

Thru the Window...

News of Shriners Hospital and of the Womens General Auxiliary
November 2007

The Holidays are upon us...

This is such a great time of year, when everyone takes time to visit with family and friends. Please remember our shut-ins with a visit, phone call, or card as they appreciate hearing from you.

WGA Continuing Business

CORRESPONDENCE

51 letters sent out in response to various items received and questions answered.

MEMORIALS

Memorials received in the month of October amounted to \$2,442. With the increased patient level we have had an increase in demand for wheelchairs. Your donations, memorials, and honorariums help us to...



"Keep the Children's Wheelchairs Rolling"

LABELS

- Campbell labels on hand: 61,601.
- General Mills Box Tops For Education on hand totaling \$154. Since January 2007, we have collected a total of \$1,838.
- We sent in 2,000 Kemps Give-em Five caps totaling \$100. We still have 1,997 Kemps Give-em Five milk caps on hand.
- We have 1,442 Land O'Lakes caps on hand.

Our collections are picking up, but in order to keep our programs active, we need to get busy and start collecting.

COLLECTION ITEMS ARE:

- Campbell's **UPC CODES** including the Campbell's Kid printed next to it ~ as shown here.



- Campbell's product lids on all V8 juices, Prego pasta sauces and Campbell Ready to Serve soups in the plastic container.

- Continue to collect Kemps and Land O'Lakes bottle caps;



PLEASE... DO NOT REMOVE THE LABEL FROM THE CAP!

- GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION.



DISTRIBUTION

We hope all of you are remembering to save those pop tabs.

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.



BYLAWS & GOLD BOND STAMPS

Verna Melius has received one completed set of Bylaws for the file.

These programs are ongoing and help in our effort to provide wheelchairs to every patient that needs one.

CLOTHING

We need large and extra large size snap shorts. We are still in need of large and extra large size store-bought pullover sweaters. The pullover sweaters are the most popular with the patients. We need to keep our mitten tree supplied during the winter season, so continue to send knit caps, mittens, and scarves. We also need twin size quilts. The patients really like the soft fleece ones.

TOYS

Our current toy supply will be used to fill the Christmas bags and will need replenishing.

Each patient that comes to our hospital and clinic for services receives a toy as they leave for home. This means we need a continuous supply of toys throughout the year.

Toys we are in special need of are:

- ◆ 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 older patients
- ◆ Play Dough
- ◆ Word Games and Books

If you are concerned about the recalls on toys, go to **Toy Recalls** on the internet to check them out or talk to your merchant.

News From The Hospital ... by Liz

Annual Rainbow of Hope Awards: Sept. 27

The Award recognizes two patients who best meet our definition of a role model... "someone who has overcome physical limitations in life while maintaining a positive attitude; a mentor; a good example to their peers; or a person who has provided service to their community."

This annual event was well attended. As always, Susan Marx, Sheila Swenson, and Candace Christopherson of the hospital's nutrition services department, provided a fine dining experience for those in attendance. Table linens and fresh flowers accompanied the wonderful dinner, which was served by hospital staff masquerading

as waiters. The camaraderie between staff and guests accented the dining experience. Numerous WGA Board members and their spouses were in attendance.



The two patients who received the awards were thrilled. They are:

Alison Karpenko

*Sponsored by
Kem Shrine Center
Grand Forks, ND*



Johnny Knoche

*Sponsored by
Sesostris Shrine Center
Lincoln, NE*

HALLOWEEN NEWS

Hospital Visited by Minnesota State Troopers

Yes, they come every year, but its always a big surprise to the kids and a fun event when Smokey Bear and McGruff the Crime Dog come bringing Halloween treats to the hospital. The kids had their pictures taken with the Troopers and received a treat bag of goodies.

He's Crabby that he didn't even place!

We say that with a smile. Dr. Ken Guidera, our chief of staff came to the Employee Halloween Costume Contest prepared to win. While his Red Crab costume was a hit, one of the contest winners was Mandy Ziemke who came dressed as Dr. Guidera and won a prize. Not only did she have the look, she had his posture and mannerisms down pat.

Dr. Guidera states he's still a winner since Mandy won pretending to be him.





The Dancing Pumpkins

Our administrator, executive assistant, and outreach director certainly got into the spirit of the day!

Speaking of Royalty...

Board Member, Hank Paulson, made a visit to the hospital with retired Minnesota Twins Stars, Tony Oliva and Julio Becquer!

Tony Oliva (1962-1976) is the only player to win batting titles in his first two seasons. He retired with 1,917 hits and a .304 career average.

Julio Becquer played for the Twins when they were the Washington Senators, moving with the club to Minnesota in 1961. He scored the last run of his career in 1963 as a Minnesota Twin.



Left to right, Hank's son Scott Paulson, Tony Oliva, Julio Becquer, Sjohn Manke (hospital scheduling), and Hank Paulson, easily identified in his Zuhrah Fez.

Official Post-it Note Queen

Donna Rooker, our director of materials management, was named Post-it Note Queen by 3M Corporation. We're not exactly sure what it all means, but Donna took to her royal roll with no hesitation at all. We, here at the hospital, know that she's truly a gem of an employee!



Employee Recognition Dinner...

The hospital's Board of Governors sponsored this event on November 20, to honor all the employees who work day-in and day-out to provide the best care and services to patients and their families.

Pictured above is our tuxedo-wearing administrator-turned-waiter, Charlie Lobeck, next is Matt Morel of our O&P department, who is a practitioner in both orthotics and prosthetics, tall-hatted Dr. Guidera, our intrepid chief of staff, and Ed Tusa, financial services director.

The wonderful meal was prepared by Susan Marx's fantastic nutrition service professionals.

Upcoming O&P Expansion Construction

Remodeling of the recreation room will start the first part of December. The child life department will be in a temporary location until their part of the construction is completed.

Hospital Tours

Tours were conducted for:

- Saint Paul Public Works group (10/10)
- A church group (10/21)
- Members of El Zagal Shrine (11/3)

If you have a group or know of a group who would like a tour of the Hospital and Parent Accommodation Center, please call Tracy Burns at the Hospital at 612-596-6140 to prearrange the tour.

News From Our Auxiliaries

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Fort Kearney Shriners Hospital Auxiliary

Members are pictured with gifts purchased for the children at the Twin Cities Shriners Hospital.



Pictured are: (left to right) Jean Mills, Donna Hartford, Jackie Purdy, Mary Beth Lowe, Jan Chavet, Helen Marshall, Ruth Ann Swalley

ST. CROIX VALLEY SHRINE CLUB Annual Auction



Chairman Cheryl Hoffman explaining which part of the Campbell label to save.



Auxiliary members holding items being sold at the Annual Auction. From left to right: Cheryl Hoffman, chairman, Pearl Christensen, auction chairman, Dee Tronsrud, Janet Johnson, advisory board member.



Remember to
SELL and PURCHASE
our holiday cards. The proceeds
go directly to the
WHEELCHAIR FUND!

- Each card packet contains a variety of eight cards.
- Your cost will be \$5.00 for each packet. You should sell these packets for \$8.00 each.
- The shipping and handling charge will be \$8.95 when ordering 11-25 packets. This is the most cost effective way to order.
- If ordering 1-10 packets, the shipping and handling cost will be \$5.00.

We hope you will participate in this fundraising effort. The cards are lovely, the price is right, and sales should be profitable.

If you have questions about this project please call 612-596-3133 (auxiliary office), 651-455-6586 (Marjorie Park) or email to our new email address:
wga4kids@yahoo.com.

The next Womens General Auxiliary meeting will be December 5, 2007

Look for the next edition of Thru-the-Window in December.

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