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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



I would first like to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to serve you as your Potentate for 2013.

When Jan and I were approached by my good friend III. Sir Randy Ball, we thought well ok as there were several years before this night. There might have been years but they must have been very short ones as the time has flown by.

Serving you on your Divan is an honour. I must say there have been a few times when I questioned my sanity for accepting it all but really we have enjoyed the time spent.

Work aside, the most valuable result of it all is the friendships we have developed. During my time as liaison officer, Jan and I have visited most of WA WA's clubs. The few we missed as liaison officer, were visited at some point in my capacity as Provincial Circus Chairman. The fraternity of men and women has made for lifelong friendships. No matter the weather or problems to be solved, we were always made welcome.

As Potentate and First Lady, we hope to visit your clubs more than once during the year. Please send in information about your events and a request when you would like us to visit. Whenever possible, we will be there.

Our initial effort in 2013 will be to complete the administrative changeover. Soon there will be two people in the position currently held by Georgia Crone. Early in 2013 you may be surprised to hear another voice in addition to Georgia's when you call in to the Shrine Centre.

Our very capable treasurer, Marlowe Smith, has completed the revision of his position. We are so pleased with the results of his efforts and acknowledge that the clarity of our financials is wholly due to the work he has done over the past few years. Thanks so much, Marlowe.

I would be very remiss if I didn't comment and thank our outgoing Recorder, Don Capewell. When he took the position in 2010, at the request of the then Potentate III. Sir Don McDougall, he was told that 20 hours per week would do the job. We surely fooled him. Don has done a super job as Recorder and we are richer because of his efforts. Isn't it ironic that the new Recorder is III. Sir Don McDougall? III. Sir Don, I'm sure that the time needed in 2013 will

be less than 20 hours per week. I wouldn't try to fool you.

The theme for 2013 is 'WA WA Shriners- Putting Smiles on Kids' and encapsulates, I think, all that is important in Shrinedom.

Perhaps the initial visual from that motto for you is of the world class hospitals we provide and of the positive and life altering options that are afforded children and families who access care at any of our 22 hospitals. The World's Greatest Philanthropy surely is a Smile Maker in that regard! Let's remember as well, that the very sight of the Shriner's red fez while on parade, working at the circus, a hotdog sale or any other similar event brings joy and puts smiles on the faces of all who are involved—kids of all ages. Our communities are better places because we make them so.

Can we be so bold as to include ourselves amongst that last group—the kids of all ages? Are we having the fun that our fraternity espouses? Can we commit to being creative in our clubs to keep fun and fellowship alive and to being 'yea-sayers' when it comes to organizing and participating in some of the events that have historically put smiles on Shriners, their ladies and their families in WA WA? Maybe that is the golf tournament, or the curling bonspiel, and any number of great events that your local clubs hold. Maybe it is getting behind the suggestion of a member who has a new idea to offer up.

Is there any better way to ensure the health of our organization, through increased membership, and decreased demits and suspensions, than to focus on invigorating ourselves with purpose and with fun? If we are to attract and retain members of varied ages we must open our minds to a variety of ways to work, laugh, and succeed together.

It takes a thriving fraternity to ensure our kids get the care they need. The hospitals are the reason we exist. We all must do whatever is needed to keep them vibrant.

Nobles, Ladies and friends, in the words of our Imperial Potentate- Imperial Sir Al Madsen: "Failure is not an option".

I'm excited about our prospects for 2013. Let's see how easy this can be if we all concentrate on putting a smile on our faces and on those around us so that we may continue to see the fruits of our labour through the smiles on the children we care for through our hospitals.

Let's all have lots of fun in 2013, but also remember why we became Shriners.

Yours in faith,
 III Sir Bill & Lady Jan Forrest

RECORDER'S MESSAGE



I want to thank the Nobility for electing me to serve as your Recorder for the ensuing term. In 2010 I had approached Noble Don Capewell to let his name stand for Recorder. It is with very deep appreciation that I thank Noble Don for the past three years of excellent service. Don Capewell's quiet and diligent manner has provided the office with the foundation which is so necessary for our fraternity.

No one would talk much in society if they knew how often they misunderstood others. Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

Communication is the exchange and flow of information and ideas from one person to another. Effective communication occurs only if the receiver understands the exact information or idea that the sender intended to transmit. Many of the problems that occur in an organization are either the direct result of people failing to communicate and/or processes, which leads to confusion

and can cause good plans to fail. We all need to be diligent in ensuring that we have all the information before we make informed decisions. WA WA Shriners is one large family of 888 members and their families. We must submit reports on time and answer questions promptly. We must always be aware of context that which can be verbal or non-verbal. Do not hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions. We also welcome feedback because a message has not been communicated unless it is understood by the recipient. *Nothing is so simple that it cannot be misunderstood.* — Freeman Teague, Jr.

With the approaching spring, at least the calendar says it is so; this is an exciting time for Shriners to plan activities for their Clubs and Units. What are we going to do about offering Shrine membership to other men and their families? Will we take part in as many community parades as possible? Is our fund raisers well planned and in place? All of these will ensure that we are working towards supporting our philanthropy.

I look forward to serving the Nobility and their families.

Fraternally yours,

Ill. Sir Don McDougall P.P.

CALENDAR WINNERS

Please visit

www.wawashriners.org to see the latest calendar winners!

Congrats to all winners & thank you to all of our supporters!



NOTICE OF THE STATED SESSIONS

The Stated Sessions are an opportunity for all Shriners to attend and have a strong voice in the conducting of business and operation of your temple. All meetings are held in the WA WA Shrine Centre at 2065 Hamilton Street in Regina at 7:00pm unless otherwise noted.

Please remember that entrance to the meeting necessitates a current 2013 Dues Card and you are to wear your Fez.

May 15, 2013

September 18, 2013

November 20, 2013

AGM—January 11, 2014 @ 11:00am

FUN CHALLENGE

Jan and I are challenging every Shrine club in WA WA to have some fun between February 28 and March 3.

Our suggestion is that you get your nobles, ladies, families or friends together to play cards, games and/or just enjoy some fellowship. Some members are wintering in warmer places and we bet they are having fun so let's have some as well.

This should require very little planning. Decide on a time and place, invite folks to come and look forward to a good time.

Your event may call for snacks or desserts; others may include a potluck. Maybe you'll want to make it truly potluck--what would be better than all deserts?

Have a beverage or two. Enjoy some laughs. Remember old times or plan new ones. Bridge, whist, canasta, cribbage or even, dare I say, poker would be fun. I love Monopoly and Clue. Do you have access to darts? What about a Wii bowling contest if you can get it together? You are only limited by what people bring.

