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With the doors to Edgewood #1801 in Somerset, Pa., just days from closing for good in Feb. 2013, members made one last push to turn things around with the help of the Grand Aerie.

Edgewood #1801 Returns From Brink of Closure to Thrive Again

Officers' keys had been handed over to the Worthy President. Employees had been given their final paychecks. Earlier that week, members of Edgewood #1801 voted to bring four years of struggle to an end by shutting down the Aerie. They notified Somerset's Daily American, which made public their intentions to close Feb. 9, at 9 p.m., halting 105 years of service to the town of Somerset, Pa.

After receiving word of the pending shut down on Feb. 5, the Grand Aerie made one final push to salvage more than a century of history, sending Field Service Manager Tim Hoyt to Somerset.

"I walked into the Aerie at 2:30 Friday Afternoon (Feb. 8)," Hoyt said. "The Secretary was turning his and the Trustees' keys in. The Worthy President was on the phone with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board being told how to

surrender the Aerie's liquor license. After he got off the phone the three of us had a talk."

Edgewood was \$50,000 in debt and members were exhausted from unsuccessful attempts to climb out. Worthy President Steve Shaulis and Secretary Fred Rosemeyer went into detail about the frustrations and the avenues previously explored to remedy their situation.

"There were a lot of problems that had been ongoing and everything just kind of came to a head," Shaulis said. "Nobody wanted to close but there was frustration about how things were going."

At the conclusion of the discussion, Shaulis walked out to the bar and announced to the approximately 40 members in attendance that Edgewood was ready to take a final chance at

Arizona's Eagle Extra Wins 2014 Bulletin Contest

The Arizona State Eagle Extra has been selected the Best Overall Entry in the 2014 Bulletin Contest. Winners will receive a plaque to be presented at their State Conference. We thank all who participated in this year's contest and look forward to another great competition next year.

Best Overall Entry

F.O.E. Arizona State Eagle Extra
Arizona

Class A (up to 250 members)

Newsletter Aerie 3870
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Class B (251-500 members)

Grinnell Bulletin
Grinnell, Iowa

Class C (501-1,000 members)

Flying Eagle Newsletter
Hamilton, Ohio

Class D (1,001+ members)

Fredericksburg #4123 Eagles
Fredericksburg, Virginia

State/Provincial

The Florida Sunshine News
Florida

Electronic Local

Mesa Tri-City #3468 Eagle Nest
Mesa, Arizona

Electronic State/Provincial

F.O.E. Arizona State Eagle Extra
Arizona

To see the complete results, visit the Bulletin Contest page at www.foe.com.

FROM THE ARCHIVES: MARCH 1960



Judge Robert Cannon gives LaGuardia plaque to San Francisco Mayor Christopher as mayor's wife looks on.

First LaGuardia Awards Go to Prominent Mayors

TWO WIDELY KNOWN MAYORS of large American cities were the first to receive the Fraternal Order of Eagles LaGuardia Award, recognizing outstanding work in the field of municipal government.

In announcing the awards, Grand Worthy President Phil Bigley said, "Nothing touches the lives of our people more often and more directly than our municipal governments in their many ramifications and in the many services we require from them. It is fitting that the Eagles honor outstanding leadership in this field by presenting this award, named after one of the greatest municipal executives of our time, Fiorello LaGuardia, late New York mayor."

At a luncheon meeting in San Francisco, Judge Robert C. Cannon, chief justice of the Eagles Grand Tribunal, presented the

award to Mayor George Christopher, praising his forward-looking policies. Tribunal Justices Joseph A. Mallery, California state supreme court justice, and John Heller III also took part in the program which was chairmanned by San Francisco Supervisor A. J. Zirpoli.

Milwaukee's Mayor Frank P. Zeidler, retiring from office in April, 1960, following twelve years of outstanding service as his city's chief executive, was presented with a LaGuardia award by Judge Robert W. Hansen, twice Grand Worthy President. Zeidler has won acclaim throughout the country as an outstanding mayor and an expert in municipal affairs.

It is expected that another LaGuardia award will soon be given to Toronto Mayor Nathan Phillips.

