dec. 14th and the children's party on the 15th. We have been warned that the deadline will be Nov 29th to sign up the little ones and no exceptions will be made.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and Merry Christmas as well as a wonderful New Year.
Brenda Craig, Secretary, Penticton #4281

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.

On November 23rd the Auxiliary will once again participate with the Annual Wantea Plaza Bake and Craft Sale. We find that this gives us the opportunity to get the word out to those from the area about the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

The Aerie and Auxiliary will be having their joint Christmas Party on December 7th with many fun things planned.

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

To our Brothers and Sisters we wish you all a healthy and safe Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.
Fraternally, Joan Klit, Secretary, Trail #2838



VANCOUVER # 2075:

Hello Sisters: Vancouver #2075 will be holding the Kids Christmas Party on December 7th, starting at 10:00 a.m. to?

December 14th, is our Joint Christmas Party, deadline is December 9th: if you are attending.

January 25th is Robbie Burns night, tickets \$15.00 each. February 8th is the Aerie and Auxiliary Joint Visitation.

Vancouver Aerie and Auxiliary would like to wish all a very Merry Christmas and all the best for 2014.

Fraternally Yours, Bev Bailey, Secretary, Vancouver #2075

VICTORIA #12:

Hello from the Island: We hope everyone is fine and in good health. We send out our blessings to anyone who has been sick, been in the hospital or lost a family member.

We have a Bake Sale coming up on Saturday November 23rd from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Jam Session and BBQ on Sunday December 1st. We are holding our Christmas Dinner on Saturday December 14th.

Cheers, Pat Robinson, Secretary, Victoria #12

From Echo Chairman, Joan Klit:

Hello Sisters: There will be two more issues 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.

We have added the **Question and Answer Section** again this term. Remember that if you have any questions you can send them by Mail or E-mail to the addresses below and we will print them in the next issue of the Echo. We will never print an answer to a question that has been sent unless we are sure it is 100% correct. All printed answers are confirmed correct before we print them.

SPECIAL NOTE FOR ALL:

The following is the scheduled deadline dates for the Echo Bulletin: February 15th, and the last one for the term is May 15th. 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

If any Sister or Brother would like to have the Echo e-mailed directly to them please send a message requesting the Echo be sent to you along with your name and e-mail address.



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

Name of Sister nominated: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Auxiliary Name and Number: _____

Joined Auxiliary: _____

Local Auxiliary Offices (if any):

Auxiliary Highlights:

Community Highlights:

Miscellaneous facts about nominee:

Signed:

Madam President

Madam Secretary

Auxiliary Seal

Please return this form with your Madam President and Madam Secretary's signature as well as your Auxiliary seal no later than **February 28, 2013** to:

Joanne Krisko
British Columbia Provincial Secretary
#82-19250-119th Ave.
Pitt Meadows, B.C.
V3Y 2B2

*****If additional space is needed please attach extra pages*****

Please note: that the Anne Ferstay Woman of the Year is awarded provincially. The name of the recipient along with a copy of this form will be forwarded to Grand for consideration of the Alta Browning Smith Woman of the Year Award.

Provincial Auxiliary Officers Pictures:



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