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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.

Auxiliary Pair Shows Eagles True Meaning of People Helping People

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.

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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.

FROM THE ARCHIVES: MARCH 1948



Coats Off To The Future

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 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 compen-

sation, 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.

**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
#2927 Sunnyside, WA
- 2. Danforth E. Holley 25
#215 Glenwood Springs, CO
- 3. Alan H. Failor 24
#2224 Medina, OH
- 4. Sid Glaze 23
#4285 Portsmouth, OH
- Timothy L. Williams 23
#3723 Newark, OH

Auxiliary (Individual):

- 1. Kay Clampitt 17
#2927 Sunnyside, WA
- 2. Alice Bradstock 14
#2051 Wellington, OH
- 3. Valerie J. Bauer 12
#539 Saint Marys, PA
- 4. Julie Van Bunnan 9
#1839 Silvis, IL
- Dalrie E. Hoyle 9
#2927 Sunnyside, WA
- Joanna L. VanSteenberg 9
#965 Brockport, PA



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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.

Illinois

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

Indiana

-Muncie #231 raised \$10,700 for The Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center, as well as more than \$1,000 for the Peyton Manning Children's Hospital Pediatric Communication Center, the state project of President Frank Escamilla, Jr.

Massachusetts

-In 2012, Marlborough honored F.O.E. #3565 by naming the group marshals of the annual Labor Day parade. The Eagles returned the favor by donating \$3,000 to relieve the city's outstanding costs from the event.

Michigan

-Traverse City #383 raised \$3,101 for the DRC with a dinner/dance fundraiser held last month.

Minnesota

-The Thief River Falls High School Prowler

New York



Depew/Lancaster #2692 donated \$2,500 to the local Boys & Girls Club to help repair and refurbish 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.

girls' hockey and girls' swimming teams were presented checks for just over \$2,000 by Thief River Falls #2368.

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.

Oregon

-State Trustee Jeff Riffard of East Portland #3256 helped the Eagles set up a pair of fundraisers to benefit the Homestead Preschool and the Cleveland Girls Basketball Team.

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

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.

CLARE from page 1

Having recently lost a brother-in-law to leukemia, Merritt was feeling guilt as a result of not being tested as a potential bone marrow match. Rose's story long resonated within the now 44-year-old mother. After considerable thought and prayer, Merritt made a decision that would forever bond two lives.

"I was at the New Year's Eve party at the Eagles enjoying my evening with friends," Rose said. "Suddenly, I was on the dance floor and Charlene was telling me she would like to be my donor. I had to pinch myself several times to see if it was a dream."

For two years, Rose relied on her unwavering faith to help her through the dialysis treatments and retain hope of eventually finding a perfect match. She and Merritt traveled to the University of Michigan Transplant Center to determine whether they were compatible for a living kidney donation.

"I wasn't a match," Merritt said. "It was hard to hear at first, but we didn't let it discourage us. The University was really informative with another program they had and offered us a chance to take part."

Michigan's Paired Kidney Donation Program allowed Rose to receive the kidney she needed so long as someone was willing to donate theirs in return. Merritt was that someone. Each faced a battery of tests in the months that followed.

Brothers and sisters at Clare #3977 held a benefit for Rose and Merritt, splitting gas cards and cash between the two to help offset the cost associated with frequent out-of-town doctor's visits.

"Everybody in the club was supportive and reassuring that everything would be alright," Rose said. "The whole process of finding the right donor kidney requires tremendous patience and they were there every step of the way."

In early September of 2012, they received the call they had been waiting for. On the 12th, Rose would receive her new kidney. The next morning, Merritt would give hers away to help a friend in need.

Unlike the path to surgery, the road to recovery was void of hurdles. Both emerged from the experience in great health. Merritt's sacrifice leaves her with only the standard responsibility to take care of herself, drink more water and avoid ibuprofen to maintain

optimal function in her remaining kidney. Doctor's visits for Rose are down to just once every three months with weekly blood tests in Clare to monitor levels.

The experience has turned both into vocal advocates for organ donation awareness. Many, as Rose and Merritt were, are unaware of options such as Michigan's Paired Kidney Donation program and the ability to help those in need despite not being a perfect match.

"My youngest daughter Sarah went with me when I had my surgery," Merritt said. "Someone asked what she thought of her mom doing this and she said 'One day, I hope I can be that kind of person.' If I can have that kind of impact on a child, hopefully I can bring more light to the issue for people of all ages."

For at least one Aerie and Auxiliary, that light now shines brighter than ever. Inside their walls are two women for whom "People Helping People" is not just a motto, but a key to a new life.

"I needed a kidney," Rose said, "and god gave me a second chance at life. Charlene's an amazing lady. I may not have her kidney, but as far as I'm concerned, she'll always be my donor."

Visit our Members-Only website to read a special expanded version of the story.

News & Notes

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

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.






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Aerie

-  5 nights at the Grand Sierra Resort
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Auxiliary

-  5 nights at the Grand Sierra Resort
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-  1 facial
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-  \$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.

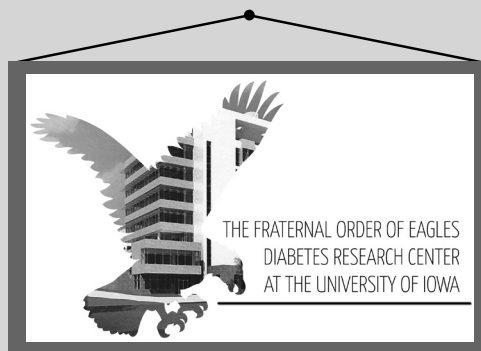
For more information contact the Grand Aerie Membership Department at membership@foe.com or by phone at 614-883-2177.

2013 State/Provincial DRC Auction Challenge

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
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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:

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



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- 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.

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