

# SOAR

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Members and volunteers at Bennington, Vt., #1861 prepare a Styrofoam container to be delivered to an area resident in need on Nov. 27, 2013.

## Eagles Make A Difference Through Thanksgiving, Christmas Efforts

The sun has yet to rise, but members of the Fraternal Order of Eagles are hard at work, donating their time and money to put food in the mouths of those in need. One-by-one, Styrofoam containers fill with the likes of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes and more, each one destined to find its way to the lap of an individual thankful to learn first-hand what it means to be People Helping People.

The holiday season is the biggest giving period of the year and no organization showcases that sentiment quite like the F.O.E. Across the United States and Canada, members volunteer to organize and execute events designed to spread cheer throughout their community.

In Vermont, Eagles at Bennington #1861 rolled up their sleeves for the

30th consecutive year on the day before Thanksgiving to prepare 22 cases of turkeys and a variety sides (1,100+ meals) to be delivered to homebound and less fortunate individuals. More than 50 volunteers came together to fill containers with food and deliver the meals, which were made possible thanks to donations from local businesses.

Macomb, Ill., #3698 opened its doors to those in need, serving 300 meals inside the Aerie and delivering an additional 200 to those physically unable to make their way to the Eagles. Members there spent the months leading up to the event collecting donations and organizing volunteer work to ensure the big day went without a hitch.

## Children's Art Contest Open To Grades 3-6

The Fraternal Order of Eagles' annual Children's Art Contest is back and we're encouraging all Aeries and Auxiliaries to get kids involved.

We're asking students in grades 3-6 to showcase "My Favorite Thing" using crayon, pen, watercolor or acrylic paint on paper no larger than 11x17. Oils and charcoals WILL NOT be accepted. Entries are due Feb. 14, with winners announced March 14.

Traditionally, the winter months provide a great spark to the creative spirit of our young minds. Reach out to a school in your area with details and encourage them to integrate the contest into their art curriculum.

Prizes include \$500 for the Best Overall Entry and cash prizes for the Top 4 finishers in each grade.

Winning entries will be showcased on the Eagles' website and during the 2014 International Convention at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, Fla.

See the insert within this issue of Soar for official rules and details or visit the Members-Only website to download an entry form.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Marketing & Communications Department at 614-883-2210 or email us at [marketing@foe.com](mailto:marketing@foe.com).

### Send entries to:

The Fraternal Order Of Eagles  
Children's Art Contest  
1623 Gateway Circle South  
Grove City, OH 43123

FROM THE ARCHIVES: DECEMBER 1948

**Top Producers/  
New Leaders**

for August 2013

**Aerie:**

- 1. #2308 Puyallup, WA 63
- 2. #985 Kendallville, IN 54
- 3. #606 Ford City, PA 40
- 4. #184 Aspen, CO 38
- 5. #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ 37

**Auxiliary:**

- 1. #2308 Puyallup, WA 82
- 2. #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ 35
- #895 Ironton, OH 35
- 4. #2178 Ashland, OH 29
- 5. #4089 Port Orange, FL 26

**Aerie (Individual):**

- 1. Richard Redwine 26
- South Bend, IN #435
- 2. Gary R. Plumb 24
- Puyallup, WA #2308
- 3. Neal B. Gahimer 19
- Kendallville, IN #985
- 4. Marvin N. Little 18
- Auburn, WA #2298
- Rodney A. Clem 18
- Punta Gorda, FL #3296

**Auxiliary (Individual):**

- 1. Vicki A. Roberts 20
- Ironton, OH #895
- 2. Catherine Mahan 15
- Puyallup, WA #2308
- 3. Yvonne Brown 8
- Puyallup, WA #2308
- Sandra L. Milletics 8
- Port Orange, FL #4089
- 5. Judith L. Skinner 7
- Puyallup, WA #2308
- Jennifer N. Niccum 7
- Lafayette, IN #347
- Katherine Jiles 7
- Pedro, OH #895



**CHRISTMAS BASKETS** will be filled with holiday goodies and distributed to the needy in many communities by charitable Eagles. **MEMBERSHIP PRODUCERS** come into their own in December as most Aeries pay them tribute by initiating classes in their honor.

