Now in its 45th year, the annual Eagles Heart and Cancer Telethon, hosted by Prairie du Chien Eagles #1502 in Wisconsin, has raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for medical research.

During their 2019 Telethon on January 26, #1502 raised over $46,500, and was able to present four checks of $11,625 each to the Mayo Clinic, Gundersen Health System, and the University of Wisconsin Madison Heart and Cancer research centers.

Over the past 44 years, the telethon has been able to bring in more than $952,000, which has all gone to medical research.

“We set a goal every year of $1. Even if we take in $1 its going to be used for research,” said Tom Nelson, telethon co-host and Prairie du Chien member. Nelson said they have already framed their first dollar for the 2020 Telethon, and anything they raise beyond that will be in addition to. “The people aren’t talking about the money, they’re talking about what the money is being used for,” he explained.

The telethon originated in 1976, right around the time the Jerry Lewis Muscular Dystrophy Telethon was peaking in popularity. Past Eagles member Feye Grimm was on the original committee, which consisted of five people. He was the owner of a local cable network, which eventually transitioned into Mediacom. Mediacom is still one of the major supporters of the telethon to this day. They provide their equipment, including four cameras, a crew of 16 volunteers, and set and tear everything down.

The telethon is a big part of the Prairie du Chien, WI #1502's annual Telethon has brought in more than $950,000 for Heart and Cancer Research in its 45 year history.

Prairie du Chien's Annual Telethon Nears $1 Million In Total Donations

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We Are People Helping People

Alaska
- Valdez Ladies Auxiliary #1971 Madam President Sheila Jordan, Trustee Chair Alicia Brown and Madam Secretary Carole Derifield presented the Herman Hutchins Elementary School Principal Jayson Webber, teachers and staff, $1,000 for each grade K through 5th, and gave the VCS Pre-school $500. The Auxiliary also presented the Gilson Middle School Principal Rod Morrison $1,000 each for grades 6th through 8th for a total of $9,500 donated to be used for scholarships.

British Columbia
- Penticton Eagles #4281’s Vice President Stan Binns presented a $525 check to Tracy Van Raes from Starfish Pack of Penticton. The money will be used to provide one local child with a backpack of food every weekend for one year.
- Penticton Auxiliary #4821 presented a local student with $500 educational scholarship.
- Maple Ridge Eagles #2831 presented $500 to Jennifer Sheehan and Katrina Haintz of Eric Langton Elementary School in support of their student lunch & breakfast program. These funds were raised during their annual golf tournament and bbq fundraiser. They’ve been able to donate $2,350 over the last four years.
- Debbie Kennedy and Laura Butler, Ridge Meadows Hospital Foundation received a $5,000 donation from Maple Ridge Eagles #2831. These funds were made available by a grant from the Grand Aerie, to be used along with the $6,000 donated by the local Aerie & Auxiliary in July, for the purchase of SD Resectoscope cameras which are used in Bladder Cancer surgery.

California
- Brisbane Eagles #3255’s co-chairs Rocky Guillory, DeeDee Berrocal, and volunteers raised $4,332 for the Cancer Fund. They held a dinner, raffle, and auctioned off prizes.

Illinois
- Blue Island Eagles #1332 hosted a Paint and Sip event, and was able to raise $856. They divided the total between ten different charities.

Massachusetts
- Hudson Aerie #643 raised $9,715 for Sherry’s House by hosting a bike run, raffles, and a cookout for all 300 participants. Sherry’s House is a non-profit created to help Central New England families cope with childhood cancer.

Michigan
- St. Clair Shores Aerie #3619 and St. Clair Shores Knights of Columbus collected and delivered 100 backpacks filled with school supplies to four local school.

Missouri
- Queen City Auxiliary #3934 made a $1,500 donation to the Central High School wrestling team.
- Queen City Auxiliary #3934’s Vice President Leanne Fanatia presented a $2,500 check to Bryce from the Developmental Center of the Ozarks.

