

Shrine Temple Corner

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Hurricane "Ike" Update

Jim Full, Executive Vice President of Shriners Hospitals for Children, recently sent out an update on the condition and status of our hospitals in Houston and Galveston following Hurricane Ike. The Houston hospital now has power. However, it will not re-open until Thursday, September 18th because the City of Houston has issued a "boil order" for water. There is also a shortage of gasoline in the area. It does not look like our facility was severely damaged. Before the storm hit, our patients were transferred to the Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas, SHC-Shreveport or are residing in local hotels.

In terms of Galveston, our hospital may be closed for at least a couple of weeks. Patients were transferred to Cincinnati or Shreveport. No one is allowed on the island and there is no power. We understand that there is a foot of water and mud throughout the first floor. One window on the first floor was broken. The emergency generators had failed to maintain power and a new portable one is being flown in and should be in service within 2-3 days. Unfortunately, many employees from both Houston and Galveston have suffered damage to their own homes and will have difficulty getting to work due to fallen trees and high water in the streets.

Antelope Valley Shrine Club Organizes a Screening Event to Help Children of North Los Angeles County

The Antelope Valley Shrine Club, affiliated with the Al Malaikah Shrine Temple, will be hosting a no cost Scoliosis screening on Saturday, September 27th at Lancaster Community Hospital. Rick Stauning, President of the club says, "We're thrilled to holding this screening clinic. We're committed to working with the staff of the hospital in providing care to the children of North LA County."

Nurses and physicians will screen children for a variety of conditions such as: Scoliosis, cleft lip/palate, walking gait problems, burn scar deformities, foot deformities and other physical disabilities. Children who are determined to have any of these conditions will be offered a referral to the Shriners Hospital in Los Angeles.

The Antelope Valley is located in Northern Los Angeles County and the Southeastern portion of Kern County, California. The area has a very ethnically diverse student population; many who are from low income families with no health insurance.



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Ballut Abyad Shriners Visit SHC-LA Bringing Toys for the Patients



Nearly 50 Nobles and Ladies of the San Juan Shrine Club from Farmington, New Mexico visited SHC-LA on Sunday, September 14th and brought with them over \$4,000 worth of toys and books for the patients of the hospital. The Shriners, members of Ballut Abyad Shrine Temple in Albuquerque, raised the money for the toys through their annual pancake breakfast fundraiser. The books were donated through the efforts of the local Farmington Waldenbooks bookstore and the manager of the store accompanied the Shriners on the trip.

The group drove 14 hours by bus to deliver the toys and books to the hospital. Neil Schurman, President of the club and himself a former Shriners Hospital patient, expressed his thanks to all the staff of the hospital for the work that they do and urged all Shriners to come visit the hospital and see first hand what their philanthropy provides to the patients of the hospital.

Cecilia Barrios, Director of Patient Care Services Honored for Her Extraordinary Achievements and Service

SHC-LA Director of Patient Care Services, Cecilia Barrios, RN, MSN, was recently honored at the 23rd annual Philippine-American Exposition held at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Ms. Barrios was one of eleven individuals to receive the special Tri-Media Award. The award, presented by the Tri-Media Group of Companies, honors people and organizations for their extraordinary achievements in their chosen field of endeavor and their outstanding services to the Filipino community.

Chung Cheong Society of Southern California Thanks SHC-LA Employees with a Korean BBQ Lunch

The Governor of Chungcheong buk-do Province in the Republic of Korea, Woo Taik Chung, visited SHC-LA with members of the local Korean Chung Cheong Society. The visit was to thank the employees of the hospital for the work that they do with Korean patients by providing them with a traditional Korean BBQ lunch. In addition, Governor Chung and hospital Administrator Terence Cunningham signed a letter of friendship and cooperation between the people of Chungcheong buk-do and the employees of the hospital.

Mr. Cunningham and John Lorant, M.D., Chief of Plastic Surgery at the hospital, were made honorary citizens of the province. Employees were then treated to a traditional dance performance followed by a buffet lunch featuring many types of Korean food.

