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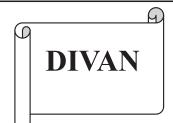
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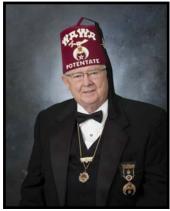
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Illustrious Sirs, Nobles and Ladies: I want to thank you for placing your trust in me as your Potentate. It is truly an honour and I promise that I will do my best to represent all the members of WA WA. Lady Betty and I are excited about being able to meet with all our friends, and we look forward to making and meeting new friends. Before I forget, I want to thank all the Nobles and Ladies who made the Installation and AGM a resounding success. The Friday evening happy hour was well attended even though other events were going on. Also, big thanks to the Drum Corps for the excellent breakfast, the crew who made the renowned "Fog" and last but not least the fantastic efforts of the ambassadors, the Drill Corps, known as the "K&B Drillers".

As we embark on the upcoming year we are sure to have some challenges, the big one being that of membership. Membership is slowly declining and we have to turn this around. Ill. Sir Bill Forrest put forward an excellent effort in 2013 by signing up 31 new Nobles, well

done III. Sir. We not only need new members but we have to ensure that they become involved in a unit, and if there's none to their liking we will create one. Parades, another area we must address, this is one way for us to promote the Shrine to the public. If we can't walk, let's ride on floats, cars etc. We must also promote our fundraising events, Circus, Little Chicago Night (Moose Jaw) Calendar, Flower sales, just to name a few.

Your Divan met at a planning session and has agreed to adopt the TEAM Concept, that is "Together Everyone Achieves More". Keeping this in mind we plan to improve on as many areas as possible. Communication is an important area. It is through communication that collaboration and co-operation will occur. I believe that communicating with one another will create a shared understanding and, as a result will transfer this understanding to all areas of what we are doing here at WA WA. It is my intention and the Divans intention to observe, listen and to speak to the individual members and individual units as required.

You will notice some new faces in the office: Lisa Dunbar, Clerk, and Noble Larry Couse who is filling in as the interim Recorder. Starting in April, Noble David Paul will become the Recorder as Ill. Sir Don Mc Dougall resigned as recorder in December, 2013. I take this opportunity to thank Ill. Sir Don for his efforts and dedication to WA WA while in this position. Also new to the Divan are Nobles Ken Shaw (Regina) and Herb Butz (Swift Current). Thanks go out to Herb Doll for his valuable input and efforts while on the Divan.

**MAKING KIDS AWARE** – This is Lady Betty's and my slogan for the upcoming year. As most of you know, I am very passionate about the Stop Burn Injuries program. This program is all about making kids aware of the hazards associated with things that can or will burn you. It's all about communicating these hazards to the kids.

Lady Betty has a fund-raising project which she decided on realizing that burn victims suffer terrible pain. Our patients have a difficult time expressing their pain levels. Procedures like, physio., braces, surgeries and injuries cause pain. Lady Betty's project slogan is "It takes more than kisses to ease a child's pain". Please assist her in donating to pain management research.

The Provincial Circus Committee also has new faces, David Pascoe, Southern Saskatchewan Chairman and Treasurer, also Dana Wilkins, Northern Saskatchewan Chairman. Provincial Chairman Stu Larson and his executive are getting geared up for another successful year. Plan to give them your support when in your area.

The Stop Burn Injuries(SBI) program will be making visits to schools again in 2014. Assistance is needed to help deliver this program . If you are interested please call III. Sir Ken Eskdale for more information at **306-545-3147**.

Lets all pull together, get more members, support your Temple and Shrine Club Activities, participate in sporting events, parades and most importantly **Lets Have Fun in 2014.** 

Fraternally yours

III. Sir Ken and Lady Betty Eskdale

### It Takes More Than Kisses To Ease A Childs Pain

Pain affects a child in many ways. It interferes with mood, rest, sleep, appetite and mobility. All of this, in turn, negatively affects the child's degree of recovery.

If pain can be managed through diversion, laughter, diet, exercise and of course prescription medication, the child's happiness will increase and the recovery time will be shorter.

Good pain management will have long term effects. If a child can manage their pain they may not turn to illegal substances for relief later on in life.

To that end, I would like to see our world renowned researchers in Montreal, who are affiliated with St. Justine and McGill University tackle pain management.

Quoting the lovely poem, that accompanies a donated Bernie Brown drawing, "the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child".

So although you are always being asked to give, I know that no one has asked you before to help fund pain research in children.

First Lady Betty Eskdale

First Lady Betty Eskdale will be visiting the Shrine Clubs over the next period and will have information to hand out on her project. Thank you to everyone who donated items that will be used for prizes for contributors.



