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"People
Helping
People"

Happy Mother's Day

COMING EVENTS

Due to Covid-19 and our Governor's Mandates, everything is TBD!

Except State Convention!!!!!!!

May 21 SWP Homecoming Woodburn
May 22 SMP Homecoming N Portland
June 23-27 St Convention The Dalles

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Brothers and Sisters,

Today is a beautiful spring day in the Northwest and it is a nice sign of the things to come. It is also a time to think of all the activities that are going to be possible, picnics, B B Q's, Pig roasts, Yard sales, etc. To help raise money for charities. We need to think of all the 'outside' things to do to help in our quest to continue our PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE goal. With the new restrictions put on our club, we need to think of new possibilities.

It has been reported that an Eagles club has qualified as a Super Spreader last month because they chose to have a large indoor gathering without taking precautions to prevent spread. We do not want to endanger our members and we do not need the bad publicity. This did not occur in Oregon, but in a neighboring state. In short, be aware and keep the safety of all members in mind. It has been a long and difficult year, but we are making progress (I think).

With the new closures, we will just have to do the best we can. Let's move forward with the intention of helping our clubs survive and helping our charities.

Steve Wiley, SWP



STATE MADAM PRESIDENT - Christine Pfau

Greetings Sisters and Brothers.

To all mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and all who take on the role of mother, happy Mother's Day. I'm sure all of you already know the FOE is responsible for the day set aside to show honor to mothers.

We had a great time at our visitations to Pendleton (Let 'er Rip) and Baker City. They were generous in their donations and gifts. I felt the family love. We look forward to our scheduled visitation with Prineville.

As I write this, we are looking forward to spending time with our Grand Madam President, Jacque Marble this next week. With up to six traveling together, we should have a real adventure. We have been welcomed to Greater North Portland, North Lincoln, Cornelius, Prineville, and Springfield. She will get to see various parts of our great state of Oregon and visit with our wonderful Eagle sisters and brothers.

My membership chairman, Marna Newby, tells me how great we are doing bringing in new members. Awesome! Thank you so much and keep up the good work.

Continue to share what the FOE stands for. The influence you have on other people is substantially more than you can imagine. Be the good example people can look up to and want to be a part of.

Remember, in this great recipe called life, we can all use a teaspoon or two of humility now and then.

Fraternally,
Christine Pfau
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MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORS

Dear Brothers,

This Eagles year is coming to a close. I think most people would agree that it has been a very challenging year. Covid 19 has been a problem we have all had to deal with.

I'm very proud of all the Aeries and the effort you've put into membership during this hard year. Considering what we have all faced, we have done a great job.

Last June, 1170 members were dropped from the roles of the Oregon State Aerie. Currently we are less than 500 new and reenrolled members from a Net Gain. Hence, so far this year we have brought in close to 700 new members. That's a great effort.

For the last several years, our problem has not been bringing in members, it's been keeping them. We lose more than we gain. Hence, I encourage all Aerie's to put together a telephone team to call the members who haven't paid their dues. Remind those members of the many benefits of being a member. Do whatever you can to keep those members.

Fraternally,
Greg O. Jones
Membership Chairman



Greg O Jones
Aerie
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Sisters,

This is going to be short. So proud of The Dalles and Greater North Portland for hosting their respective Districts. They truly did an awesome job.

For those if you who did not receive your membership gifts from the last District they will be passed out at State Convention.

Please remember that 'Hand In Hand We Can'. The Aerie and Auxiliary are stronger when we stand together, weaker when we pull apart.

"Hand In Hand We Can"
Happiness always,
Marna
Membership
Chairman



Marna Newby
Auxiliary
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The History of Mother's Day

Although others claim they started Mother's Day, Frank E. Hering, a Past Grand Worthy President of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, made the first known public plea for "a national day to honor our mothers" in 1904. Twenty-one years later, the "Society of War Mothers" invited Hering to participate in a special Mother's Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery. There, at the "Tomb of the Unknown Soldier," before a large audience including many congressmen and senators, Hering was introduced as "the Father of Mother's Day." That was 11 years after President Woodrow Wilson by Proclamation officially made Mother's Day the second Sunday in May. The idea of Mother's Day came to Hering when he was a faculty member at the University of Notre Dame. Walking into the classroom of a fellow instructor, Hering found his colleague distributing penny postcards to students. Each student addressed his or her card and scribbled a message on it. "What are they writing?" Hering inquired. "Anything."

his colleague replied. "Anything at all as long as it's to their mothers." A light bulb went on in Hering's head and the idea of a SPECIAL DAY that would provide FORMAL RECOGNITION FOR MOTHERS began to form. About the same time, Hering was actively involved in an organization that was started a few years earlier on the Seattle waterfront and was quickly gaining popularity — the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

By 1904, Hering was a past officer of the South Bend Aerie. On February 7, 1904, Hering was invited to serve as the main speaker at a memorial sponsored by the Indianapolis Aerie #211 at the English Opera House. It was there that he first publicly verbalized his idea of a "national day of honor for Mothers." In 1914, legislation in the U.S. Congress requested a presidential proclamation that would designate the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. Hering served as Grand Worthy President in 1909 and again in 1911. As he traveled across the country, his plea for a national Mother's Day became a standard topic during his appearances at Eagles functions.

In 1912, he recommended to the Grand Aerie that every local aerie be presented the opportunity to hold Mother's Day exercises "on any Sunday during the year." The proposal was approved and Aeries throughout the nation began to carry the torch for Mother's Day. This date was encouraged by Anna Jarvis, another crusader for a memorial day for mothers. President Woodrow Wilson signed the proclamation and May 10, 1914 became the first official Mother's Day.

As the popularity of Mother's Day continued to grow, many organizations claimed the idea originated with them. The Society of American War Mothers, a national women's organization dedicated to the ideals exemplified by Mother's Day, decided to conduct its own impartial investigation. After sifting through divergent claims and information, the group's findings were published in the February, 1925 issue of "The American War Mother." "We have been thoroughly convinced by documented evidence that the inspiration for the present Mother's Day came from a man-Frank E. Hering of South Bend, Indiana-and that the medium through which he carried his campaign over the number of years was the Fraternal Order of Eagles." The article traced the F.O.E.'s efforts to Hering's first public speeches about on the topic in 1904 and 1905 and concluded that "Mr. Hering's activities and addresses in favor of Mother's Day antedated by three years the first observance of Mother's Day in the city of Philadelphia, which was in May 1908." The piece also quoted Hering's presentations to the Kansas City Eagles and their guests: "The Fraternal Order of Eagles is an organization of men bound together very largely by sentimental ties. Now, the finest sentiments are those woven around the home. The keystone of the home is the Mother. The Eagles to meet their fullest obligation must do everything in their power to keep the family intact, and to aid mothers and children, especially in times of sickness and want."

During an interview with "The American War Mother," Hering explained, "The observance of Mother's Day is only part of a logical and consistent social welfare philosophy that for a quarter of a century has been intelligently followed by the Eagles. The fundamental proposition is: "Protect the home." The mother is the keystone of the problem. Today this powerful Order has the assets of \$30 million and 600,000 members. And the rallying cry is, "For Mother and Home."





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