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**Bill Robertson P.P., Potentate**

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**Welcome  
New Tebala  
Nobles**



**Cory Connor**



**Jack Barnes**



**Matthew Schuck**



**Happy Mother's Day**

# TebalaGram

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## Ladies Night Out

Tebala Ladies,

Let's get-together, Wednesday, May 17, 2017, at Franchescos. Social hour 5:30 P.M. and order off the menu 6:30 P.M.

Please email your reservations to me at [Barbrobertson43@msn.com](mailto:Barbrobertson43@msn.com) while Denise is out of the office.

Looking forward to seeing everybody.

See you there!

1st Lady Barbara

**Tebala Shriners**



My late husband, Bruce Lewis, was a Shriner and so was my Father-in-Law. I am left with a beautiful Gold and Diamond Shrine Ring. I would like to sell it, if possible. The replacement value is \$1300...I would like to get \$800 for it. I am sending a photo of it and asking you if you could put the photo and info in the Tebalagram to see if anyone would be interested in buying it. I would like to use the money to help my grandson pay for a wedding ring.

Also, if anyone would like to see it, could we meet in the Tebala office on Newburg? I would feel safe there.

Thank you-  
Trudy

My contact info is:  
**Trudy Lewis**  
815-222-0092  
[trudylew22@gmail.com](mailto:trudylew22@gmail.com)



# POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Greeting Nobles and Ladies,

My Lady, Barbara & I, along with Jerry Minor, Chuck Pierce and his Lady, Janette, and Dennis Brinkman, attended the Hospital Days March 28, 2017. We were able to see the new EOS machine and the additional the 2 special x-ray machines that are now operational at the hospital. These new x-ray machines offer up to 90% less radiation than a traditional x-ray system and provides a significant advantage, especially for patience with scoliosis, kyphosis, and congenital deformities. Four of the hospital's technologists went through a 3-day training seminar and are now expanding their knowledge with actual usage.

My Lady, Barbara, and I attended the Ainad Potentate's Ball along with Jerry Minor, Chief Rabban, and his Lady Kami, Tom Watson, J.P.P, and his Lady, Nancy, and Larry Keyser, P.P., and his Lady, Jean. It was an exciting time, and the food and entertainment was great! Approximately 300 Nobles and their Ladies, attended the Ball.

On a note closer to home, the Mother's Day steak and lobster dinner is coming up Friday, May 12, 2017. Have you made your reservations? It's not too late to call the office with your reservations.

I welcome your attendance and look forward to seeing you at some of the events.

Yours in Faith ,  
Bill Robertson, P.P.

Potentate







## VIVA LAS VEGAS

Potentate Bill Robertson  
And 1st Lady Barbara



**Invite you to attend  
the Potentate's Dinner at Tebala!**

*Saturday, August 19, 2017*

*Social at 5:30pm , Dinner at 6:30 pm*

*\$35 per person / \$25 Shrine Widows*

Bacon wrapped filet mignon and shrimp with red potatoes,  
Mixed vegetables and a wonderful dessert.

Complimentary Champagne

Kids 10 and under Chicken strips \$6 upon request

**COME SEE ELVIS AND REMEMBER THE RAT PACK**

**Bring your family and friends**

Please Call 815-332-2010 for reservations

No later than Monday, August 14, 2017



**K I D S "R" K E Y**



# *Mother's Day Dinner and Dance*

Friday, May 12, 2017

Social - 5:30 PM      Dinner - 6:30 pm

## *Filet Mignon and Lobster*

Enjoy complimentary champagne with a fabulous dinner of bacon wrapped filet mignon and Lobster prepared and served by

**Backyard Grill and Bar**

\$35 per person

\$25 for Shrine Widows

Kids 10 and under Chicken Tenders and Fries

\$8.00 upon request

**"Swing Shift" band will play  
During the evening for your listening and dancing pleasure**

Reservations requested by May 8th, 2017  
Call Tebala Office at 815.332.2010

HAPPY  
MOTHER'S  
Day!