The theme for 2013 is 'WA WA Shriners--Putting Smiles on Kids' and we are all kids at heart. With that in mind, the sole purpose of this challenge is to have fun getting together to play some cards and games.

This is WA WA's Flash Mob! Spread out geographically, we can still gather in our respective communities and do something together! And, if the suggested weekend just doesn't work for your Club and you'd like to join in, choose a time that does.

Please send pictures and a brief write up of your event to warblings@wawashriners.org so that we can document the participation in an upcoming issue.

This is our challenge. Wouldn't it be great if every club participated? Have fun!

III. Sir Bill and Lady Jan Forrest



Charcoal Grilled Tender Steak or Chicken, Including all the trimmings of a fine meal

When: April 12th, 2013

Where: Saskatoon Shrine Club & Masonic Temple Auditorium

Time: 6:00PM - 7:00 PM Cocktails

Banquet: 7:00 PM

Door Prizes and a Silent Auction

Tickets \$30 per person - Pre-sale only 160 Tickets first Come Basis **Everyone welcome**

This is a great opportunity for everyone to celebrate Spring for a very worthy cause

All net proceeds will be given to Tim Clarke to assist in his journey to receive a Stem Cell Transplant



Tim Clarke has been waging a courageous battle and has been accepted for a stem cell transplant. Supporting Tim throughout all of this time are his parents III. Sir John and Darlene Clarke. Because the transplant will be in the United States and it is necessary that he have that continued support Darlene will accompany Tim through his journey. The Nobles and Ladies of WA WA Shriners will keep the Clarke family in their thoughts.

2013 Wa Wa Diwan

Back Row L-R
Doug Keam, Ron
McEachern, Marlowe
Smith, Mel Douglas,
Herb Doll, Paul
Deren

Second Row L-R
Wayne Miner,
Wayne Flaten, Ian
Brown, Ron Sutton,
Don McDougall P.P.,
Brad Barlow

Front Row L-R
Harry Martin, John
Clarke P.P., III. Sir
Bill Forrest, Ken Esk-
dale, Roy Gaebel



Back Row L-R
Margaret Smith, Linda
Doll, Cheryl Deren

Second Row L-R
Irene Miner, Synde Flaten,
Christina Brown, Mary Sut-
ton, Jill McDougall, Leeann
Barlow

Front Row L-R
Jean Lendzyk, Darlene
Clarke, Jan Forrest, Betty
Eskdale, Jean Gaebel



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IMPERIAL SIR'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Nobles and Ladies,

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

The December schedule began on Monday the 4th with a stellar performance in the beautiful New York Grand Lodge Auditorium. Donna Kane, whose daughter is a scoliosis patient at the Philadelphia Hospital, and her friends (all Broadway performers) entertained

us with their favorite show tunes. Mark the first Monday of December 2013 on your schedule for the next edition of this event.

Attending the Shriners home office employee service awards luncheon confirmed what we already knew...we have a great group of very loyal employees. Forty employees with years of service ranging from five to 30 years were honored for their contributions to our organizations. Combined, their efforts reflect 455 years of dedication and commitment. After the awards were presented, everyone celebrated and had a wonderful time.

Next we traveled to the 76th annual Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas game, held at Wofford College stadium in Spartanburg, S.C. Everyone played a great game; ultimately the South Carolina high school all-stars beat the North Carolina all-stars 23-19. The popular event was attended by more than 7,500 supportive fans, family members, volunteers, high school band members, cheerleaders, Nobles and Ladies. Imperial Sirs Wayne Lachut and Dale Stauss and their Ladies, Janet and Cheryl, attended the weekend events surrounding the game on behalf of Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children. The Players Banquet on Friday night had a sell-out crowd. The game's Patient King, Brando Peek, and Patient Queen, Marly Wiseman, were recognized at the Players Banquet and greeted by all the players from both teams.

While in South Carolina, we visited the Greenville Hospital where our tour was given by patient Marina Hooker. A visit to Santa's workshop was a special place for us and the patients to visit. Hejaz Potentate Ron Kennedy and his lady, Shirley, hosted a dinner in our honor. Former Shriners Hospitals patients Kristian Champion, who is the reigning Miss Wheelchair North Carolina, and Sydney Sill, the current Miss Teen South Carolina shared their stories with those in attendance. It was a good evening with lively conversation.

Our next stop was the Boston hospital for the Board of Governor's monthly meeting, chaired by David McKechnie. We joined hospital employees for their holi-

day luncheon in the cafeteria that day. Excitement was high as winners of the auction baskets were announced. The themed baskets had been assembled by various work groups. Bidding was intense.

We also attended the annual Board of Governor's Christmas dinner along with hospital management. Imperial Sirs Wayne Lachut and Jim Cain and their Ladies, Janet and Patsy, also attended the Boston hospital events.

The next day we traveled with Imperial Sir Wayne and Lady Janet to the Springfield hospital for a tour and introduction to the staff. Dr. Phillip Stoddard, director of the cleft lip and palate program, and Research Specialist Beth Roscoe explained a new procedure using reverse engineering to prepare an infant for a cleft lip and palate procedure. A patent on the procedure is being pursued. It is a miracle of research. A video is also available explaining the cleft lip and palate procedure to parents and visitors.

Dr. Deborah Rothman, director of rheumatology, shared her passion in caring for children with juvenile idiopathic arthritis.

A tour of Connecticut Children's Medical Center with Springfield Hospital Board members provided insight into a possible partnership.

After a few days at home for Christmas we headed to Pasadena, Calif., for the Rose Bowl Parade and Rose Bowl game. The Shrine Hospital float in the Rose Bowl Parade featured four patient ambassadors – Hunter Woodhall, Jérémy Gabriel, Carrie Holmstrom and Stephanie Pineda. The float, with its two big teddy bears, won the Judges' Special Trophy, and was especially noted for its "spectacular effects and showmanship." Congratulations to everyone who worked on creating and decorating the float!

The parade lasted two and 1/2 hours and was seen by more than 50 million television viewers, in addition to the 800,000 people along the 5 and 1/2 mile route. What great exposure for Shriners Hospitals for Children and Shriners International! Adding to that exposure was the opportunity to meet and greet people of all ages who viewed the floats on January 2nd. Many knew of someone who had received treatment at Shriners Hospitals or were patients themselves.

