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Racks of gently used clothing items fill E-Mart thrift store, located in the basement of Olympia Eagles #21. The store has raised thousands of dollars for charity in just 18 months.

Olympia Eagles Turn Basement Into Successful Charitable Thrift Store

Inside the basement of Olympia Fraternal Order of Eagles #21 sits a variety of gently used items. Coats, couches, vinyl records – signs of the past marked for resale and eager to be a part of someone else’s future. The items are a part of E-Mart, the vacant basement of the Olympia Aerie which was converted into a thrift store in June 2012 thanks to the idea of Kelly Kinney, Chairman of the Aerie’s Board of Trustees.

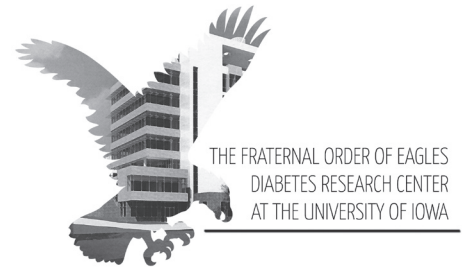
For years, the Eagles had organized and run a successful two-weekend rummage sale, collecting items and reselling them for an average of \$1,000 for charity each year. Customers clamored for more than the two weekends of shopping each year and with a spacious basement looking for more activity, Kinney had an idea.

“I’d always been asked why we didn’t do the rummage sale more often,” Kinney said, “so I looked over the books, saw what we were making per-year in rent from the basement and I thought I could beat it.”

Kinney’s confidence inspired his peers at Olympia #21 to grant him six months and \$2,000 in start-up costs to get the store up and running. In just six months, E-Mart surpassed what the basement was earning from a full year’s rent and Kinney received the go ahead to continue.

“Our first year, we generated \$22,474.96,” Kinney said. “Of that, \$6,039.42 went to charity and the club made \$13,945 just from the store.”

After spending the first year donating



Give Back For A Shot At Lasting Recognition

In the near future, the Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center core team will be selecting names for conference rooms within the center and we are looking to recognize State/Provinces who have played a key role in helping us meet our commitment to fund the DRC. Consideration will be given to the total amount of money donated, the amount donated per-capita and more.

Now is the chance to make your final donation push for the opportunity to receive such recognition. Send all special project and fundraiser donations to the Grand Aerie Headquarters by December 31, 2013 to ensure they will be considered when making these name selections.

This holiday season, make a difference in the Eagles' quest for a cure and help your State/Province receive the ultimate in recognition for your efforts!

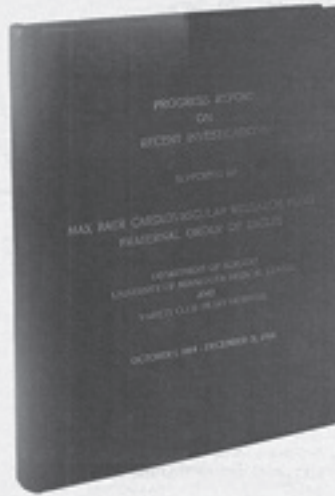
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FROM THE ARCHIVES: NOVEMBER 1967

Enough Research To Fill A Book

By Art Lindberg



Max Baer Heart Fund Helps Support Volume Of Research at the University of Minnesota

Amost dramatic and unusual receipt for money given by the Fraternal Order of Eagles is the Progress Report Book.

In October of 1964, the Eagles presented a grant in the amount of \$25,000 from the Max Baer Heart Fund to the University of Minnesota Medical Center, to be used by the University's Heart Research Center in its all-out fight to eradicate heart disease. The grant was accepted by Dr. C. Walton Lillehei, now Professor and Chairman of Surgery at the Cornell Medical Center but at that time Professor of Surgery at the University of Minnesota; he is a world-famed pioneer in open heart surgery.

By January 1, 1967, reports of the research supported with that grant filled a book - miracles are imprinted black on white.