# **DEKALB COUNTY SHRINE CLUB**

**KINGSTON PARK STAG SMOKER**

**THURSDAY MAY 18, 2017**

**5 PM - ????**

**32593 FIVE POINTS ROAD**

**KINGSTON IL**

**Round of Beef Roast  
Side dishes & Libations  
Comradarie**

**Open to Shriners, Non-Shriners  
Masons, Non-Masons**

**Translation: Come, bring your appetite and friends  
or acquaintances who possibly  
would consider being a SHRINER or MASON**

**COST: Several hours of your time**

**& an**

**RSVP**

**(for food ordering)**

**RSVP to: Paul Cronin 207-406-1999**

**or [cronin.paul8@gmail.com](mailto:cronin.paul8@gmail.com)**

No RSVP: you can still enjoy the comradarie




**MAY 2017**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Divan Meeting Klowns	3 Daughters of the Nile	4 Mini-Bikes	5 Blue Haze Choppers	6
7	8	9 Director's Staff Parade Staff	10 <b>Sportsman's Club</b> Horse Patrol JoCarrol S.C.	11 Loves Park S.C. Ogle Co. S.C.	12 Tebala Mother's Day Dinner	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17 Tebala Meeting	18 DeKalb Co. S.C. Motor Patrol	19	20
21	22 Past Masters	23 Dressers	24 Air Squadron	25 McHenry Co. S.C.	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31		<b>APRIL 2017</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	<b>JUNE 2017</b> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

\*Temple Meeting Hosted by: DeKalb County Shrine Club – In Charge: Oriental Guide Aide

\*Tebala Mother's Day Dinner – In Charge: Chief Aide, Barry Kasmar



**MONTHLY MEETING**

Wednesday May 17, 2017  
at Tebala Shrine Center

Attitude Adjustment 5:30 P.M.  
Diner served 6:30 P.M.  
Meeting starts at 7:30 P.M.

Reservations are requested by Monday May 15, 2017  
Call the Tebala Office at 815-332-2010



## JUNE 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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18 Father's Day	19	20 Director's Staff Parade Staff.	21 Sportsman's Club Flag Day Horse Patrol JoCarroll S.C.	22 DeKalb Co. S.C Motor Patrol	23	24
25	26	27	28 Tebala Meeting	29 McHenry Co. S.C.	30	
	Past Masters	Dressers	Air Squadron			

Temple Meeting Hosted by: Loves Park Shrine Club – In Charge: Chief Rabban Aide

## JULY 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<b>SHRINE IMPERIAL SESSION TAMPA, FL</b>						
16	17	18	19 Tebala Meeting	20	21	22
23	24 Past Masters	25 Dressers	26 Air Squadron	27 McHenry Co. S.C.	28	29
30	31	Temple Meeting Hosted by: Blue Haze Choppers – In Charge: Assistant Rabban Aide <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>				



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

TEBALA SPORTSMAN'S CLUB



# Chicagoland Speedway Bus Trip

Included: Ticket to Race, Bus transportation, Coffee & donuts inbound.

Beer, Pop, and water on board inbound and outbound.

A Subway sandwich & chips lunch inbound.

All this for a cost of

**\$110 per person**

**(Only 36 seats available)**

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CHICAGOLAND  
SPEEDWAY

MONSTER ENERGY NASCAR CUP SERIES CHICAGOLAND 400

In addition there will be a raffle for "FAN ZONE" Pre-race pass  
Which will get you into in-field, with some access to drivers, and the concert.

**Contact Tim Miller @ (815) 908-9181**

**We must have the money in advance for reservations.**

**Money due by May 15th, 2017**





# TEBALA SHRINERS

## Sportsmans Gun Raffle and Gun Auction



**November 25, 2017 • 11:00am – 4:00pm**

**7910 Newburg Rd. • Rockford, Illinois 61108**

Winners will be notified by email and must pay sales tax. Drawing order of prizes subject to change.

Picture of raffle attendees may appear in Tebala Shriners publications.

