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Shirley Rose was at ease atop her University of Michigan hospital bed awaiting the kidney which would bring an end to more than two years of pain and suffering. The next morning, Charlene Merritt lay atop a similar bed awaiting the surgical procedure that would create an unbreakable bond with a sister in need.

Recently relocated to Clare, Mich., Rose, 63, and her husband, Terry, were searching for a way to make their new place of residence feel more like home. The Rose’s found the outlet they were looking for in December of 2011, when they joined Clare Eagles #3977.

The daily aches and pains typical of kidney failure coupled with the effects of harsh dialysis continued to limit Rose's ability to live a comfortable life, but her faith provided the strength to keep pushing on. One night at the Aerie, she opened up to a sister about her condition, explaining her need for a donor.

Merritt had joined the Eagles less than a year before, after a wedding reception in Clare's banquet hall opened her eyes to the F.O.E.’s history of charitable work. She did not know Rose personally, but couldn’t help but feel for her as she told her story across the room.

Auxiliary Pair Shows Eagles True Meaning of People Helping People

Clare, Mich., #3977 members Charlene Merritt, l, and Shirley Rose, r, smile for the camera six months after an opportunity which has given both a new lease on life.

Healthy Aeries Focus of Training

A commitment to the expressed needs of membership across the jurisdiction led to a unique Grand Aerie training meeting Saturday, Feb. 2, in Tampa, Fla. Based on a list of goals collected from the 2011 Membership Survey, the Grand Aerie Strategic Planning Committee hosted the meeting – inviting select Eagles from each F.O.E. region to learn the basics of Grand Aerie Cursory Survey Training. These Regional Training Advocates are equipped to spread the message in their areas, and will be making requests to set up trainings at many State/Provincial Conventions this spring. In most cases, they will be training more trainers to assist in spreading the message. In this way, travel and program costs will be kept to a minimum.

The Cursory Survey is a tool designed to gauge the health of an Aerie or Auxiliary. A survey should be conducted at least once a year for every Aerie and Auxiliary. Done correctly – with attentiveness to detail and willingness of Aerie/ Auxiliary membership to address shortcomings – the survey can provide a strong foundation for the health of the organization.

If your State/Provincial leadership is contacted regarding a Cursory Survey Training, please allow time on your Convention agenda for this important session. All attendees, then, will become an important part of the training program – taking the message back to their Aerie homes.

A full list of the Regional Training Advocates is published on the Resources section of the Members-Only site. Should you need further information, or if you have any questions, please contact the Grand Worthy President’s Office by email at gwp@foe.com or call 614-883-2200.

Special DRC Pin Collection On Sale Now p.4
Experience the 2013 Convention in Style see Insert

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Eagledom enters its second half-century of fraternal growth and civic service. During the past few weeks, two national magazines - Collier's and Look - and hundreds of community celebrations have saluted fifty eventful years of Eagle progress. But, as an old proverb points out, "The mill cannot grind with water that's past." The fraternal order that grew from six members to more than a million in its first fifty years faces the new challenges and opportunities of new days.

Writers Wade Nichols and Ike Verne in their Collier's article on the Eagles, the first of their series on the organizations to which Americans belong, asked a pertinent question. After telling of the accomplishments of the Order, they wrote, "So, you may say, being fully paid as hard to convince as we were, "what're they doing now? Are the boys still in their pitching?"

Yes, Wade and Ike, the Eagles are still in there pitching. They have never stopped pitching. That is one of the reasons that they have never stopped growing. The Eagle crusade for a fuller and happier life for all our people did not end with the passage of workmen's compensation, mothers' pensions, state old age pension and national social security legislation. The Order's Golden Anniversary slogan, "Hats Off to the Past; Coats Off to the Future," reflects an Eagle determination to make a continuing contribution to meeting the problems of our times.

