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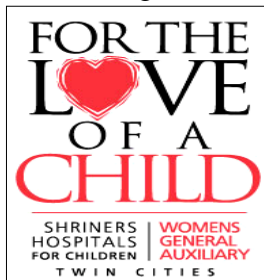
**GREAT FRIENDS ARE HARD TO FIND
DIFFICULT TO LEAVE
IMPOSSIBLE TO FORGET**

WGA Continuing Business

**MEMORIALS [Elizabeth Ekholm, Memorial Chairman,
1703 Lilac Lane, Mendota Heights, MN 55118 Phone:
651-454-5277 or e-mail pekholm@q.com.]**

Memorials and Honorariums for the month of December and January totaled \$26,645.50. Thank you for your continued support.

Your donations of Gifts, Memorials and Honoraria are given and used



Reminder - Checks for the auxiliary should be made payable to the WOMEN'S GENERAL AUXILIARY

DISTRIBUTION [Mary Bagwell, Receiving and Distribution Chairman, 12552 Marion Court Rogers, MN 55374 Phone: 702-219-3970 or e-mail mlk002@aol.com;

Audrey Braiedy, Co-Chair, 10465 Yorktown Ln N., Maple Grove, MN 55369 Phone: 763-424-9876 or albraiedy@comcast.net;

Jen Agan, Co-Chair, 9789 208th St. W, Lakeville, MN 55044 Phone: 224-814-9114, aganjen@gmail.com
Pat Jansen, Pop Tab Associate

Nineteen acknowledgments were sent during December & January in response to various items received and questions asked.

We do need hair brushes. Thank you for all your donations to keep our mission going. Donations have been coming in at a steady pace. Please remember that we can only accept **NEW** items. Thanks for your support.



We do have containers available for tab collections. Let us know if you can use one. They are made to be used in offices, bars, office spaces, etc. Every tab counts, so encourage everyone you know to collect tabs

FOR THE LOVE OF A CHILD.

DONATED ITEMS

Please remember to insert your name or your group's name and address on all bags or boxes containing your donated items. That will help us sending our thank you notes.



PLEASE NOTE: A new hospital policy requests that no identification stickers or group names be placed on any donated items (i.e. toys, blankets, quilts, etc.). Your cooperation with this new request is greatly appreciated.



Also, we request that you do not send cash inside packages of toys, clothing, knitting, etc. Please send all cash, checks and gift cards to us by mail or in person. Thank you.

CLOTHING [Diane Johnson, Clothing Chairman, 4886 Safari Court S, Eagan, MN 55122, Phone: 651-688-8903 or e-mail djay@msn.com. Laurie Miller, Clothing Associate.]

Clothing items that are needed:

- Pillow cases (standard size)
- Socks for young kids ages 3 – 10 (male and female)
- Travel pillows
- T-shirts for boys and girls (all sizes, especially small children)
- Fleece blankets, approximately 50"x60" preferred, for boys and girls of all ages

We have another very important request: Please make sure that all donations of clothing, blankets, afghans, etc. are **CLEAN and **SMOKE FREE**. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.**

KNITTING [Dolly Reynolds, Knitting Chairman, 723 Cartway Rd., Champlin, MN 55316 Phone: 763-421-3499 or e-mail mreyn83217@aol.com. Cindy Tohm, Knitting Associate.]

We currently need small size afghans:

34" x 50"

We thank all of you dedicated knitters.

TOYS [Kathleen Flicek, Toy Chairman, 2493 Bridgeview Ct, Mendota Heights, MN 55120 Phone: 651-454-7868 or e-mail kflicek@comcast.net. Cathy Sportelli, Toys Associate.]

Our most critical needs are:

- **Baby dolls**
- **Games for pre-teen and teens:**
- **remote controlled cars and trucks,** (ear buds, Frisbees, Frisbee gold, Manga books (comic books), Magic sets, Advanced board games, hand held games, arts and craft sets, footballs, basketballs)

Other items for all ages are:

- Any size activity books
- **Coloring books**
- Barbies (with the real Barbie logo)
- Reading books for teenagers

The WGA **still needs** gift cards (preferably **Target** and **Walmart**) that can be used to purchase items currently needed for the children.

Thank you for your continued support.

Donations

FINANCIALS [Linda Metzger, 5510 Sycamore Ln
N, Plymouth, MN 55447 Phone: 612-839-4285 or
Linda.metzger@comcast.net.]

Donations for the month December:

December:

**St. Croix Valley Women's Aux. - 2016 Year End
Una Daniels - Misc. - Name Badges
Green Bay Womens Aux. - 2016 Year End
El Kahir Shrine Aux. - 2016 Year End
Za-Ga-Zig Shrine Temple - Awards Night-
Greeters
Za-Ga-Zig Shrine Auxiliary - Awards Night
Za-Ga-Zig Shrine Clowns - Awards Night
Adams County Shrine Club - Awards Night
Patricia & Galen Fox - Misc. - Wheelchair Fd.
Yelduz Womens Aux. - 2016 Year End
Hibbing Womens Aux. - 2016 Year End
Abu Bekr Womens Aux. - 2016 Year End
Fort Kearney Shrine Aux. - 2016 Year End
Tehema Shrine Aux. - 2016 Year End
Tehema Shrine Aux. - Wheelchair Fd.
Tehema Shrine Aux. - Wheelchair Fd.
Tehema Shrine Aux. - Wheelchair Fd.
El Zagal Shrine Aux. - 2016 Year End
Anoka Women's Aux. - 2016 Year End
Appleton Womens Aux. - 2016 Year End
Tripoli Womens Aux. - 2016 Year End-
Wheelchair Fd.
Tripoli Womens Aux. - 2016 - Toys
Zor Madison Aux. - Mary Ellen Peterson-
Misc.
Zuhrah Womens Aux. - 2016 Year End
Willmar Shrine Aux. - 2016 Year End
Aad Shrine Auxiliary - 2016 Year End
El Riad Shrine Aux. - 2016 Year End
Theresa Pearson - Zuhrah - Misc.
Tangier Womens Aux. - 2016 Year End
Tangier Womens Aux. - Toys
Winona Womens Aux. - 2016 Year End
HoHo Ladies - 2016 Year End
Naja Shrine Auxiliary - 2016 Year End - EOS
Funding
Eau Claire Shrine Aux. - 2016 Year End
Fidelity Charitable - Misc. - Jerome &
Carol Ekblad
Robbinsdale Area Shrine Club - Zuhrah -
Wheelchair Fund
McCook Shrine Auxiliary - Toys
McCook Shrine Auxiliary - 2016 Year End**