All Firearms issued by Ballistic Enterprises: 2118 Paulson Rd., Harvard, IL 60033

**Last Draw Your Choice of Bennelli Super  
Vince 12 Gauge OR MGI AR Multi-barrel**

**DOOR PRIZES  
50/50 GAMES**

**Tickets \$20.00**

**FIREARM / KNIFE / ARCHERY  
SHOW / SALE**

**Food and Refreshments Available.**

Must be 18 years old to purchase tickets. Illinois residents must have a valid FOID card to receive firearms. You must present a ticket to receive food & beverage.

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. ATI Omni Hybrid AR              | 21. Ruger Super Blackhawk 44 Mag    |
| 2. Savage 12 F/TR in 6.5 Creedmoor | 22. Barnet Crossbow with telescope  |
| 3. Remington 870 12gauge 3&1/2     | 23. Savage Rascal 22LR              |
| 4. Taurus Judge 45LC/410           | 24. Glock 19 Gen4 9mm               |
| 5. S&W M686 357Mag                 | 25. Ruger Redhawk 44Mag             |
| 6. Ruger Charger 22LR              | 26. Henry 22 Explorer Survival      |
| 7. Ruger American Rifle 308        | 27. Savage/Stevens 12 Tactical pump |
| 8. Ruger LCR 38spl                 | 28. NAA 22 Magnum Wasp              |
| 9. TC Inline .50 Muzzle Rifle      | 29. Rossi 357Mag Revolver SS        |
| 10. Glock 43 9mm                   | 30. Ruger LCPII 380Auto             |
| 11. Beretta 22 Neos Pistol         | 31. American Classic 1911 Pistol    |
| 12. ATI Calvary O/U 12 gauge       | 32. Heritage Rough Rider 22LR       |
| 13. Savage 93R17 17HMR             | 33. Steyr L9-A1 9mm                 |
| 14. Ruger Mini 14 223              | 34. Uberti Sixgun 45LC              |
| 15. Henry 22 Golden Boy            | 35. Rossi Model 92 in 45LC          |
| 16. GSC 1911 22LR pistol           | 36. ATI Cowboy SxS Double Barrel    |
| 17. Taurus CIAUL 38spl             | 37. Keltec PMR-30 WMR Pistol        |
| 18. Rossi 410/20 gauge Combo Shot  | 38. Springfield XDS 9mm             |
| 19. Smith and Wesson M&P 45        | 39. Bennelli Super Vinci 12 Gauge   |
| 20. GSG MP40 9mm                   | 40. MGI AR Multi-barrel             |

**To Purchase Tickets Visit: [www.tebala.org/Sportsmansraffle](http://www.tebala.org/Sportsmansraffle)**



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DAYWESTERN CARIBBEAN FROM MOBILE  
CARNIVAL FANTASYFEB 5 2018 - FEB 10 2018  
MON - SAT2018  
FEB 5

# Chief Rabban Trip

Join Chief Rabban  
Jerry Minor & Lady Kami  
on a 5 day cruise!

This great deal won't last forever.  
Caribbean cruises from

**\$789.34 / cpl**

**Call Sheena (800) 818-3902 x85841**

Mention 2/5/2018 cruise under Jerry Minor

(Cruise ONLY. Does not include transportation to and from cruise)

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CARNIVAL FANTASY





SHANE 'Shawn' MYERS

# welcome

## Tebala Air-Squadron's NEWEST Pilots



STEVE PORTER



TOM BURKE

Parade Chairman Chuck Slater, instructs 2 of the Air-Squadron new pilots Steve Porter (left) and Tom Burke (right) on Parade maneuvers. Preparing them for future parades.



K I D S "R" K E Y

**From:** Grand Master Anthony R. Cracco via Illinois Masonic Email Service [mailto:[email\\_service-Z3JhbmRsb2RnZW9mZmljZUBpbG1hc29uLm9yZw==@moriapp.com](mailto:email_service-Z3JhbmRsb2RnZW9mZmljZUBpbG1hc29uLm9yZw==@moriapp.com)]

**Sent:** Thursday, March 16, 2017 12:12 PM

**To:** [grandlodgeoffice@ilmason.org](mailto:grandlodgeoffice@ilmason.org)

**Subject:** 300th Anniversary of Freemasonry

A Message from...Anthony R. Cracco, Most Worshipful Grand Master

My Brothers,

On Saturday, June 24th, Masons around the world will join together to recognize and celebrate the 300th Anniversary of Freemasonry. In Illinois Masonry, we will "let our light shine" across the state by hosting Open House events amongst many other activities to commemorate this momentous occasion. We will take this opportunity to invite the public into our Masonic Temples, and proudly show them that we are a welcoming group of Brothers and friends. Let's use this important milestone in the history of Freemasonry to share a thoughtful discussion about Masonry with the public.