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# 2014 WA WA Divan



### Back Row L - R:

Ken Shaw, Ron McEachern, Marlow Smith, Herb Butz, Brad Barlow

### Middle Row L - R:

Wayne Flaten, Paul Deren, Ian Brown, Larry Couse

### Front Row L - R:

Wayne Miner, Bill Forrest P.P., Ill. Sir Ken Eskdale, Roy Gaebel, Harry Martin

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### **Back Row L-R:**

Lorette Shaw, Margaret Smith, Anne Butz, Leeanne Barlow

### Middle Row L-R:

Synde Flaten, Cheryl Deren, Mary-Ann Couse

### Front Row L-R:

Irene Miner, Jan Forrest, Betty Eskdale, Jean Gaebel, Jean Lendzyk

### Missing:

Mary Sutton, Christina Brown



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# **New Divan Members**





Welcome Noble Herb Butz as our newly appointed Marshal.

Noble Herb is a member of the Swift Current Shrine Club and their Drums & Bugles Unit.



Welcome Noble Larry Couse as our appointed Interim Recorder.

Noble Larry is a member of the Regina Shrine Club and their Drill Corps Unit.



Welcome Noble Ken Shaw as our newly appointed Outer Guard.

Noble Ken is a member of the Regina Shrine Club and their Directors Staff.

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# **Shriners Next Top Models!?!**







Is that Brad Pitt, George Clooney and Johnny Depp? No, it's not....but it's close! Sporting fashions straight off the golf course runway, Regina's own Nobles-(Left) Harry Martin, Allan Bachynski and Roy Gaebel made their first cover appearance.

The first issue of the Shriners International Magazine was hosting a "Name Your Magazine" contest. Submissions were due January 31, 2014. The magazine was sent out to Saskatchewan members in January. Copies can be found at the WAWA temple.

The Nobles had their photo taken while attending the 2013 Shriners Open Golf Tournament Fed Ex Cup in Las Vegas. We are excited and proud that Saskatchewan was chosen to represent the Shrine fraternity for the debut issue of the magazine. Congratulations guys!

<sup>\*</sup>Photo taken by Elizabeth Haston and supplied by Shriners International Headquarters

# 2014 AGM & Potentates Ball

Friday night January 17th, 2014 the Oasis room at WA WA Shrine centre welcomed visitors from around the province, Calgary, Kem Temple ND. and Khartum Temple MB.

Drinks, food, fellowship, meeting and greeting old friends and new acquaintances, including the daughters of the Potentate's Elect and his Lady, made for a good time.























The next day, the Annual General Meeting culminated in the successful election of Divan members for 2014. A light lunch followed.

The Black Camel ceremony was solemnly attended with very inspiring words from Chaplin's Lady Mary that moved the listeners deeply. A lovely tribute followed.

After the meeting was adjourned the scene switched to the Ramada Hotel for pictures and the banquet.

The banquet room was beautifully appointed in black and white with pens, pins and SBI place mats and menu cards.

About 150 guests enjoyed a piping hot meal and listened intently to two of our patients, Brady Sandercock and Carter Brown, Hospital Ambassador for Western Canada.

Thank you goes out to Emmanuelle Rondeau of the Montreal Hospital as she put on a great presentation of the progress of our new hospital.











Lady Betty gave Lady Jan an armful of red long stem roses on behalf of the WA WA for the wonderful work she did for the Shrine and the kids. Lady Jan, in return, gave Lady Betty a travelling bag for her year ahead.

Lady Jan spoke of her 2013 project which raised over \$14, 000 - congratulations!!

Lady Betty then spoke of her project for research for pain management in our patients.

Greetings and a few words were brought to us by the Most Worshipful Brother Jack Colenutt, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. The Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Canada, Richard Brown, was also in attendance. The Potentate Elect of Khartum Temple presented III. Sir Ken with an honorary membership in Khartum.









III. Sir Ken presented III. Sir Bill with his Divan plaque listing his members and ambassadors for 2013. III. Sir Bill was also presented his Potentates ring by his brother III. Sir Bob Forrest.

III. Sir Ken thanked everyone for assisting making this a great evening. The evening then picked up the pace with Becky and the Jets.

## A Legacy For The Future



William (Bill) Farley was born on January 26th, 1932 in Regina. He married Lil (Wittrock) on September 26th, 1964. It's interesting that he met and later married his nurse Lil when he was a patient in the Regina General Hospital. They have three children, Rhonda, James and Lesley. Unfortunately, Bill was visited by the Black Camel on May 11, 2011.

Raised in Grand Coulee he graduated from high school and moved on to the University of Saskatchewan School of Agriculture graduating in 1950.

Bill worked for the Engineering Department of the City of Regina and decided to farm full time in 1958 and continued up to 2010. His farm, and his fathers farm are being continued by son James.

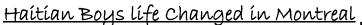
Bill was President of the Saskatchewan Seed Growers, served on the Board of Canadian Seed Growers and helped form the Flax Council of Canada. Locally he was involved with the Agribition, serving time as chairperson, and also served as the chairperson of Saskatchewan Crop Insurance. Bill was inducted into the Saskatchewan Agricultural Hall of Fame 1998 and named a Distinguished Graduate of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan.

