

2017 Zor Divan

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2017 - Zor Membership Dashboard

Beginning count Jan 1, 2017 1,339 Regular + 14

Associates

Creations....20

Affiliations....4

Restorations....5

Demits....3

Suspensions....3

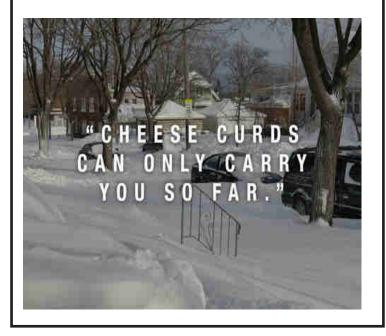
Deaths....59

Resigned....4

Associates....0

Non paid dues from 2017....80





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Hi everyone,

Lady Sharon and I started our farewell tour last month. Ceremonial was a huge success, our goal this year was communication and make being a Shriner affordable and fun. We are going to continue these efforts through January 12th. We will be having my last Divan Meeting at 3:00 PM on Friday. We will have appreciation social at 6: PM and appreciation dinner at 6:30 upstairs at Zor Temple. This will be a pot luck event please bring a dish to pass. All are welcome we have experienced help from Shriners and non Shriners. Some of our Shriners bring their families to our functions; they have also helped in many occasions, so please come! I do appreciate all the help you all have provided. We could not have had such and amazing year without you.

I am continually surprised with all the support everyone brings to Zor and the Hospitals. I asked for a little more support for our general fund and to our membership fund. You have exceeded my expectations with your generous donations. This is so important to our Temple; we are at the crossroads. We need to act soon and make changes while we still have choices. Your Divan and Trustees are well aware of these problems and have been looking into several solutions, please listen to the officers you have elected.

I have great confidence in your elected officers, and where Zor is headed. We have made significant headway with communications and the Zephyr. If you have not visited our web site in the last month please log in you will be surprised. We have been changing our web page for the last year; a huge amount of time has been donated to accomplish this. We took back control from our website provider and we are doing more work in house, this will save Zor's funds and allow us to make changes even faster.

Again thank you so much for allowing Lady Sharon and I to serve you for 2017. On a personal note I can't even remember how many times I forgot to introduce my Lady; this will cost me big time. We rely on our Ladies so much we forget sometimes how much they help. Thank you Ladies so much we depend on you more than you can imagine.

I hope to see you at the appreciation event on Friday and the annual meeting and installation on Saturday.

Chuck & Sharon Miller







January 2018

6 Chief Rabban Party

12 Divan Meeting and Appreciation Dinner Zor

Shrine Center

13 Annual Meeting Zor Shrine Center\

13 Ladies Lunche

20 Indianhead Shrine Club Snowmobile Fundraiser Ride Rice Lake, WI

13 Fez Party

14 Divan Breakfast Zor Shrine Center

February

1-3 MSA Winter Session

3 Green Cty SC Pancake Bkfst

Monroe, WI

16 Divan Meeting Alliant Center, Madison

16-18 Zor Shrine Circus
Alliant Center, Madison

24 Zor Clown Party

Please check online Calender at zorshriner.com additional and Unit events.



NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

The Zor Shriner Administration Office will be closed on:

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018

NOTICE:

A copy of 2018 budget is available for review by request, Please notify the Zor Office

NOTICE:

Effective January 15, 2018 Janet & J Kevin Johnson will stop collecting and sorting pop tabs. A big thank you to all who have contributed to the project. Janet began the project for the Hospital Auxiliary and so far from Zor over 18,800 pounds have been collected for us and just over \$10,300.00 sent to the wheel chair fund. We hope someone will pick up the project and in the mean time hope our Hospital Dad's [van drivers] will deliver collected tabs to the hospital WGA who will sort and handle. Thank you again Janet & J Kevin Johnson



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Ceremonial Story

It was a strong turnout in the heartland of Wisconsin as Nobles and guests gathered for the ceremonial in Plover Wisconsin on Saturday December 2. 2017.