**In December**

Another year draws to an eventful close in December, a month that finds Eagledom busy with a variety of activities.

Christmas is, of course, the biggest day of the year. As in the past, many Aeries will sponsor gala parties complete with Santa Claus, special kiddie entertainment, and candy and presents for all.

Nor will the needy, the orphaned, and the handicapped be forgotten. Many Aeries will distribute Yuletide baskets to these unfortunates at Christmastime.

The membership program will have its place in the holiday parade. December classes are named for the backbone of all

Aeries - the producers - with Aerie vice-presidents also being honored.

Members will get a chance to express themselves on an interesting Pro and Con question: Is This A Man's World?

In the entertainment field, Aeries will call upon nationality groups in their communities to present programs in the Folks From Many Lands series.

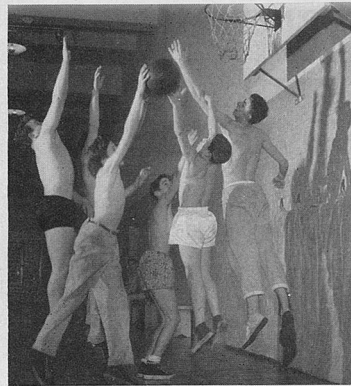
Basketball makes its bid for sports attention in December. Many Aeries will sponsor cage teams in local leagues; others will organize leagues for members; still others will see to it that Eagle sons and the youngsters of the community get their chance to play the game.



**TINY TOTS** will get a preview of Christmas at Eagle-sponsored Yuletide parties.



**FOLKS FROM MANY LANDS** are included on all Eagle rosters. Programs and nationality groups are on the entertainment schedules of many Aeries.



**BASKETBALL** is sports king in December. Members and sons too, will play on hundreds of Eagle teams.



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# We Are People Helping People

## Arizona

-On Nov. 10, Mesa Tri-City #3468 became the second Aerie in the state of Arizona to institute a Junior Order of Eagles. Worthy President Jim Schmiedeberg and Madam President Fawn Powell put together a pizza party for the kids to help celebrate their special day. After the ceremony, the Junior Eagles held a bake sale, raising \$132 for their regalia.

## Arkansas

-Twin Lakes #3183 presented a check for \$3,000 to Kindness, Inc.

## California

-Lodi #848 presented a check to the Butterfly Unit of Hospice of San Joaquin for \$5,900.

## Florida

-Crystal River #4272 made a donation of more than \$1,000 to Veteran's Village in Fort McCoy, Fla. Veteran's Village provides temporary and permanent housing for military veterans.

## Idaho

-Nez Perce #631 raised \$3,300 during a one-day event to benefit the local food bank.

## Iowa

-Zachary Bohnenkamp, a Seattle artist and former Iowa City resident, was commissioned by his parents, John & Cyndy Bohnenkamp, to paint a mural on one of Iowa City #695's exterior walls. Zach used only spray paint to create the piece.

## Massachusetts

-Marlboro #3565 had its annual bartenders/officers appreciation party to honor the hard work done during the previous year. Worthy President Tom Pope presented nine (9) scholarship checks for \$1,000 each, then Cancer Fund Co-Chairman Vinnie Natale and Jim Hollis presented a check for \$5,000 to the Joe Andruzzi foundation, \$15,000 to the 15/40 Connection Foundation and \$18,000 to the Dana Farber Cancer Research Hospital in Boston, for a grand total of \$47,000.

## Michigan

-Midland Eagle Riders #2110 held its annual ride across the state to raise money for children with cancer, generating \$4,700 which was given to Cancer Services of Midland, Clare and Gladwin. The ride began in 2005 and has raised an average of \$4,400 per-year for the cause.