As a dedicated father Bill loved to travel with his family. He loved supporting the Saskatchewan Roughriders, going to Grey Cups and with his daughter Rhonda, going to World Curling events.

Bill and Lil joined the WA WA Shrine family in June of 1977. They both eagerly jumped into the activities and the units. Bill was a consummate helper and leader behind projects and events.

When Lil decided to donate, in Bills memory and her name, to the Shriners Hospitals for Children - Canada it was because of the pride
Bill had at being a Shriner and because of their admiration for the hospitals' great work. Lil's decision to donate to create a nurses
lounge was due to her background in nursing and the role they play in creating a caring and professional atmosphere.

Submitted by P.P. Don McDougall



Christian Lubin, six, is standing up straight like boys his age for the first time in his life, thanks to the Shriners Hospital for Children.

On August 24, 2010, Christian underwent several hours of surgery at the Montreal hospital to have part of his legs amputated, and was fitted with his first-ever prosthetic legs.

Christian, who lives with his family in Camp-Perrin, on Haiti's west coast, was born with malformed tibias-shin bones-causing his legs and feet to twist around.

He was supposed to receive treatment at a Haitian hospital earlier that year, but the hospital was destroyed in the earthquake that year.

Doctors at the Shriners learned of his story through a Haitian doctor who was working at the Montreal hospital and offered to perform the surgery for free.

Canadian immigration officials initially rejected the visa applications made by his mother over fears the two would not return to Haiti. After media reported the story, Immigration Canada reversed it's decision.

When asked about the operation afterwards, the boy simply smiled and said, "It went well."

"In Christian's case, he has recovered very well," said Dr. Reggie Hamdy, chief of surgery at the Shriners Hospital.

Christian said he is planning to play soccer with his friends after he completes his physiotherapy.



\* exerts from a story originally published form CBC News Montreal on Dec.23rd, 2010





# **Shriners Hospitals** for Children"

## 'I Want To Make A Donation'

This is the opportunity to make a donation to Shriners Hospitals For Children - Canada. This donation can be in support of the construction of our hospital in Montreal, for its supply of necessary equipment or its continued operation. The donation can be made for several reasons such as the recognition of an honour received by an individual for a specific event, a birthday, a wedding or special anniversary, a graduation or any other important event in the life of a relative or friend.

When you make a donation you would also select a thank you card from the selection presented in the donation form which Shriners Hospitals for Children - Canada will send on your behalf to the person who is honoured by your donation. The amount of the donation is kept confidential and the donation form can be obtained from your Shrine Club or the WA WA Shrine office.

Noble Ron McEachern

**Donor Development Representative** 

### **Hospital Donations**

### October 1, 2013 to January 29, 2014

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# **Hospital Report**



Patient Transportation Activity				
Club	Trips	Unit	Patients	
Cypress	12	Montreal	4	
Estevan	17	Minneapolis	10	
GooseLake	1	St. Louis	1	
Indian Head	4	Winnipeg	3	
Moose Jaw	7			
Regina	14			
Saskatoon	7			
S. Current	3			
Weyburn	3			
Yorkton	1			

Patient Count	
Patient Files	
Active patients as of Jan. 2013	74
New Patients	8
No longer Patients	15
Reinstated Patients	1
Active patients as	
of Jan. 2014	68

The Patient Transportation continues to be in a strong financial position as it has assets of \$1.8 million dollars. In 2013 the fund received two significant donations: \$50,000 from the estate of Edythe Kireliuk and \$30,000 from the CHAB Christmas fund.

Last year a number of donations were made from the PTF totaling \$105,000: \$75,000 was directed to the construction of the new Hospital and a donation of \$30,000 was left to the discretion of the Hospital on how best to utilize the funds. We subsequently learned that half was used to fund hospital operations and the remainder was used to purchase lower extremity prostheses for a Haitian patient who lost his lower limbs and two dynamic compression system braces.

WestJet generously donated 170 one way travel vouchers for patient travel in 2013 with a monetary value in excess of \$40 thousand dollars. As we received the vouchers early in the calendar year we were able to utilize 161 travel vouchers for WA WA's patient travel. Since we didn't want to see any of the vouchers go unutilized by the deadline, approval was sought and received by the Illustrious Sir to transfer 9 vouchers to Khartum Temple and 1 voucher to Gizeh Temple for their travel needs.

Transportation costs are higher in 2013 as an air ambulance was required for one of our Montreal patients as they had a spica cast and were unable to bend the legs. The cost for the air ambulance was \$18,000 plus ground transportation of \$1,500. The patient will require another air ambulance flight this month.

Accommodation expenses were higher in 2013 as several families needed to stay in Montreal for extended periods. One family had to stay for 4 months and another for 3 weeks.