The event was honored have in attendance Imperial Potentate III Sir Gary Bergenske and his lady Anne. Bergenske, who lives in Orlando Florida, is also an associate member of Zor Temple. He was introduced by Zor Potentate Chuck Miller and his lady Sharon. A ceremonial is a grand affair laced with pageantry and punctuated by good natured fun.

Mark Severson, Past Potentate of Zor, briefed the candidates on the history and mission of the Shrine. In his comments he told the new nobles how the Shrine was formed back in October of 1922. The Zor Shrine covers the eastern side of Wisconsin ranging from the far north to the southern border with active units. The Zor Shrine is led by 13 members called



the divan, or board of directors and an executive committee made up of 5 nobles. The top officers are selected the 2nd of January each year.

Another special guest was L. Arby Humphrey, Grand Mason of Masons in Wisconsin, who addressed the members and guests. In his remarks, Arby said the Shrine has literally changed his life. He dated a cheer leader when was in school. He found out later she had been a patient at the Shriners Hospital of Children®. Humphrey said I married that cheerleader and soon saw her inner beauty.

Humphrey said Masons change lives. "It changed my life." He added the world needs more Masons and Shriners more than ever before. Forget about the old rules, says Arby, just ask, become a mentor and tell them what we stand for. He and the Wisconsin Grand Lodge conducted the highly successful Masonic Day of Light in Eau Claire and Brookfield.

A select team of Nobles held the Ceremonial which introduces Masons to the ancient rites of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine. The event is fun loving but carries a deep message. Five members of the class of 21 were selected to follow a ritual that has been repeated for generations. The customary "hot sands portion of the ceremony was replaced with Arch Ritual led by Past Potentate John Thorstad. It focuses on how Shrine fits into the Masonic fraternity.

The Imperial III Sir Gary Bergenske said in his comments that "Without Masons and the Shrine my life would not be the same." In his research on the impact of the Shrine around the world he found that Shriners Hospital have helped people in 179 countries worldwide. And, since there are only 190 Countries in the world, that means Shriners has brought care to 90% of the countries in the world. Impressive by any standard.

Every unit in the Zor Shrine Temple lined up to present Potentate Miller with income generated during fund raising activities during the year. At the end of the parade it was announced that clubs in Zorland had generated in excess of \$317,000 for the Shriners







Two Zor Nobles, Noble Jim Builer, and Noble John Hein PGM, receive their 55 Year membership awards from Zor's Potentate Illustrious Sir Chuck Miller.





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Three Past Patients Reminisce at the Ceremonial About the Hospital Days.



We were fortunate enough to have 4 past patients present at the ceremonial this year. Pictures below are 3 of them, from left to right, Noble Bill Parker, Cincinnati Hospital, Noble Chris Peters and special guest speaker Joyce Mohr, both from Chicago Hospital, and not in the picture, Cindy Humphrey. Memories of their time spent at the hospital brought tears to their eyes.

Joyce Mohr of Rockford drove all the way to Plover just to share her story. When she was only 1 year old she started to be treated for a leg which would not straighten out. She was admitted to Shriners Hospital for Children® back when health care was in its infancy. At Shriners she the tendon in her leg was lengthened allowing her to walk normally. She said "If it wasn't for Shriners I would not walk today". She said she never experienced anything like Shriners.



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Father and son duo team up for Kilbourn Hospital Dads to transport patient to Shriners Hospital for Children Chicago. Noble Mike Karas (Zor) and Ray Karas (Medinah).



