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News of
Shriners Hospitals for Children®—Twin Cities
and of
WGA 4 Kids®

March/April 2018

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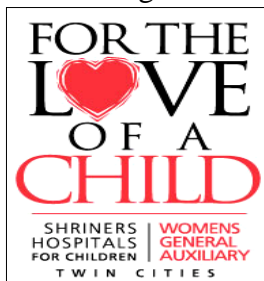
Hair gets lighter. Skin gets darker.
Water gets warmer. Drinks get colder.
Music gets louder. Nights get longer.
Life gets better.

WGA Continuing Business

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

Gifts, Memorials and Honoraria for the months of February - April totaled \$21,280. 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
WGA 4 Kids**

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

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.



Have you heard?? McDonald's has discontinued their pop tab collection program. Please spread the word about the **WGA 4 Kids** pop tabs Collections Program. We do have labels with the **WGA 4 Kids** logo that can be put on your own containers. See Jen's contact information above.

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@comcast.net, Laurie Miller, Clothing Associate.]

Although we can always use fleece blankets the children love, these items listed below are especially needed now.

Fleece blankets

- Blanket patterns for young girls and boys are very popular. Blankets should be approximately 50 x 60

Hospital Gowns

- Small, Medium, Large & X-Large are needed for use in the new EOS Imaging Machine. (Large and X-Large are needed now.)
- The staff is requesting solid color gowns (no sheers) in bright colors (pinks, blues, oranges, etc.)
- Shoulders should be machine stitched
- **No metal at all please**

Socks

- Knee high and tube socks (all ages) in bright colors and patterns

Ice Bag Covers

- Use two snaps or a drawstring closure so ice does not fall out. 9"x12" size. Fabric should be cotton or flannel, (no fleece as it does not stay cold)

Continue to check *Thru the Window* for further

needs.

We have another very important request: Please make sure that all donations of clothing and blankets, 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.]

With the continuation of our cold spell, we find that we need more mittens for our mitten tree.

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**
- **Colored pencils**
- Reading books for teenagers
- Stuffed animals (small – medium size)

The WGA would like 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.](mailto:linda.metzger@comcast.net)]

Donations for the months of March & April:

March

Zuhrah Ceremonial – Zuhrah Women’s Aux. – Toys
Travelers Cybergrants – Osman Women’s Aux. – Rita Oliver
Svenn & Susan Borgersen – Zuhrah Women’s Aux. – Toys
Cybergrants/Aetna – Fargo Women’s Aux. – Robyn Johnsen
Zor Madison Aux.
Zuhrah Shrine Center – Zuhrah Women’s Aux. – Bunco – Toys
Bloomington Area SC – Zuhrah Women’s Aux. – Toys
Lori Fendler, Susan Borgersen, Marloe Anderson, Bradley Ahrens, BASC Installation Dinner – Zuhrah Women’s Aux. – Toys
Network for Good – Anoka Women’s Aux. – Anonymous
Benevity/Clorox – Tripoli Aux. – Anonymous
Bright Funds/VMware – Mis. -Anonymous
Regina Aiken – Misc.
Anonymous – Misc.
MGM Resorts Foundation – Kem Women’s Aux.- Suzanne Dutt
Northern Metal Recycling – Pop Tabs – Wheelchairs
Cybergrants/Travelers – Osman Women’s Aux. – Rita & James Oliver
Cybergrants/JC Penney – Misc. – Anonymous
Sisters of Holy Trinity – St. Croix Valley Aux.
Benevity/Ball Corp. – Tripoli Aux. – Kurt Olson
Robbinsdale OES #238 – Mary Gursky, WM Project – Wheelchairs
Good Done Great – Misc. Ecolab/Morgan Wanless
Benevity – United Health/Marce Spies-Johnson-Misc.
Benevity – Ameriprise/Anonymous – Misc.

April

PayPal – Osman’s Women’s Aus. – Anonymous – Osseo Gun Club – Zuhrah Aux. – Rod & Gun Club Shoot – Toys
Zuhrah Shrine Center -Zuhrah Aux. – Zuhrah Clothes Closet – Toys

