

Red Eagles

Christmas Newsletter



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Fellow Red Eagles:



2013 – REAA's Year Two

1 November 2013 marked the end of our Association's second year of existence. 'Low key' best describes the activity of our second year as we let the system we put in place during our first year play out to determine where the 'forgots' and 'fine-tuning requirements' might be. All-in-all, our first year's efforts caught most things so this year's report will be much briefer than last year's.

Board Composition. Board Members are elected for a four-year term; however, in order to stagger the terms for continuity, the first election (2011) had three two-year positions – Ike Crawley, Jim 'Bluto' Keys and Phil Young were elected to those positions - and they expire on 1 Jan 14. During the summer, we initiated action to fill the upcoming vacancies by soliciting you all for nominations. We received a grand total of three inputs: Ike, Bluto, and Neena Wright. Surprisingly, after painstakingly counting all 17 votes, they were all unanimously elected! Thanks to all three for stepping up – and thanks to Phil for your two years' service as Vice Pres and store manager.

Board composition for the next two years will now consist of the three permanent members - Bob Breault (co-editor and comms), Ben Galloway (co-editor and comms) and John 'Admiral' Nelson (Treas); the six elected members – Ike Crawley, Jim Keys (Vice Pres),

Larry Mason (Sec'y), Mike Scott (Pres), Neena Wright and Rob Zettel. Additionally, Earl Henderson and Gail Peck were president picks' as ex-officio/emeritus members – they don't vote but they do partake in our discussions.

Finances. At year's end, the association's treasury will show over \$9000 on hand. These funds have primarily been generated by dues subscriptions. However, our store is now generating positive cash flow as sales have covered the inventory costs and, except for mailing costs, all current income is going directly to the treasury. Currently, our monies have two main purposes: they fund ongoing expenses such as corporate license renewal, tax prep, website, etc; and, they will be used to offset reunion expenses and, also, in some manner, assist active dues-payers with their reunion expenses.

Store Information. One of the issues that the Board felt needed refinement was the management of our store. When considering the customer ordering procedure, funds handling requirements, product mailing, advertising, inventory management, etc, it was felt that we needed two important changes – consolidation of involvement, and an assurance of continuity should something happen to the manager (we are old!). Correspondingly, as of 1 Jan '14, Ben Galloway will assume store duties. Ben is a permanent Board Member, he and Melody developed



Editor's Christmas Column:

These are my guidelines for Christmas:

- Peace on earth starts with your family. Put aside hard feeling and disagreements on this one special day.
- Spend this day with family and friends and let them know how much they mean to you. Say "I love you" to those special people in your life. Make that phone call on Christmas day.
- Treat each gift you receive as if it cost the giver a fortune. It doesn't matter so much about the gift as the thought behind it.
- Think of your past Christmases and try to make this one the best. This is a time for giving, not just gifts but of yourself.
- You can submit your stories or roster updates by emailing them to: bgalloway5@elpasotel.net or bobbro@bresnan.net or mail to:
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and oversee the website, and Bob Breault also participates in that process. Thus, store responsibility remains with a Board Member (Phil's term expires 31 Dec) and Ben's selection assures continuity from both a consistency standpoint (permanent Board Member) and a catastrophe standpoint (Melody and Bro can provide familiarity back-up). He will be providing you with appropriate store information, soon.

Reunion. Initial plans have been hatched for the 2014 Reunion. It will be held in Las Vegas in October. The Committee goal is to have a venue identified by mid January – when that happens, a specific date will be announced. In the meantime, the official committee is severely under populated! At the last reunion, a few of you indicated an interest in participating on the committee – now is the time to rekindle that interest! Let Jim (Bluto) Keys or me know if you are interested. Our email addresses are: jkeys@keysearch.net and mikebonscott@cox.net.

Membership. The number of folks in our Red Eagles' Family far exceeds the 58 (including 11 Board participants) who are dues current and, therefore, active Members of Red Eagle Alumni Association. The website advertises how to join/pay dues. Enough said!

Bonnie and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a great 2014.

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Mike Scott
REAA President

October Election Results

The 4477 REAA conducted elections during the month of October for three new Board of Directors positions. The REAA members elected are Ike Crawley, Neena Wright, and Jim Keys. Their duties as board members will be determined by the Board at the next Board of Directors meeting. Ratification of the election results will take place at the next Board meeting as well. The terms for the newly elected Board members will begin on January 1, 2014 and will be for a four year period. Congratulations to the newly elected board members and special thanks to the REAA members who participated in the election by casting their vote .

Jim Keys



New Item in the Red Eagles Store

The newest addition to the Red Eagles store is the "Original Pocket Farkle Game" complete with our squadron patch. The box measures 2" X 3" and is a fun dice game for all. Here is a YouTube web site that explains the game:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wRD5uFsF_VA

The cost is \$6.95 and includes shipping and handling. Send your check or money order made out to the "Red Eagles Alumni Association" or just "REAA" and send to:

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Reminder-Alumni Dues are Due in January

Red Eagle Alumni Association (REAA) dues are due the first part of January each year for those of you paying annually. The cost is \$25 per year.

Lifetime membership dues may be broken up in five payments of \$50 over five years and are also due the first part of January as well. Or if you prefer, you can make a one time payment of \$250.

Checks for membership dues should be made out to "REAA" (Red Eagles Alumni Association) and sent to:

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Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

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