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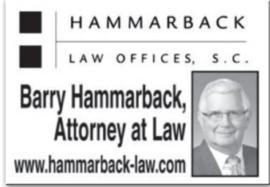
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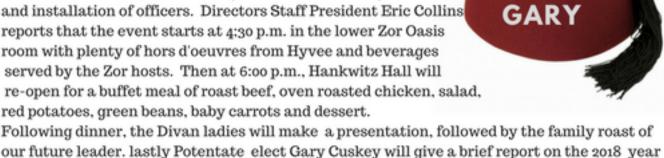
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Annual Fez Party Announcement

The annual celebration to present the newly elected Potentate his official fez is scheduled for Saturday January 13th, following the annual meeting and installation of officers. Directors Staff President Eric Collins reports that the event starts at 4:30 p.m. in the lower Zor Oasis room with plenty of hors d'oeuvres from Hyvee and beverages served by the Zor hosts. Then at 6:00 p.m., Hankwitz Hall will red potatoes, green beans, baby carrots and dessert.



Reservations must be mailed by January 3rd to Dale Holmen - 13 St. Albans Ave., Madison Wi. 53714. The Meal cost is \$ 27.00 per person and payable to the Zor Directors Staff

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Thankful to be a Shriner...

At the years-end it's often easier to focus on what we don't have, rather than what we do have. This is really when it's important to remember the things to be thankful for that many of us forget or take for granted. Being thankful is an opportunity to see how good-will gestures work together for the good of something larger than we can fathom to do on our own.

We are:

First and foremost, we are thankful to be a Mason, a member of the world's oldest and largest fraternity. Over 300+ years of men committed to making themselves better men, husbands, sons, and fathers. Thankful to be a member of an organization that believes there is a place in the world for honor and integrity; brotherhood of men that no matter what place or status in life, they can meet upon the level as equals and believe that it is each Brother's responsibility to act upon the plumb and be upright in all our interactions.

Thankful to be part of the Shriners International. A great organization of nearly 200 temples that encourage fun, fellowship and camaraderie for Masons. The opportunity to see the smiles and hear the laughter of kids as we take

part in circuses, parade and other Shrine family community functions.

Thankful to be part of the network of 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children and so fortunate with Zor being located between the Chicago and the Twin Cities Hospital. These hospitals are leaders in specialized pediatric health care, innovative research, and outstanding medical education opportunities. We can proudly say we are part of the network that has helped over 1 million kids.

Thankful for the opportunity to be part of the Shriners Hospital DADS. This gives us the chance to connect with families while bringing patients to the Shrine Hospital. You will often hear the heart felt, "thank you", appreciation from the patients as well as the parents.

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Thankful for opportunities like the hands-on connection with the kids fishing at the trout farm as well as the trout pond at the TC Open House or assist with summer camps. Participating with kids at events is a reminder in itself of

why we take time to continue growing the Shrine.

So as the years end is approaching, focus on all the things that you are thankful for. Think like an awesome Shriner's patient. WWSPD?? What Would a Shriner's Patient Do? We have seen them and heard them. They accept a helping hand as they venture into new opportunities, they persevere through challenges, they push boundaries to make themselves reach personal goals, and they show gratitude along the way. You as Shriners play a behind-the-scenes in all of this. Thankful to be a Shriner....

Zor-Where Membership Matters



POTENTATE CHUCK AND LADY SHARON CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO THE 2017 APPRECIATION DINNER

families are more than welcome to attend. Chuck & Sharon Miller want to see all of you!

From 5-6:30 pm will be a social hour

EVERYONE IS INVITED!

JANUARY 12TH, 2017

We are featuring a potluck dinner this year and all Shriners and

Potluck Dinner will start at 6:30pm

Please bring either an entree, hotdish, dessert or appetizer. RSVP to the Zor Office as meat will be provided.

We want this meal to feel like family, as you have made us feel in 2017

575 Zor Shrine Place Madison, WI 53719

The Circus Is Just Weeks Away

Circus Chairman John Thorstad hopes that everyones new years resolution was to commit and spend more time at the 2018 Madison and LaCrosse circus. 6 shows in Madison (Feb. 16,17, and 18) and 1 show in LaCrosse (Feb. 28). Tickets were mailed on December 13th in hopes you used them as holiday gifts.

