

Thru the Window...



News of Shriners Hospital and of the
Womens General Auxiliary

February & March 2010

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Contact us at — wga4kids@yahoo.com

"If I had my life to live over

I would start barefoot earlier in the **spring** and stay that way later in the fall. I would go to more dances. I would ride more merry-go-rounds. I would pick more daisies."

Nadine Stair

WGA Continuing Business

CORRESPONDENCE

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

MEMORIALS

Memorials received the months of January and February amounted to \$4,377.

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



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

No report. Linda Johnson is on a work assignment.

Let Linda know if you would like her to do a special presentation for your group.

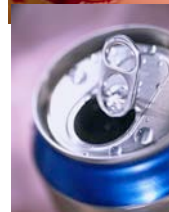
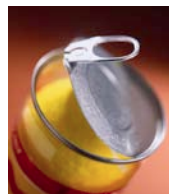
Send your request to her attention at wga4kids@yahoo.com or call her at 952-948-1745.

DISTRIBUTION

Darlene Kincaid sold 2,127 lbs. of aluminum tabs at \$.61 per lb. for a total of \$1,297.47.

That is the largest amount she has received thus far. Donations during the month of February were slow.

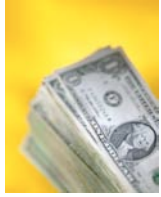
Please keep saving aluminum tabs from all cans!





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

Sue Doty received a large amount of fleece blankets during February. We still need shorts with and without snaps on the sides. We could also use large size hospital gowns and T-shirts in sizes 3 - 6.

KNITTING

Dolly Reynolds is hoping to get some of the toe covers requested in Thru the Window. We still need items for our mitten tree. We could also use skeins of yarn, as we have some knitters with idle needles.

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
- Disposable cameras and hand-held games are very popular with the older patients

- 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

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 a tour.

News From The Hospital

- Camp Achieve winter fun day is February 20th. Twenty patients will be participating in this event.
- They will be celebrating Presidents Day and Valentines Day as well.
- Starting February 12th they enjoyed two weeks of Winter Olympics game events
- St. Patrick's Day celebrations are planned
- Smokey the Bear will be visiting in March

Womens General Auxiliary News

The Annual Meeting is fast approaching. It will be held April 19 and 20. We will again be at the Radisson Hotel in Roseville, MN on Monday the 19th and tour the Shriners Hospitals for Children-Twin Cities on Tuesday the 20th. We suggest that you get your reservations in early.

Entertainment for the Annual Meeting has been secured. You are going to enjoy our choice for the evening.

The patients who will be involved in presentations at the two-day Annual Meeting have been selected.

Hospital Day is scheduled for Friday, May 21.

If you are looking for an easy and fun fundraiser, check into the ones that are being offered at many nearby restaurants. Perkins is one of the restaurants that are participating in these worthwhile events.

Generous Donors - January

DIAMOND GIVERS: \$5,000 and above
Osman

RUBY GIVERS: \$2,000 - \$4,999
None

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

EMERALD GIVERS: \$500 - \$999
Ho Ho Ladies
Robbinsdale Area Womens Auxiliary

AMETHYST GIVERS: Up to \$499
Eau Claire
Eau Claire (James & Vera Weaver)
St. Cloud Shrine Club
Zuhrah (Dave Epling/Ceremonial Unit Past President)
Zuhrah (Paul & Marilyn Seber)
Zuhrah (Galilee Chapter #53 OES)
Zuhrah (Kieth & Joan Geske)
Za Ga Zig (Jasper County Shrine Club)

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.



El Zagal Shrine Auxiliary

The El Zagal Shrine Auxiliary Christmas Party was held at the Holiday Inn in Fargo, ND on December 6, 2009.

With the spirit of giving uppermost in our minds it was indeed our pleasure to bring gifts to be given to the children at the Shriners Hospitals for Children-Twin Cities. The auxiliary members brought a large variety of toys and clothing as depicted in the photo. The spirit of Christmas truly lives in each and every one of our members. A HUGE THANK YOU.

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 has set in...

Coping with these dark long cold winter days can be challenging for all. One of my coping strategies is to think about summer camp. One unexpected place my role as Outreach Nurse has taken me to is that of Camp Nurse. I've had the opportunity for several years to be part of Spirit Camp which is a camp for kids with spina bifida. Sanford Health from Sioux Falls, SD, is the sponsor and we partner with them for this camp which is actually held in Minnesota. In fact, over the years the WGA has given gifts to campers. I recall one year in particular when the WGA made sure there was a blanket on each camper's cot when they arrived.

Last year my camping experience expanded to include Camp MASH (Make Arthritis Stop Hurting). This camp is sponsored by the Arthritis Foundation

which includes both Minnesota and Wisconsin and is held in the Wisconsin Dells area.

One thing that I hear over and over from the campers is that this is the only time during the year when they have any real friends. That is to say, while they have friends at home, no one really understands them like those at camp who daily face the same challenges and pain they do. The first year I was a camp nurse, I went through three boxes of tissues. It is hard for me to put into words the impact that this one week in the summer has on a child, it is powerful and life changing.

Stay tuned for the next couple of months for hear more camp stories and pictures from camp.

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Hospital Employees Knighted by King Boreas Rex

Five employees at the Shriners Hospital for Children/Twin Cities were knighted by King Boreas Rex of the Saint Paul Winter Carnival.

On Wednesday, January 27th, King Boreas Rex and the Queen of Snow, accompanied by the Princess of the North Wind, the South Wind, the East Wind, the West Wind, Klondike Kate and the Royal Guards visited the Twin Cities Hospital and formally "knighted" five employees of the hospital.

1. Kae Crawford, *Occupational Therapist*
2. Charlie Lobeck, *Hospital Administrator*
3. Dr. Carey Mielke, *Assistant Chief of Staff*
4. Dr. Deborah Smith-Wright, *Director of Pediatrics*
5. Donna Rooker, *Materials Management Director*



Saint Paul Winter Carnival "Knighting" Ceremony at the Twin Cities Hospital

These people were singled out by King Boreas to receive this unique privilege and the title and memory of this event are forever. Staff and patients attended the ceremony where pictures were taken and carnival buttons and coloring books were given to patients and families. Congratulations to the newest "Knights" of Saint Paul!

[Material for this article taken from The Pulse, a monthly newsletter of Shriners Hospital for Children—Twin Cities.]

Dr. Guidera assists in Haitian relief

The Chief of Staff at the Twin Cities Shriners Hospital, Dr. Kenneth Guidera, returned from Haiti, where he spent a week volunteering as part of a medical relief team organized through *No Time for Poverty, MN*, a Minnesota based non-profit organization dedicated to ending the suffering of children living in poverty.

In Dr. Guidera's own words: "This trip will forever have a lasting impression on me in many different ways. I don't think I will ever again take for granted all of the luxuries and comforts that we enjoy on a daily basis. It is true what they say about the Haitian people; they are polite, appreciative and very tough."

Under extreme conditions, Dr. Guidera and his team worked about 12 hours a day. It was hot, tiring and stressful. In spite of the conditions, they felt good about what they were doing. As other teams arrived to take their place at the end of the week, Dr. Guidera said they left the place in much better shape than when they found it. They reluctantly left knowing there was still so much to be done.

Everyone is very proud of the work our Dr. Guidera did for the Haitian people.

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Dr. Guidera using the C-arm to repair complex fractures in Haiti