The Eagles are in there pitching against juvenile delinquency, a major social problem of our time. Four states - California, Oregon, Minnesota and Wisconsin, in that order - have enacted into law Eagle sponsored youth service acts. Community youth councils, parent guidance institutes, expanded sport and recreation programs for young folks are part of the Eagle program for mobilizing communities for common action against the influences that lead junior citizens toward crime.

The Eagles are in there pitching for strengthened health and welfare services, including a National Department of Public Welfare, with cabinet status for its director. Locally, an increasing number of Aeries are sponsoring well baby clinics, open to all mothers and children of pre-school age. Nationally, the organization seeks enactment of a health insurance act that will provide cash benefits for periods of disability and reimbursement for medical and surgical expenses.

The Eagles are in there pitching for extension of the Social Security Act to include all employed wage earners, liberalization of benefits to meet greatly increased living costs, and wider acceptance of the annual wage - all measures that would enhance the economic wellbeing of the average citizen. In line with the traditional Eagle policy of helping people help themselves, the Order is cooperating with the campaign to meet the problems of the handicapped, both the war disabled and the victims of industrial accidents.

New frontiers of civic and humanitarian service beckon the pioneers of a new Eagle era. The American way of life can prosper only, in the words of James Truslow Adams, "by wisdom, knowledge, willingness for sacrifice and the strongest possible sense of social justice and obligation." The Eagles, as their yesterdays demonstrate, have what it takes to meet challenges, old or new. They will be in there pitching.

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Top Producers/New Leaders for January 2013

**Aerie:**

1. #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ    61
2. #2224 Medina, OH    54
3. #1342 New Brighton, PA    50
4. #4089 Port Orange, FL    44
5. #2927 Sunnyside, WA    42

**Auxiliary:**

1. #2927 Sunnyside, WA    39
2. #4089 Port Orange, FL    35
3. #2489 Fairless Hills, PA    22
4. #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ    21
5. #649 Cle Elum, WA    19

**Aerie (Individual):**

1. Darrell G. Clampitt    30
2. Danforth E. Holley    25
3. Alan H. Failor    24
4. Sid Glaze    23
5. #4285 Portsmouth, OH    23
6. Timothy L. Williams    19

**Auxiliary (Individual):**

1. Kay Clampitt    17
2. Alice Bradstock    14
3. Valerie J. Bauer    12
4. Julie Van Bunnen    9
5. #1839 Silvis, IL    9
6. Dalrie E. Hoyle    9
7. #2927 Sunnyside, WA    9
8. Joanna L. VanSteenberg    9
9. #965 Brockport, PA    9
We Are People Helping People

Arkansas
- Horseshoe Bend #3431 held their 26th Annual Bradshaw Memorial Horseshoe Bend Eagles Golf Tournament late last year, bringing in 88 teams with 264 players and generating $15,100 for the Arkansas state project — the Arkansas Children’s Hospital for Autism Research.

California
- Reedley #2781 held its’ Annual Silent Auction raising $2,500 for the Valley Center for the Blind of Fresno. Valley Center for the Blind provides many types of assistance for all ages.

Colorado
- Northwest #4019 held a benefit raising $1,800 for those affected by the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy in Newtown, Conn.

Florida
- Umatilla #4491 donated $2,000 to the Florida Hospital Foundation, which was raised through their annual Bristol Harris Fundraiser. Bristol Harris passed away in July 2009 after a long battle with a rare cancer she was diagnosed with at the age of 18 months.

Georgia
- Grand Madam President Sally Villalva recently visited Atlanta #714, where she received a $1,000 check for her charity CASA of Pueblo, $500 for the F.O.E. Diabetes Research Center in her honor and $10,000 to the DRC as part of the Ohio Challenge.

Indiana
- The Junior Order of Eagles of Rockford #392 raised $400 raised through bake sales and raffles to help improve the Aerie.

Missouri
- Meramec Valley #3678 hosted a benefit for lupus in honor of member Sharon Schmaltz, raising $6,113.50 for the Lupus Foundation.