Ticket prices are \$ 18.00 apiece for GA's and \$ 21.00 for reserved seats. A sheet of 6 tickets has a face value for \$ 108.00, but a payment of \$ 75.00 will get your name listed as a Ringmasters Club members which is printed in the April Zephyr. All ticket sales prior to the circus weekend are done at the circus office on Seybold Road.

The Carden family will again bring a award winning show with plenty of animals - elephants, camels, horses, tigers, and dogs. plus high wire acts, motorcycles and end with the human cannonball.

As in the past, 18 bicycles are given as door prizes. Currently we have 13 donations and are looking for 5 more \$ 100.00 payments from the clubs and units. We are still in need of a article to highlight a

Zor member for years of service to the Madison circus. Please submit to the Zor office NO later than the Jan. 13th annual meeting.



Housing Chairman Joe Harker has made arrangements at the Americann Inn for those who wish not to drive long distances each of the 3 days, Call 608 222 8601 for reservations and mention Zor Shrine for the special price.

For more content about the Circus, go online to the Zor Shriners Website and the online version of the Zephyr

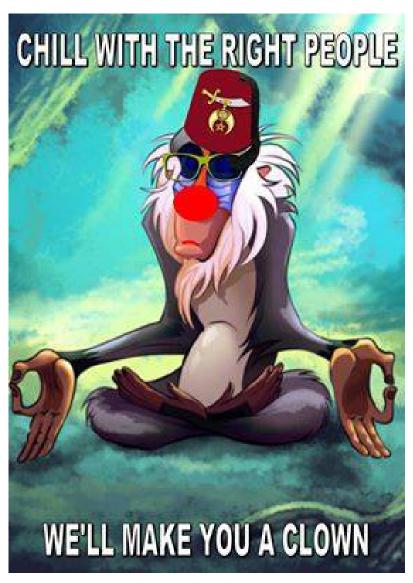




CLOWN FOR A DAY

Clowns matter because laughter is an escape from the reality of life. It makes time standstill. Time will stand still as we bring a new clown into being on February 24, 2018 at the Zor Shrine Center in Madison. The evening will begin with a social time beginning at 4:30 and our meal at 6:00. This is a buffet style meal and reservations need to be made no later than February 18, 2018. Make checks out to Zor Clowns and mail to Dale Holmen, 13 St. Albans Ave. Madison, WI 53714. Use coupon page 17 It is always a thrill to see the delight on the faces of those attending when they first see the new clown on the block. This year we will enjoy the making of Potentate Gary Cuskey as Lady Judy laughs the night away. The added treat is the review of the pictures of all the Past Potentates in attendance. We again ask again for them to reveal their inner clown and bring their picture along to entertain us. Again keeping with tradition we will hold out annual door prize drawing throughout the evening. There will many delightful items to be bid on so bring those dollars. Last year we set a new high but it can be broken with your help. ALL MONEY RAISED will go to the Shrine Clown Red Sneaker Fun which supports burn research at our hospitals in the name of the Potentate and his Lady.

Clowns can be fun and fun can be had by all. Remember that we are all clowns; some of us just dress the part. See you and the Circus which is a Clowns playground.







On Wednesday, December 13, 2017 the Hayward Musky Shrine Club celebrated their 50th Anniversary as a Shrine Club. The club was formed in 1967 with Jack Moreland as President. Since then the Shrine Club has had 33 different presidents. We were honored to have the 1970 President, Robert Anderson and his wife Barb in attendance. Other past presidents in attendance were: Allen Heinkel, Larry Meier, Randy Conwell, Gary Cuskey, and Robert Odell.

Picture of Nobles:

Back Row: Kevin Fischer, Robert Odell, Gary Cuskey, Michael Sawyer, Dan Dunn. Front Row: Robert Anderson, Larry Meier, Randy Conwell, Allen Heinkel, Karl Leckel.