In this book are listed a total of 26 reports of individual investigations conducted by Dr. Lillehei and his colleagues in the Department of Surgery of the University of Minnesota Medical Center and its affiliate, Variety Club Heart Hospital. On the title page of each of these reports appear the names of the research grants supporting the individual investigations. The 'Max Baer Heart Fund of the Fraternal Order of Eagles' appears in a supporting role in each of them.

The reports cover many elements in the vast field of heart surgery. Operating techniques concerning removals and replacements of defective heart valves; evaluations of the replacement materials themselves and progress made in the used of heart machines such as the Pacemaker and the Prosthetic Heart Valve. Each report encompasses a staggering total of actual surgery performed. It is written of course, in the language of the medical profession so that the average layman can't begin to grasp the enormity of the progress made, but he is convincingly reassured by the figures reported on the living debit side of this ledger of heart research.

These same reports have appeared in medical journals for surgeons throughout the world, not just in this book. The papers have been presented orally to many Colleges of Surgeons. The benefits of this research are boundless.

Never has there been so much return for money spent. Here is a bookful of research written for all the world to see and to benefit from.

Top Producers/ New Leaders

for August 2013

Aerie:

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|------------------------|----|
| 1. #622 St. Cloud, MN | 48 |
| 2. #1213 Las Vegas, NV | 46 |
| #4208 Hudson, FL | 46 |
| 4. #2681 Kirkland, WA | 34 |
| #761 Coshocton, OH | 34 |

Auxiliary:

- | | |
|--------------------------|----|
| 1. #347 Lafayette, IN | 39 |
| 2. #2568 Seattle, WA | 28 |
| 3. #2307 Parkersburg, WV | 24 |
| 4. #1562 Gettysburg, PA | 21 |
| 5. #1406 Hanover, PA | 19 |
| #4528 Ocean View, DE | 19 |

Aerie (Individual):

- | | |
|-------------------------|----|
| 1. Blake Groth | 18 |
| #3529 Snoqualmie, WA | |
| 2. Cindy Stirk | 17 |
| #2681 Kirkland, WA | |
| 3. Thomas R. Fisher | 16 |
| #2307 Parkersburg, WV | |
| 4. Kerri Walsh | 16 |
| #2681 Kirkland, WA | |
| 5. Anthony M. Angeletti | 15 |
| #387 Newark, OH | |

Auxiliary (Individual):

- | | |
|--------------------------|----|
| 1. Alegria F. Wright | 17 |
| #2307 Parkersburg, WV | |
| 2. Jeanna R. Woodrum | 9 |
| #4315 Colonial Beach, VA | |
| 3. Patricia L. Kerrigan | 8 |
| #2568 Seattle, WA | |
| Sandra L. Milletics | 8 |
| #4089 Port Orange, FL | |
| Kathy Johnson | 8 |
| #741 Columbus, IN | |



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We Are People Helping People

Alabama

-River City Aux. #4185 hosted the "Jaidyn's Ride For Diabetes" Poker Run, raising more than \$2,500 for the DRC.

California

-Antelope Valley #2985 held a charity golf tournament to benefit Cub Scout Pack #641, raising \$3,727 to be used for summer camp and uniforms for scouts who need assistance.

Colorado

-Broomfield #3940 raised \$3,133.50 for the Colorado Wounded Warriors Fund.

Florida

-A group from Eagles Landing #4385 traveled to Brandon Rotary Campgrounds near Tampa to present to campers at the five-day Perthes Camp a check for \$1,800 raised through various activities throughout the month of June. Legg-Calve-Perthes Disease is a rare disease which affects 1-in-1,200 children (mostly boys) causing reduced hip blood flow.

Idaho

-Hayden #4080 donated a total of \$18,625 to charity last fraternal year including a check for \$16,500 to the Kootenai Health Foundation, \$2,000 to ElderHelp of North Idaho and \$125 for Relay for Life.

