

Thru the Window...



News of Shriners Hospital and of the
Womens General Auxiliary

April 2011

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Contact us at — wga4kids@yahoo.com

*If I can stop one heart from breaking, I shall not
live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his nest again,
I shall not live in vain.*

~ Emily Dickinson ~

WGA Continuing Business

CORRESPONDENCE

Fifty acknowledgements were sent out in response to various items received and questions asked.

MEMORIALS

Memorials received the month of March amounted to \$2,039.84.

Your donations, memorials and honorariums are given and used

Checks for the auxiliary should be made out to

Womens General Auxiliary
and mailed to the auxiliary at:
2025 E. River Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55414



OUTREACH

Let Linda Johnson know if you would like her to do a special presentation for your group. Send your request to her attention at wga4kids@yahoo.com or call her at 952-948-1745.

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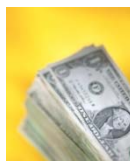
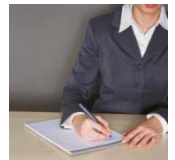


Darlene Kincaid reported that tab donations have been good. Keep up the GREAT work. We received \$1,375.14 for 1,763 lbs. of aluminum tabs. Thank you for collecting them for us.

[NOTE: Please make sure that your aluminum tabs do not contain other metal objects. There is a huge deduction for foreign metals.]

DONATED ITEMS

Please remember to insert your name or your group's name and address on all items donated so we know to whom we should send our thank you.



Also, we request that you do not send cash inside packages of toys, clothing, knitting, etc. Please send all cash and checks to us by mail or in person. Thank you.

CLOTHING

The clothing requests remain the same (i.e. shorts with and without snaps and tube socks with heels).

KNITTING

Our knitting supplies are good at this time.

TOYS

Our request for toys remains the same for all items.

Toys that we are especially in need of:

- **Cars and Trucks (small and medium sizes)**
- Dolls and baby dolls, as they are very popular now
- Princess accessories
- Disposable cameras and **hand-held games for pre-teens and teens**
- Jewelry cases
- Hair spray
- Finger nail polish
- Arts & Crafts
- Lego models
- Word games and books
- Batteries for all the hand-held games
- **Gift cards for fast food restaurants:** Subway, McDonald's, etc.

[NOTE: We can only accept NEW toys and clothing for the patients at the hospital and clinic.]

Hospital Tours

If you have a group or know of a group that would like a tour of the Hospital and Parent Accommodation Center, please call Carol Martin at 612-596-6209 to prearrange the tour.

News From The Hospital

The patients have been busy with:

- Pirate Week
- Outer Space Week

- Easter celebrations with lots of egg hunts and bunny walks (like a cake walk but uses a stuffed bunny)
- Mother's Day activities
- The Prom is May 14th

Twin Cities Hospital Day

Hospital Day is Friday, May 20, 2011:

Continental Breakfast 7:00- 9:00 AM

Program 9:30 - 2:00 PM

(Suggested donation for Continental Breakfast and Lunch is \$7.00/person.)

All Shriners and their Ladies are invited to Hospital Day 2011. Enjoy a day socializing with old friends, meeting new ones and hearing the latest news about the Twin Cities Hospital.

Please RSVP by phone 612.596.6112 or e-mail jcarns@shrinenet.org before Friday, May 13.

Womens General Auxiliary News

The Annual Meeting was held April 11 & 12. Our attendance was down a little, but we had a successful meeting. We are sad to announce that we have lost 4 more auxiliaries. The count now stands at 39.

Some of the activities the auxiliaries did to raise funds for the hospital were: Sewing, craft shows, coat checks at Shrine events, no bake bake sales, style shows, junk jaunts, flea markets, garage sales, wine tastings, wine glass rentals and cookbooks. Thank you all for supporting our mission of helping the children at the Shriners Hospitals.

We heard a presentation from Mary Kautto, Outreach Director for Shriners Hospitals for Children-Twin Cities. Her talk centered on improving hospital visibility in the communities. Look for Mary's column in this newsletter.

Kay Guelfi, Director of the RiteCare Language Clinic, also gave a presentation on that clinic. At this time the clinic is

struggling to provide all the assistance that is needed. They are very short of staff because of lack of funds. There is a waiting list of approximately 35 children that are in desperate need of assistance. A large percentage of the children that they are able to treat have autism. Other patients have speech and hearing impairments.

The Shriners Hospital held an evaluation clinic at the RiteCare facility and were able to secure a few patients for the hospital.

The guest for our Monday luncheon was Anca Smith, a patient at the Shriners Hospital. Anca was just a toddler when she contacted polio while living in an orphanage in Romania. The Smith family of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, heard about her and started adoption proceedings, which took approximately 5 years to complete. By the time she entered the Shrine Hospitals system at age 5, her legs had atrophied to the point where she needed crutches and a wheelchair. Anca is now a very energetic 16 year old. She excels in swimming and has won many tournaments. She is also involved in activities at the Twin Cities Courage Center, where she participates in special basketball and baseball teams.

Also in attendance were Dan Filipovich and Mike Hannula of Rehabilitation Designs, Inc, who designed Anca's special wheelchair. The chair is made out of titanium, which makes it very light and allows her to get around in her very active life.