The New Nobles class of 2017



Brian Chapin, Baldwin Steven Davis and Lady Yvonne, Richland Center Barry Diehl and & Lady Shirley, Kroenwetter Gary Dockter and Lady Carolyn, Hudson Michal Fordney and Lady Norma Jean, Fennimore Arvin Foss and Lady Jodi, Westby Kevin Greeno and Lady Deborah, West Salem Evan Heinlein, Glidden Quincey Kasper and Lady Sarah, Wausau Edward Newcomb and Lady Cynthia, Pepin William Nummerdor and Lady Crystal, DeSota Jeffery Olson and Lady Jody, Roberts William Parker, WI Rapids William Pickett, Lady Miranada, Sauk City Robert Pickett, Lady Kimberly, Reedsburg Robert Pickett II, Reedsburg William Pickett Jr and Lady Debra, LaCrosse Edward Newcomb and Lady Cynthia, Pepin Collin Schwichtenberg and Lady Emily, Muscoda Jaord Traynor and Lady Katelyn, Ellsworth Louis Wells and Lady Candice, Baraboo Jonathon Wood, WI Rapids David Wright and Lady Debra, Ellswoth









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We are currently looking for anyone interested in joining a new technology group for Zor. Attached is our newest promo video for the new communications group. It can also be seen on our Facebook page. We are looking for you!!!.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GXMdgmVXcco&feature=youtube

Welcome Nobles to the newest group in Zorland! "Zor Imagineers" Communications group. A group that aids Zor and it's nobility through new concepts and shared technologies. If you are interested in this new and exciting group contact us "Where ideas become reality" We will aid in Zor Zephyr, website, events, calendar & new interactive communications. Nobles bring your ideas and your talents to the Zor Imagineers!!!!!! even if your just interested....and lets all make Zor Shriners the best it can be!

Notice: Zor Imagineers will be meeting on Wednesday December 27th at 11:00 am. at From the Ground up Coffee House in Wisconsin Rapids. We will be discussing and sharing ideas to make Zor communications better. We will also be electing officers for this new unit of Zor. If you can not be present and would like to be nominated for a position of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Zor Media Contact please email Steve zorgeekz@gmail.com or 715-325-5000 ...We have about 20 interested so far in making this needed unit a success. Thanks All!

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St. Croix Valley Shrine Club has Christmas party



2018-19 St Croix Valley Shrine Club Officers. L to R front: Milt Helmer, Zephyr Correspondent, Dale Brathol, Director, Bob Hering, Trout Pond/Hosp Rep, Roger Keller, President, Ed Swenson, VP/Onions, Larry Riemenschneider PP/D, Barry Ausen, Divan, Jeremy Fussy PP/D. Back row: Larry Wiegand, Sec, Jack Thomas, Tres,





The

Baldwin American Legion dining room was packed with over 80 nobles and their families on Friday, December 8th.

The event was the active St. Croix Valley Shrine Club's annual Christmas party and installation of officers. Some of the newly initiated Shriners from the Plover ceremonial were present as well as Past Potentate Larry Riemenschneider of Amery.

The installation ceremony was conducted by Noble Barry Ausen, the Zor's High Priest and Profit as the installing officer and Noble Bob Hering, Zor's membership chairman as Installing Marshal.

The installing marshal presented the following for installation. Zephyr Correspondent Noble Milt Helmer; Vidalia Onion Chairman, Noble Ed Swenson; East West Shrine Football Game Coordinator and director Roger Keller; Hospital Chairman and Trout Pond Coordinator and direct Noble Bob Hering; Board of Directors Noble Dale Brathol and Noble Carl Gaulke; board of Directors and East West Shrine Football game Co-Director Noble Doug Hoffman; Board of Directors and Past President, Noble Jeremy Fussy; Board of Directors and Director of Membership, Noble Brian Chapin; Board of Directors and Past Potentate Noble Larry Reimenschneider.