Illinois

-Olney #2549 recently held a Spaghetti Dinner benefit raising \$2,000 for President G. Kent Cogswell, who broke his hip in a recent accident.

Indiana

-Greencastle #4388 raised \$1,200 to be donated to Putnam County Family Support Services.

Kansas

-Mt. Oread #309 held its annual BBQ Cook-Off earlier this year, raising \$6,000 for the local Toys for Tots and Blue Santa.

Maryland

-The Maryland State Aerie and Auxiliary recently held its Fall Conference, where it raised \$2,000 through a money drawdown to benefit the charities of State Worthy President Larry Ramsey of Cresaptown #2883 and State Madam President Ann Hardy of Brunswick #1136.

Massachusetts

-During the 4th Annual Back-To-School Anti-Bullying 5k Road Race and 2k Walk to benefit the Carl Walker-Hoover Foundation, Springfield #148 presented a donation of \$3,000.

Minnesota

-Rapids #2469 held its 11th Annual Fall Extravaganza Dinner Raffle Party, raising \$34,880 for the Minnesota Eagles charity Confidence Learning Center.

Missouri

-Jefferson City #2693 held a Golden Age Eagle chicken dinner fundraiser for the Senior Nutrition Center. More than 400 people were

Michigan



The Eagles of Mt. Clemens #1269 recently presented a check for \$1,000 to the Macomb Family YMCA for the Strong Kids Summer Camp Program. Pictured, l to r, are Worthy Trustee Mike Orlando, Macomb YMCA Membership Director Steve Krankota and Worthy President Brian Sass.

served during the event, which raised \$2,867.12.

Nebraska

-Scottsbluff-Gering #2998's Aerie, Auxiliary and Eagle Riders recently raised \$1,250 for the Golden Eagle Foundation.

New Mexico

-During the recent New Mexico Fall Conference, Jr. Past State Presidents Jack Merchant and Debbie Luera presented checks to their official charities, the Make-A-Wish New Mexico and The Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center. Bob Biggers, President and CEO of Make-A-Wish NM, accepted a check for \$45,416.22 while Grand Inside Guard John Noldan accepted a check for \$14,125.44 for the DRC for a total of \$59,541.66.

New York

-Johnson City #2644 presented the Handicapped Children's Association with a check for \$2,200 earlier this year to purchase occupational and physical therapy supplies.

Ohio

-Grants from Lancaster #2120 and the State of Ohio Eagles Charity Fund totaling \$20,000 were presented to the Fairfield Medical Center Foundations' Cancer Care Fund.

Oregon

-Rainier #4022 participated in the recent 2013 Seattle to Portland: Bike Rest Stop event, raising \$1,000 to present to Help Our People Eat (H.O.P.E.), Rainier's local food bank.

Pennsylvania

-Bentleyville #1809 held a charity motorcycle run to benefit 10-year-old Aiden Knox, who underwent treatment recently for Ewing's sarcoma, a type of bone cancer. The ride raised approximately \$6,700, which was donated to

the Knox family.

Texas

-Mainland #3199 held a fish fry fundraiser for the DRC raising \$1,700.

Utah

-Roy #3355 held its 3rd Annual Fund Drive to benefit the George Wahlen Veterans Home in Ogden generating \$1,400.

Virginia

-The Eagle Riders of Piedmont #4420 held their 4th Annual Dean Ferris Memorial Poker Run on Aug. 24, raising \$11,713.26 to benefit the Danville Cancer Association.

Washington

-During the Washington Fall Conference, Margaret Japhet, Gig Harbor Auxiliary Heart Fund Chairman, presented a grant for \$5,000 from the Max Baer Heart Fund to Mary Bridge Children's Hospital in Tacoma. Additionally, Gig Harbor presented \$3,000 in scholarships to four area students.

