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SHC – PORTLAND OPENS ADDITION TO AN ALREADY BEAUTIFUL HOSPITAL



The four-story new wing to SHC – Portland, which opened officially on May 10, 2010, features four operating rooms, private and semi-private patient rooms with 29 beds, an orthotics and prosthetics manufacturing and fitting lab, patient play areas, and eight private, family guest rooms. The 66,000-square-foot, located on Marquam Hill, Portland, OR, in a beautiful site

overlooking the city and both Mt St. Helen and Mt. Hood in the distance (see photo left), was built at a cost of \$74 million, and opened with dignitaries, including Imperial Potentate Jack Jones (center), and Chairman, SHC Board of Trustees, Doug Maxwell (l), shown in the photo, right, cutting the ribbon with children and other Shrine Nobles. The Portland hospital cares for about 11,000 children, from Oregon to Alaska—six states and three Canadian provinces—one of the largest service areas of all American Shrine hospitals. The hospital focuses on orthopaedic care, such as crafting artificial limbs and helping kids with bone and joint problems caused by spina bifida and other conditions. The new addition will provide a more friendly environment for children, which, as all SHC do, treats some of the toughest pediatric medical problems known. The demands for service are so great in Portland that there’s a waiting list with more than 300 names, Cagen says. **We in Chicago are proud of our sister-hospital and rejoice with the administration and staff there in this magnificent new edifice, its significant place in the Pacific Northwest medical community, and the successful Campaign Pacific Northwest, led by Mark Thoreson, Director of Development and his staff.**



INDIANA DUNES LODGE #741 GIVES GIFT TO HELP KIDS AT SHC
– CHICAGO



Orak Noble George Alex, DRD for his Shrine, brought in a nice gift from the Dunes Masonic Lodge #741, the other day. In the photo, left, he receives the gift from Ann Macrom, Worthy Matron Olive Chapter #369 O.E.S., and Stan Mills, Worshipful Master. In the photo right, he presents the gift to Yours Truly. **We thank members of the Dunes Lodge for their love of children and their generosity of spirit toward our hospital. Thanks, too, to Noble George for his hard work as DRD for Orak Shrine!**



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KENOSHA SHRINE CLUB HOST NURSES AND PRESENT GIFT TO THEM



Those irrepressible Nobles from Kenosha, WI, have become double Roll of Honor members—and they had fun doing it. You see, they raised another \$5,000 for our Adopt-A-Nurse program and invited two of our nurses to receive the gift and have dinner with them at The Bull and Bear.

So we arranged for nurses Jen Joy-Rhomberg and Mary Grosso to travel to Kenosha for a

presentation about their work as nurses and enjoy the fun and fellowship of these Wisconsin Shriners. And they did! The day after the event, Jen came to my office smiling, and said what a delightful time they had. The Nobles had a Barbeque dinner, with nice white bibs for every one. And when the nurses got up to speak, the 100 or so Nobles and guests put on paper nurses' caps, and all sat listening as if they too were nurses. The image above is the souvenir nurse's cap sent by the club to Yours Truly, autographed by many of the club members. In the photo,



right, Jim Gename, Russ Gename, and Jim Schweitzer pose with our two nurses—Jen in on the left, Mary, the right—all in good spirits and happy company. **We salute the Nobles of KSC for their hard work, generous spirits, and commitment to children and our hospitals. For the second time, they have become Roll of Honor Members, and we are proud of their great spirit and their hospitality to our nurses, who surely do great things for our patients!**

MEET THE CHILDREN FROM CARROLLTON, IL, ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!

Andy Stumpf was defensive tackle for Carrollton High School when he was selected, in 2000, to play in the Shriners All-Star game in Peoria. "It



was one of the best things I have ever done,” he recalls. Andy is now a 5th Grade teacher in Carrollton Elementary School, and he wants his students to share what he experienced at SHC – Chicago many years ago. So every year he gets permission from his school’s administrators to bring the 5th Grade classes to our hospital, and the children bring a gift, a contribution from kids-to-kids. The Carrollton School system, one of the best in Illinois, is located 270 miles south of here—a five- hour trip to our hospital. Carrollton won the State girls’ junior high basketball championship this year. And they had two State champions in junior high track this year—one in hurdles and one in discus. In the photo above, the class poses in the Mall, as Andy and his fellow 5th Grade teacher Jenn Russell present a check to Administrator Jim Cohick. **We thank Andy and all the folks in Carrollton for honoring us with their kids each year. Our Ushers tell us they were the kindest and best disciplined children who have visited our hospital. We thank them for their kind gift to our kids, and thanks to the schools Administration for giving this enriching experience to students.**



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KIDS AT HAINES COME THROUGH, BIG-TIME, FOR KIDS AT SHC – CHICAGO



Inspired by *Tebala* Noble Greg Born, the children of Haines Middle School, St. Charles, IL, held their annual charity fundraiser for the children of SHC – Chicago this year—and they did famously! They raised \$5,072! Greg is the physical education teacher and coach at Haines, and, when it came time for the school to determine the charity to receive proceeds from their annual fundraising efforts, he proposed SHC – Chicago. He invited Yours Truly to speak to the students, and he and his colleagues led the student body in its annual efforts for other people—this year, our patients here at the hospital. The

Haines kids worked hard, and they succeeded well. They set up a Personal Fundraising page on the Web for their event, and almost half of their gifts came through that source. In the photo above, Noble Greg and fellow teacher Pam Barney present the check from the school to Administrator Jim Cohick as Yours Truly looks on. **We thank Greg, his colleagues, and the kids of Haines Middle School for their enthusiastic support of our kids and our hospital. We are honored by their partnership with us in this endeavor!**

CROSSROADS MUSIC FESTIVAL SET TO RAISE \$\$\$ FOR SHC – CHICAGO, AGAIN!