In addition the core leaders were duly installed. Roger Keller as President, Larry Wiegand as Secretary, Jack Thomas as Treasurer and Mike Kastens as Chaplain.

The installation was followed by deserved recognition of members who have served the Club so faithfully over the years. Bob Hering for his outstanding work in membership. The fall ceremonial welcomed 22 new members this year. Jeremy Fussy was given an award for his 2 years of outstanding leadership as President of the ZOR CLOWN PARTY
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Chief Rabban Party

Zor's Camel Patrol will hold its annual Chief Rabban Party on Saturday Jan 6th, 2018 at Rex's Innkeeper in Waunakee. Party Chairman Jim Stelsel said that the traditional party to honor the Cheif Rabban, Gary Cuskey and his Lady Judy will be held after Zor's Annual Meeting and Election to honor the Noble who moves up to the point of Potentate on January 13th, 2018.

This party allows the future Potentate an opportunity to give a preview of some of the events he has planned during 2018. Chairman Stelsel said the social hour will start at 4pm with dinner at 5pm. A choice of Tenderloin, Prime Rib, Chicken Cordon Bleu or Deep Fried Shrimp along with potato, salad, rolls and beverages means you must fill out the coupon below by Dec 23rd. The cost for each entree is \$25 per person.



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2017 ALL-AREA FOOTBALL TEAM

The Southwest Wisconsin Shrine Club and QueenB Radio of Platteville has announced their 10th Annual All-Area football team. The players are selected by local media that cover the SWC, SWAL, and 6-Rivers conferences in southwest Wisconsin.

The players were honored at a "Tail-Gate" banquet at Pioneer Lanes in Platteville on November 19, 2017. The Master of Ceremonies for the event was QueenB Radio Sales Manager Rick Sanson. The speaker for the evening was Ryan Munz, who is the University of Wisconsin – Platteville Assistant Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator. The awards were presented by Mark Evenstad, and Gary Craugh, sports announcers for the 4 QueenB radio stations. Zor Shrine Assistant Rabban Wally Trouten shared with the players and their families a Power Point presentation featuring Imperial Potentate Gary Bergenske. A contribution to the Minneapolis Shrine Hospital was made in the players honor.





Ron Jaacks and Wally Trouten presenting Max Dempsy with his 50 year service award.



Matthew Herman and Imperial Sir fun photo



Offical Wauksauken Indian



High Priest and Prophel Barry Ausen with Lady Becky



Offical Camel tamer Lady Sharon

club.

The club held a 50/50 drawing in which raised \$380 for the Shrine Hospital. Scores of toys were also collected for the Hospital kids. In addition each member attending received a charming St. Croix Valley Shrine Christmas ornament packed in bags decorated by children at the Shrine Hospital. Chris Webster won the cash prize of \$380.

In the report from the fall ceremonial guests were pleased to hear the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club donated \$19,348; the Road Runners, \$5300, and the Shrine Women's Auxiliary in this area \$21,000. This places them second only one club in the state.

The Zor Circus is coming up on Feb 15 -18 2018. The annual Valentines Party is in the planning stage, as is the January Board meeting.



Incoming President Roger Keller is shown presenting a special award to Bob Hering for his work on membership this past year for the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club.

Outgoing president honored Jeremy Fussy was honored for his outstanding work as President of the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club on December 8th at the clubs annual Christmas party. Roger Keller, the incoming President is shown





Dinner was a hit with Shriners

The charming and gracious ladies of Ruth Hurtgen catering take a quick break for a photo at the Baldwin American Legion club on December 8th. They served a delightful dinner for the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club's annual Christmas party and installation of officers.

St. Croix Valley Auxiliary - Project Prom



Do you or the gals in your life have any unneeded prom dresses clutter the closests? Have you been wondering what you can do with them? Well keep reading because, here is your chance to do some early spring cleaning!

