

Shrine Temple Corner

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First Lady of the Republic of Korea, Kim Yoon-ok Visits Shriners Hospitals for Children – Los Angeles

The First Lady of the Republic of Korea, Kim Yoon-ok, visited Shriners Hospitals for Children in Los Angeles on Monday, November 24th. She and her husband, President Lee Myung-bak, were returning from the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit recently completed in Lima, Peru.

First Lady Kim Yoon-ok was especially interested in the Los Angeles Shriners Hospital since approximately 3% of the patients of the hospital come from Korea. While Korea has an excellent medical system, the physicians at Shriners Hospitals are experts in the latest advances in orthopedic, burn reconstruction and cleft lip / palate treatment.

The First Lady was welcomed by Stuart Wright, chairman of the hospital's Board of Governors and Terrence Cunningham, hospital administrator. Said Mr. Cunningham, "We are honored by the visit of the First Lady of Korea to Shriners Hospitals for Children in Los Angeles today. We are very proud of our cooperative relationship with the Republic of Korea and look forward to being able to care for more of your children in need of our specialized care."



Terrence Cunningham, Administrator of SHC-LA and Soonja Lee, Ph.D. give First Lady Kim Yoon-ok a tour of the hospital.

After a brief visit with the staff of the hospital, the First Lady toured the facility and then met with the Korean patients currently being cared for by the hospital. She stated, "I'm very glad that I could be here today and am very thankful for the treatment that Shriners Hospitals for Children provides to the children of Korea."

Her visit to the hospital was coordinated by the office of the Consul General of the Republic of Korea and the local Choong Chung Society of

Southern California which is located in Los Angeles not far from the hospital. The group supports Korean children during their stay at the hospital.



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A Message from Imperial Sir Gary Dunwoody, P.I.P. Chairman, Imperial Donor Relations Committee

The holidays are here and that means the season of giving is upon us. For many people, this is a time to reflect on what they are thankful for and to give back to others. As you know, many charities are anticipating a downturn in donations this year due to a troubled global economy. At Shriners Hospitals for Children we are also waiting to see the impact...though for now, it appears donations to our charity are remaining steady. We, of course, will keep our eye on the situation and appreciate your help in getting the word out about the need for financial support of our hospitals.

Through the end of October, 834 new will and trust files had been established, compared to 1,007 for the same time period last year; and a total of approximately \$170 million had been received by the legal department, compared to approximately \$177 million for the same time period last year.

Several other reports have been posted that I hope you find this helpful to your efforts. Be sure to also check the Donor Relations Resources page for other important updates.

Shriners Hospitals for Children Named Beneficiary of NFL Alumni Super Bowl Events

Shriners Hospitals for Children has been selected by NFL Alumni, Inc. to be the beneficiary of their fundraising activities held in conjunction with Super Bowl XLIII in Tampa, Florida. NFL Alumni, Inc. is composed of former NFL players and associate members who work voluntarily to raise funds for youth-oriented causes.

The NFL Alumni Super Bowl Weekend kicks off Friday, January 30th with its Super Bowl of Golf Showcase. This single-day tournament features a celebrity pro-am format with each team captained by a former NFL player.

That evening, the NFL Alumni will host its 27th Annual Player of the Year Awards Dinner. The organization will honor 10 current stars who will each receive his award from a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame who once played the same position. The Don Shula Coach of the Year Award will then be presented by legendary coach Don Shula. Past attendees at the dinner include Don Shula, Peyton Manning, Barry Sanders, Zach Thomas, Bart Starr, Mike Singletary, Jason Taylor and Tony Dorsett.

Al Malaikah's Lompoc Shrine Club Receives \$2,000 Donation from Local Wal-Mart to Benefit SHC-LA

Bud Gurney, President of the Lompoc Shrine Club recently received a check for \$2,000 from the local Lompoc Wal-Mart. In a special presentation, the Al Malaikah Shriners were presented the check from store manager, Marty Cabral and then posed for pictures outside of the store which ran in the Sunday, December 7th issue of the Lompoc Record.

The donation has already been sent to the Los Angeles hospital and qualifies the club for a Gold Book Certificate which will be sent to the club by the end of December.

Patients from Long Beach VA Hospital Visit with SHC-LA Patients

25 patients of the Long Beach Veterans Hospital made a rainy day drive to Los Angeles to meet with patients of the Los Angeles Hospital. The inaugural, "From a Veteran to a Child" event was organized by Grand Lodge Committee Member and El Bekal Shriner Ron Maxwell. The Veterans interacted one-on-one with the children through arts and crafts activities, provided a pizza lunch to patients and family and gave each child a wrapped gift chosen especially for them.

Ron enthused, "The Long Beach VA Hospital patients had a wonderful time with the kid's on the 13th of December, from the crafts, to making cookies, to presents being presented and seeing the glee on the young child's face. It was only topped by their favorite pizza being shared, stories swapped, shared experiences, and is still the conversation at the VA Hospital."

The executive management from the VA hospital felt that this event was so successful that they are submitting a request to Washington that this should be done at all the Shriner's Hospitals across the United States. Continues Ron, "It was a healing process for both sides; to have a wheel chair veteran talking and sharing with a child in a wheel chair, healing the minds and spirits as patience to patience celebrated the true meaning of Christmas . . . The gift of Love."



SHC-LA Board of Governors Celebrate the Season with Their Annual Holiday Lunch Meeting

The annual SHC-LA Board of Governors holiday luncheon was held on Wednesday, December 17th in the hospital auditorium. Board members from our seven supporting Shrine Temples and their ladies enjoyed an afternoon of food, lively conversation and an update on the status of the hospital.

Stuart Wright, chairman of the BOG presented new Board Members James Grone and Mel Stein with plaques acknowledging their new positions. In addition, Dale St. Claire and Bob Smeaton received awards for their distinguished service and in recognition of their transition to Emeritus Board Member status.