A special thank you to the Awesome Shrine Club of Al Malaikah Shriners for hosting an early New Year's Eve at the San Mareno Masonic Lodge for our group. We observed New Year's on EST because our transportation left the hotel the next morning at 5:30 and 6 a.m.

We also want to mention that Shriners Hospitals for Children came in first place in the United Airlines 10 Million Charity Miles campaign. Thank you to everyone who voted and helped spread the word. This will be a tremendous benefit to our patients and to our transportation funds.

In February the Shrine fraternity will showcase and emphasize the Legacy program for Shriners. My son and I are proud members and proud of the Shrine tradition in our family. Please take a moment to learn more about the program by visiting Shriners Village or contacting the Membership Development office at membership@shrinenet.org or 813-281-8101.

Efforts are continuing to bring "Peace and Harmony" between Shriners International and the Grand Lodge of Arkansas and the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. The door remains open for additional discussions to resolve these issues with both Grand Masters before they leave

office in February and April of 2013. We will keep you apprised of any developments! Thank you for your interest and concern.

The next message will contain information on the Donor Relations Seminar, 88th East-West Shrine Game (the longest running college all-star game in the country), Leadership Conference, Texas Shrine Association Mid-winter meeting and a visit to Anezah Temple in Mexico City.

*Yours in the Faith,
Alan W. "AL" Madsen
Imperial Potentate*



*Broadway performers at the
New York Grand Lodge*



At the 76th annual Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas



*Donna Kane performing
at the New York
Grand Lodge*



*At the Shriners home office em-
ployee service awards luncheon*



*A tour at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center with
Springfield Hospital Board members*



*Performer at the New
York Grand Lodge*



*Patient Ambassadors
JérémY Gabriel, Carrie Hom-
strom, Hunter Woodhall &
Stephanie Pineda*



The Shrine Hospital float in the 2013 Rose Bowl Parade

BATTLEFORDS SHRINE CLUB

The Battlefords Shrine Club had their installation of officers on Sunday November 4th. Ill. Sir John Clarke and Noble Wayne Miner were in attendance to perform the installation. The officers for 2013 are President Noble Tom Dutton, 1st Vice P resident Noble Richard Gibbons, 2nd Vice P resident Noble Bill Fitzsimmons, Treasurer Noble Glenn Hunter, Secretary Noble Kevin Monsebroten, and Unit Chairman Noble Don Finan. Our Potentate also presented a 25 year pin to Noble John Britton. Our President, Noble Tom Dutton, presented Ill. Sir John Clarke with a cheque representing the funds raised by the Battlefords Shrine Club.

We had a busy summer attending parades with our Scooter Patrol. We also want to thank the Prince Albert Shrine Club and the Saskatoon Shrine Club for joining us in the parade in North Battleford. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

The Battlefords Shrine Club continues to meet at the Ionic Lodge in North Battleford the second Sunday of each month except July and August. If you are going to be in the area, consider this your invitation to join us for our breakfast meeting.

*Submitted by
Noble Kevin Monsebroten*



2013 Executive (L-R) Noble Bill Fitzsimmons—2nd Vice President, Noble Richard Gibbons—1st Vice President, Noble Tom Dutton—President, Noble Don Finan—Unit Chairman, Noble Glenn Hunter—Treasurer. Missing Noble Kevin Monsebroten—Secretary.



Ill. Sir John Clarke presenting Noble John Britton with his 25 year pin



President Noble Tom Dutton presenting a cheque to Ill. Sir John Clarke



Ill. Sir John Clarke and Lady Darlene presenting a gift to President Noble Tom Dutton and Lady Evelyn



Ill. Sir John Clarke, President Noble Tom Dutton and 2nd Ceremonial Master Noble Wayne Miner

PARKLAND SHRINE CLUB

Members of Yorkton Lodge, Eastern Star and Shrine took care of the Kettles for two full days helping the Salvation Army raise about \$90,000. This is kind of a fun event and is good PR for all of us.

This is a quiet time for the Club as several Nobles have escaped to warmer climes and some staying back have been under the weather (literally and figuratively!). However, on a brighter note, we soon will begin preparing for the summer parades as it looks like we will do the usual 6 or 7 depending on how the dates work out. Nobles from Wyn El Wa have been joining Parkland so we are able to

have a larger presence and attend more events.

Our major fund raising event currently is Bingo which happens about twice a month year round. We are not sure, at this time, about Shrine Circus plans but should know soon. We also plan to have some SBI sessions and are waiting to have those finalized.

Submitted by
Noble Murray Williams

Pictured: President Noble Tom Dick making a contribution while we were manning the Salvation Army Kettles on December 18th & 19th.



ESTEVAN SHRINE CLUB



*(L-R) Noble Paul Deren, Noble Mike Fitzsimmons, Noble Butch McLean, Ill. Sir John Clarke, Austin Coleman
In front: Carter Brown*

Estevan and District Shrine Club welcomed Illustrious Sir John Clarke to their November Dinner Meeting and were pleased to be able to present two separate checks to him. Noble Mike Fitzsimmons, representing Construction Workers at the Boundary Dam Carbon Capture Project, presented a cheque for \$585.00, proceeds from the sale of jackets. Noble Butch McLean and Noble Paul Deren, president and treasurer of the club, also presented a cheque for \$5000.00, a portion of the proceeds from the 2012 Shrine Circus in Estevan. Helping to make the presentations were two Shriner patients, Carter Brown of Milestone, and Austin Coleman of Estevan.

At the same meeting on November 7, Noble Ken Young was welcomed as a new member to the Estevan and District Shrine Club. As well, the executive for the 2013 year was installed.

The December meeting for the Estevan and District Shrine Club took the form of the annual Christmas dinner and party. A delicious turkey dinner was served at the Alameda Legion, followed by a gift exchange, raffle, and games. Proceeds from the evening will be sent to the Montreal Shrine Group that provides transportation for the patients and their families while in Montreal.

Submitted by
Noble Paul Deren



(L-R) Noble Butch McLean, Noble Ken Young, Ill. Sir John Clarke



(L-R) Noble Butch McLean, Noble Barry Brown, Noble Paul Deren, Noble Troy LeBlanc, Noble Keith Young, Ill. Sir John Clarke

INDIAN HEAD SHRINE CLUB



The Indian Head Shrine Club held its annual Christmas Party on December 6, 2012. It was well attended by members and a few volunteers who have helped us with the Rose Day project. The excellent meal was supplied by the Ladies of the Royal Purple in the Elks Hall.