The Shrine Hospital for Children – Twin Cities is holding its 8th Annual Prom, which is held for all patients ages 16-18. Patients come from the entire seven state service areas and Canada to participate in this wonderful even. The ballroom is adorned with decorations from the lighted ceiling drapery to magnificent balloon bouquets.

The planning starts months before with the hospital holding a prom store in March where patients can come pick from hundreds of donated dresses. The store even has volunteer tailors offering minor alterations at no cost to the patients. We could not have the store without donations.

Here is where you come in. The prom committee is in need of current style dresses of all sizes for the girls.

The St. Croix Valley Women's Auxiliary is hosting a Prom Dress Drive, and we are ready to take those dresses off your hands so the patients of the Shrine Hospital can wear them to prom. If you have one or maybe more dress(es) that you'd like to donate, please contact St. Croix Valley Women's Auxiliary Chair Tammy Winkelman at 763-257-5896 or email at tammy.m.winkelman@gmail.com. Dresses need to be to the hospital by March 1, 2018. Arrangements can be made to meet or the dresses can be dropped off with Tammy, she will make one large donation to the hospital.

Thanks in advance for your generous donations and for supporting these young women as they battle with medical conditions more serious and difficult than many of us understand.

Ladies Luncheon January 13th, 2018



New location for Ladies Lunch is Babes Grill and Bar 5614 Schroeder Rd Madison 53711

Meet in the Shrine Center Lobby to ride share if you want by 10:45am.

RSVP to Debbi Thorstad by Jan 8th cell (call or text) 608-444-3481 home - 608827-0276

or tell Debbi in person.

Training allows Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services staff to remain on cutting edge

Earlier this month, Shriners Hospitals for Children — Philadelphia hosted a week of training within our Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services (POPS) – Northeast, LLC department that brought together staff from Shriners Hospitals for Children and Vorum, the makers of computer-aided design and manufacturing tools that help staff custom fabricate orthotics and prosthetics for our patients.

Orthotists and prosthetists within the Shriners Hospitals for Children system from Pasadena, Springfield, Lexington, Portland, Twin Cities and Tampa met in Philadelphia with staff from Vorum to enhance their knowledge and collaborate on methodology regarding CADCAM, clinical care and orthotic and prosthetic fabrication.

Our Twin Cities hospital serves as a central fabrication center for the Midwest region, meaning that we can carve and craft prostheses and orthoses for patients within the Shriner Hospitals system in Chicago, Illinois, and Lexington, Kentucky, using our Vorum 3-axis carver.

The training allowed for a refresher on the technology for those who are familiar with it and served as an introduction to those who are new staff in the Shriners Hospitals health care system.

"Any time you do this type of training, there is a level of collaboration. We have representation from all over the country. We all collaborate on how we see patients and how we utilize the technology. The collaboration only makes us a better practitioner and that will inevitably reflect in the care we provide. We're taking tips from everyone and learning from it," said Dino Scanio, corporate O&P fabrication manager.

Vorum's high speed carver and advanced software allows for high efficiency within POPS. Staff are able to scan a patient's body or casts and digitally modify their data and then fabricate a prosthesis or orthosis.



"A patient can walk into the Springfield Shriners Hospital. They will be scanned using this technology and the data will be modified by the practitioner, which is then digitally transmitted to the Philadelphia hospital where it's then carved and custom fabricated," said Scanio.

For the staff working in a hospital that doesn't have a carver, it can be extremely beneficial to witness what happens to their scanned image when it's transmitted to a central fabrication center. Shriners Hospitals for Children is the largest pediatric user of Vorum's technology, putting the Shrine system at the forefront of the industry.

"We are able to offer all of our staff the latest tools to be able to provide the best possible care for our patients," said Scanio. As the technology behind our POPS continues to advance, Shriners Hospitals for Children looks for these opportunities to provide training for employees.

"The day we say we are perfect and there's nothing else to learn is the day we set ourselves up for failure," said Scanio. "As technology advances, so must our knowledge."

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