WestJet has advised a booking change for patient travel in 2014. No flights will be booked through WestJet reservation center but through email with Hope Air. Hope Air is a national charity that provides free flights for those who cannot afford to get medical expertise and specialized medical technologies. This requires administrative changes at our end and will take two business days to complete, but this will not impact travel arrangements for our kids as we book flights well in advance of their appointments.

Potential patient families are now applying directly to various hospitals rather than through the temple. This change was announced through Tampa last year. I will advise the respective clubs of the families' acceptance as soon as we are notified.

There are several Hospital highlights I would like to draw to your attention:

August: 3rd Annual Charity Golf was successful as a total of \$1.2 million has been raised for hospital construction in the past 3 years.

September: Cornerstone Laying ceremony attended by Illustrious Sir and the Recorder

December: Total of \$114.2 million of the \$130 million goal was raised towards the construction of the new hospital.

# Reflecting Back on 2013

es, busy ur Past

Every year is an exciting year for the Shriners and 2013 was no different. Successful fundraising, fun parades, busy Divan and of course just enjoying the lifelong friendships. The following pages will have reflections from our Past Potentate and Lady, and the wonderful memories that filled 2013 from all the clubs. Happy New Year from The Warblings and looking forward to a prosperous 2014.



### **Parting Remarks From Our Past Potentate**

It hardly seems possible that a year has gone by since Lady Jan and I were honoured by the nobility of WA WA Shriners. It has been an honour and a privilege for us to serve you as your Potentate and First Lady.

Except for the III. Sirs to my left and their ladies, it would be impossible for many to really understand the year spent as your Potentate. You think you are prepared. You are given lots of advice but after this Fez is placed on your head, it slowly starts to sink in regarding the job ahead. One thinks -a few meetings here, a few visits there and the year will go by. I've even heard it said that it's like a being a politician - shake the hands and kiss the babies.

Let me give you a couple of statistics. During 2013, Lady Jan and/or I put time into 80 events and spent 112 total days on those events. That in addition to countless days at the Shrine Centre gives a birds' eye view at the Potentate's year. Don't get us wrong, we had a wonderful time and appreciate every moment spent representing and working for you.

I expressed 3 goals back in January 2013. The first was to become GOLD in membership. I'm sorry to say we fell a bit short, but we are at least SILVER. The second was to reorganize our administration office. With the addition of Lisa Dunbar as an administrative clerk and the efforts of Ill. Sir Don we did just that. The third goal was to get our financials in order. As you heard earlier all is well with Shrine International and we can continue as before. Two successes out three makes me consider it a successful year.

No one can embark on such a responsibility without the support of many people. My main support has come, of course, from wife Lady Jan. I've heard it said that the Shrine is a man's organization- don't you believe it. I was going to say that behind every good man is a good woman but rather it must be said that Ladies in the Shrine are, at least, beside if not ahead of their men.

I also need to thank Nobles Howard Louie and Stu Larson for their work in the areas of hospital and circus. We also appreciate the efforts of our ambassadors, they made our socials so much better.

A big thank you to our treasurer Noble Marlowe Smith. In the past 3 years, he has produced a financial picture which all of us appreciate for its' clarity, accuracy and adherence to Shrine Law. Thanks Marlowe.

The temples main man in 2013 has been III. Sir Don McDougall. It is my belief that the Recorder carries out the majority of the business in the temple. Don has done an outstanding job for all of us and his knowledge of all things Shrine and his obvious caring for others made my job so much easier than it might have been.

Jan and I chose the theme of "Putting Smiles on Kids" for 2013. We believe that through everyone's efforts, that objective has been met. The care of our kids must remain the most important job Shriners have. Our philanthropy must never be allowed to suffer.

Finally, as has been said, thanks for the memories.

\*exerts taken from Potentate's remarks at AGM, January 18th, 2014



## 2013 SMILES AT SCHOOL: Success Attributed To So Many



As regular readers of the Warblings will know, the First Lady of WA WA has tended to have, for about a dozen years now, a fundraising project that she has planned, promoted, and chosen the beneficiary for.

In 2013 my project was called SMILES AT SCHOOL and it raised money that was sent directly to Shriners Hospital for Children in Montreal where it was dedicated for use in the school classroom. Some items that the teacher and the Child Life Team feel will assist in better meeting the needs of their diverse group of students, but that their regular budget may not cover, are now available to them through this fund.

The success of the project is attributable to many:

Thank you to Noble Stu Larson who acquired generous gift certificates from two local hotels. These complimented the Basket of Smiles, liquid smiles, if you get my drift...that III. Sir Bill and I put together. Congratulations to the following winners and thank you for your contributions.

Delta Hotel Package - Edith Wallace - Unity, SK.; Travelodge Gift Certificates - Ill. Sir Don McDougall - Regina, SK; Basket of Smiles - Marg Wiebe - Swift Current, SK.

