Missouri Eagles Unite To Help Pediatric Cancer Patients With Can Tab Fundraiser

Moberly, Mo., Aerie #2669 and Marceline, Mo., Aerie #726 have been pooling their efforts to collect soda pop tabs in honor of pediatric cancer patients Brandon Scott and Bryor Lacey. In as little as twelve months, both Aeries were able to collect 2,425 pounds of soda tabs, and in turn, Scott and Lacey have donated $10,095.95 to the Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Collecting that many tabs was no easy task, as it takes 1,267 soda pop tabs alone to make one pound.

The idea of collecting tabs first came about in 2001 when #726 secretary Lois Coe was State Madam President for the Missouri State Eagles. She thought about all the soda cans that were being thrown away on a daily basis, and wanted to turn the tabs collection into a fun project that can help someone else.

In the first year, they collected 1,000 pounds of tabs and presented them to RMHC in St. Louis, MO.

Will and Diane Watson were then appointed as the first State Can Tab Chairmen, and stored the tabs in their barn. The Watson’s also presented awards to the Aeries and Auxiliaries that collected the most tabs, turning the collections into a fun challenge where one could win prizes.

Moberly Aerie #2669 got on board a few years later when Scott’s aunt, Alma Wilson, spoke with Aerie members Regina Fusselman and Garret Unterreiner. From there, #726 proposed a competition to see which Aerie could collect the most tabs.

Moberly #2669 and Marceline #726
Top Producers/ New Leaders
for July 2018

Aerie:
1. #486 Coeur D’alene, ID 64
2. #313 Warren, PA 52
3. #4264 New Market, VA 49
4. #4170 White Cloud, MI 46
5. #536 Saint Marys, PA 37

Auxiliary:
1. #4121 Gladwin, MI 23
2. #402 Tiffin, OH 22
3. #4273 Okahumpka, FL 21
4. #3702 Port Huron, MI 20
5. #486 Coeur D’alene, ID 17
5. #4089 Port Orange, FL 17

Aerie (Individual):
1. David J. Blake
White Cloud, MI #4170
2. Joe Glen Hestand
Andrews, TX #3759
3. Willis Dexter
Warren, PA #313
3. Dennis Comer
Tiffin, OH #402
3. Lawrence Lee
Peosta, IA #568

Auxiliary (Individual):
1. Helen Monette
Socorro, NM #4017
2. Pamela Shouse
Andrews, TX #3759
3. Selena Roe
Tiffin, OH #402
4. Snow Wiech
Wellington, OH #205
4. Carol Nelson Edwards
Sarasota, FL #4424
4. Ashley Saffle
Wooster, OH #811

Eagles Donate 4th Ekso GT Suit to Des Moines Rehab Center

On July 27, the Iowa State Fraternal Order of Eagles, in partnership with SoldierStrong, donated an Ekso GT robotic exoskeleton to the Younker Rehabilitation Center in Des Moines, Iowa. Grand Worthy President Carl Burnett was on hand for the official dedication, along with Past Iowa State Presidents John Haidsiak and Ann Reed, who raised the funds for the donation during their year as Presidents, Lew Reed Spinal Cord Injury Fund International Director Greg Martin, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds and Iowa Lt. Governor Adam Gregg.

The suit is the fourth donated by the Fraternal Order of Eagles, following donations made to the Minneapolis VA, the Long Beach, Calif., VA, and CHI Immanuel Medical Center in Omaha, Neb.
We Are People Helping People

Alabama
-Huntsville Aerie #3263 donated $6,850 to support Hudson Alpha's Impacting ALS Project - Memory & Mobility Project for neurological diseases. Hudson Alpha is a nonprofit institute where scientists, educators and entrepreneurs create a healthier, more sustainable world through genomics.

Alaska
- Anchorage Aerie #4207 presented a $5,694 check to Kids Kitchen, a local meal program in the Fairview Community. Contributions were collected for Past State Madam President Laura Rhode’s charity project during her tenure from 2016-2017. Kids Kitchen has been providing one million meals to children since 1996.

British Columbia
-Through all of Abbotsford Aerie #2726’s hard work and efforts over a few months, they were able to raise $16,281 for the Honour House Society. The Honour House Society provides a home away from home for Canadian Forces and Emergency Services personnel as they receive medical treatment in the Metro Vancouver Region.

- Vernon Aerie #3577 hosted the provincial convention in honor of Klara Schubert, the Provincial Madam President for the 2017-2018 Fraternal year. For Schubert’s Breast Cancer charity, $21,630.25 was raised from various proceeds including selling ladybug pins, and a special raffle at the convention. Schubert plans to purchase equipment for the Vernon Jubilee Hospital, specifically a MammoTomte Gamma Probe instrument.

Florida
-New Smyrna Beach-Edgewater #4242 was able to raise $36,837 during the 2017-2018 Fraternal year, which is the most the Aerie has ever raised. They also awarded their Worthy President Paul Clarey with a gold card to commemorate his service and last year at the club.

- East Side Aerie #3260 made a generous donation to the Care and Share Food Bank for Southern Colorado, which will provide 32,000 nutritious meals to those in need.

Kentucky
- Paducah Aerie #3135 awarded the Lourdes Foundation with a $5,000 grant. The funds will be used to purchase equipment, supplies and bed linens for hospice patients. “We are so thankful for the donation to assist hospice patients,” says Kay Williams, Lourdes Hospice and Homecare Director. “We are honored to be chosen for this donation in memory of Mrs. Bowler. The generosity of the Fraternal Order of Eagles joins many other generous donors to provide for patients and families in hospice care to achieve their best life possible.”