## Missouri

-During the recent Missouri State & Regional Eagle President's Visit to Marceline #726, a check for \$4,337 was presented to the South Central Regional Presidents for the Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Fund. The money was raised during the annual Jennie's Run poker run event, named in honor of Jennie Burgener, who died at age 29 from complications due to diabetes. State Presidents Loyd Merriman and Diane Watson also received \$833 for Camp

## New York



Ticonderoga #4410 recently celebrated its 15th Anniversary. Ticonderoga was initially chartered in March 1905 with more than 30 members. The group thrived for many years with leaders from Ticonderoga's business and professional community before eventually folding. In July 1998, The Ticonderoga Aerie rose again, this time with more than 60 members. New York State President Garrett Smith, aide Joseph McConnell and Ticonderoga Worthy President Arnold LaFountain toured the city as part of a special historical presentation. Following the tour, members gathered for a barbecue and honored Edward "Bud" Dolback, a past Worthy Trustee and current New York State Trustee. Pictured, l to r, front row, Dolback, New York State Conductor Edward Gradwell, Grand Trustee Tom McGrath, Smith and New York State Membership Chairman Larry Robillard; back, LaFountain, New York State Chaplain Jon P. Badi, New York State Trustee Harry Phelps, New York State Secretary Don Yanchunis and Rensselaar #4446 Vice President Robert Yager.

Hickory Hill, a camp for diabetic children located in Columbia, Mo., raised through the Eagles' annual hayride.

## Ohio

-Justice #3881 presented a check for \$525 to the Lake Post 737 Legion Riders to benefit the American Legion Legacy Scholarship Fund.

## Pennsylvania

-Thanks to Hanover #1406, Mekayla Sheely and her mother Abby, will be the inhabitants of a new handicapped-accessible home. The Eagles gave \$10,000 to the Habitat for Humanity Hanover Build Team – the largest single donation received by the team.

## Tennessee

-Tri-City #3429 donated \$1,146 to Open Doors Tennessee, which provides opportunities, resources, information, and support for families of individuals with disabilities and cancer.

## Virginia

-Jr. Past State Madam President Elsie Williams of Fredericksburg #4123 made a check presentation to her charity, INOVA Fairfax Hospital Heart Transplant Unit, for \$41,000. Elsie chose the charity in gratitude and appreciation for the doctors and staff at the hospital where she underwent a heart transplant of her own on April 12, 2010.

## Wisconsin

-At the Great Lakes Regional Conference hosted by Racine #281, Grand Worthy President David Tice presented a \$5,000 grant from the Max Baer Heart Fund to Kris Krizak, Executive Director of All Saints Health Care. The grant will be used by the All Saints Cardiovascular Institute to purchase needed equipment.

## Wyoming

-The Auxiliary of Evanston #2359 recently held a craft fair raising \$1,911.50 to help fund repairs to the Evanston Aerie.

## Alberta/ Saskatchewan

-Last winter, Lethbridge #2100 member Dave Gulash discovered his neighbor, Irene Loder, was in dire need of assistance. The roof on Loder's home was failing, allowing water into the home which had damaged drywall and contributed to the growth of mold, leaving Loder, her son and her two grandchildren with the possibility of being without shelter during the year's coldest months. Gulash secured approval from the Lethbridge Eagles to donate \$5,500 in funding to replace the roof, remove and replace damaged drywall, installation and flooring and install a new furnace.

**HOLIDAY** from page 1

Many Aeries and Auxiliaries carry out their holiday events with minimal cost thanks to donations solicited from businesses and individuals around the community and from various fundraising events held throughout the year.

At San Jose #8, Eagles plan charity events throughout the year to raise funds for their annual Children's Shopping Spree event, where members are paired up with less fortunate children in the area and given a designated amount of money each child can spend on gifts for themselves and their loved ones.

Using funds raised through weekly bingo events, Maryville, Mo., #3669 created care packages for 67 families in need, each including canned goods, toiletries and more to help ease the burden of the winter months.

Next door in Illinois, the ladies of Blue Island Auxiliary #1332 gathered to make Christmas cards to send to the men and women protecting our freedoms overseas, as well as those currently recovering from injuries suffered in service.

In Connersville, Ind., the E.W. Tatman Underprivileged Children's Fund is celebrating 95 years of providing Christmas gifts to the less fortunate kids of Fayette County. Connersville #1065 joined in the cause, donating 279 toys.

From coast to coast, the men and women of the Eagles are always hard at work, cooking meals, raising money, collecting toys and food items and volunteering their time to spread holiday cheer to those who need it most.