The M.C. Noble Chester McBain did a few card tricks to boggle the mind. Potentate III. Sir John Clarke gave a short talk on the Shrine and then re-

installed Noble George Dragan and Noble Wayne Horsman as President and Sec/Treas. for the ????? time. But wait there might be a light on the horizon!! Noble Horsman explained to Noble Barry Donaldson that if he wished to be able to play the Bass Drums with both hands, he should be installed as Vice President. So Be It! Noble Dragan then presented III. Sir John Clarke with a donation from the Club and the Coin Boxes for WA WA Shrine.

*Submitted by
Noble Wayne Horsman*



President Noble George Dragan presenting III. Sir John Clarke with cheques from the Club & coin boxes.

REGINA SHRINE CLUB

The New Year is upon us and the first quarter has been very active. Events such as the Mini Ceremonial in Saskatoon, the RSC President Potentate's Night on November 17th, the December 7th Highland Christmas Dinner, New Year's Day Levee, General Meeting and Installation on January 12, Installation breakfast, and the Ladies Auxiliary Chili night, which wound up the period on January 25th, 2013. These are celebrations that make our fraternity fun. I never mentioned the happy hours and other events that make the Regina Shrine Club unique and the best kept secret in WA WA. We know how to participate, work and have fun doing it.

We can thank last year's executive and, in particular, the late Terry Topuschak for setting the club on a sound administrative foundation. He negotiated a fair lease agreement with the Shrine Centre and quarterbacked the changes to the Happy Hour Duty Roster. Terry is sorely missed but he has allowed the current team to move on with other important projects and opportunities.

The most urgent need for the club is finding a solution to the lack of growth in the membership base. One event we are planning is a "Bring A Buddy Night" on March 22nd in the Oasis Room. The invitation is open to any potential members including Masons. The RSC will pick up the tab for all quests and their better half. We want to make it a fun evening and show to non-Shriners that we have the world's best philanthropy, a diverse membership, a great facility and, finally, the de-

sire to make a difference in our community and hopefully the lives of those who join. One other idea that may help the club attract and retain young members is the creation of a unit that's purpose is just that - attract and retain a younger demographic.

Fundraising has typically been the prevue of the six units of our club. The RSC has supported their efforts, but other than the Cash Calendar, Circus and Cash Coin Boxes, the RSC has not recently held a raffle or dinner to supplement the fundraising. We will be looking into this possibility, however, for 2013. We want to ensure we support and maximize the rewards of our existing fundraisers.

In conclusion, we have a number of great coming events this winter and spring. Don't forget:

- Pipes and Drums Valentine Dinner - February 15th
- 10th Annual Directors Staff Scotch-Tasting and Dinner - February 23rd
- T Birds Irish Stew Night - March 15th
- Drum Corps Pasta Night - April 12th
- Ladies Auxiliary Springfest - April 26th
- Drum Corps Lobster Night - May 11th

Feel free to join us in the Oasis Room anytime.

*Submitted by
Noble Ken Shaw
President Regina Shrine Club*

SASKATOON SHRINE CLUB

So many times we pat ourselves on the back for the great things we are accomplishing at our club or as Shriners in general. We often forget to mention those who make a huge contribution to the philanthropy and who of ten go unnoticed. I'm referring to our ladies. Without their support as outlined in the article below, Shrinedom just wouldn't be what it is. Lady Vivian Skuce, wife of our club president and Immediate Past Grand Master, The Most Worshipful Dennis Skuce doesn't begin to touch on all the things the women do behind the scenes, but it is important for us to acknowledge just how big a part they play to make us successful as clubs and Shriners. Below is an article submitted by President Vivian Skuce outlining how some of our ladies are supporting the work of the Shrine.

*Submitted by
Noble Al Stickney*

'JUST FRIENDS' LADIES CLUB

When the Daughters of the Nile Temple in Regina surrendered their Charter back in the spring of 2011, we, the Anquet Nile Club (Saskatoon) members still wanted to meet for visiting and to enjoy each others company. We formed a loosely structured club called "Just Friends" which suits us completely because that is what we are – just friends. We have expanded our membership to include ladies of Nobles and Masons who did not belong to Daughters of the Nile.

We have one meeting a month (except January, June, July, August) for an evening of short but necessary business followed by a program of entertainment; then, of course, lunch and visiting.

We happily prepare sandwiches for the Circus Volunteers and lunches for the Shriners taking part in the Exhibition Parade and in the Remembrance Day Service. In deed,

most of our fundraising is done by preparing and serving lunch for various Masonic organizations. These endeavors have allowed us to donate to: Shriners Hospital, Montreal; Crisis Nursery, Saskatoon; Saskatoon Shrine Club and other local charities. We are looking forward to another productive year of fun and fundraising.

In other news, a kids' Christmas party was held back in December and the smiling faces on the children showed us there is still wonder in the season. We had a very successful New Year's Eve gala featuring a sumptuous roast beef dinner, dancing, party favors, champagne, and music provided by Noble James McGregor. Over 100 people were in attendance with car service provided to get our revelers home afterwards.

And finally, congratulations to Noble Jamie McFarland, Executive Chef of the University of Saskatchewan Food Services, as he heads to the University of Massachusetts for the Flavors of Canada event. Here's the yummy menu he's created:

Salad--Arugula caesar salad with crispy pancetta, sundried tomatoes and fennel-scented Parmesan crisps with a lemon-Dijon emulsion

Regional Entrée--Diefenbaker steelhead trout and spinach wellington with horseradish-roasted tomato compote.

Chef Specialty Entrée--Herb chevre-stuffed bacon-wrapped pork tenderloin with wild berry-jalapeno salsa.

Student Favorite--Gorgonzola polenta topped with wild northern mushroom white bean ragout.

Sides--Butternut squash agnolotti in sage butter with apple chips, Prairie potato cake with feta, zucchini, spinach, and cilantro creme fraiche.

Dessert--Whiskey-infused chocolate mousse with citrus marmalade, blackberries and maple-candied pecans

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DRILL CORPS

Wow, another fun filled year has passed. That being said, the Nobles and Ladies of the Drill Corps would like to wish all Nobles and their Ladies a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

In 2012 we took on a new project, the Annual Christmas Dinner that was previously held by the Pipes and Drums. The dinner turned out extremely well, thanks to guidance from Ill. Sir Gerry Armsworthy who has had years of experience. There were lots of donations of food and door prizes and we wish to thank all the organizations that donated to our special evening.

Winter being upon us, we have some members who have headed south to enjoy the sun. Boy they just don't know what they're missing or do they? Once they return, practices will start as we prepare for another year. As usual, we are busy with our Bingos and we are thinking of holding hot dog sales to raise a few dollars, as we are planning to attend Mid-West in Duluth this year.