[Anca with Dan Filipovich of Rehabilitation Designs, Inc.]

The Monday night banquet turned out to be quite an eventful evening. Remarks were given by Charles C. Lobeck, Hospital Administrator, Shriners Hospitals for Children-Twin Cities and Kenneth J Guidera, M.D., Chief of Staff. Validation of the Womens General Auxiliary Board and the Advisory Board was performed by Donald E. Mattson, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Twin Cities Shriners Hospital.

The Womens General Auxiliary was then presented an award (plaque) for donating \$5,000,000 to the hospital in the past 15 years. We received an award 15 years ago for donating \$1,000,000. It is quite an accomplishment and we are very proud of the special award.



Anca Smith with present given by the WGA.



[The plaque has been placed on the philanthropy awards board.]

The special entertainment for the evening was presented by Mary Hall, who did a rendition of Patsy Cline songs. Mary has a very lovely voice and her music was enjoyed by all in attendance.



Mary Hall

The Annual Meeting reconvened at the Shriners Hospital on Tuesday morning. The program was presented by Rehabilitation Services:

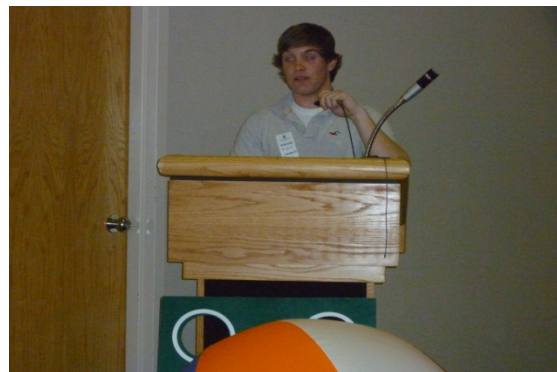
- Barbara Knudson, Director
- Cassie Groff, Physical Therapist
- Kae Crawford, Occupational Therapist

One of our guests was 2 years old Ian Spencer. Ian was born with spina bifida and has been in a wheelchair since he was 1 1/2. His mother thanked the WGA for all the special equipment Ian has received, which include: wheelchair, walker, stander, and bath chair.



Ian Sspencer

The other guest was 17 year old, Joe Sevenich. Joe entered the Shrine Hospital system when he was just one year old. He was born with hip dysplasia, which was not diagnosed until he reached the Shrine Hospital. Joe has endured 10 surgeries, and will continue to be treated at the Shriners Hospital until he is age 21. Joe excels in many sports: indoor soccer league, baseball, football, and has lettered in swimming. Joe has just entered the International Baccalaureate Program. Joe's career goal is to become a Physical Therapist.



[Joe - talking to the guests at Tuesday's gathering.]

[See the last page for more pictures from the Annual Meeting.]

Another bit of news from the Shriners Hospital-Twin Cities:

They are installing new playground equipment. The old equipment was

deteriorating and needed replacing. The new playground will be just outside the cafeteria, and will be more accessible to the clinic patients while they are waiting for their appointments.

Generous Donors - January

DIAMOND GIVERS: \$5,000 and above
North Platte Auxiliary (Wheelchair/
Disbanding)

RUBY GIVERS: \$2,000 - \$4,999
LaCrosse Auxiliary (General Fund/
Disbanding)

SAPPHIRE GIVERS: \$1,000 - \$1,999
None

EMERALD GIVERS: \$500 - \$999
None

AMETHEST GIVERS: Up to \$499
None

News from our Auxiliaries

Note to all Auxiliaries:

We like to add your stories and pictures to our newsletter, so document the important events at your meetings. Send us a note and pictures by postal mail, or if you used a digital camera, please e-mail the picture files and message to the editor. Digital photos are easier to work with and produce clearer images than scanned photographs.

Internet Access to WGA

Q? If you have questions about us, please call 612-596-6233 (auxiliary office), 763-560-7894 (Darlene Kincaid) or e-mail: wga4kids@yahoo.com

Improving Visibility...Outreach



Kautto's Corner

By Mary E. Kautto, RN, MS
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The snow is almost gone so traveling has begun.

I've been busy with helping school nurses with scoliosis screening, attending school nurse conferences and been part of a few nurse clinics. As I mentioned before these are a little closer to the Twin Cities area, and although the total number of children seen at the clinics has been small, all of them have been approved to be seen here for care. So that's the good news!

Nurse screening clinic schedule is filling up, however I am still waiting to hear from some Shiners who have talked about having a clinic this year. Encouragement from you would be greatly appreciated. My philosophy is that together we can do more.

It was good to see some of you at the WGA Annual meeting earlier this week.

Your continued, generous support of the work we do to serve kids is greatly appreciated.

Hope to see you when I am in your area over this next year!

Womens General Auxiliary on Facebook

There are lots of pictures and stories posted on our **Facebook** page. Go to: <http://Womens-General-Auxiliary to Shriners-Hospitals-for Children-Twin Cities>. Let us know what you think.

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Annual Meeting Photos:



Auxiliary delegates.



[Donald E. Mattson, Chairman, Board of Governors installing WGA Chairman, Darlene Kincaid.]



[Green Bay Auxiliary: Bev Rasmussen and friend, Adele Koch.]

Please go to the WGA website to view more pictures from the Annual Meeting.