Handmade Chest Brings in $10k for DRC in Reno

A tall, silver bell cart turned the corner into the Nevada Room of the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno, Nev. Resting atop the cart’s platform was Ted Newman’s newest creation. Eyes began to lock onto the piece from across the room, drawing Eagles toward its stained panels and shining fixtures to get a look at what would become the most talked about item of International Convention.

During the previous year’s Convention in Grand Rapids, Newman, a member of Lake Havasu City, Ariz., #4299, was talked out of his hand-carved cane by Martha Lagervall, wife of Past Grand Worthy President Mike Lagervall, in the name of raising money for The Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center. The cane raised more than $600.

“I needed to one up myself,” Newman said. “Quite a bit was raised without even really trying so I knew if I sat down and thought about what to do, I might be able to donate something that could raise more this year.”

The finished product was a beautiful wooden chest, made by hand using recycled cedar fencing. Newman, a former cabinet maker, spent roughly four weeks of his spare time (an estimated 40 hours) constructing the chest and preparing it for donation to the DRC Live Auction held during the Welcome to Reno Show.

Members bunched up near the stage on Sunday night, eager to take a closer look at Newman’s craftsmanship. Included with the chest were a set of afghan’s made by Eagles and a cookbook with recipes submitted by members of Lake Havasu City. One after another, various items were auctioned off until, finally, it was time to see whether or not Newman’s personal challenge would be a successful one.

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Lake Havasu City, Ariz., #4299’s Ted Newman poses at Convention with the handmade chest that generated $10,000 for the DRC.
Individual Auxiliary Producers
1st - Connie J. Brown
Auburn, WA #2298
2nd - Mary M. Hornsby
Norwalk, OH #711
3rd - Billie Sveska
Spokane, WA #2
4th - Carole J. Eppley
Gettysburg, PA #1562
5th - Norma Bisson
Fostoria, OH #430
5th - Phyllis Ryder
Cape Coral, FL #3957
5th - Phyllis Dolce
Alamogordo, NM #4101

Individual Aerie Producers
1st - Robert G. Schmidt
Mesa (Tri-City), AZ #3468
2nd - Cherilyn J. Rhoads
Coeur D'Alene, ID #486
3rd - Robert J. Dennison
New Carlisle, OH #3491
4th - Debbie Retterath
Austin, MN #703
4th - Larry G. Biss
North Platte, NE #2839

Aerie (Individual):
1st - Charles E. Weisenberger
#711 Norwalk, OH
2. Jan L. Nelson
#649 Roslyn, WA
3. Scott J. Miller
#1859 Bellwood, PA
4. Edward D. Dodson
#3686 Paducah, KY
5. Jason E. Grossman
#3080 Harvey, ND

Auxiliary (Individual):
1. Mary M. Hornsby
#711 Norwalk, OH
2. Helen R. Conklin
#398 Yuma, AZ
3. Sharon A. Ennis
#3075 Champaign, IL
4. Helen Galvan
#244 San Diego, CA
5. Carol J. Duple
#2722 Kearney, NE
6. Marcia M. Jackson
#3075 Rantoul, IL

Top Producers/ New Leaders
As of June 30

Aerie:
1. #1859 Bellwood, PA 57
2. #649 Cle Elum, WA 54
3. #711 Norwalk, OH 48
4. #4121 Gladwin, MI 38
5. #2643 Seattle, WA 37

Auxiliary:
1. #711 Norwalk, OH 37
2. #4540 Weidman, MI 19
3. #4089 Port Orange, FL 18
4. #2436 Chagrin Falls, OH 17
5. #3075 Champaign, IL 17

Talent Show
Variety Male Youth - Zack Morland
Vocal Male Youth - Jake Brucken
Vocal Female Youth - Cassie Morland
Variety Female Youth - Bryn Bowser
Variety Adult - Connie Steketee
Comedy Group - Ohio Gals & Guys
Vocal Female Adult - Becky Wilhelm
Vocal Male Adult - Jeremy Werdall
Vocal Group - Opal Morland/Alice
Instrumental Adult - Chris Ackers
Comedy - Rodger Coddington
Variety Group - Sally Garrison/Tammy Gilbert

Children's Day Contest
Winner - Hanover, PA #1406
People Helping People - Convention Edition

Diabetes Research Center Live Auction
- Virginia Ham Basket donated by the Virginia State Eagles. Purchased by the Massachusetts State Aerie for $600.
- Metal Eagle donated by Dakota State Secretary Cliff Deverell. Purchased by Clovis, New Mexico #3245 for $550.
- Gift Card Basket donated by the Mountain Region. Purchased by the Massachusetts State Aerie for $1,100.
- Georgia Party Wagon donated by the Georgia State Eagles. Purchased by Tim Hoyt for $675.
- Wine Rack & Indiana Wines donated by the Indiana State Eagles. Purchased by Clovis, New Mexico #3245 for $675.
- Tequila Rifle donated by Sunnyslope, Arizona #2957. Purchased by Clovis, New Mexico #3245 for $550.
- California Basket donated by the California State Eagles. Purchased by Chuck Blumhart for $375.
- Kentucky Basket donated by the Kentucky State Eagles. Purchased by the Kansas State Aerie for $1,300.
- Handmade Cedar Chest donated by Ted Newman of Lake Havasu City #4299. Purchased by the Kansas State Aerie for $10,000.