A key message to share during these events is the timeless nature of our ancient and honorable fraternity. Though much has changed in the world since 1717, like the way we communicate, socialize, travel, and many other aspects of daily life, Masonry has adapted to every age and maintained its relevance to both its members and society overall. By focusing on the internal qualities of man, we continually bring together good men of sound character to harmoniously work together. With approximately 60,000 Masons in Illinois, we represent a significant collection of talents, knowledge, skills and abilities. Our Brothers are fathers, husbands and sons from various financial, ethnic, religious, etc. backgrounds. The Brotherly Love that we develop and share is real, and unites us into one family based upon a mutual love and respect for one another.

As we celebrate the 300th Anniversary of Freemasonry this year, I am quite proud that our Masonic legacy lives on in Illinois, across the United States of America, and around the world. Though advancements in technology continue to shape our current age, the basic curiosity about Masonry still leads many men to learn more about us and eventually ask to join our family. The commitment, dedication and care demonstrated for our "Gentle Craft" will carry Masonry forward into a bright future, and keep this great fraternity on the highest levels of respectability.

Have fun spending quality time with our Brothers, families, friends and neighbors during the local Open House events. Lastly, use the attached flyer to help promote the anniversary activities in your part of the state.

Fraternally and sincerely,

Anthony R. Cracco  
Grand Master



**New Noble Shane Myers** distributing information for Shriners Hospitals For Children along safety activity books to children.

Fantastic job Noble Myers.

**K I D S "R" K E Y**





We want you to join us as members of  
The Tebala Sportsman's Club

If you like activities of all kinds then you  
will like this new club.  
We meet the **2nd Wednesday** of each month  
in the Oasis @ **7PM**  
Don't miss the fun there will be activities  
for everyone throughout the year.  
Come and Join Us.

Call Gary at 815-540-8433 for details

## LOVES PARK SHRINE CLUB NEWS...(and random thoughts)

### WELCOME TO MAY!

Hugh MONTH: MOTHER'S DAY and MEMORIAL DAY are the largest.

Happy Mother's Day  
 "Happy Mother's Day" means  
 more Than have a happy day.  
 Within those words lie lots of  
 things  
 We never get to say.  
 It means I love you first of all.  
 Then thanks for all you do.  
 It means you mean a lot to me.  
 And that I honor you.  
 But most of all, I guess it means  
 That I am thinking of  
 Your happiness on this your day.  
 With pleasure and with love.

Memorial Day starts our PARADE season. Come to the May meeting to get all the details.

Are you surprised to see this column again? I am too. Can you guess why? Because I finally received a birthday card with a check made out to the LPSC. It came from Sun City, AZ. A TRIPLE TIP of the FEZ to Noble Ray Olson. He read the March & April (2017) issues and responded. His was the only response I received, so I'll hang on a while longer

No news on the Parade Unit repair. Noble Gene is still working on our Parade schedule for the season.

I just heard about Noble Tom Storm. He had some medical issues and was hospitalized for about a month. He showed up for the April meeting and is doing better. Take care Noble Tom.

The next meeting of the Loves Park Shrine Club will be May 11, at the

Town Hall, 5624 N. Second Street in Loves Park. Social/Dinner 6 p.m. meeting 7:30 p.m.

### WHO SAID THAT?

"Teamwork divides the task and doubles the success."

Anonymous

"The only way to enjoy anything in this life is to earn it first."

Ginger Rogers

"Positive anything is better than negative nothing."

Tibert Hubbard

"When anger rises, think of the consequences." Confucius

"Teamwork makes the dream work."