Emmanuelle Rondeau, Communication and Marketing Manager at Shriners helped me structure the project and, along with staff at Shriners, has managed the several remittances made throughout the year. Special Education teacher Maria Caruso provided copies of student scrapbooks along with information and her own perceptions about the Department of Adolescent and Child Life Development at Shriners. She also welcomed me into the classroom on a visit we made to Montreal. This enhanced my understanding of how important daily attendance at school is for socializing and maintaining a sense of normalcy, as well as for providing a safe/free for procedure/treatment/therapy area for our Kids during their frequent hospitalizations.

All Shrine Kids are inspirational and two were especially so for myself and this project. Jeremy Gabriel, who was born deaf, now has perfect pitch and is pursuing a singing career, thanks to in part, a BAHA implant and ongoing work of the Shrine. Second is Carter Brown, my delightful poster child, star of the Cornerstone Laying Ceremony and the Western Canada Patient Ambassador of the Exceptional Care for Exceptional Kids Campaign. Carter, now in Grade One and finally eligible to attend school at Shriners when he's there for treatment, made the project real as it travelled the province.

It's our families, friends, Shriners and Ladies, clubs, auxiliaries and even the company that organized our 2013 Midwest Shriners Cruise to Alaska, ABS Travel out of Rapid City, SD whose combined, generous donations resulted in a total of \$14,249.69 being remitted to SHC to date. IPads, adjustable classroom tables and an iMac Pro computer have been purchased to help our Kids stay in touch with their school mates and teachers, and on top of their work while in Montreal.

Smiles at Schools has been an inspiration to others as they fashion fundraising projects within the Shrine and efforts have been made to adopt it in other Canadian Temples. Donations to Shriners Hospitals for Children in Montreal can continue to be directed to Smiles at School if supporting the school is of interest to donors.

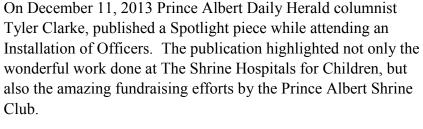
I am very grateful to all whose support of this project attests to the fact that in yet another way, WA WA Shriners really were Putting Smiles on Kids in 2013.

-Lady Jan Forrest





Left: Bob Hayes, Ill. Bill Forrest, Boris Sen, Arnold





Photo's and article
Left: Duncan McCool,
III. Bill Forrest, Brent
Spademan



Ron Sterling is welcomed as the Prince Albert Shrine Club's president.

The Prince Albert Shrine Club held its' installation of officers for 2014 on December 6th, 2013. We would like to welcome our two new initiated members Noble Brent and Lady Twyla Spademan and Noble Duncan McColl. III. Sir Bill Forrest and the Divan officiated. Congratulations to our new Nobles, this is your first step in an exciting and very worthwhile journey in a large fraternal organization.

At the above meeting, Ill. Sir Bill presented long term pins to three of our nobles: Noble Bob Hayes - 25 years, Noble Boris Sen- 35 years and Noble Arnold Monsebroten - 25 years. Congratulations Nobles!

The Club made a \$300 donation to the two Temples in the Philippines to help them during their time of weather-caused hardship. Last November's Bingo was well attended and I think all who worked the bingo were pleasantly surprised at the amount taken in.

The P.A. Club began advertising the Shrine Children's Hospitals and the listing of a local Shriner contact. Plastic laminated posters are being placed in Doctor's offices and in examination rooms. They are being well received by the Doctors.

Submitted by Norm Hook



Noble Brent and Lady Twyla Spademan



Noble Duncan McColl

### **Ramblings From Speedy Creek**

Congratulations are extended to the newly elected and appointed Divan from the Swift Current Shrine Club. It was heartening to see 9 couples from Swift Current attend the annual meeting and installation of the Potentate for WA WA Shrine Center. Again, the Nobility can be reassured that we are in fine hands with capable leadership for the coming year. Thanks must be extended to Past Potentate Don McDougall for all the fine work that he performed as the Recorder of WA WA Temple - it is a thankless job and his efforts are greatly appreciated.



Noble David Holmes and Islay at

A great family Christmas party was held in December with a visit from Santa Claus and a fine full course dinner of turkey, ham and all the trimmings. A good time was had by all.

Things are basically very quiet around the great southwest. Application has been filed for our license to have our 12th Anniversary Harley Davidson Motorcycle draw! Get your \$20 ready as we will be selling tickets as soon as possible. There seems to be a migration of Nobles and Ladies to climates that are a little more endearing. Given the December and January weather, there is lots of envy around Swift Current.

This year marks the 100th Anniversary of Swift Current - so mark your calendar for Saturday, June 28th as a massive homecoming parade will be held! Shrine units will be invited to attend and hopefully make our celebrations memorable. Hospitality will be flowing in Speedy Creek.

Do drop in on the 3rd Wednesday of every month for our supper and meeting. You are welcome to join the fellowship.







The Estevan and District Shrine Club held their annual Christmas meeting and social on December 15th, 2013. In attendance were III. Sir Bill and Lady Jan Forrest and Noble Ken and Betty Eskdale. III. Sir Bill and Lady Jan presented a gift to out-going President Noble Barry Brown and Lady Pam.