Congratulations to our president Ian Brown who has taken the position of Chief of Staff for WA WA. Also, Allen Strand who was the cribbage winner for 2012. Well played, Allen! The loser will remain anonymous.

Hopefully the picture above will warm you up.

Submitted by
Noble Ken Eskdale



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PIPES AND DRUMS

THE THREE PILLARS

"PILLAR" - from the dictionary - "A person who is the main support of an institution". So it is with the Band.

- Pillar 1: Piper, Noble Bill Kelly, who is our last surviving Active Member dating back to the Band's formation in 1968, 45 years of service, that many as a piper.
- Pillar 2: Pipe Sergeant, Noble Don Felstrom, 44 years of service with 67 years as a piper.
- Pillar 3: Drum Sergeant, Noble Howard Chamberlain, 30 years of service with 76 years as a drummer.

Notice the descending years of service with the ascending years of experience, Noble Howard leading the pack as a Boy Drummer starting in 1937! Such dedication as these men have displayed seems unlikely to be repeated by this or future generations. The times have changed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 21 – Annual "Dine the Ladies" at the RUSI (Royal United Services Institute). This is an attempt to thank the ladies for all those Thursday nights of absence and the many public appearances of the Band. It is never enough, but at least a "try".

February 22 – Annual gathering of Pipers and Drummers from throughout the Mid-West Shrine Association in Fargo ND. This year we have four attendees in the

persons of Drum Sergeant, Noble Doug Campbell; Piper, Noble Ron Hitchcock; Drummer, Noble Bob Nichols; and Pipe Sergeant, Noble Gord Wiles. Noble Hitchcock notes that although he is the least qualified in playing skills, he is most qualified for hospitality events.

May 4 – Annual Band Workshop, mainly held to sharpen our skills for the first time we play our "set" at Mosaic. This year we've changed our location to the Shrine Centre, maybe a fortuitous decision considering this winter and the chance of a blizzard on the highway to Moose Jaw. For the second year we have invited Pipe Major Iain McDonald as our guide and mentor. Iain possesses all the best qualities of a Pipe Major with "patience" being the most critical in coaching our operation.

FINAL COMMENTS

This has been a tough winter, not for TEMPERATURE because we've even had rain and some melting. Tough because of the high frequency of weather events such as wind, snow, and ICE. Condolences to our members who have fled to southern climes and are suffering in the HEAT. I'm sure they wish they were here with us

*Submitted by
Noble Graham Bradley*

STOP BURN INJURIES

Another year has gone by and more schools have been visited in Saskatchewan. In 2012 there were 770 children from kindergarten to grade five who received the training provided by WA WA Shriners. This is slightly below the annual average. The five year average is 1319 children per year. Communities visited were Kamsack, Sturgis, Norquay, Delisle, Biggar and Birch Hills.

Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) Canada has been a major sponsor over these years contributing approximately \$25,000 to the program. We are very grateful for this support.

Once again we have been invited to the Saskatchewan Association of Fire Chiefs trade show which will be held in Yorkton on April 4th and 5th. We have been

given a complimentary booth for the third year in a row and appreciate the opportunities that this affords us.

The SBI program has suffered a slight set back, as Jason Elliott the new instructor has to take a leave of absence due to work commitments. We are looking forward to his return in the future as he is a knowledgeable and dedicated instructor. In the meantime, I will continue to teach the program and search for new instructors.

The SBI program is making Shriners visible in rural communities throughout Saskatchewan. Hopefully this will assist in creating some new members.

*Submitted by
Noble Ken Eskdale
SBI Chairman*

Note: I require two or three Nobles to help instruct these sessions at the schools. I will assist you in making these presentations until you are comfortable in doing them on your own. Remember, prevention is important, let's protect our children. If you are willing to help, please contact me at 306-545-3147 or via email, keneskdale@wawashriners.org

REGINA DRUM CORPS

Since our last report, the Corps held its annual Christmas party, hosted by our new President Brandon Metz and Lady Cathy in the lower level of the Oasis Room. Entertainment this year was provided by a trio of musicians, consisting of Brian Herman on base (friend of Noble Wayne Horsman), our own Noble Wayne Flaten on keyboards, and Noble Wayne Horsman from the Indian Head Club on saxophone. They had never played together before, but after a short practice session, they displayed their top notch musical skills with a variety of tunes.

The Corps thanked our outgoing President and Lady for their invaluable support over the last year. Pictured on the right outgoing president Noble Al Clarke & Lady Karen with Lady Cathy and incoming President Noble Brandon Metz.

Corps President Noble Al Clarke was pleased to inform the gathering that the unit has turned over a grand total \$15,505.00 to WA WA, earned from the various fundraisers the Corps had throughout 2012.

As is tradition in the Corps, the President's trophy was "handed over" by Noble Al Clarke to our new President Noble Brandon Metz. It is Corps tradition that while in office, this trophy be displayed prominently in the incoming President's home. Noble Al apparently had trouble locating it after his two years in office as there was so much dust on it he had trouble identifying it – wonder where that prominent place was in his home?

Ill. Sir Ken McDougall received the prestigious Lyle Judd award from now past president Noble Al Clarke. This award is presented each year by the past president, to the Drum Corps Noble who has gone above and beyond in their contribution to the Drum Corps during the year and in assisting the president in the accomplishment of his tasks. This award has a long cherished history with the Corps and is considered an honour to receive

What would any Christmas Party be without a visit from Mrs. Clause (Lady Shirley Watkins) and Santa himself (Noble Bill Watkins) who distributed gifts to all Nobles and Ladies.

December and January are normally short months for the Corps as after our annual Christmas party we normally take a break until February 1. This year however, we were asked to perform our Jersey Boys show at the Potentate's Ball. This required practice, practice and yet more practice right up until show time. The pictures in this edition of the Warblings do not do the show justice as it must be seen to be believed. The crowd on hand treated the Corps to a standing ovation at the completion of our show.

The Corps was honoured to form the honour guard

for the 2013 Divan and made a lot of noise for the grand entry of Divan and our own newly elected Potentate Ill. Sir Bill Forrest and Lady Jan.

