

Thru the Window...



News of
Shriners Hospital and of the
Womens General Auxiliary

September, 2011

Visit us at — www.womens-auxiliary4kids.org
Contact us at — wga4kids@yahoo.com

I love a dog. He does nothing for political reasons ~Will Rogers~

WGA Continuing Business

CORRESPONDENCE

Ninety-seven acknowledgements were sent out in response to various items received and questions asked during the period May - August.

MEMORIALS

Memorials received the months of August amounted to \$1,676.50.
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.

DISTRIBUTION



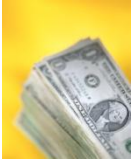
Darlene Kincaid reported that we received \$1,424.80 for 1,781 lbs of aluminum tabs. Keep up the GREAT work. Thank you for collecting them for us.

[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.

- Lego models
- Coloring books and crayons
- Word games and books
- Batteries for all the hand-held games
- **Gift cards for fast food restaurants:** Subway, McDonald's, etc.

CLOTHING

- We have been asked to put snaps on the shoulders of all hospital gowns made from this time forward.
Reason: The ties get tangled up with the tubing.
- We need **large size** shorts with snaps
- We need any size shorts **without snaps** [This would be a good time to get them on sale.]
- We need both sweat shirts and **sweat pants**
- Hygiene bags with draw strings

KNITTING

With the cold weather knocking at the door, we need to build up our supply of hats, mittens and scarves.

TOYS

We will start assembling our Christmas stocking next month.

Toys that we are especially in need of:

- **Cars and Trucks (small and medium sizes)** the type that could be used for bingo prizes
- Dolls and baby dolls
- Barbe dolls
- Princess accessories
- **Hand held games for pre-teens and teens**
- Jewelry cases
- Hair spray
- Finger nail polish
- Arts & Crafts

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

FLOATING ASSISTANT

Pat Jansen has been assisting wherever needed during the summer.

BYLAWS AND STAMPS

Second request: Verna Melius, Bylaws Chairperson, has requested **that all auxiliaries operating under the WGA send the WGA a current copy of their Bylaws.** She has received only a couple of responses to her request. We want to make sure that all auxiliaries are operating under a current set of Bylaws. If you have questions regarding this request, please contact Verna at: 9591 Falcons Way, Eden Prairie, MN 55347 Phone: 952-944-5669. We thank you for your cooperation.

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 612-596-6212 to prearrange the tour.

News From The Hospital

The patients have been busy with:

- Attending Twins games
- picnics out on the front lawn
- walks by the river
- bocce ball tournaments
- Camp Achieve was held the week of July 11. Some of the activities they participated in were: bowling, a visit to a water park, trout fishing (with Shriners from the Zuhrah Rod & Gun Club), a day at the Twin City Paddleboard facility followed by an ice cream social with families.
- swimming lessons
- The patients also enjoyed a visit from approximately 140 North Dakota Shrine Bowl football players.

Volunteers Needed



ALL PRO DAD. On September 24th, 2011 All Pro Dad, Shriners Hospitals for Children – Twin Cities, the Minnesota Vikings will partner up for the Father & Kids Experience. This is a three-hour event where dads and kids rotate through stations and participate in interactive games designed to strengthen their relationships and deliver useful fatherhood tips. The event will run from 1:30pm – 4:30pm at the Vikings practice facility, Winter Park, in Eden Prairie, MN. The Twin Cities hospital will run a “Fun Zone” with fun activities for the families at the start and finish of the event. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Lauren Herro at lherro@shrinenet.org or 612-596-6119

Womens General Auxiliary News

Everyone was happy to be back to work.

Our Gift Cart is going to be open in a couple of weeks. We are still looking for volunteers to help operate our new gift cart. It will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Hours will be 10:00

a.m. to 2:00 p.m. You can choose your days, (once a month, once a week, your choice) and hours. You can work two hours or four hours. Check your calendar and see what works for you. All dates and times are open for scheduling now. If you are interested and have any questions, please call Marjorie Park at 651-455-6586.

