



# Thru the Window...

News of Shriners Hospital and of the  
Womens General Auxilliary

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## “Cheers

to a New Year and another chance for  
us to get it right.” - Oprah Winfrey

2009 was an exceptional year for the  
Womens General Auxilliary due to the  
wonderful support from our members. It  
is you, the members, who work diligently  
to provide us with your donations to con-  
tinue our mission. We look forward to  
another exceptional year.

## WGA Continuing Business CORRESPONDENCE

123 acknowledgements were sent out in response to  
various items received and questions asked during  
the month of December.

There are 19 auxiliaries that have not returned their  
2010 officer lists.

## CLOTHING

Sue Doty received a number of clothing items in  
December. We still need shorts with and without  
snaps on the sides. We could also use large knit  
shorts for use in the examining rooms.



## MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

Memorials received the month of  
December amounted to  
\$3,639.50.

Your donations, memorials, and  
honorariums help us to: **Keep the  
Children’s Wheelchairs Rolling!**

Checks for the auxiliary should be made  
payable to **Womens General Auxilliary** and  
mailed to the auxiliary at:

2025 E. River Parkway  
Minneapolis, MN 55414



## OUTREACH

Linda Johnson reported she had attended two  
Osman Shrine events and received monetary  
donations for the WGA.

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](mailto:wga4kids@yahoo.com)  
or call her at 952-948-1745.

## DISTRIBUTION



Donations have started to pick up. Please keep saving aluminum tabs from all cans!

## DONATED ITEMS

Darlene Kincaid reported that we did receive many donations during the month of December. However, she also reported that some of the items were not new and badly soiled. Please be mindful that we cannot distribute used items to the patients.

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.



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.*

## KNITTING

Dolly Reynolds still needs hats, mittens and scarves for our Mitten Tree.

Hospital staff requested toe covers for casts. Dolly has created the instructions for various sizes, and they are included in this newsletter. We request you make them in either neutral or very bright colors.

### Identifying Items Auxiliaries Provide

We think it's important for patients to know "who" donates the items they receive. Please tag all donated items with your auxiliary name on each item. Something as simple as a note card attached with a piece of thread or yarn works just fine.

## TOYS

We thank everyone for their generous donations of toys during the month of December. A good number of them were used to fill the Christmas stockings that were distributed to hospital and clinic patients.

Toys that we are especially in need of:

- Toys for older patients (i.e. gift cards, hand-held games, spa items, iTunes cards, etc.)
- Cars and Trucks (small and medium sizes)
- Dolls and baby dolls, as they are very popular
- 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.

## BYLAWS AND SAVINGS STAMPS

If you haven't remitted yours Bylaws yet, please mail them to: Verna Melius, 9591 Falcons Way, Eden Prairie, MN 55347

Please continue to send us your S & H Green Stamps. We redeem them for items that our older patients like to receive.

## News From The Hospital



## Hospital Tours

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

## Improving Visibility...Outreach

### Kautto's Corner



By Mary E. Kautto, RN, MS  
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#### Nurse Clinics

Outreach clinics have been a major part of the services provided by the Twin Cities hospital for well over 20 years. Connecting with the communities we serve is important in so many ways including convenience for families and Shrine Centers, it increases patient referrals and even donations.

A few years ago the Twin Cities introduced a new type of clinic called a "nurse clinic". This is in addition to the well established screening clinics and off-premise clinics. Screening, or Evaluation, clinics are to examine a child to see if they can be helped by Shriners Hospital. Off-premise clinics are follow up visits for established patients.

Nurse clinics are staffed by a clinical person from the hospital, and no doctor is present. A detailed history of the child's problem is taken and then reviewed with Dr. Guidera to determine if there is a problem that Shriners Hospital can help with. No diagnosing or treating is done at nurse clinics. Staffing these clinics with other clinical staff such as a therapist does not take a doctor away from the clinic or surgery time here at the hospital. If the child has a problem that Shriners Hospital cannot help with, they are given information about other resources in their area. Applications for treatment have increased since nurse clinics started, and patient satisfaction remains high. The 2010 schedule is in process now so there may be one coming to your area soon. Please contact me at [mkautto@shrinenet.org](mailto:mkautto@shrinenet.org) or 612.596.6104 with questions.