John C. Maxwell

"Worry often gives a small thing a big shadow." Swedish Proverb

"If a window of opportunity appears, don't pull down the shade."

Tom Peters

"Doing nothing gets you nothing."

Sean Reichie

### DID YOU KNOW?

Radio Station WLS was started in 1924! Founded by Sears Roebuck & Co. The letters WLS stood for World's Largest Store.

### LAUGH A LITTLE TIME:

#### **A Resonsible Applicant**

Employer to applicant: "In this job we need someone who is responsible."

Applicant: "I'm the one you want. On my last job, every time anything went wrong, they said I was responsible."

#### **The Best Position For Prayer**

Three preachers sat discussing the best positions for prayer while a

telephone repairman worked nearby.

"Kneeling is definitely best," claimed one.

"No," another contended. "I get the best results standing with my hands outstretched to Heaven."

"You're both wrong," the third insisted. "The most effective prayer position is lying prostate, face down on the floor."

The repairman could contain himself no longer.

"Gentlemen," he interrupted, "the best praying I ever did was hanging upside down from a telephone pole."

#### **Doctor Mistake**

During the course of being interviewed by the press, the noted doctor was asked by a reporter: Doctor, did you ever make a serious mistake?"

"Yes, was the replay, "I once cured a millionaire in three visits."

It's about time to duck out and that's it for another month. Hope you enjoyed reading it. Please forward your ideas, comments, questions, complaints, Atta-boys, suggestions or whatever to: President PP Leon Larsen; @1-815-633-7437 (home) or 815-494-1554 (mobile); Vice President PP Tom Runge @1-389-8622 (home) or 815-222-6566 (mobile); Secretary Gene Snyder @ 1-779-475-0222 home or 1-815-520-4997; or Treasurer Jim Hall @ 1-815-633-1784. The mailing address remains: Loves Park Shrine Club, P.O. Box 2411, Loves Park, IL 61132-0411. Now it is time to duck out! Jim Hall, Scribe



# PETITION for Initiation and Membership



## TEBALA SHRINERS

SHRINERS INTERNATIONAL

Desert of Illinois  
7910 Newburg Rd.  
Phone: 815-332-2010

Oasis of Rockford  
Rockford, IL, 61108  
Fax: 815-332-5923

**A minimum of \$200.00 must accompany this petition OR IT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED**

To the Illustrious Potentate, Officers and Nobles Tebala Shriners situated in the Desert of Illinois.

Print Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name, as mail should be addressed: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Print City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouses Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Ext.: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ @

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of: \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge # \_\_\_\_\_

Located at: \_\_\_\_\_ Year Raised: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever applied to any Temple of the Order? \_\_\_\_\_

If so what Temple? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

Were you ever in DeMolay? \_\_\_\_\_ If so where? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

I solemnly swear that:

I do not now, and never will, hold membership in, or allegiance to, any Body claiming to be Masonic that has been declared clandestine.

I have resided within the jurisdiction of Tebala Shriners not less than (6) months, as required by the constitution of the Imperial Council, and that I am not under suspension of expulsion in my Masonic Lodge, and respectfully pray that I may be made a Noble of Shriners International, and become a member of Tebala Shriners.

If found worthy and my request granted, I promise to conform with the Articles of Incorporation and By-laws of the imperial council and the Bylaws and ceremonies of Tebala Shriners. If elected, the signing of this petition constitutes the signing of the bylaws of Tebala Shriners.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ / /

(Must be written in full)

First

Middle

Last

### RECOMMENDED AND VOUCHER FOR ON THE HONOR OF:

(To be completed by Noble when presenting petition)

Tebala Shriners Membership #

Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_



# Shrinelines

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A weekly update for friends of Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Chicago

Robert Cotner, Editor

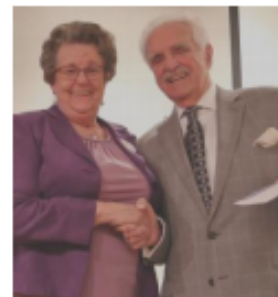
## Berrien County Shrine Club Hosts 'Blossom Queens' at SHC - Chicago