Joyce Bentz, and her family and friends will host the Fourth Annual Crossroads Music Festival on the Mizpah Horse Show Grounds, Columbia City, IN, June 27, 2010, 9 AM til 9 PM. Live music, hog roast, car show, and all kinds of drawings and prizes will be available. For information, call 260/356-1280. **Join Joyce and friends—for the kids’ sake!**

BASS TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT ELKHART SHRINE CLUB IN INDIANA

The Dale Ernst Team Bass Tournament is set for July 17, 2010, at Lake Wawasee, Syracuse, IN, from 7 AM through 3 PM. There is a 70-boat maximum, so you will want to register ASAP to get involved with this tournament, the proceeds of which will go to Elkhart Shrine Club. Team registration is \$75. You may mail checks to Travel Tender, 1310 Lincolnway East, Goshen, IN 46526. There will be a \$100 cash prize for the largest smallmouth bass caught. And there will be drawing and gifts for all participants. **For information, contact Noble Art Kentgen at 574/206-0796. Good fishing, Guys!**

‘SHRINERS GOLF CHICAGO,’ AN OUTING SPONSORED BY ZURICH NA, SET Poplar Creek Country Club, Hoffman Estates, IL, will be the site of the First Annual Shriners Golf Chicago, a golf outing sponsored by Zurich NA to benefit SHC – Chicago, on August 5, 2010. Registration opens at 11 AM, the Shot Gun Start is at 1 PM, and a banquet will be held at 6:30 PM. See shrinersgolfchicago@gmail.com for full details, registration information, and the answer to your questions. **Thanks, Zurich NA, for this terrific event, for our kids, for our hospital. You’re a great partner, and we appreciate your kind generosity!**



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SHC INSPIRE FAMILY TO TAKE ‘INSPIRATION ROAD,’ A CROSS-COUNTRY TRIP



Sue Baer, of the Ladies Oriental Shrine out of *Moslem Shrine*, loves coming to the SHC – Chicago. After hearing the great news and stories of our patients at the March Divan Seminar, Sue wanted to ensure that her group did all they could to help our hospital. One of the many fantastic programs here is the “wellness initiative.” For our patients, this includes: Wellness Camp, yoga, cooking group, healthy eating classes, and more! Our clinical dietitian, Pam Patt, and Director of Recreation Therapy, Darlene Kelly, run these programs to encourage our kids to live healthy, active lives. In order to encourage these programs, Sue and Carol Roy (pictured above left) brought us more than 100 journals and digital cameras—to be used in Wellness Camps—on their most recent visit, and are currently collecting water bottles and yoga mats. **Thank you “Sue and crew” for giving so creatively – our patients are sure to benefit from your generosity and support.**

ON FAVORITE POTENTATE PINS, DRIVERS’ TALES, AND OTHER ODDS AND ENDS

I’ve seen hundreds of Potentate pins over the years—and I am impressed with the creativity, diversity, and energy expressed in each. But my favorite pin is the 2008 Potentate pin from *Anezeh Shrine*, Mexico City, which was given to me at an Imperial Session a few years ago. The pin features a small child returning his crutches, having been healed. It is so poignant and expresses so beautifully the spirit of gratitude we so often see in patients and their parents. The pin is pictured, right. I told *Orak Noble*/driver Jim Welling about the pin one day, and he said, “Let me tell you a story.” Jim was shining his Harley in the driveway one afternoon, and a car pulled up in front of his home. A young man got out, and Jim recognized him as Mark, the



first patient Jim had sponsored to SHC – Chicago many years before. Mark had had cerebral palsy and had been fitted with a brace during his years of treatment with us. Mark came over to Jim and handed him a gold-foil wrapped package. “I don’t need this anymore,” Mark said. Noble Jim opened the box and there was the brace Mark had worn during his years of care at SHC – Chicago. “Those were the best words I’d ever heard,” Jim said. He also likes to recall that his father was an *Orak Shrine* driver, and Jim, later, drove the daughter of a patient whom his father had first brought to the hospital years ago. Now Jim’s two sons are *Orak* Shriners, and they too are drivers, who may, one day, bring the granddaughter of the patient their grandfather brought so many years ago. **What a legacy! What beautiful stories by beautiful people! Thanks, drivers one and all from across Shrinedom, who truly make SHC work in such a remarkable way!**

SHRINERS SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT SET FOR JULY 23: Y’ALL COME!

Kelly and Connor Wright will host the Third Annual Shriners Scramble on July 23, 2010, at Sycamore Golf Club, Sycamore, IL. Registration opens at 11 AM; Shotgun Start is set for 1 PM; Dinner, Raffle, and Silent Auction will be at 6 PM. For information contact Kelly at 815/652-4121, or go online to www.theshrinerscramble.com. **This is the best of the best: Support Kelly and Connor—and our kids and hospital! You won’t be sorry!**