Nebraska
- McCook #2769 donated a total of $1,900 to various local organizations including the McCook Pantry, Family Resource Center, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and the TeamMates mentoring program.

Ohio
- Parma #4204 donated $2,000 toward the construction of a new fire safety house at the Parma Community General Hospital’s Health Education Center.

Pennsylvania
- The Eagles of Gettysburg #1562 presented a check for $10,000 to the Adams County Special Olympics during their recent bowling banquet.

Virginia
- The Petersburg Family YMCA received a boost in its efforts to help youth development in the community thanks to a $2,500 donation from Petersburg #882.

Washington
- Port Orchard #2338 donated $3,500 to South Kitsap Helpline to provide a Christmas experience for less-fortunate local families.

Wisconsin
- Thanks to their annual Eagles Jamming For Cancer event, Racine #281 donated $2,000 to the Racine All Saints Cancer Fund.

People Helping People

New York

- Depew/Lancaster #2692 donated $2,500 to the local Boys & Girls Club to help repair and refurnish the facility following a fire that caused heavy damage to the Preston St. location. Pictured, l to r, are Trustee James Russell, Director Jeff Kupka, Executive Director Dave Hoch, Trustee Gary Stoldt, Trustee Conrad Gospodarski, Trustee Mike Lorkowski and Eagle Paul Machowski.

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While all items are published and shared electronically, space is limited in print. In an effort to provide a diverse offering of news items for our members each month, the largest and/or most unique donation from each State/Province we receive news from will be featured in our People Helping People section. Once each State/Province we have news from has been represented, we will begin to allow additional items.

Please keep in mind that all photos must be high-resolution and cannot be taken from a newspaper or a news outlet's website as the Grand Aerie does not have the right to use those photos.

As always, we welcome any questions or suggestions you might have. Please see the panel on page 2 for contact information.
Commemorative DRC Pin Collection Now On Sale
For the last three years, the F.O.E. has offered a special Diabetes Research Center lapel pin at the annual International Convention for a small donation to the DRC. Now, these three pins are available in a special commemorate collection for only $20! Limited to just 200 sets, the collection features the unique DRC pins from 2010, 2011 and 2012 on a special hand-numbered card for display in your Eagles collection. Order yours today by contacting the Grand Aerie Supply Department at 614-883-2178 or by email at supplies@foe.com

News & Notes

New Assistant to GWP Hired
The Board of Grand Trustees has hired Scott Houghtaling as Assistant to the Grand Worthy President, effective March 1. Scott has served the Grand Aerie as a Field Services Manager. He looks forward to assisting Grand Worthy President Ron Stine, and supporting strong, healthy Aeries across the jurisdiction. He may be reached via email at scotth@foe.com or by calling 614-883-2172.
Enjoy the 2013 International Convention in Luxury!

The Grand Aerie Membership Department encourages you to sign up new members during March, April and May for a chance to win a luxury prize package for the 2013 International Convention in Reno, Nevada.

**Aerie**

- 5 nights at the Grand Sierra Resort
- 2 sets of buffet coupons
- 1 massage
- $30 credit to spend in hotel
- $500 for travel expenses

**Auxiliary**

- 5 nights at the Grand Sierra Resort
- 2 sets of buffet coupons
- 1 facial
- $30 credit to spend in hotel
- $500 for travel expenses

**Rules**

- Sign up five (5) members during the period for one entry into the drawing.
- Receive one (1) additional entry for every five (5) members after the initial five.
- 1 winner will be selected for the Aerie and 1 winner will be selected for the Auxiliary.
- A winner will be announced Wednesday, June 5, 2013.
- Entries are automatically generated through the Member Management System (MMS)
- The Aerie and Auxiliary Package cannot be exchanged for a cash option.