Nebraska
- Platte Auxiliary #1843 donated $410 to the Columbus Senior Center, to pay to replace their stolen Bingo equipment and cards. (Bingo Helping Bingo)

South Dakota
- Sunshine Aerie #2421 held a spaghetti dinner and donated the total proceeds of $4,500 to the University of South Dakota Department of Communication Sciences & Disorders. Following dinner a check presentation was made by Dakota State Chaplain Kent Osborne to Dr. Mandy Williams as a grant from the Eagles’ Jimmy Durante Children’s Fund to support the identification and treatment of children born with cleft palate. A signature cocktail was served with 50/50 raffles held as well.

People Helping People

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.
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du Chien community, so much so that Bluff View Middle School’s cafeteria was built with the telethon in mind. The cafeteria is equipped with telephone wires, cable networking, and a direct satellite feed.

This annual eight hour telethon takes a lot of people to produce. There’s around 60 to 70 individuals who help behind the scenes, along with the audience, and the various performers that showcase their talents throughout the night.

The show routinely starts at 5 p.m. and goes off air at 1 a.m. - not a minute earlier. During the telethon, Aerie and Auxiliary members host activities, serve meals, and hold an auction and raffle to help raise even more money for the cause. From their efforts, #1502 typically brings in an additional $10,000, which is later presented during the broadcast. The Auxiliary also has a musical group called the Ding-A-Lings, which performs during the show.

In addition to the musical talents of the Auxiliary, the telethon hosts crowd favorites like Gretchen, who has been brightening up the broadcast with her song and dance routine for the past 20 years. As someone living with Down syndrome, Gretchen understands the need for funding medical research projects, and it’s her way of giving back to those who have been diagnosed with cancer or various other health ailments.

“Gretchen has been a real blessing for us. She brings the best of her talent forward when she performs and everyone waits for her to come on,” Nelson said. “I sing happy birthday to her because her birthday is the same week as the telethon.”

Nelson thinks the telethon is all about connecting people – taking their talents and allowing those people to do something that helps out other people.

“You pull at the strings of people that give them meaning and purpose, and in addition to that, we raise money,” Nelson said.

The telethon’s primary focus is on cancer and heart research because those are the two biggest health problems that affect every family, and through research, doctors can become more aware of how they can prevent or help treat it.

Nelson said they are able to pull off the telethon with minimal to no expenses because the community works with them. The local radio stations promote the show, the newspaper gives them a discount on advertising, and has cross media working together to get the word out for a low cost.

“There’s some stability in this process because we’ve been working with the same people for years,” Nelson said. “There’s no greater satisfaction than to work with people, spend time with people and to help people have their dream come true.”

In 2020, the Eagles Telethon will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25. Visit eagletelethon.org to access online viewing.

News & Notes

8th Annual International Winter Horseshoe Tournament

The 8th Annual International Winter Horseshoe Tournament will once again take place at Deer Valley Eagles #3871 in Glendale, Ariz., February 21-22, 2020. You must be an Eagle member in good standing to be eligible to register. More information and the entry form can be found on FOE.com.

Aerie and Auxiliary Hall of Fame Nominations

States and Provinces are encouraged to submit their nominees for the Grand Aerie Hall of Fame by January 2, 2020, and submit nominees for the Grand Auxiliary Hall of Fame by January 20, 2020. To see the full list of requirements for all submitted nominations, visit the Hall of Fame page at foe.com.

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Rules and Other info for Tournament

1. Entry Fee of $20.00 must accompany registration – Rules NHPA
2. Must be an Eagle member in good standing.
3. Averages – 50 shoes pitched or verified league average. (Note) You do not need to be on a league to enter. You just need to throw 50 shoes prior to tournament date to establish an average. (Can be done at our nest the night before the event.)
4. Entry Deadline: February 14, 2020

We have put together a list of multiple close by lodging, shopping malls, food stores, directions from airports to our Nest and a couple of ideas for the non-players that would like to go on an adventure while they visit our “Grand” State. These can easily be faxed or emailed to either you or your Aerie. Fax No. ____________________

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Entertainment: To be planned (Karaoke – Live Bands, etc.)

Food: Breakfast – Lunch – Dinners will be planned

Approximately 3.5 of our 5 acres will be available for RV parking. (Enough space for around 50 – 60 RVs) first come first park. RV dumping on site. We also have 6 electric/water hook-up spots.

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