

# EDITORIAL



## Circus 2010 Chairman Letter

Nobles, Families, and Friends:

As this newspaper goes to print we are planning the 59th Aleppo Shriners Circus for 2010.

The Circus will be held during school vacation from Wednesday April 21, thru Sunday April 25, 2010.

As we enter into 2010 we see many challenges facing the committee this year due to the still slow economy. We will try to respond to the situations we can control, keep an eye on the ones we cannot, and make changes where we can.

We are asking the Nobles to get out and be active in the selling of ads for the Circus Book; we need more this year than ever before. It would be appreciated if you would.

Please send in your ads every week so they can be processed in a timely matter.

Please plan on helping out at the circus 2010. There is a form in the paper that you can make out and send to **Sheila Bissett** so we can schedule staff for the shows.

We will continue to update everyone via the newspaper as the time nears for Circus 2010.

Thank you for your continued support.

Fraternally,  
Roger Metcalfe, Circus Chairman 2010



## Boston Shriners Hospital for Children Letters of Thanks

By: ANNE CURLEY  
SHRINE VINE

**D**R. Sheridan recently received two letters of thanks from a former SHC-Boston patient and her mother. Below are the letters:

*Dear Dr. Sheridan,  
First, I would like to apologize on the tardiness of this letter. It should've been written several months ago. Unfortunately, time seems to be moving faster the older my children get and life gets in the way.*

*I'm not sure if you remember us. Our daughter was a patient at your hospital 17 years ago. When she was 11 months old she became seriously ill with Meningococcal Meningitis. She spent 10 days at the hospital in Burlington, Vermont and then was flown to your hospital and spent 1 1/2 months being cared for by your wonderful staff. She will be turning 18 on November 12 and is currently attending Endicott College in Beverly. If not for the wonderful care given at Boston Shriners, she would not be alive today enjoying life. She has grown into a beautiful, caring, happy, and bright young lady. Thank you for all that you did to make that a reality and accept our enclosed donation. We wish it could be more and hope that this small amount will help in some way brighten the days of the children in your care.*

*I have enclosed a letter from our daughter with a personal check from her. She also wanted to thank you for what you did and hopes that her donation will be put to good use!*

Dear Staff,

*I am a senior at Mount Mansfield Union High School in Jericho, Vermont. In history class I was given the assignment of helping to change the world. Our teacher said the task we choose could affect change on both a large or small scale, but it should be something that was personal to us. For the project we had to hand in a project proposal and a brief summary of how we executed the task we set for ourselves. So I thought and thought and came up with an idea.*

*I would knit wristbands and headbands and sell them at school and work and to anyone else who wanted them. I would take all of the money that I earned and donate it; that's where the hospital comes in.*

*The reason I have chosen to donate the money to you is because when I was 11 months old I was sent to the Boston Shriners because of the burn-like marks that covered parts of my body. The marks I had were caused because of the form of Meningitis I had, known as Meningococemia. I stayed at the hospital for about a month and a half before I was sent home. I almost lost one of my legs, but the doctors were able to save it. They did many skin grafts and in turn saved my life. I thank them very much for the work they did; I owe them my life.*

*I thought this would be one way for me to show them how much they did for me and how much what they did affects me everyday. So I sold my wrist and head bands and made a total of \$110. I know that it is not much so I also would like to donate \$100 of my own money as well. I realize the donation isn't much but I really wanted to thank the hospital personally and for me to maybe help the hospital and the people spending time there.*

*So thank you Boston Shriners again for all you did for me and I hope this money is put to good use and does help in some way.*



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2009, 2007, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2001, 2000, 1998, 1997, 1996, 1995, 1994, 1992, 1991 *Honorable Mentions: 2006, 2002, 1993, 1990, 1989*



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## Donation

By: MARY JO BARYZA  
SHRINE VINE

Dear Mary Jo,

Hopefully, the two bags of dolls and toys arrived safely. My mom was a beautiful and talented woman. She could sew a wool suit, make her own draperies, and create some beautiful stuffed animals.

She died a few years back and I had carefully tucked these away - not sure when the 'right' time to part with them would be. She had hundreds of different items she would create, but these were the last ones she made before she died.

In one of the bags is a set of "Teach Me" dolls. They are meant to show children how to: button buttons, tie shoelaces, and use zippers.

I hope the toys will bring a smile and a little bit of joy to the children at Shriners that receive them. Please let them know they lovingly made by a "Babci" (Polish for Grandma). That would be a wonderful tribute to her.

Thank you,  
Kathy Sexton



**Next Ceremonial**  
**Sat., January 23, 2010**  
**Sign Up Your**  
**Masonic Friends**