For more information contact the Grand Aerie Membership Department at membership@foe.com or by phone at 614-883-2177.
Show us what your State/Province has to offer in our 2013 Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center Auction Challenge! Bring an item and/or basket of items to the 2013 International Convention in Reno to raise money for the DRC.

The best entries will be auctioned off live on stage during the Welcome to Reno Show Sunday, July 28. Remaining items will be included in a silent auction held throughout the week at the Charity Foundation Booth. Last year’s auction raised $11,475 for the DRC so don’t miss out on this opportunity to make a difference.

Entries must be dropped off by Noon, Sunday, July 28, at the Charity Foundation Booth.

Items can include gift baskets, event tickets, time share vacations and more! Get Creative!

For information contact the Grand Aerie Marketing & Communications Department at marketing@foe.com or by calling 614-883-2210.

Please fill out this form and mail to Grand Aerie Headquarters, 1623 Gateway Circle South, Grove City, Ohio, 43123 or email entry form information to marketing@foe.com.

Name: __________________________ State/Province: ______________________ Phone: ______________________

Contents of Entry: __________________________

Estimated Value: __________________________

If possible, please attach a photograph of the basket/item you plan to submit.
Did You Know?

• The insert contained in each black-and-white edition of Soar is designed for members and Secretaries to easily copy and hang on bulletin boards inside your Aerie.

• Each Aerie home receives 25 free copies of each black-and-white edition of Soar to share with members within the Aerie. If you haven’t seen free copies around your Aerie, contact the local Worthy Secretary. If you run out of copies, you can easily print more using the downloadable PDFs of each Soar issue available on our Members-Only website.

• Items included in our News & Notes section may be copied and pasted into your local and state/provincial bulletins. Sharing news from all levels is a necessity in every bulletin across the jurisdiction. Find a news brief or two in each issue you feel is most relevant to your membership and share.

• Since the inception of the Soar bulletin, subscribers have used our donation option to give more than $7,000 to The Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center. Don’t forget to check the box and add $1 to your payment to help us find a cure. Your dollar makes a difference!

• Our feature stories come from people like you! If you have an interesting story you think would make a great feature in Soar, let us know at marketing@foe.com or by phone at 614-883-2210.

Grand Aerie Bulletin Subscription Form

☐ Yes, I want an annual subscription to the Soar bulletin (10 copies per year mailed directly to my home)

Name ___________________________ Grand Aerie ID# ___________ Daytime Phone ________________

Mailing Address __________________________________________________________

City ___________________ State/Province _______ Zip ________

(Note: If the mailing address you enter here does not match your MMS member record, we will update your MMS member record to reflect this address.)

☐ I Am An Officer (Local, State or Regional level)

☐ I have enclosed a payment of $5 for my 1 year (10 issues) subscription. I understand that I will receive two additional semi-annual membership reports during the one-year period. Payments are non-refundable.

☐ Check here to donate $1 to The Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center (total payment is $6).

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**HELP US BUILD A BETTER CONVENTION!**

If you know someone who would like to have their business represented at the annual International Convention, let us know! Benefits of sponsorship include:

- 5000+ attendees annually at a 5-day convention
- 1500+ attendees are Local, State, and International Leaders of the F.O.E.
- Largest worldwide gathering of the international organization.
- Attendees include, F.O.E. International Presidents and Board Members; Regional, State and Local F.O.E. leadership/decision makers as well as F.O.E. Executive Staff.

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**WHAT PAST VENDORS ARE SAYING**

“It was a very productive week. We garnered several hundred prospects and met a lot of wonderful Eagle members.”

-Richard Harder, Jackson and Jackson Insurance

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**2013 International Convention**

Grand Sierra Resort • Reno, Nevada
July 29 - August 1

Back By Popular Demand
Neal McCoy
Sunday, July 28

Blood, Sweat & Tears
Tuesday, July 30

For the latest Convention news and information about how you can reserve your room, visit www.foe.com.

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