Berrien County, Michigan, is the fruit-growing capital of the Midwest. Cherries, peaches, pears, plums, and apples, as well as raspberries, grapes, and blueberries are grown in abundance in this southwestern Michigan county, which hugs Lake Michigan. Thus, blossoms of all kinds are important and paid attention to by all the folks of this and neighboring counties. And they call the annual crop of young Michigan beauties the "Blossom Queens" to emphasize their importance in the scheme of things in southwestern Michigan--and they've been doing this for 100 years. For the past 26 years, the Nobles of Berrien

County have brought their lovely ladies to visit our hospital. This year, we welcomed 22 Blossom Queens, representing their respective communities; four escorts; and 18 Saladin Nobles and guests. Saladin Shrine sponsors this trip each year. We were particularly pleased to welcome Lynne Cobianco, the 1956 Blossom Queen--"Miss Hartford"--who is now President of Southwestern Michigan Blossom Queen Sorority. In the photo right, she presents a gift of \$400 to Yours Truly from the sorority.

"The trip is a great learning experience for these kids," Noble Robert Kilburn, President of the Shrine club, explains. "They will remember this day the rest of their lives." We are honored to host the ladies and their escorts, to share the great goodness of this place.



## Shrine Clubs Work Hard for and Give Generously to Kids . . .



**Berrien County (MI) Shrine Club** recently presented two gifts of \$5,000 each to SHC - Chicago for special projects. In the photo left club members Jerry Kerbis; Bob Kilburn, President; and John Keyser present one of the gifts, given from their active membership of 60. Nobles enjoy weekly fellowship each Friday at either the Galley Grill or Super Buffet. An energetic club, they hold fundraisers and accept

donations from members and the community for our hospital each year.

**South Lake County (IN) Shrine Club** Treasurer John Cotton recently presented the gift of \$2,000 to Mark Niederpruem to assist underwriting a new C-Arm for radiology. The club sponsors an annual summer Corn Roast, which brings more than 2,000 guests to downtown Crown Point, IN for festivities, and sells 1,200 bags of Vidalia onions to raise money for our hospital. The 90 members of the club meet regularly to fellowship and plan their programs.



**Battle Creek (MI) Shrine Club** members Mark Waterman and Michael Dawson present a gift of \$2,000 from L.J. Carpenter, owner L.J. Fluid Power, Delton, MI, provided through the sale of cardboard and paper in their recycling program. This club, 20 members strong, actively raises money through its annual Shrine circus, onion and nut sales, and newspaper gifts. Club gifts, delivered often by Saladin Shrine drivers, are both important and refreshing. These Nobles, like thousands throughout our service area, demonstrate through their gifts that fiscal responsibility of Shriners hospitals is theirs.





# Shrinelines

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Robert Cotner, Editor

## Little Hands – Big Hearts Foundation Makes Major Contribution



Nicholas Cook, an OI (brittle bone) patient, presents a gift of \$10,000 to Administrator Mark Niederpruem (photo, left), from Little Hands – Big Hearts Children's Foundation, an organization created by Nicholas' parents, Julie and Andrew, to assist in needs of other children with a wide variety of issues, and to provide our specialists with added resources in treating OI.

The Foundation, based on one of God's commandments, "that we love one another, as I have loved you" (John 15:12), serves children in hunger, health care, education, and a host of other needs. Through the foundation, the family, who live in Morris, IL, assists other parents of children with OI, provides funds for the OI Foundation, makes grants to our hospital, and carries on a wide-ranging program of child-assistance around the world.



Sister Emma, an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at immaculate Conception School, is a dancer whose performances took her and the family to Europe last year. She'll be in Coal City High School next year. Nicholas, 11 and a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Immaculate Conception, is a long-distance runner, and lives a fully-normal life—except for an occasional broken bone, as seen in the photo right—they stopped counting at 40! (Nick insisted on competing in spite of a broken arm!) He makes occasional visits to see Dr. Peter Smith, his physician here, for both routine and emergency needs.