The Corps would like to congratulate our Nobles who were elected to the Divan for the upcoming 2013 year:

- Noble Ill. Sir Bill Forrest (Lady Jan) as Potentate
- Noble Roy Gaebel (Lady Jean) as Assistant Rabban
- Noble Ill. Sir Don McDougall (Lady Jill) as Recorder
- Noble Marlowe Smith (Lady Margaret) as Treasurer
- Noble Wayne Flaten (Lady Synde) as First Ceremonial Master

We finally get to take a short break, enabling those of us who are snowbirds to enjoy some warmer weather. When the Corps resumes its practices in March, the real work of herding all the "cats" into a finely tuned performance unit will re-commence under the leadership of our Marching Director Ill. Sir Ken McDougall and our Music Director Noble Wayne Flaten. Given that we all have short memories we offer advice to our Marching Director Ill. Sir Ken - patience, patience, patience!

A couple of signature Corps events to watch out for in the spring are the semi-annual Pasta Night scheduled for April 12th and watch for tickets for the annual Drum Corps Lobster night on May 11th, which will be coming on sale towards the end of March. If you have not already done so, we would suggest reserving lobster tickets through one of the Drum Corps members as this event sells out quickly every year.

Submitted by
Noble Marlowe Smith



Potentate's Ball Honour guard – Nobles Ill. Sir Bob Forrest, Brad Wilson, Don Ross, Ill. Sir Mal Edwards, Ill. Sir Ken McDougall and Gord Rubin



Brian Herman on Base, Noble Wayne Flaten on keyboard & Noble Wayne Horsman on saxophone



Outgoing president Noble Al Clarke & Lady Karen with Lady Cathy and incoming President Noble Brandon Metz.



Mrs. Clause (Lady Shirley Watkins) and Santa Clause (Noble Bill Watkins) pay a visit to the Drum Corps members



Santa LOVES his job but sometimes gets carried away with his duties. Naughty Santa, or maybe it's a naughty lady?



Ill. Sir Ken McDougall receiving the Lyle Judd award from Past President Noble Al Clarke



WA WA Drum Corps performs at Ill. Sir Bill Forrest's installation banquet



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T-BIRDS

We are having a very cold day (-35C or -40c WC) as I write my first Warblings report for our new President, Albert May, who asked me if I would continue the Warblings reports. I have had some encouraging comments concerning "my writings" in the past issues and, doubtful as I am of these comments, this has prompted me to accept (even though it is difficult to decide on what is "News" and what is not!).

I did report on our summer (2012) activities in the November Warblings and we are now going through a slow, quiet period for the T-Birds, for our next report.

Our Parade Leader and Past Potentate, Ill. John Clarke, completed his term with a very successful "cocktails and supper event" on December 16th. John and Darlene had decided on a delicious menu and the "Pit Crew" were able to prepare and serve it! John and Darlene also delivered a well prepared program of "heartfelt thanks, with a good deal of humour". Congratulations to all T-Birds for a job well done!

We must mention that what the Clarke family accomplished this past year, (John as Potentate, Darlene as his partner) while in the background dealing with a difficult family crisis, is a wonder. Their son, Tim, has been suffering with a serious medical condition and is now under extensive treatment. We send the family our wishes for successful reports in the future.

Congratulations to Viola May on her successful year as head of the Ladies Auxiliary. Well done, Vi! Most people don't realize the responsibilities and hours of work that is required in that position.

An update on Betty and Mark Taylor: Betty was able to make their annual trip to their "Time Share Winter Home" in Hawaii, after lengthy medical treatment. They are now staying in Regina (swapping residence with friends) as some treatment continues. They will be returning to Hawaii sometime in February. Well done Betty and Mark! Looking forward to seeing more of you on the "Summer Parade Circuit".

We are told that Ruth Topuschak is recovering from an operation, while visiting her daughter in BC and will be returning home to Regina shortly.

The Car Committee has "come to life" and is acting on some possibilities that might result in improvements to our "old cars/van etc". Jake Meyer has been scouring the market for some car replacements, etc. Bobby Kryznar is looking into some possible financial assistance. We are "holding our breath" for some glimmer of success!

Our President Albert May has called a T-Bird meeting for February!

Don't forget to mark your Calendar for our Annual Stew Night, MARCH 15th! This is one of our "Fund Raisers, so please plan to attend and help make it a success!


*Submitted by
Noble Darrel Driver*



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2013 CEREMONIAL

It seems a bit strange to be talking about ceremonial when it is 5 months away. Actually, we've been planning for some time.

For the past while, we have had one-day ceremonials in Saskatoon and Regina. We have had many conversations with nobles and their ladies and the overwhelming result has been that, although these have been very well done, something was missing.

We have decided to return to a one-per-year event lasting for 2 days. The ceremonial in 2013 will be held in Regina on Saturday, June 8th and Sunday, June 9th. That's right Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday will have the ritual and second section activities and will also have unit displays in the afternoon at the newly created City Square in downtown Regina near Scarth Street and 12th Avenue. This is a great location visible to all who visit downtown on a Saturday afternoon.

Jan is planning the ladies' program to include a visit

to an historical site and a luncheon to follow at noon Saturday – don't miss it.

Saturday evening, we are planning a party at the Shrine Centre. We're not letting out all the plans, but pizza and casino play a part.

Sunday morning we plan on holding the fezzing and will present a delicious dressed-up brunch at the Delta Hotel.

All events should be done by about noon so you can get home to enjoy another Saskatchewan summer evening.

Lots of details to come, but the most important part is having lots of new nobles. Let's all do our part to make the 2013 Ceremonial one to remember so we can continue to put smiles on the faces of kids.

*Submitted by
Ill. Sir Bill and Lady Jan Forrest*

DONOR RELATIONS

2013 has arrived and with it comes the start of construction on our Shriners Hospitals for Children-Canada. Construction starts in early spring and the laying of the corner stone will be on September 14. If you were unable to attend the WA WA Shrine Temple annual meeting and banquet, you missed a wonderful power point projection of the architect's design of the hospital. Each floor has a special theme. The ground floor theme is the St. Lawrence Valley. Other themes are the Hockey theme where a score board and hockey sticks provide a hockey rink atmosphere. The Atlantic coast, the Great North and the Pacific coast are some of the other themes used for different areas. This hospital serves all of Canada as well as the North East United States. This facility will allow us to continue the exceptional care to our patients and their families as we expand our services, our research, and our teaching. The design of each floor is unbelievable.

There are several methods to make a donation to our Shriners Hospitals for Children-Canada. Examples are The Personal Contributing Membership, The \$100 Million Dollar Club, Shriner's Annual Gift Campaign, a Gift of Money, the purchase or assignment of a Life Insurance Policy, an outright Gift of Cash, Securities, Real Estate, creation of a Charitable Remainder Trust, a weekly Financial Pledge, etc. Please give consideration to making a donation to Shriners Hospitals for Children-Canada. For further information please contact WA WA Shriners at area code 306-569-2294 or your financial advisor Noble Ron McEachern, Imperial Donor Development Representative.