Generous Donors – May – August

DIAMOND GIVERS: \$5,000 and above
None

RUBY GIVERS: \$2,000 - \$4,999
Zuhrah (Violet Ladwig Trust) Donation
Tehema - Annual Meeting (Suggestion List)

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

Zuhrah (G & K Vegas, Inc.) Donation

EMERALD GIVERS: \$500 - \$999
Willmar - General Fund (Shrine Circus)

AMETHEST GIVERS: Up to \$499

Za Ga Zig Shine Clowns - Donation
Green Bay - General Fund (Fundraisers)

La Crosse 'Lunch Bunch' - Donations

Zuhrah Antique Cars - Donation

Zuhrah Minnesota Valley Shrine Club Ladies
(Wheelchair Fund)

Zuhrah (Martha Hawkins) - Donation

Osman (Curtis Henry) - Donation

Zuhrah (Greater Twin Cities United Way)

Robbinsdale (Jobs Daughters Bethel 39 Patents
Club Donation) Grace Burlingame HQ

Wisconsin Valley (Wheelchair Fund)

Zuhrah (Butte Family Trust) - Wheelchair Fund

WISCONSIN OES Chapters "Make a Difference

Project -- Money & Items [Several Contributors]

News from our Auxiliaries

Yelduz Auxiliary, Aberdeen, SD

The Auxiliary meets the first Friday of each month (excluding June, July and August). There are approximately 35 - 40 members who attend the monthly luncheon.



Yelduz Auxiliary members.

Other News

2011 Annual Willmar Toy Run

The annual Toy Run took place this Spring. We are so very grateful to the Willmar Area Shrine Club for their wonderful donation of toys for the auxiliary.



[Ron Broberg of Willmar Area Shrine Club and Darlene Kincaid, Chairman of WGA.]

Northeastern Womens Shrine Auxiliary

[Article provided by Madysen Moore, granddaughter of Donna Neale.]

As a Senior at the School of Environmental Studies we are required to do a senior project the project has to help the community in some way.

I choose raising money to buy toys for the Shriners Childrens hospital because for the past 18 years since I was a baby I have been helping out my grandfather and grandmother William and Donna Neale who live in Watertown, South Dakota. I would sell and put batteries in toys, make and sell cotton candy and also sell popcorn. I've always loved helping out my grandparents and have never missed a circus in the last 18 years. So when this opportunity came about I found it as good way to help out the hospital in my own way.

I decided to have a spa night at my school the night before prom for girls to come get their hair done, get manicures, massages and also had a photographer there to take pictures of the whole event. All the professionals volunteered their time for the cause and business and friends donated food. We had a chocolate fountain, cookies, and many little snacks and water. The event went off without a hitch and was very successful its cost \$10 to enter the event and around 20-25 people showed up along with around 40 dollars in donations from people who were not able to make the event but still wanted to donate. A few days later a couple of Friends and I went shopping for the toys with the list of toys on the Womens Auxiliary website.

I would really like this article to mention that these toys and this entire event was in my grandmothers name who recently died 4 days after this event took place. My grandmother's name is Donna Lee Neale and she was a Northeastern Womens Shine Auxiliary member and in January of 1995 served as president for 5 years. And she was currently serving as secretary before her death on May 15th 2011. [See photos on last page. **Pics. 1 - 5.]**

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



It is that time of year again when it is often said, "where did the summer go"?

Looking back it was primarily busy with nurse clinics and camps, and some carefree time to enjoy the beautiful weather.

It seems each year I talk a lot about my camp experiences. Without sounding like a broken record, I must say that time at camp is life changing for these kids with special needs. I heard many times again this year that it is the only time that they have any real friends because others share the same condition and know what they are going through. My dream is that every child could attend some type of camp at least once during their childhood. Nurse clinics have been smaller this summer than expected for unknown reasons. Hopefully this will improve during the fall clinics which are just around the corner.

Some of you are helping us with these and your support is greatly appreciated!

[Fall Outreach Schedule on last page of newsletter.]

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Womens General Auxiliary on Facebook

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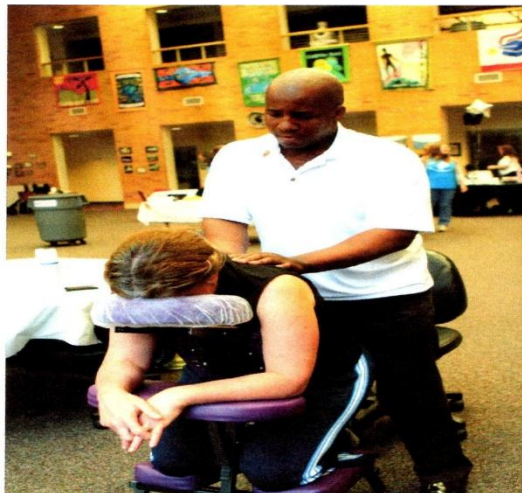
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Fall Outreach Schedule

- * Bismarck, ND - September 23-24
- * Lincoln, NE - Sept. 30 - Oct. 1
- * Rapid City, SD - October 14-15
- * Des Moines, IA - November 5