The Cooks, active in the real estate profession in Morris, hold annual fundraisers, participate in community activities, and cultivate gifts through Little Hands – Big Hearts Children's Foundation. We are grateful to this delightful family, their many friends, and their community, for their generosity—their big-heartedness—demonstrated toward others, including our marvelous pediatric center. Thank you, Nicholas and family!

## United States Adaptive Golf Alliance Affiliates with SHC . . .



When EQ Sylvester became a triple-amputee late in life, he considered his circumstances just another turn in the road, and he put the pedal to the metal. Today he spearheads the United States Adaptive Golf Alliance (USAGA) "to advance human potential and promote equality through the game of golf." The heart of his program is to "Demonstrate the powers of golf as a remedial, social, and life-changing sport." Now, with 17 chapters in cities across America, EQ has met with both our local SHC Board and Imperial members with the intent of using USAGA chapters in cities where SHC are located to encourage patients to become involved in the redemptive nature of golf and to create affiliations with like-minded golfers across the country. This is a "natural fit" for many of our patients. The photo left was made of

a SHC - Chicago patient learning golf at an area course this past summer.

For information or to make inquiry regarding the USAGA, call 630/455-6018, or go to [www.usaga.org](http://www.usaga.org). This is a great opportunity to help kids find fulfillment through the sport of golf.



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## Former Chicago Patient Surprised with Hospital Tour

**Former Patient with Club Foot, now a letter carrier, was once told he would never walk. Shriners Hospitals for Children - Chicago changed all of that.**



"I never let my feet keep me from doing what I want(ed). For the last 22 years I have been working as a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service, some days walking for six to seven hours...not too bad for someone who was told they would probably never walk."

-Shawn Skau

Shawn Skau enjoys his job as a postal carrier. He completes deliveries and gets the mail where it needs to go, even if it means spending hours each day walking from place to place. It might surprise you how much walking is involved. Skau said one time he tracked his steps and recorded 35 miles in just one workday.

Skau says he has trouble with his feet from time to time. But he doesn't let his feet get him down or stop him from doing what he wants. For him, it is all in the perspective. When he was a baby, Skau's parents were told he might never walk, or at least not with a normal gait.

Skau, of Genoa, Illinois, was born with clubfoot, a condition where a baby's feet are twisted out of shape. It affected both of his tiny legs. A physician recommended taking the baby to Shriners Hospitals for Children — Chicago for our pediatric orthopedic expertise. "My first visit to Shriners Hospital was when I was 18 months old. As a child, I had several surgeries at the Chicago Shriners Hospital to correct (my club feet)," Skau recalls. As he grew, Skau went on to have more than 10 surgeries at the hospital.

You might think Skau would be glad to move on from a place that required so much from a young man facing surgery after surgery. But the former patient has fond memories and a love for Shriners Hospital. He quickly recalls the fun activities he played while a patient at the hospital, such as wheelchair basketball and bumper pool. And he loved getting to know other boys dealing with orthopedic medical conditions. "When I was home, in school, I was the boy who walked funny and couldn't run very well. When I was at Shriners Hospital, with those boys I was just one of the guys," he said.

He spoke about Shriners Hospital often enough to make a big impact on his wife Shelly. Recently, Shelly surprised her husband by bringing him back to the Chicago Shriners Hospital for a special tour. "I spent many months in that hospital (in your previous building) as a child. Just recently I celebrated my 50th birthday by touring the new hospital which is 34 years old." After the visit Skau was invited to give a talk about his experience to the Chicago Shriners Hospital's Board of Governors.

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## Tebala Blue Haze Choppers & Karts



Founded in December 2007, The Blue Haze Choppers is a motorized mini chopper and kart unit affiliated with Tebala. Unit members appear in parades and similar events as a means of showing our support and public awareness for Shriners Children's Hospital. Membership in the Choppers is open to all Shriners and their families. If you are a Shriner interested in joining, please call one of the following officers to receive more and information

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**Family and friends are encouraged to attend and participate in meetings and social functions.** Meetings are held the first Friday of the month in April, May, June, August, October and December at various restaurants

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