*Submitted by
Noble Ron McEachern*



If you don't see any mention about your club or unit...we didn't receive anything!



FIRST CLASS AMBASSADORS

Each year Shriners International names a Patient Ambassador(s) to help spread the message of the work done at Shriners Hospitals for Children. This year all Canadian Shriners are very proud as Jérémy Gabriel, from Quebec City, was named along with Hunter Woodhall of Syracuse Utah to represent thousands of Shrine Kids. Their goal for this year is to share their stories to inspire others and raise awareness of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Jérémy has sung for both Céline Dion and the Pope; he has recorded two albums and co-authored a book. He can now add to his resume that he has sung for the Shriners and Ladies of WA WA Shriners. We had the good fortune to have Jeremy, his mother Sylvie and Emmanuelle Rondeau be part of our Installation weekend. Jeremy sang at the memorial service and at the Potentate's Banquet.

What is amazing is that he was born deaf. Born prematurely with severe facial malformations and other complications requiring intensive care, Jérémy was finally diagnosed at 6 months with Treacher Collins Syndrome, a rare genetic disorder. In addition to head, skull and facial deformities, children with this condition generally have absent or malformed ears, which can cause hearing loss. He was referred to Shriners Hospitals for Children – Canada at the age of 5 for treatment. There, the family met Lucie Lessard, M.D., a plastic and craniofacial surgeon. Dr. Lessard suggested a BAHA (Bone Anchored Hearing Aid) Implant. Jérémy received his implant in June 2003, at age 6. After the surgery, Jérémy was fascinated with sound, and discovered he could sing. In fact, he has perfect pitch. Jérémy is scheduled for additional surgery later this year to reconstruct his cheekbones, as well as surgery on his jaw, which should improve his breathing, chewing and appearance. Jérémy now attends a high school specializing in performing arts, where he is an excellent student. He is preparing for a career in the music business.

Hunter Woodhall plays basketball, football and soccer; he wrestles; he runs track, snow skis, swims and roller blades, all with two prosthetic legs. Hunter, 14, was born with fibular hemimelia of the left leg. The condition is a shortening or absence of one of the two bones in the calf, which may require amputation or bone-lengthening procedures to correct. In addition, his right ankle was fused. After exploring options that offered no real hope, the Woodhalls contacted Shriners Hospitals for Children. After consulting with a team of ex-

perts at the Tampa, FL facility, the Woodhalls proceeded with the amputation of Hunter's feet. After his surgery – at just 11 months old – Hunter was soon walking and running around. He hasn't stopped since.

Hunter is a straight A student and an accomplished athlete. The team of experts at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Salt Lake City has always provided options to help Hunter be able to do anything he wants to do, including fitting him with some of the first Flex-Foot Cheetah custom feet that the hospital had ever provided, as well as special liners for wrestling, in addition to his prosthetic legs for daily use.

These two young men are wonderful examples of what THEIR talents and YOUR efforts can accomplish. Let us all rededicate our goals to assist with this worthy philanthropy.



Patient Ambassadors
Jérémy Gabriel and Hunter Woodhall

To view the interview conducted by Molly Thomas of CTV Morning Show in Regina please visit the WA WA Shriners home page or enter this link <http://www.wawashriners.org/pdfs/2013/IntShrinePatientAmbassador.wmv>



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Jerome Singleton

Jerome Singleton, 25, of Irmo, S.C., was born without a right fibula. Throughout his childhood, he received expert care at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Greenville, including a below-the-knee amputation and his prosthetics. Jerome ran track in high school and college, and in 2007 he began competing on the U.S. Paralympic track and field team. In 2011, he won the men's 100-meter event at the IPC Athletics World Championships in New Zealand and earned the title "Fastest Amputee in the World."

Despite his success and busy schedule, Jerome takes time to visit the place that gave him an opportunity to thrive at a sport he loves.

"This is where it all started for me, right here in this hospital," said Jerome. "I know what Shriners Hospitals does for the kids. I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for this hospital."

Ryan Fann

When Ryan Fann of Nashville, Tenn., was 3 years old he was struck by a car while playing in front of his family's home and had to have his left foot amputated. Growing up, Ryan struggled with prosthetics that broke frequently, particularly when he played sports like football. When he was 13, Ryan's father learned of Shriners Hospitals for Children — Lexington and made an appointment. The hospital provided Ryan with three properly fitted and appropriate prosthetic legs – one for walking and two for sports.

"I couldn't believe right away they gave me three legs to use," said Ryan. "It just shows you how Shriners Hospitals have absolutely zero limitations for their patients."



Paralympian Jerome Singleton with Pam and Sue Reynolds, patients at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Greenville.

With his new and more durable prosthetic legs, Ryan's football game improved; he was selected for the Tennessee East-West Shrine Bowl Game his senior year. After high school, Ryan began to run track at Tennessee State University and also for the Paralympics, where he was a teammate of Jerome's. Ryan retired from competing in track in 2008. Now 28, he works as a prosthetist and has become a role model for other young amputee athletes.

Alan Sanchez

Alan Sanchez of Monterrey, Mexico, was 5 years old when a stack of bricks fell on his left leg while he was playing at a construction site near his home. He was taken to Shriners Hospitals for Children — Houston and underwent an above-the knee amputation. After the surgery Alan received top-notch treatment and prosthetic devices from the pediatric orthopaedic hospital.

Now 17, Alan has developed a love for running and won several gold medals for his high school's track team. His next goal is to follow in the footsteps of Jerome and Ryan and train for the Paralympics.

"I owe a lot to my teammates and my coach for all of their support," said Alan. "I'm also thankful for all the treatment and help at Shriners Hospitals."

Shriners Hospitals for Children applauds these successful athletes and looks forward to helping more patients become active and achieve their goals in life – and in sports.

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Nobles, Ladies & family interested in following the progress of construction for the project may do so by keying in the following link:
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 as webcams have been set up around the site.

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HOSPITAL REPORT

WA WA began the year with 68 active patient files, 10 new applicants were accepted, 1 patient that was inactivated was re-instated as the individual was asked to return by the hospital, and 5 files were inactivated due to age restriction or lack of activity for a total of 74 patients being supported by the Patient Transportation Fund.