Zuhrah Shrine Center – Zuhrah Aux. – Rod & Gun Club Pote’s Ball Raffles – Toys
Zuhrah Shrine Center – Zuhrah Aux. – Bunco – Toys
Frederick Byers – Zuhrah Women’s Aux. – Toys
United Way – Misc. – H.B.Fuller/Anonymous
Wright County Shrine Club – El Kahir Women’s Aux. – Wheelchairs
Cybergrants/JC Penney Misc. – Anonymous
MGM Resorts Foundation – Kem Women’s Aux. – Suzanne Dutt
Credit on Hosp. Billing – Zuhrah Aux. – Royce McEwen/In Faith Foundation – Toys
Thrivent Choice – Misc. – Anonymous
K Foundation/GiveMN – Misc. – Becky & Roger Schmi
Zuhrah Steel Drum Band – Zuhrah Aux. – Wheelchairs
Sven Borgersen – Zuhrah Aux. – Toys
Tangier Womens Aux. – Annual Mtg. Raffle
Rosemary West – Annual Mtg. Raffle
Nancy Stenger – Annual Mtg. Raffle
Paul Vizanko - Annual Mtg. Raffle
Aad Shrine Womans Aux.
Abu Bekr Women’s Aux.
Anoka Women’s Aux.
El Kahir Womens Aux.
El Zagal Shrine Hospital Aux. - Wheelchairs
Naja Shrine Auxiliary – Wheelchair
Northeastern Womens Aux.
Ottertail Women’s Aux.
Tangier Womens Aux. – Wheelchair
Tehama Aux.
Tripoli Auxiliary – Wheelchair
Waco Group LLC – Tripoli Aux. – Wheelchair
Wisconsin Valley Aux. – Shadow Ball – Wheelchair
Yelduz Women’s Aux.
Benevity – Misc. – United Health/Marce-Spies Johnson; Ameriprise/Jody Gerlach
Benevity – Osman Women’s Aux. – Anonymous
Your Cause, LLC – Misc. – Anonymous
Your Cause, LLC – Misc. – Ecolab/Morgan Wanless

Thank you. Your donations help us continue our mission.

You can donate to the WGA 4 Kids through your employer's 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 763-535-501

Auxiliary News

OUTREACH

If you would like a visit by a Board member at one of your auxiliary meetings, please contact Carol Miner, WGA Chairman (763-535-5011) with your request.

Please send us news on your current auxiliary activities.

WGA 4 Kids News

Our 2018 Annual Meeting was very successful. We received approximately \$47,000 from the auxiliaries meeting. The discussions were open and informal. The reports from the auxiliaries were also very informative regarding their activities. The attendees liked the presentations by our various Board Chairmen.

There still is no clear decision on the long-term future of Shriners Hospitals for Children®—Twin Cities. For the time being, WGA 4 Kids is operating business as usual.

The Annual Meeting dates for **2019** are **April 29 & 30**. The venue will be the **Radisson Hotel Roseville, 2540 North Cleveland Avenue, Roseville, MN 55113**
651-636-4567

WGA 4 Kids Promotional items:

WGA 4 Kids does have ladies polo shirts with the new logo in sizes M, L, and XL on our Gift Corner at the Shriners Hospital-TC. I have listed the sizes and pricing information on the last page. We also have shirts with For the Love of the Child. Please contact Diane Johnson, Clothing Chairman. **Ordering information is listed on the last page of this newsletter.**

Questions about WGA

If you have questions about us, please call 612-596-6233 (auxiliary office) or WGA 4 Kids Chairman, Carol Miner, at 763-535-5011

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 <http://lelm@shrinenet.org> or at 612-596-6119 to prearrange the tour.

Reminders

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

Volunteer Hours

Please send your volunteer hours sheets to our Treasurer, Linda Lattimore. We have not received any recently, and I know you have been working with your auxiliary.

News from the Hospital

Hospital Day 2018 will be held on **May 19th – 9:00 a.m.** There will be tours and all kinds of games for the children. For news and updates from Shriners Hospitals for Children—Twin Cities, visit their website at shrinershospitalsforchildren.org and follow them on social media:

[Facebook](#)
[Twitter](#)
[YouTube](#)
[Instagram](#)

Womens Genera 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 <http://www.wga4kids.org> Just click on the tab “& Events.” Let us know your thoughts.

If you would prefer to view TTW online rather than receive it in the mail, we will send you a notification when an issue is published. To receive the notification of the current issue by e-mail, we must have your correct e-mail address. Please send me an e-mail with your name, and auxiliary/club name. That will ensure we use an accurate e-mail address.

Please send your “sign-up-e-mail” to me at: cminer8727@aol.com

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Editor, Thru the Window
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Information on ordering shirts:

Contact: Diane Johnson, Clothing Chairman
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Email: dijay@comcast.net

WGA 4 Kids Shirts:

The shirts are all black.

Men’s T-Shirts:

L – XL	\$18.00
2X & Larger	\$20.00

Polo Shirts:

L – XL	\$32.00
2X & Larger	\$35.00

Women’s T-Shirts:

M – XL	\$18.00
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Polo Shirts:

L – XL	\$32.00
2X & Larger	\$35.00

These are available on our Gift Corner in the Shriners Hospital—Twin Cities lobby.

All mail orders must be prepaid plus \$5.00 postage.

Pictures from the PROM and from the 2018 WGA 4 Kids 2018 Annual Meeting:



Karen Shea, El Riad



[L-R: Laurie Miller, Clothing Associate; Diane Johnson, Clothing Chairman.]



[Guest, Ana Perry in wheelchair; Father, Roy; Mom, Amy; sister, Isabella; Kae Crawford, Occupational Therapist.]



L-R: Roy Perry, Isabella, Amy, Ana, Kae Crawford, Mike Hanaualla and Dan Flipovich of Rehabilitation Designs, Inc., our Wheelchair providers.]

PROM:



Prom: Group photo



[Beautiful Ladies.]



[Patients with escorts.]