The new executive have been installed:

Noble Keith Young as President

Noble Paul Deren as Treasurer

Noble Troy LeBlanc as secretary

Congratulations Nobles!

At the January 18th, 2014 AGM in Regina, Estevan and District Shrine Club member, Noble Paul Deren, was installed as an appointed member of the 2014 Divan.

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Noble Dave Polachuk and his father-in -law (veteran) working the Salvation Army Kettles Dec. 2013.

The Parkland Shrine Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, November 3rd with Ill. Sir Bill & Lady Jan Forrest, along with Divan Noble Herb Doll and Lady Linda in attendance.

III. Sir Bill spoke about his year with information about the Montreal Shrine Hospital, membership and suggestions to make being a Shriner fun. Noble Bill Rueben presented a cheque to III. Sir Bill from our bingo activity. Elections and Installation were not required as the Club positions continued the same for 2014.

Parkland Shrine Club worked together with the Lodge brethren, Eastern Star, to "man" the Salvation Army kettles for two days in December. The Salvation Army's goal was to raise \$100,000 in their 100th year. We are pleased to say their goal was achieved!

We participated in Yorkton's Annual Santa Claus parade in November. The weather actually co-operated for this event. It seems our biggest challenge was getting in and out of the garage in the winter.

We had to cancel planned winter events in Canora and Kamsack due to weather conditions as it proves to be difficult transporting a decorated float in the wind and cold.

Bingo continues to be our main fundraising activity. Circus dates have been set for Yorkton, but we do not know what our participation might be at this time.

- Noble Murray Williams

The Pipes and Drums Unit held their annual Mess Dinner at the RUSI on October 3rd. There was good food and plenty of cheer.

The AGM was held later in October. The election of officers included President Noble Darrell Dickson, Vice President Noble Glen Dalrymple, and Secretary Noble Ron Hitchcock. The Quartermaster duties will be shared by Noble Don Flegg and Noble Darrell Dickson. The new Warblings Correspondent is Noble Colin Bratushesky. Congratulations to all.

The Christmas party was held at the Shrine Temple and was a great success. Plans to attend a pipes and drums workshop in Fargo, ND. have begun. It is an annual gathering of MSA pipes and drum bands. There are lessons by day, and practicing includes entertaining the locals by night. Onward to Fargo to forge new friendships, learn new skills, and to proudly show the Buchanan tartan.

Noble Colin Bratushesky





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### A Look Back on 2013

The WA WA Shrine Ladies Auxiliary was started in 1925 and over the years has raised funds to support the RCS and the Shrine Hospitals. Long standing traditions of fundraising, volunteering and camaraderie are maintained today. All ladies of Shrine members are welcome to join the Auxiliary.

In 2013 the Ladies Auxiliary hosted 3 fundraising evenings: Chili Night, Spring Feast and Oktoberfest. At each of these events tickets for a raffle basket were sold and all proceeds were donated to Lady Jan's special project of educational supplies in the Montreal Hospital.

We did a new fundraiser this year by selling tickets to win a \$150.00 worth of Lottery Scratch Tickets with proceeds going to the Travel Fund. Another successful fundraiser was the Bake less Bake Sale. No cooking and no calories consumed.

The Ladies Auxiliary gladly donated \$5563.00 in 2013 to the Shrine. Happy New Year ladies and gentlemen and here's to another year working for our special children.



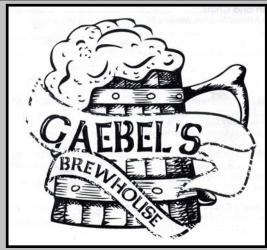


Gail Todd was the winner of the Ladies Auxiliary fall fundraiser called "Wheel of Fortune". She won \$150 in scratch lottery tickets. Congratulations Gail!

Back L-R: Mary Ann Couse, Margaret Smith, Bev Donbrook, Audrey Forrest, Irma Armsworthy, Bette Booker, Joan Osborne, Bobbi Webb, Karen Clarke, Bonnie McDougall, Grenda Kellington, Shirley Watkins, Dianne Pascoe, Muriel Heal, Diane McPhie, Adele Gerhart, Pat Berg, Elaine Gutfriend, Jackie Smith, Norma Rodko, Jill McDougall, Stella Harris, Loreena Anderson

Middle L-R: Voila May, Lorette Shaw, Jean Gaebel, Norma Fraser, Dale Yeo, Lady Betty Eskdale, Joyce Stadnyk, Edna Hearn, Del Bachynski, Sheila Fulton, Ruth Topuschak, Diane Turner. Marg Abel, Dawn Mills

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A highlight of the year for the Corps was our participation in the Grey Cup parade. Due to a number of circumstances the Corps chose to ride in the parade, which I am advised is the first time in our history that the Corps has participated but not marched. Thanks to the Moose Jaw Shrine Club for the use of their customized band parade float and to Noble Blaine Hval for the use of his truck as a tow vehicle.





