



Auxiliary Emergency Fund

Bulletin # 3

Greetings Aller's or Betterment Bee's

I hope this note finds you all in good health. I am anxious to hear what sort of ingenious fund raising opportunities of "Actual" each unit has proposed within our districts to share at our mid-year rodeo! I hope that we can surpass the monies raised last year and make our department president shine! The September workshop was "interesting" and productive and for those who attended we again passed the hat and made \$90 dollars of actual! I had a helper as well to introduce and read the bulletin, my son, in his best western drawl had all the ladies in attendance laughing and smiling! Thank you for your support.

The weather has been fair thus far in our lovely state. Winter is coming though and rains and floods could devastate a members home and life in the blink of an eye, so for those of you who are able please donate, donate, donate. Here are some helpful sites that are available on the National site under Member Resources:

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[AEF Expedited Application for Natural Disaster Victims](#) (doc)

[Application for Assistance](#) (doc)

[Appreciation Citation](#) (doc)

[Before You Begin](#) (pdf)

[Contribution Form](#) (pdf)

AEF Brochures

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Helpful Web Links

[American Red Cross](#)

[FEMA](#)

[Operation Homefront](#)

[The American Legion](#)

[United Way/AIRS 2-1-1-Information & Referral Search](#)

[U.S. Department of Health and Human Services](#)

I did say in the last bulletin that I would introduce some “interesting” women of the old west to use as role models as we strive to help members during rough times.

- [Nellie Cashman](#) (1845-1925) - Known as "The Angel of [Tombstone](#)," [Cashman](#) wandered the frontier mining camps of the 1800s seeking gold, silver and a way to help others.

Nellie Cashman, was one of the [Old West's](#) original female entrepreneurs, as well as a prospector, and an "angel of mercy." Wandering the frontier mining camps of the west, seeking her fortune, she was soon known throughout for her charity, courage, and determination. She was said to have always been a great friend to the miners, often feeding them and providing lodging if they had no money.

Nellie began collecting money for Sisters of St. Anne in Victoria to build a hospital. Appreciative of her care, they were quick to help.

Sometime later, Cashman traveled to Victoria to deliver \$500 dollars in donations, which would help the nuns in building St. Joseph's Hospital. While there, she heard that 26 miners had been stranded in a snowstorm back in the Cassiar Mountains. Wasting no time, she organized a rescue expedition with six men, and a number of pack animals carrying 1,500 pounds of supplies and took off with the expedition to find the stranded men. Conditions in these mountains were so hazardous at the time, that even the Canadian Army had refused to mount a rescue. When they heard about Cashman's expedition, the commander sent his troops to find her and return her and the men back to safety. However, when they did find her, she refused to return without the stranded miners.

After 77 days, sometimes treading through as much as ten feet of snow, she finally found the men, who turned out to number more than 75 rather than the rumored 26. Suffering from severe scurvy, she loaded them up with Vitamin C in their diets and nursed them back to health.

There is much more on this courageous woman in the website Legends of America and Old West lore. In service Kat Conrad 2680A McDowell Ct Arcata, CA 95521 707-633-5315 home or cell 707-496-3401. Call or email anytime raindance08@hotmail.com