Top Producers/ New Leaders

for February 2014

Aerie:

1. #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ 57
2. #4294 Burnham, PA 54
3. #370 Lima, OH 49
4. #503 Sunbury, PA 42
5. #2093 Medford, OR 41

Auxiliary:

1. #4048 Kissimmee, FL 30
2. #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ 27
3. #4089 Port Orange, FL 21
4. #1562 Gettysburg, PA 19
5. #2436 Chagrin Falls, OH 18

Aerie (Individual):

1. Bill Neff 28
Cambridge, OH #386
2. Jason E. Grossman 17
Harvey, ND #3080
3. Joseph J. Hilbert 15
Kennebunkport, ME #4030
4. John M. King 14
Central Point, OR #2093
Larry G. Biss 14
North Platte, NE #2839

Auxiliary (Individual):

1. Connie M. Parrish 17
Kissimmee, FL #4048
2. Carole P. Eppley 15
Gettysburg, PA #1562
3. Alice Bradstock 11
Wellington, OH #2051
4. Jennifer L. Kless 9
Auburn Township, OH #2436
Barbara J. Stull 9
Fremont, OH #712



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We Are People Helping People

California

-San Jose #8 presented three checks totaling \$30,000 to a trio of organizations dedicated to Spinal Cord Injury research including Bridging Bionics Foundation, which is a non-profit dedicated to funding education and advancing the research and development for exoskeletons and bionic technology to augment human mobility and capability.

-Brisbane #3255 held a Heart Fund Dinner with food donated by local restaurant Melissa's, raising \$1,364 for the Max Baer Heart Fund.

Indiana

-Crawfordsville #1005 joined with the local Moose Lodge to donate \$2,270 to the Crawfordsville Fire Department for the purchase of a new Sensit Gas Detector.

Michigan

-Coldwater #1907 held a Toys for Tots Auction over the winter in conjunction with the Marine Corps League Detachment #763. 18 bikes and several boxes of new toys were donated and more than \$7,000 was collected to purchase toys and other items for needy families in Branch County.

-The Michigan State Aerie has pledged \$100,000 to the University of Michigan MSpan program to help veterans throughout Michigan and provide research to help veterans and families nationwide. Ann Arbor #2154, home of Michigan State President and Veteran Jeff Hull, raised and donated \$1,228.95 to feed student veterans and participants in the Army-Navy Wheelchair Basketball Game at the university's Crisler Arena on Nov. 13 to carry on the State's mission to assist veterans. Paul Schulte, Co-captain of the U.S. Wheelchair Basketball Team was in attendance for the event and plans to bring fellow paralympians to Ann Arbor to participate in the 2014 event. On Jan. 31, Hull, Michigan District 2 Secretary Joe Wilt and Ann Arbor Veterans Campaign Manager Tom Wright attended the 5th Annual University of Michigan Student Veterans of America Fundraising Gala to promote their cause and raise awareness for the Eagles' efforts. Additionally, the Ann Arbor Aerie is raising \$10,000 to provide a wheelchair accessible hunting blind for a disabled veteran with additional veteran fundraising efforts currently in development. In recent years, the Ann Arbor Eagles has donated more than 5,000 books to the Ann Arbor VA Healthcare System and has made numerous donations of food and more to veterans during the holidays.

Missouri

-El Dorado Springs #4279 held a benefit for High Hopes Cancer Support Group, raising \$6,562. High Hopes began in 1994 to provide

Pennsylvania



Eagle Riders members at Bentleyville #1809 donated \$729 to the Charles L. and Rose Sweeney Melenyzer Pavilion and Regional Cancer Center at Monongahela Valley Hospital. The money was leftover from a fundraiser held to help cover medical expenses for a club member being treated for breast cancer at MVH.

emotional and financial support for people undergoing cancer treatment.

Nebraska

-Beatrice #531 presented the Beatrice Senior Center with a check for \$1,000 to help center officials purchase a new freezer. The current unit was purchased used more than 17 years ago.

New York

-Saratoga #2586 assisted the Center for Hope by raising funds for Coasters For Hope – a program which creates drink coasters with missing persons printed on them to be distributed to various establishments throughout the state in hopes of bringing loved ones home. The Center for Hope awarded Saratoga its highest honor at a special presentation held at the state capitol last summer for their years of assistance.