The Corps held its annual Christmas party, hosted by our new President Jim Mills and Lady Dawn in the lower level of the Oasis Room. Entertainment was provided by Michael Rathwell, talented son of one of our Corps members, Noble Dean Rathwell. It was indeed a treat to listen to a gifted musician on the acoustic guitar playing many traditional and well known tunes. The Corps thanked our outgoing President Brandon Metz and Lady Cathy for their efforts over the past year. It was announced that the unit has turned over to the Temple a grand total \$18,350.00 earned from the various fundraisers the Corps had throughout 2013.

As is tradition in the Corps, the President's trophy was "handed over" by Noble Brandon Metz to our new President Noble Jim Mills. It is Corps tradition that while in office, this trophy be displayed prominently in the incoming President's home for the duration of his term.

Noble Brad Wilson received the prestigious Lyle Judd award from now past President Noble Brandon Metz. This award is presented each year by the past President, to the Drum Corp Noble who has gone above and beyond in their contribution to the Drum Corps over the past 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. Claus (Lady Shirley Watkins) and Santa himself (Noble Bill Watkins) who distributed gifts to all Nobles and Ladies.

December and January have been short months for the Corps as after our annual Christmas party we take a break for two to three months. This enables those of us who are snowbirds to enjoy some warmer weather. When the Corps resumes its practices, the real work of herding

all the "cats" into a finely tuned performance unit will re-commence under the leadership of our Marching Director III Sir Ken McDougall and our Music Director Noble Wayne Flaten. Given that we all have short memories we offer advice to our Marching Director III. Sir Ken McDougall - patience, patience, patience.

The Corps would like to congratulate our Nobles who were elected to the Divan for the upcoming 2014 year:

Noble Roy Gaebel (Lady Jean) as Chief Rabban Noble Marlowe Smith (Lady Margaret) as Treasurer Noble Wayne Flaten (Lady Synde) as Oriental Guide

Couple of signature Corps events to watch out for in the spring are the semi Annual Pasta Night scheduled for April 11 and watch for tickets for the Annual Drum Corps Lobster night on May 10. Tickets for the Lobster night 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.

Respectively submitted

**Noble Marlowe Smith** 

WA WA Skrine 7he Warblings



# Drum Corp Heats Up Parade



November of 2013 was a big month for Saskatchewan as they were not only hosting the Grey Cup, but our Roughriders became the Champs!

The weather was chilly but Regina was hot with festivities. Our own Drum Corp braved the -30 wind chill and took to the Green Mile to participate in The Safeway Grey Cup Parade.



Way to show your Rider Pride!



### Be an Old/New Volunteer

The Warblings has asked me to write a short article on being a volunteer, specifically at the 101 Grey Cup held in Regina.

For decades my various job positions within Air Canada, Canadian Armed forces and WA WA Shriners has given me the opportunities to work behind the scenes on almost all major events. Now at retired, and retired again stage, I was looking around for something to do while, avoiding where possible, the high stress organizing position from the past.

Having worked the Juno Awards, next up was the 101 Grey Cup, with it's vast selection of jobs and duties. After much searching and adjusting to match my times and interest, I selected what all Shriners would. KIDS & FREE.

For four days I got to work the Nissan Family Zone as an Information Specialist. This allowed me to wander Victoria Park assisting kids and families looking for the many interactive displays. Just the job I trained for all my life, telling people where to go.

On Sunday, prior to game time, I volunteered to assist directing fans to the various gates and saw some weird and wonderful outfits. And again, I got to tell people where to go. (Life is good)

We've seen it in our clubs and units, repetition and boredom seem to drain the spark. Our lives are so busy, with too many things to do. Saskatchewan has shown it can host major events, but it needs the volunteer base to draw on.

As I walk in various parts of Regina and see the white and grey 101 parkas, we smile at each other. We were the volunteers, we made it happen.

Volunteer, some group needs YOU.

Mel Douglas, Chief of Staff Emeritus WA WA Shriners, Saskatchewan



## 2013

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November 30, 2013

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President - Albert May

Ashton Strong

35 Years - Gordon Berg

1st Vice Pres. - Larry Couse

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Erníe Butz

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Ron Heal

# Shining Shriner

Not only is the work of all the Nobles and Ladies of the Shrine amazing, but so is all the work everyone does outside of the Shrine Clubs.

Many members of the Shrine family receive special accolades for work they do in their community and/or workplace, and although it may not directly benefit the Shrine, it does show the tireless efforts and caring hearts of the Shrine Nobles and Ladies.

If you, or anyone else you know, have received any special acknowledgements for works done in their communities and/or employment please inform the Warblings at warblings@wawashriners.org.



# Citizen Of The Year





Don McDougall has been named the CTV Regina Citizen of the Year for 2013.

"This year we honour someone who has spent a lifetime serving community organizations and assisting in the positive development of youth," said David Fisher, vice-president and general manager of CTV Saskatchewan.