Ontario

-Maple Leaf #2311 in Toronto raised \$10,700 for various causes during the previous fraternal year. Donations included \$1,000 to Alzheimer's research at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health in Toronto, \$800 for the Canadian Cancer Society, \$3,000 and 650 pounds of food to the Daily Bread Food Bank, \$3,500 to The Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center and \$2,400 to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

Great Lakes Region

-The Great Lakes Region raised \$1,000 for the DRC during the region's recent conference at Racine, Wisc., #281.

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proceeds to diabetes research, a member approached Kinney about where the donations go, suggesting alternatives to benefit the community. Kinney responded by placing a suggestions box in the club room where Eagles can submit a charity of their choice. On the first of each month, a random charity is pulled from the box with to receive that month's share of the store's charitable proceeds.

"The random drawing sort of gets everyone involved in the process," Kinney said. "When the month is over, we put the member's name, the charity and the total raised on the bulletin board and allow everyone to get some recognition for their efforts."

The effort has been a tremendous success, with an average of \$500 going to charity each month. Initially, Kinney raised concern over obtaining enough donations to fully stock the store but time has proven him quite wrong. Donations are made to the store on a daily basis with most items coming from non-Eagles in the community.

"We get so many repeat donors," Kinney said. "People are happy with what we're doing and what their goods are supporting. We have more donations than we can handle now."

Causes supported by E-Mart thus far include PCAF AIDS Foundation, Thurston County Food Bank, Boys & Girls Club, HeartStrides, Thurston County Animal Services and Multiple Sclerosis. In October, the Eagles put the monthly drawing on hold to honor Breast Cancer Awareness Month by donating the share of the store's proceeds to finding a cure.

Currently, the store is open Thursday through Sunday from Noon until 6 p.m. Because the store relies on volunteers to operate, additional hours are, for now at least, out of the equation. The mother-and-daughter team of Trisha and Laura Stevenson help handle the day-to-day operations of the store with various members, community leaders and those in need of community service hours volunteering their time as well.

When Eagles from throughout the state visit Olympia for F.O.E.-related functions, they often ask to see the much talked-about E-Mart and leave amazed at the quantity of items tagged and racked within the Aerie's basement walls.

"Everybody who has been here has loved it," Kinney said. "If you have a spot in your Aerie where you can do this, it can make money.

It can be a success. It's funny because everybody calls it 'Kelly's Store' but I just laugh. This isn't mine. This is everyone's store and we're going to keep helping as many people as we can with it."

News & Notes

New Brother Neal McCoy Gives Back To DRC

One of our newest Eagle brothers, country music legend Neal McCoy, is doing his part by donating a portion of the proceeds from his new album "Pride: A Tribute To Charley Pride" to The F.O.E. Diabetes Research Center. Brother Neal is a two-time International Convention headliner and was inducted into the Entertainers wing of the Grand Aerie Hall of Fame in Reno. CDs are \$14.95 plus \$2 shipping and handling (includes U.S. and Canada). The first 250 copies sold will be autographed by Neal McCoy himself and include a free copy of Where Eagles Fly. Order today by contacting the Grand Aerie Supply Department at supplies@foe.com or by phone at 614-883-2178.

Members Donate More Than \$10K For Operation Eagle

In September, we asked members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles to make donations to our annual Operation Eagle program to assist those overseas this coming holiday season. Eagles stepped up to the plate with \$10,687.62 in donations as well as several boxes of toiletries, non-perishable food items and more. On Thursday, Oct. 24, staff from the Grand Aerie Headquarters headed to the Grove City Wal-Mart to purchase items requested by this year's recipients as well as \$1,000 in gift cards donated by the store to help the cause. The total value of goods purchased using donated money and gift cards was \$11,609.74. Thank you to Eagles everywhere and to Wal-Mart for making this fantastic effort possible.

2013-2014 Grand Tribunal Justices

The Justices of the Grand Tribunal for the current year were installed at the 2013 International Convention in Reno, Nev. They are:

Chief Justice Irvin "Speedy" Ross - Cheviot, OH #2197

Justice Rick Franklin - Aurora, MO #3948

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