Chilton, Wisc., #1288 provided 500 meals on Thanksgiving; Weeki Wachee, Fla., #4372 donated Thanksgiving baskets to 12 local families; Bacliff, Texas, #3199 assisted 18 families; Petersburg, Va., #882 provided 10 full dinners to local families; Glenwood Springs, Colo., #215 provided 450 meals for the 31st consecutive year; Elma, Wash., #1440 provided 286 meals and Kenai, Alaska, #3525 provided 15 food baskets and held a Christmas dinner for senior citizens.

The impact made by our members can be felt near and far. Where there's a friend or a neighbor in need, you can count on an Eagle to be there to help lift their spirits. There's no better time than now to show just what it means to be People Helping People.

**News & Notes****Get Your DRC Donations In By Dec. 31**

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! PLEASE NOTE: Donations WILL be accepted after Dec. 31. The Dec. 31 date is simply the deadline for recognition consideration within the center.

**Share Your Work With The World**

The holiday season is filled with stories about Eagles across the United States and Canada providing meals and gifts for neighbors in need. If your Aerie or Auxiliary has made an effort to give back to the less fortunate in your community, let the Grand Aerie Marketing & Communications Department know! Your stories could be shared in our People Helping People newsletter, on our website or Facebook page and even in the pages of Soar! Make sure your hard work is given due recognition by sending stories and photos to [marketing@foe.com](mailto:marketing@foe.com) or mailing them to the Grand Aerie Headquarters at the address found on page 2.

**Grand Aerie Headquarters Notice**

The Grand Aerie Headquarters will be closed from Monday, Dec. 23 until Friday, Dec. 27, as well as on Jan. 1. Normal 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. ET operating hours will resume on Monday, Dec. 30.

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# THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF EAGLES



## RULES

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- Open to 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students.
- Your local Eagles Aerie/Auxiliary will send all completed entries to the Grand Aerie for judging. Entries from individuals or groups other than local Aeries/Auxiliaries will be disqualified.
- All entries from the local Aerie/Auxiliary must be received by the Grand Aerie by **February 14, 2014**.
- All entries become the property of the Grand Aerie F.O.E .
- Contest winners will be announced on March 14, 2014. Names of winners will be published online.
- Winning entries will be on display at the International Convention in July.

## GUIDELINES

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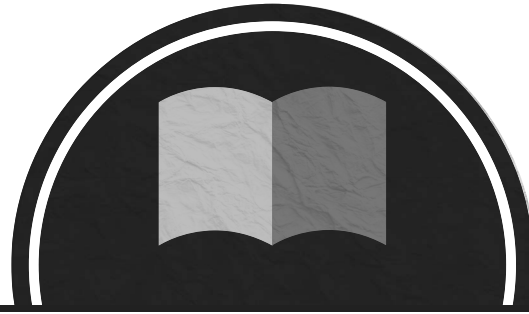
- Theme: My favorite thing.
- Contestants must submit artwork on paper no larger than 11 x 17
- Crayon, pen, watercolor and acrylic may be used. No oils or charcoal.
- An entry form must be filled out clearly and completely using the child's home address. The form must be attached to back of all art work submitted to the local Aerie/Auxiliary. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from contest.
- Sponsoring Aeries/Auxiliaries must provide contact information with children's submissions.
- Contest will be judged on basis of originality, relevance to theme, as well as artistic ability.

## PRIZES

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Best of Show - \$500 ★ 1st Prize - \$200 ★ 2nd Prize - \$100 ★ 3rd Prize - \$75 ★ 4th Prize - \$50  
(All prizes awarded at each grade level excluding best of show)

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# BULLETIN CONTEST

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## Rules

- Editors should enter the bulletin they consider their best from the months of August, September or October (2013)
- Only one issue may be submitted per bulletin. Additional issues of the same bulletin will be discarded. A bulletin cannot be entered in both print and electronic versions.
- If the entry form is not included the submission will not be considered for judging.
- All Entries must be submitted by January 17, 2014, to the Grand Aerie Marketing and Communications Department.
- Judging will commence following the deadline and a winner will be announced on March 1, 2014.

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Winners will receive a plaque presented at State/Provincial Conventions and recognition at this year's International Convention!

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Please send all submissions to:  
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