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Attention: Editors, News Directors, Community Directors



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## **SASKATCHEWAN SHRINERS ELECT 2012 EXECUTIVE**

On January 14, 2012, WA WA Shriners elected John Clarke, of Ft. Qu'Appelle as Provincial President (Potentate) for 2012. John has been a Shriner for sixteen years and became involved in the provincial governance of WA WA Shriners in 2005. Also elected to serve on the provincial executive were Bill Forrest, Ken Eskdale, Roy Gaebel, Don Capewell of Regina, and Harry Martin of Wynyard, Marlowe Smith of Emerald Park.

Shriners is a fraternity of men, from all walks of life, who wish to contribute to society by assisting children who are severely burned, suffer spinal cord injuries, have orthopaedic or cleft palate and lip conditions. The Shiner's official philanthropy is Shriners Hospitals for Children, a network of 22 hospitals that provide expert specialized care, research and treatment to children under the age of 18 years, regardless of the patient's ability to pay. WA WA Shriners are currently supporting 73 children from Saskatchewan who attend various Shriners Hospitals for Children. Their transportation, meals and accommodations are provided free of charge to the families through donations made by individual Shriners, Shrine Clubs and members of the public to the WA WA Shrine Patient Transportation Fund, a registered Canadian charity.

There are 17 Shrine Clubs in Saskatchewan, with a membership of 1000. Inquiries, regarding membership or further information about their work or how to recommend a child, are always welcomed. Toll Free 1-866-6969 (wawa)

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