

Addison, IL Mayor and First Lady and Medinah Potentate Pay a Visit

We were delighted to host recently Mayor Richard H. Veenstra and First Lady Marianne of the Village of Addison, IL, hometown of our own Medinah Temple. In the photo right, they present a gift of \$2,000 to Yours Truly, as Medinah Recorder Fred Kaufman (l), Potentate Lance Evans, and Assistant Rabban Leroy Baumann enjoy the occasion.



Sahar Hassani, Director of Research, joined us for lunch, and we discussed the many new, planned programs and projects being considered and undertaken by our staff over the next several months.

Mayor Veenstra commented, “We consider it a great opportunity to visit Chicago Shriners Hospital. You never know until you actually visit this hospital and see the dedication of the staff what a great place it really is.”

We were delighted to host our distinguished guests and thank them for their kind and generous gift to our children.

An Illuminating Story about Who We Are as Shriners . . .

I was having lunch the other day with a couple of Shrine drivers, as I often do, and said, “You guys were here yesterday--another patient today?” “No,” one replied, “The patient we brought yesterday had surgery, and when her grandfather prepared to leave after surgery, the patient refused to let him leave--he had to spend the night, she declared. But he hadn’t brought his medicine, so we drove home and brought it back for him today.”

As we continued our luncheon conversation, a hospital social worker came to the table and said, “The grandfather needs a change of clothes,” Without hesitation, the driver said, “That’s fine; we’ll go get his clothes.” And they departed shortly to make yet another trip.

I think of all the slogans used by Shriners--“Having fun - helping kids,” “We run so children can walk,” “Love to the Rescue,” and so on. But no slogan illumines what Shriners do for kids better than Shrine drivers, represented by the two Nobles in this story.

Have *You* Considered Investing in the Future of *Your* Hospital?

You can make a gift now that will continue to help children far into the future through your estate plan or a charitable gift annuity (CGA) to SHC. You can designate your gift to the endowment program of our great, 22-hospital system or to your favorite Shriners hospital. The CGA brings the benefit of a potential immediate tax deduction for your gift and an income, based on your age, for the remainder of your life. I urge you to consult your personal financial planner and then call me at 773/385-5840. We’ll discuss your situation, and I’ll send you printed materials, which will explain in detail how a gift can benefit both our hospital and you.

The great vision of the founding Nobles, who launched SHC in 1922, included provision for our remarkable endowment, which yet provides substantial annual income for each of our hospitals. I invite you to participate in this grand endeavor for children who have need of our specialized, world-class pediatric medical care.