McDougall earned his bachelor of education degree in 1973, and was a teacher and school administrator before he retired from education in 1999.

"During his teaching years and beyond, his passion for sports and youth mentorship was prominent," Fisher noted.

"He's held executive positions with the Regina Rams football club, as well as with the Saskatchewan Roughriders."

McDougall was a member of the game day production team from 1970 to 1999. He also sat on the Silver Broom special events committee, in addition to his extensive work with the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame and Museum and Sask Sport.

"Throughout his thousands of hours and volunteerism, Don has not limited himself to sports endeavors," Fisher said.

"He continues to be an active member of several community charitable organizations and his ongoing dedication to youth mentorship is exemplified by his current volunteer service with Ranch Ehrlo.

McDougall and his wife Jill married in 1970 and have two grown daughters. His brother, Ken McDougall, was the CTV Regina Citizen of the year in 2009.

\*\*This story was published Tuesday, December 31, 2013 from CTV Regina

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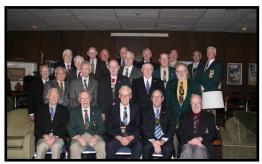
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III. Sir Ken Eskdale, Alex Cameron

Front Row: Ron Sutton, Don Flegg, Jack Rennie, Dave Houston,

Weldon Moffat

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We keep up to date on events, local and international, and have guest speakers and Divan/Unit reports. There are no annual fees. Noon meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at the RUSI.

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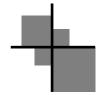








# In Memoriam



Colin Dean Munroe PO Box 717 Balgonie, SK. SOG 0E0 Deceased: Nov.29, 2013 Initiated: June 10, 1989 Age: 56



George Peter Elliott 104-3120 Louise Street Saskatoon, SK. S6J 5L8 Deceased: Dec. 11, 2013 Initiated: June 11, 1988 Age: 71



Roy Brown 206-102 Forestbrook PI. Pentiction, BC. V2A 7N4 Deceased: Jan. 25, 2014 Initiated: Sept. 13, 1975 Age: 75



Dr. Hugh McIntyre 1159 Redland Avenue Moose Jaw, SK. S6H 3P2 Deceased: April 5, 2013 Initiated: Nov. 8, 1950 Age: 99





Delmar Pettem PO Box 148 Assiniboia, SK. SOH 0B0 Deceased: Jan. 13, 2014 Initiated: June 22, 1963 Age: 89



# STOP Burn Injuries

The Bacchus Club took on the important task of hosting a happy hour dedicated to the cause of educating Shriners' and their families about Stopping Burn Injuries. Ill. Sir Ken Eskdale introduced two short videos used for educating children in schools about not participating in risky activities that could result in burn injuries. Ill. Sir Ken has worked for many years visiting schools in the province to interact with children and help prevent them from becoming Shrine patients.



Shine International Fire Prevention Week was from February 2nd - February 8th.

The Bacchus Club members donated wine for everyone attending to enjoy. Door prizes of smoke and carbon monoxide detectors were won by Tom Fulton, Don Bennett, Jo McIntyre and Dannette Strand.

Thank you Lady Sue Butz and Noble Larry Couse who took on the task of leading Bacchus members to produce a wonderful stew for dinner. Salad, buns, apple tarts and ice cream completed the menu. Thank you to all who helped make the event a success.

- Submitted by Diane Turner





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### **FEBRUARY**

Tuesday, February 18th For Divan Members **Divan Meeting** 2pm-4pm Wednesday, February 19th- 23rd MSA Winter Sessions (Sioux Falls) For Divan Members

**MARCH** Monday, March 3rd - 5th For Recorder Recorder Seminar (Tampa) Wednesday, March 5th - 9th Oriental Guide Seminar (Tampa) For OG Sunday, March 9th - 13th Assistant Rabban Seminar (Tampa) For AR Tuesday, March 18th **Divan Meeting** 2 pm For Divan Members Friday, March 21st RSC Bring a Buddy Night For All

**APRIL** Friday, April 4th Little Chicago Night (Moose Jaw) For All Tuesday, April 15th **Divan Meeting** For Divan Sunday, April 13th Past Pote's Breakfast (Oasis Rm 9am - 11am) For P.P. & Divan Thursday, April 24th - 25th P.R. Conference (TBA)

	MAY	
Wednesday 7th - Friday 9th	Donor Development Seminar (Chicago)	R. McEachren
Tuesday, May 20th	Divan Meeting	For Divan
Tuesday, May 20th	Stated Session (7 pm Shrine Temple)	All Nobles

# **CIRCUS DATES**

Tuesday, May 27th Swift Current

Wednesday, May 28th North Battleford

Fri. - Sun. May 30th, 31st & June 1st Saskatoon

Monday, June 2nd Yorkton

Wednesday, June 4th Estevan

Friday - Sunday June 6th - 8th Regina

\*\*please note that dates may be tentative & subject to change\*\*







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