## Generous Donors-November

DIAMOND GIVERS: \$5,000 and above  
El Riad

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

SAPPHIRE GIVERS: \$1,000 - \$1,999  
Eau Claire (Northland Badger)  
Robbinsdale Area Shrine Club  
Za Ga Zig Shrine Clowns

EMERALD GIVERS: \$500 to \$999  
North Platte  
Sandhills

AMETHYST GIVERS: Up to \$499  
Earl and Helen Bolier  
Electa Chapter #1 OES (Osman)  
Galen and Patricia Fox  
Dr. David and Ethel Frogner  
Lucille Hanson  
Martha Hawkins  
Raymond and Marlene Johnson  
Christopher and Lona Lyden  
Mehara Shrine Club  
Carl Mickelson  
Helen Mills  
MN Valley Area Shrine Club Ladies

AMETHYST GIVERS: Up to \$499  
Rolf Peterson  
Lourdes and Bienvenido Talan  
Tangier Shrine Club  
Yelduz Shrine

## WGA News

The additional Pioneer Press ads were run during the month of December.

We distributed 375 Christmas stockings to the clinic and hospital patients. We consider this a huge success. We have a few ideas to make it even better in December 2010.

Candy sales have been good. We still have a few boxes to sell, so let us know if you want to purchase some.

Volunteer hours reported from April 2009 to the sent total 5,947.25. This includes WGA Board members with 2,765.5 and eight auxiliaries with 3,181.75. Remember to send us your volunteer hours.

We are working on securing entertainment for the Annual Meeting, which will be held April 19 and 20 at the Radisson Hotel in Roseville, MN.

We are in the process of revamping the website photo gallery, and adding a merchandise page.

Letters have been sent to Shrine Potentates regarding Advisory Board members for 2010.

## Internet Access to WGA

**Q?** If you have questions about us, please:

Call: 612-596-6233 (auxiliary office)

Call: 651-455-6586 (Chairman Marjorie Park)

E-mail: [wga4kids@yahoo.com](mailto:wga4kids@yahoo.com)

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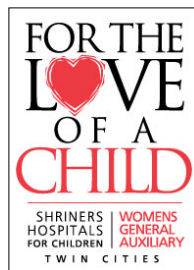
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## *Shriner in Iconic Photo Passes Away*



Albert Hortman, 80, passed away on December 6, 2009. He will be best remembered as the Shriner carrying the young girl in the iconic photograph that became a beloved symbol of the Shriners Fraternity and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

If you have questions about creating  
Toe Covers, please contact  
Dolly Reynolds at 763-421-3499



### Toe Covers for Babies

Baby yarn -- These should be made in pairs. Size five needles

Cast on 36 sts. Work in ribbing for 1 & 1/4<sup>th</sup> inches. Next work in stockinette stitch for 1 & 1/2 inches.

Next two rows are decreasing: Row one - K1, K2 tog., K1, K2 tog., etc to end of row.

Row two - P 1, P2 tog, P1, P2 tog, etc to end of row.

Last - Bind off. Pull yarn through last stitch. Sew across toe and down the side. Pull yarn through the last stitch and tuck yarn under several sts.

### Toe Covers for Kids

Soft 4 ply yarn- Colorful -- Size 8 needles

Cast on 38 sts work in ribbing for 1 & 1/2 inches. Next work in stockinette stitches for 2 inches.

Next two rows are decreasing: Row one - K1, K2 tog, etc, to end of row.

Row two - P1, P2 tog, etc to end of row.

Last - Bind off. Pull yarn through last stitch. Sew across toe and down the side. Pull yarn through the last stitch and tuck yarn under several stitches.