Ohio

-Staci Spung, 25, a member of Beverly #3665, knows determination. She's raising money to participate in a pair of three-day Susan G. Komen walks in memory of her grandmothers who she lost to breast cancer and abdominal cancer. Sporting pink and teal, the respective ribbon colors for breast and abdominal cancer, she weaved back and forth through the Beverly Aerie, meeting the more than 100 people in attendance, selling raffle tickets and sharing her gratitude for the generosity of others. Spung began participating in the 60-mile walks in 2010 after learning of her paternal grandmother's

breast cancer diagnosis. Participants must raise \$2,300 for cancer research to participate in the events. Since 2010, she has raised more than \$21,000 for cancer research.

-Wellington #2051 has pledged \$50,000 to the new community auditorium project to be paid over five years to endow future repairs and maintenance to the facility.

Pennsylvania

-Carlisle Eagles #1299 donated \$10,000 to the Carlisle Police Department to buy defibrillators to be carried in police cars.

Virginia

-Winchester #824 recently held a special Heart Fund Dance open to the public, raising \$4,422 for the Eagles' Max Baer Heart Fund.

Washington

-Kennewick #2485 held a People Helping People Benefit for long-time member and musician, Kenny Koehler, who is in need of corrective surgery for a muscle disorder in his eyelids. The Eagles raised more than \$4,000 to assist Kenny and provide extra funds for his recovery time. Local radio host Ed Dailey of KORD 102.7 emceed the event.

Wisconsin

-Viroqua #2707 held their 40th Annual Cancer Telethon, generating \$19,000 for Gunderson Health System. The fundraiser brings Viroqua's total efforts over the 40 years to a staggering \$503,000. Expenses for the event were kept to a minimum thanks to donations from members.

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success. Hoyt interviewed roughly 60 people that night, gathering information and making sense of the road ahead.

“I got to my room at 2 a.m.,” Hoyt said. “The next morning, I was at breakfast and found the morning paper on the table. The front page had an article about the Aerie changing its course.”

That morning, he met with Edgewood leadership to develop a plan of attack. Hoyt cancelled his flight home and on Monday morning, the Aerie met with a local bank to secure a line of credit and give Edgewood the breathing room it needed to get back on its feet.

A donation from a member allowed the kitchen to open, serving fresh food with volunteer assistance. By the end of the month, Edgewood had the stability to hire a part-time cook.

With the kitchen up and running along with pull-tab machines and small games of chance, the Aerie generated \$49,690 in the month of March. Confidence grew and as the year progressed, Edgewood continued its positive momentum, gaining strength and recapturing its position as a leader in the Somerset community.

“It was a total group effort,” Shaulis said. “The officers and the members donated time and materials and with Tim’s positive attitude, people started to have faith in where we were headed. Everyone stepped up to the plate and did what they needed to do to keep the Aerie running and by the end of the year, we were able to give more than \$120,000 to charity, including \$5,000 to the DRC.”

Today, the Aerie and Auxiliary are working closely to keep Edgewood on the right track. After a three-year hiatus, weekly bingo is thriving and a catering license has been secured to allow the Eagles to host events in the upstairs banquet hall.

“Because they were willing to communicate and work with one another,” Hoyt said, “the men and women have gotten back to doing what Eagles do – helping our communities and the less fortunate.”

For Shaulis and the Edgewood Eagles, a situation which once seemed insurmountable has become a valuable lesson in the importance of teamwork, perseverance and faith.

“Just don’t give up hope,” Shaulis said. “Sometimes you have to make tough decisions. You can’t be afraid to ask for help. We were willing to listen to help and that’s why we’re still here today.”

News & Notes

Aeries & Auxiliaries Must Be In Compliance

Please remember, all Aeries and Auxiliaries who wish to host upcoming events, conferences or conventions MUST be in compliance with the Grand Aerie if they wish to request a representative from the Grand Aerie or Grand Auxiliary to attend. Anyone not in compliance will NOT have officers assigned to their upcoming event. If you have questions regarding your Aerie or Auxiliary’s compliance status, please contact Rhonda Schafer at 614-883-2196 or e-mail rschafer@foe.com.

New Constitution & Statutes

The new edition of the Aerie Constitution & Statutes and Auxiliary Rules & Regulations is now available through the Grand Aerie Supply Department. Each Aerie and Auxiliary will receive two complimentary copies. Additional copies will be available for purchase for \$6 each at supplies@foe.com or by phone at 614-883-2178.

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- 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 \$8,000 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!
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