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Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Twin Cities
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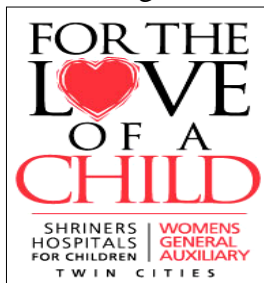
**Always laugh when you can.
It is cheap medicine.
Lord Byron**

WGA Continuing Business

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

Memorials and Honorariums February/March will be in next month's newsletter. 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 WOMENS 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;

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Pat Jansen, Pop Tab Associate

Fifteen thank you acknowledgements were sent during November 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 have approximately 1,400 lbs. of pop tabs. We generally sell them when we get 2,000 lbs. 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.]

The clothing items that are needed:

Hospital gowns sizes S – XL with ties on the shoulders. These are needed for use in the EOS machine.

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 have a good supply of knitted items.

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 and crayons (24 plus count)**
- Barbie's (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 of February:

February
Your Cause, LLC – Misc. Best Buy/Kristen Bennett
Benevity – Misc. – Ameriprise/Anonymous Benevity-Cargill/United Health – Misc. – Marce-Spies Johnson/Sara Isbell
Good Done Great – Misc. – Ecolab/Morgan Wanless

Thank you. Your donations help us continue our mission.

You can donate to the Womens General Auxiliary 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.

Article provided by Janet Johnson, former Advisory Board member:

In the early 1990's, Janet Johnson began a "Save the Tab" project as one of the Eau Claire Shrine Auxiliary group's projects. She later introduced the idea at an Annual Meeting of the WGA General Auxiliary as a way to help fund Wheelchairs and prosthetics needed by the children at Shriners Hospitals for Children—Twin Cities.

Many groups and individuals have contributed tabs to the project which has caught on not only locally and in Shrine Centers but at Shriners Hospitals for Children-Twin Cities as well as other hospitals in our system.

She is pictured with one of her long time very best collectors, Duane Sturz, of Eau Claire who not only collects but counts them into bags of 4,000 each bag. This year was special for Duane as he has now collected and counted 1,084,000 tabs. A very special man who loves doing things for others.



[Janet Johnson and Duane Sturz.]

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 have been mailed to the auxiliary Chairmen.

Check out our WGA 4 Kids website:
www.wga4kids.org/

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

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.

Thru the Window on Line

You can also view the newsletter in color on our Website (www.wga4kids.org.) Just click on the tab “News & Events.” Let us know your thoughts.

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Please send your “sign-up-e-mail” to me at: Cminer8727@aol.com

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