We had fewer patient trips in 2012 versus 2011. There were 56 patient trips for the year versus 64 trips for the prior year. They are broken down by club as follows:

Cypress	3
Estevan	21
Goose Lake	1
Indian Head	2
Lloydminster	1
Moose Jaw	5
Parkland	2
Regina	10
Saskatoon	6
Swift Current	4
Weyburn	1

Patient trips by treatment centre are as follows:

Montreal	45
Winnipeg	1
Minneapolis	10

WestJet generously donated 170 one-way travel vouchers for patient travel in 2012. This had a monetary value in excess of \$40 thousand dollars. As we received the vouchers early in the calendar year we were able to utilize 148 travel vouchers for patient travel. Since we didn't want to see any of the vouchers go unutilized by the December 15 travel deadline; approval was sought and received from the Illustrious Sir to transfer 16 vouchers to Khar tum Temple for their patient travel needs. 6 vouchers were authorized by WestJet to transport guests to the annual meeting.

WA WA made total donations to the Hospital of \$200,000 for 2012. Twenty-five thousand was rected toward the school located at the hospital and \$175,000 was for the construction of the new hospital. In addition to the \$22,594 presented by Saskatoon Shrine club at the Hospital Seminar, this fulfills WA WA's financial commitment toward the construction of the new hospital well ahead of the 10 year time frame.

Nobles are reminded that prospective applications should be routed through the Temple. There was some confusion late last year when notice was sent from Tampa advising that applications could be made by families to the respective Hospitals directly. This is only for the American hospital system. Until further notice is given there are no changes to the application process for Canada and Mexico.

The Hospital initiated a cost saving measure in August whereby the Temples are now responsible for the cost of the hotel when patients travel to Montreal for diagnosis and out-patient care.

Expenses incurred by the Patient Transportation Fund for the year are as follows:

Transportation	\$ 52,835
Accommodations	15,359
Mileage	4,233
Meals	11,654
Taxi	3,353
Other Expenses	43,593
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$131,027

Included in the \$52,835 is the monetary value of the WestJet vouchers used this year of \$47,354. Other expenses include \$15,000 in expenses transferred from the Temple and \$19,590 in management fees charged by portfolio managers.

There are several Hospital highlights:

Construction of the new Hospital is scheduled to begin in March with a forecasted completion sometime in the fall of 2014 and the commissioning of the New Hospital in 2015. Webcams have been set up so interested Shriners are able to check in on the construction site. For those wishing to follow the progress of construction the link is <http://muhc.ca/new-muhc/article/watch-our-progress>. The Cornerstone Laying Ceremony is planned for September 14th, 2013.

The hospital held its second annual charity golf event raising a total of \$500,000 (the goal was \$450,000). Planning is underway for the third annual event in August.

The Hospital held a successful car raffle for a Fiat 500 Gucci Edition. A total of 600 tickets were sold at \$100 each. An additional \$15,000 was raised in sponsorships. Proceeds from the raffle went towards the purchase of sequencer diagnostic equipment for Dr. Rauch's genetic laboratory and two "Taylor Spatial Frames".

*Submitted by
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LADIES AUXILIARY



Noble Ken Shaw, Noble Stu Larsen, Lady Adele Gerhard, Lady Sasha Nemeth & her son

On November 26th the Ladies Auxiliary hosted their annual winter dinner meeting. The many ladies who attended experienced a wonderful performance put on by the Highland Dance Association led by Leah Sutton-Knowles. These young girls did an amazing job! The dinner was prepared and served by members of the Gourmet Club - what a treat it was! That evening the draw for the Ladies Auxiliary Cash Draw was made. In 3rd place was Lady Sharon Sanders, in 2nd place was Rob Nichols and in first place was Lady Joyce Stadnick. A little extra pocket money before Christmas is always nice to have.

The Ladies Auxiliary Annual Chili night was held at the Shrine Centre on January 26th. As per usual there was a terrific turnout of patrons just waiting to sample all the different chilis. Thank you to Sue Butz, Muriel Heal and all the ladies who helped put on another great event! It is always so difficult to pick a favourite but oh so yummy trying to find one. The winners from that evening were: Lady Sasha Nemeth & Noble Stu Larson in 3rd place, Noble Ken Shaw in 2nd place and Lady Adele Gerhard in 1st place.



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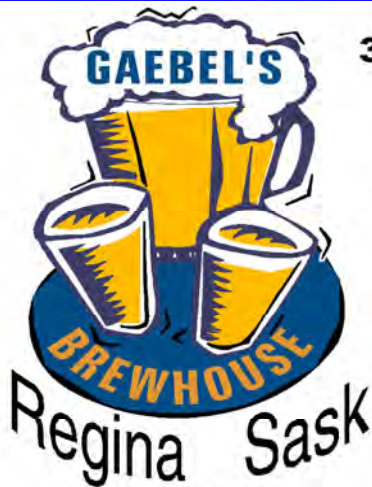
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First Lady Jan Forrest's fundraising project for 2013 will raise funds to purchase items not budgeted for in the classroom at Shriners Hospital for Children in Montreal. Conversations with the teachers determined that they need some Apple iPad minis for the children with Osteogenesis Imperfecta, commonly

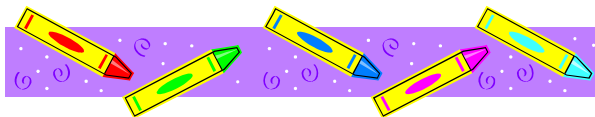
known as brittle bone disease, to use. The smaller iPads will provide much needed distraction for many children facing fearful or painful procedures. Additional funds will allow the teachers, an integral part of our kids' positive experiences, to augment the supplies used for scrapbooking whereby the children journal, with photos & writing, their hospital experiences. This tool helps them reintegrate into their own families and classrooms once they return home.

Jan's project will be fully explained at events

throughout WA WA, however one of her fundraising ideas would greatly benefit from you knowing about it now.

A penny parade is a method sometimes used to raise money in schools, where young children are involved. Our Canadian penny has now been retired. In support of SMILES AT SCHOOL, Jan invites you to put your pennies and loose change to work for the children at. She welcomes the many pennies that Shriners may have squirreled away in jars, cans, boxes, or any number of other creative containers. There is no need to roll them and Jan can ensure that tax receipt will be issued for their total. If you wish to donate them, she will rescue them when she and Bill visit your clubs and guide them into meaningful retirement.

Jan welcomes any questions you may have at 306-949-0148 or jan4rest@sasktel.net and thanks you for your contribution to SMILES AT SCHOOL.



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