**Kem Womens Auxiliary - 2016 Year End
Good Done Great - Ecolab - Misc. - Morgan
Wanless
Benevity United Health & Cargill - Misc. -
Sara Isbell & Marce Spies-Johnson
Benevity - United Health & Ameriprise -
Misc. Anonymous
K Foundation/Give MN - Misc.
Osman Womens Aux. - 2016 Year End
Judisch & Judisch Enterprises - Osman - Toys**

January:

**Za-Ga-Zig Ladies Aux. - Auxiliary Appreciation
Luncheon: Diana Corbin, Beverly Beck,
Betty Marlin, Shirley Robertson; also Cash
From the Appreciation Luncheon
CyberGrants/Travelers - Misc. -Anonymous
V. L. Wiegert - Canasta Marathon/Pecans -
Wheelchair Fund
Kem Womens Auxiliary
Dolly Reynolds - Promotional - Items sold
Northern Metal Recycling - Misc. - Pop Tabs -
Wheelchair Fund
JC Penney CyberGrants - Misc.-Anonymous
Osman Womens Auxiliary - Parade to Glory
Aetna Foundation - Misc.
Aetna Foundation - Misc. - Robyn Johnsen
Aetna Foundation - Misc. - Robyn Johnsen
Benevity-United Health/Cargill - Marce Spies-
Johnson & Sara Isbell
Benevity-United Health/Ameriprise - Misc.
Anonymous
Your Cause, LLC - Misc. - Chevron -
Anonymous
Network for Good - Misc. Anonymous
Cybergrants/JC Penney - Misc. - Anonymous
K Foundation/GiveMN - Misc. - Julie's
Neighbors and Grand Volkman
Good Done Great - Misc. - Morgan Wanless/
Ecolab**

Thank you. Your donations help us
continue our mission.

You can donate to the WGA 4 Kids
through your employers giving programs.
Some of you have already donated through
The United Way. You will need our 501(c)
3 Federal ID # to do this, which you can
obtain by calling Linda Lattimore at 763-
545-5770 or Carol Miner at 763-535-5011

Auxiliary News

Please send us news on your current auxiliary activities.

St. Croix Valley Womens Auxiliary:

Bob and Amy Hering delivered toys that were collected at the St. Croix Valley Shrine Club Christmas party. Amy is the new Advisory Board member from Zor Shrine. WGA 4 Kids General Board member, Jen Agan, accepted the gifts in the WGA 4 Kids board room.



[Amy Hering and Jen Agan.]

OSMAN WOMENS AUXILIARY:

Noble Tim Bass and Lady Sandy, from the Rochester Area Shrine Club, brought the Ehlers family to Shriners Hospitals for Children—Twin Cities for young Louis' check-up. Kristin Ehlers, Louis' mother, was a patient at Shriners Hospital when she was a young child.

WGA 4 Kids General Board members, Rose West, Laurie Miller, Diane Johnson and Kathy Flicek gave the Ehlers a tour of the Parents Accommodation Center building and work rooms. They were very interested in the

rooms available for the parents to stay overnight, as they may need a room for Louis' next visit. Louis was very happy when he got to pick out a toy and fleece blanket.



[Noble Tim Bass, Sandy Bass, Louis, Kristin and Delmar Ehlers.]



[Front: Delmar, Louis and Kristin Ehlers.
Back: Rose West, Laurie Miller, Noble Tim Bass, Diane Johnson and Kathy Flicek.]

Womens General Auxiliary News

The Annual Meeting dates for **2017** are **May 1 and 2**. It will be held at the Ramada Hotel in Minneapolis. Details will be sent in a few weeks.

Our WGA 4 Kids website has been launched. We have had many good comments about how nice it looks. Please go to:

www.wga4kids.org/

This year we handed out 476 Christmas stockings to Hospital and clinic patients.



Internet Access to WGA

Q? If you have questions about us, please call 612-596-6233 (auxiliary office).

Reminders

Auxiliary Bylaws should be kept up to date and a copy filed with WGA. Contact the WGA if you have any questions.

OUTREACH

If you would like a visit by a Board member at one of your auxiliary meetings, please contact Carol Miner, WGA Chairman, with your request.

Volunteer Hours

Please send your volunteer hours to Carol Miner. We have not received any recently, and I know you have been working with your auxiliary.

Hospital Tours

If you have a group or know of a group that would like a tour of the Hospital and Parent Accommodation Center, please call Lauren Elm at l elm@shrinenet.org or at 612-596-6119 to prearrange the tour.

News from the Hospital

Other current news from Shriners Hospitals for Children—Twin Cities can be obtained by going to our website at www.wga4kids.org/the_pulse/

Womens General Auxiliary on Facebook

There are more pictures and stories posted on our Facebook page. Go to: <https://www.facebook.com/wga4kids>. You do not have to be a member of Facebook to visit us. Let us know what you think.

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