Minnesota
- Brainerd Aerie #287 gave seven $500 scholarships to their local class of 2018 graduates and celebrated with the winners and their families during the reception. Each student will be furthering their education at schools across Minnesota and North Dakota. According to the Aerie, many of the scholarship recipients have volunteered their time at #287.

Missouri
- Jefferson City Aerie #2693 presented a gift of $4,456 to the Capital Region Medical Foundation. The money will go toward a new linear accelerator in the Goldschmidt Cancer Center. The new accelerator will bring more advanced treatment options to the center’s cancer patients, radiation, and it can customize high-energy X-rays or electrons to conform to a tumor’s shape to destroy cancer cells while sparing surrounding tissue. To date, Aerie #2693 has donated more than $123,000 over the years.

New Jersey
- Last year on September 22 and 23, Somerset Eagle Riders #2137 hosted their second annual Eagle Riders Jamboree to raise money for Soldiers’ Angels. The two-day event featured a motorcycle ride, field games, homemade food, bonfire, raffles, and more. #2137 was able to raise $20,000 during that weekend. Multiple Eagle Riders from various Aeries helped coordinate with the event as well; including Rensselaer #4446, Middletown #544, Sleepy Hollow #1042, Norwalk #588, and Plymouth #546. Soldiers’ Angels is a non-profit that provides aid and comfort to the men and women of the United States Army, Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and their families.

Ohio
-Millersburg Aerie #2418 presented the Darby Snyder Senior Center with a check for $1,000 for the center’s Meals on Wheels program. The senior center provides the Meals on Wheels program to approximately 105-110 citizens. The donation will go toward the purchase of the plastic-covered cardboard trays on which the food is delivered. The cost of the trays are $1,536 for eight cases of 500, and the center orders the trays four times per year.

Pennsylvania
- Blairsville Aerie, Auxiliary, and Eagle Riders #1488 hosted the Pennsylvania Hero Walkers and presented the group with a $5,000 check to support their cause. The Hero Walkers walk from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh in support of and raising funds for Pennsylvania Veterans.

Utah
- With a match from the Grand Aerie, Murray Aerie #1760 was able to present a $2,000 check to the Intermountain Heath Care Foundation Primary Children’s Hospital for Heart Disease Research and Development. Primary Children’s Hospital is a nonprofit that does not turn a child away based on ability to pay.
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wanted to support Scott and Lacey’s tab collection efforts after they heard their stories.

Scott was diagnosed with T-cell Leukemia at 23-months-old. Scott is now 16, but during his battles with Leukemia, he and his family spent a substantial amount of time at Ronald McDonald Houses during his treatments. To give back, he has been collecting tabs for nearly 14 years.

Lacey, who lives in a neighboring town, is a 5-year-old diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. He heard about the tabs collection project and wanted to help Scott.

Kim Scott, Brandon’s mother, says the family appreciates everyone’s effort of collecting tabs and spreading the word about the drive. “It spreads the importance of such a wonderful organization [The Fraternal Order of Eagles] and by doing the smallest thing - pulling a tab - it helps families in more ways than you could possibly imagine,” Kim said.

Collecting tabs is one way Scott, Lacey, and the Missouri Eagles are helping fund the charitable efforts of RMCH.

The RMHC is a non-profit that provides a home-away-from-home to families of seriously ill children and support to organizations that serve the needs of children, amongst other things.

Each year, the RMHC has a Tab Top Pandemonium drive, where they encourage donations of tabs because they are made from high-grade aluminum. The tabs are then recycled the same day and turned into a monetary donation for RMHC in St. Louis.

Didion Orf Recycling is the salvage company that recycles the tabs, and they will monetarily match the donations made that day.

Coe said the greatest benefit from participating in the tabs collection is the reward that comes from knowing they are helping families. “The families that have children diagnosed with cancer have way more than enough concern without having to worry about where they are going to stay and the costs, while their child is undergoing tests and treatments,” Coe said. “Ronald McDonald houses take that one worry off their plate. They can take their entire family to Ronald McDonald houses and be together.”

Aerie’s #2669 and #726 hope to surpass their goal next year by trying to collect 3,500 pounds of tabs. Coe says they will boost their efforts by talking more about saving tabs, publish more articles in the bulletins, and spread awareness online. Additionally, Brandon’s mother Kim said they will reach out to more schools and try to host smaller fundraisers throughout the year to boost the word about saving tabs.

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**News & Notes**

**Important Compliance Information**

Please remember that in order to be in full compliance with the F.O.E., all Secretaries need to upload their new officer lists, with committees, into the Member Management System (MMS) as soon as possible. Additionally, any outstanding invoices for the Membership Dues Reminders must also be paid in full in order to remain in full compliance. If you have any questions regarding these items, please contact the Grand Aerie at 614-883-2200 or email us at help@foe.com.

**7th Annual International Winter Horseshoe Tourney!**

Hosted by Deer Valley Eagles #3871 in Glendale, Arizona, the Winter Horseshoe Tournament will take place on February 15, 16, 17, in 2019. The entry fee is $20 and you must be an Eagle member in good standing to be eligible to register. The entry deadline is February 14, 2019. Rules and registration can be found on www.foe.com.
Grand International's 7th Annual Winter Horseshoe Tournament
February 15th, 16th & 17th, 2019

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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, 2019

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
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