

Thru the Window...

News of
Shriners Hospital and of the
Womens General Auxiliary

April, 2010



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Beautiful Spring

"The beautiful spring came; and when Nature resumes her loveliness, the human soul is apt to revive also."

--Harriet Ann Jacobs--

WGA Continuing Business

CORRESPONDENCE

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

MEMORIALS

Memorials received the month of March amounted to \$6,015.

Your donations, memorials and honorariums help us to "Keep the Children's Wheelchairs Rolling."

Checks for the auxiliary should be made out to



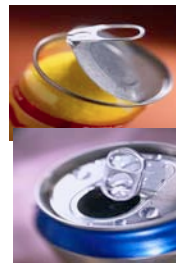
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and mailed to the auxiliary at:
2025 E. River Parkway
Minneapolis, MN 55414

OUTREACH

No Report.

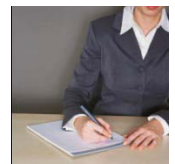
DISTRIBUTION



Darlene Kincaid reported that tab donations have been good. Keep up the GREAT work.

DONATED ITEMS

Please remember to insert your name or our 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

Sue Doty reported that clothing items remain the same. She still needs shorts with and without snaps on the sides, large size hospital gowns and T-shirts in sizes 3 - 6.

KNITTING

Dolly Reynolds reported that she has received quite a few toe covers for casts. Thank you for the quick response to our request.

We could use skeins of yarn to distribute to some of our dedicated and eager knitters.

TOYS

Marjorie Park reported that the toy request remains the same. She suggested that maybe some auxiliaries could celebrate Christmas in July to help build up our toy chest.

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
- Disposable cameras and **hand-held games for pre-teens and teens**
- Arts & Crafts
- Word games and books
- Slinkies
- Yo Yos
- Batteries for all the hand-held games
- Gift cards for fast food restaurants: Subway, McDonald's, etc.

Hospital Tours

Jobs Daughters Bethel 39, Robbinsdale, MN

The current officers, members and chaperones of Bethel 39 toured the hospital

on Saturday, March 20. They came with toys for the patients. The top line officers are Honored Queen, Ann Burlingame; Senior Princess, Mary Kipp; and Junior Princess, Grace Burlingame.



If you have a group or know of a group that would like a tour of the Hospital and Parent Accommodation Center, please call Judy Carns at 612-596-6112 to prearrange the tour.

News From The Hospital

"Winter Fun Day"

Elm Creek Park Reserve in Maple Grove, Minnesota was the site for the Camp Achieve "Winter Fun Day." There were campers from Minnesota as well as Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakotas.

Volunteers for the day included members of the Maple Grove Nordic Ski team as well as students from the University of Minnesota. Also represented were adult volunteers willing to spend time with these special kids. Activities included cross country skiing. What a challenge for the campers who

were wearing two prosthetic legs. They also enjoyed the tubing hill. Even the volunteers and staff participated in this activity.

Awards were presented at the end of the day, and everyone went home tired and happy.

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Hospital Day is Friday, May 21st. Join us to find out what's going on at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Twin Cities. The program will run from 9:30am to 2:00pm. The Rainbow of Hope Award recipients will be honored

during the program. Contact Judy Carns at Shriners Hospital if you plan to attend.

Womens General Auxiliary News

- The WGA website has been updated
- The Hospital newsletter "The Pulse" can be viewed on our website under News & Events
- We have promotional banners available for presentations which describe various activities and services at Shriners Hospitals for Children. They will be on display at the Annual Meeting.

Generous Donors -

DIAMOND GIVERS: \$5,000 and above

None

RUBY GIVERS: \$2,000 - \$4,999

None

SAPPHIRE GIVERS: \$1,000 - \$1,999

None

EMERALD GIVERS: \$500 - \$999

Greater Twin Cities United Way
Osman - Linda Johnson
Zuhrah - Kathleen Anderson
Robbinsdale Womens Auxiliary
Palmer Lake VFW #3915 Auxiliary
Robbinsdale Area Shrine Club
Zuhrah Ladies Society
Zuhrah (Jul Honor Temple #58)
Zuhrah (Independent School #14
Minnesota-Dakota Key Club)
Zuhrah (Minnesota Valley Area Shrine
Club - Proceeds from Ladies' Bake Sale)

AMETHEST GIVERS: Up to \$499

Anoka Area Shrine Club
Eau Claire (Helen Mills)
Osman (Linda & Michael Wilk)

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), 651-455-6586 (Marjorie Park) or e-mail: wga4kids@yahoo.com

Improving Visibility Outreach



Kautto's Corner

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Cabin fever is subsiding...

and the reality of another year of summer camps has taken it's place. Schedules have been set and forms filled out. The camps I attend are not the hospital sponsored ones that you are familiar with, rather they are ones are sponsored by partners of SHC-TWI. Perhaps many of you recall similar experiences from your childhood that have created memories that remain strong. SHC-TWI kids who attend camp are also creating such memories. Most camps experiences end for kids when they finish High School and that is also true of SHC-TWI kids. A few months ago a very interesting thing happened in clinic one day that can only be described as a "magical moment". Coincidentally several former Spirit Camp attendees had appointments on the same day and many of them needed their wheel chairs fixed. Conversation in the hallway began and in no time the circle grew. Memories were shared from their times together at camp. They talked about college, shopping, living on their own, what songs they have on their ipod and more. One of the counselors works near the hospital so she joined the group and other staff from camp was called, thank goodness for speaker phone on cell phones. SHC-TWI staff that saw this were amazed and touched by the connectedness these young folks had provided hope that the work we do is really making a difference.



Other News

Hope's Story

Four-year-old Hope Borman was born with complex syndactyly, a condition in which her fingers are webbed and the bones of her fingers are fused. Hope has made over 20 visits to the Shriners Childrens Hospital - Twin Cities since she was six months old.

On a recent visit to the hospital with her parents, Scott and Vicky Borman, they noticed that the wagon, located in the foyer to the clinic, was nearly empty. The wagon usually contains stuffed animals for the children to take to make them feel more comfortable about their visit.

The Bormans are members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Schuyler. The Borman's along with their Pastor, Ruth Boettcher, established Project Hope to collect stuffed animals for the Shriners Childrens Hospital. Toys were collected through January 31, 2010. The toys were presented to the hospital when Hope visited the clinic on February 17.

Thank you, Hope, for sharing with other patients at the hospital.



[Hope with toy wagon in foyer to Hospital clinic.]

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[Hope and WGA Chairman, Marjorie Park, filling toy wagon.]