DRC Silent Auction
An additional 42 items were donated to the auction by members and generated $3,809.50 in contributions to the DRC! In addition, a special gift set donated by Grand Justice Ken Daily and his wife Cheri generated a total of $548 in raffle ticket sales. For a complete breakdown of items, visit the Members-Only website.

50/50 Raffles
Throughout the week, Aerie and Auxiliary members volunteered their time to sell 50/50 raffle tickets outside of each session, each banquet and inside the main exhibit area. In six days, $13,743 was collected for the DRC.

Mighty Michigan
2012-2013 Michigan State President Bill Vettori presented a check for $110,500 for the DRC during his year as President.

International Convention Grants
- $90,000 to The Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center.
- $30,000 to the Menninger Foundation.
- $30,000 to the Orlando Regional Healthcare Foundation.
- $30,000 to the Schneck Medical Center Foundation.
- $30,000 to the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute.
- $30,000 to Blank Children's Hospital.

Parade of Checks
Throughout the week, several State/Provincial Aeries & Auxiliaries, Local Aeries & Auxiliaries, individual members, and internal units presented checks totaling $62,283.82 in new donations, redirected funds, pledge commitments and more.

Mile Of Quarters
During each Aerie and Auxiliary session, jars were placed on every table encouraging attendees to donate cash and coins to benefit the DRC. By the end of the week, $3,731.50 had been raised to support the cause!

Getting An Early Start
Our friends in the Junior Order of Eagles got an early taste of the joy that helping others brings. A check for $1,550.20 was presented to the DRC on behalf of the J.O.E.’s by International J.O.E. President Lexi Wilson.

Always Tip Your Server
Thanks to the kindness of others, a total of $763.07 was collected in hospitality room tips and donated to the DRC!

DRC Total - $243,527.53

2012-2013 Charity Foundation Totals

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Charity Foundation Contributions

- $30,000 to Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters.
- $30,000 to Jackson Laboratory.
- $30,000 to Harry S. Truman F.O.E. Cardiology Laboratory in Kansas City, MO.
- $30,000 to National Jewish Health.
- $30,000 to Missouri Heart Institute.
- $30,000 to Home on the Range.
- $30,000 to the University of Michigan.

On Sept. 8, The Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center and F.O.E. Driver Miguel Paludo will be featured on FOX Sports 1 (formerly SPEED) during pre-race coverage of the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race from Iowa. Paludo, a Type 1 diabetic, toured the facility in July with F.O.E. leadership. Make sure to tune in and see our hard work featured on international television!
Donations being accepted through September 30.

The Grand Aerie will be accepting new items, as well as monetary donations. Monetary donations are preferred as they allow us to purchase items specific to the needs of each individual recipient.

Last year was a big year for the Operation Eagle Program. Let’s make this year even bigger!

All donations can be sent to:
Marketing and Communications Department
Operation Eagle Program
1623 Gateway Circle South
Grove City, OH 43123

Please make checks out to:
Fraternal Order of Eagles Charity Foundation
MEMO: Operation Eagle
What are the qualifications for applying for Lifetime Membership?
Section 76.1 of the Constitution and Statutes states, “Where the By-Laws of the Aerie so provide, any member of the Aerie may, by a majority vote of the Aerie, be granted a Life Membership therein upon the payment of such sum as the Aerie By-Laws may provide which sum shall in no case be less than two hundred fifty dollars ($250.00).”

What are the qualifications for becoming a Golden Age Eagle?
Section 71.11 of the Constitution and Statutes states in part, “Where the By-Laws of the Aerie so provide, a beneficial or non-beneficial member who has been a member of the Order for thirty (30) years or more, and has reached the age of sixty-five (65) years or over, and has retired from business or employment, or is drawing a public or private pension or retirement pay, may apply to the Aerie for exemption from further payment of dues. If the Aerie approves his application, it may authorize the Secretary to issue to him a receipt designating him as a “Golden Age Eagle.” Such member upon receiving such receipt is not required to pay further dues to such Aerie, which shall pay his dues into the Aerie from the General Fund; but the Local Aerie may provide, in its By-Laws that such member shall pay applicable per capita tax.”

How does one go about transferring their membership to another Aerie/Auxiliary?
Simply contact the Aerie or Auxiliary in which you belong or would like to transfer to and let them know of your interest. All transfers are now handled through the Membership Management System by the Aerie or Auxiliary Secretaries.

If there are issues within the Aerie/Auxiliary, what are the proper steps to follow to get the issues resolved?
Are Aerie/Auxiliary Officers aware of the issues? Discuss the matter with the Aerie/Auxiliary Officers. Give them a chance to rectify the situation. If the Officers are not willing to look into/correct the issues, contact your State Aerie/Auxiliary for assistance. Contacting the Grand Aerie for assistance should be your last alternative.

I have paid my dues, but have yet to receive a membership card. Who should I contact?
Membership Cards are issued by the Local Aerie so your first step would be to contact the Local Aerie/Auxiliary Secretary to request a card.

For more membership information, contact the Grand Aerie Membership Department at membership@foe.com or by phone at 614-883-2177.