

Honolulu Shriners Hospital's Rebuilding Underway

MEDICAL care has changed dramatically since Shriners Hospitals for Children—Honolulu was built in the 1960s, both in terms of technology and health care delivery. A new \$73 million facility, which is currently under construction, will provide some of the latest medical equipment and services in the hospital's specialty fields.

The new building is scheduled for completion by June 2010. It will feature 150,000-square-feet of space – making it 40 percent larger than the existing facility – and include a main hospital building, an administrative office building and a family quarters building.

“New treatment methods were a major consider-

ation in the design of our new hospital,” explained **Ellen Raney, M.D.**, the hospital's chief of staff. “We're dramatically increasing the size of our outpatient area and adding more parking to accommodate surgeries on an outpatient basis.” On average, the Honolulu Shriners Hospital sees about 5,000 outpatients and more than 500 inpatients annually. In 2007, the hospital welcomed 859 new patients. Approximately 80 percent of the patients are from Hawaii.

Services to patients will not be interrupted during the construction of the new buildings. Medical staff will utilize parts of the existing building and a 400-square-foot mobile surgical unit, which includes a built-in generator, air conditioning,

water supply, plumbing, operating room and post-surgical recovery area.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is providing up to \$59 million for the project and hopes to raise more than \$14 million in donations from individuals and organizations in the Hawaiian Islands and across the Pacific Rim.

The Honolulu Shriners Hospital was the second hospital to be established in the Shriners Hospitals for Children system. It first opened in 1923, while operating out of a wing of the Kauaikeolani Children's Hospital in Liliha. The facility was moved to a mansion on Punahou Street in 1930, where it remained until the mansion was torn down and the current facility was built on the same site in 1964.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a one-of-a-kind international health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing specialty pediatric care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs.

Children up to age 18 with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for admission and receive all care in a family-centered environment at no charge – regardless of financial need. Shriners Hospitals relies on the generosity of donors to deliver this mission every day.



Above is a rendering of the new Honolulu Shriners Hospital, scheduled for completion by June 2010. The hospital will offer the latest medical equipment and services in its specialty fields.



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Shrine Club of Southeastern Mass

THE Shrine Club of Southeastern Massachusetts made up one hundred stocking stuffers just before Christmas. A half dozen members met and put together fruits, candies, toys and other merchandise donated by local merchants and Shrine members.

A few days later they brought all the goodies to the Schwartz Children's Center in Dartmouth along with Santa and passed out the stockings to the children. The look on the faces of the children was worthwhile of all the time and expense.

During the Holiday Season some members also manned kettles for the Salvation Army. The members of the Southeastern Mass Shrine Club have done this for many years.



Shriners' Doctors Pick Young Guam Patients

THE STAR-BULLETIN - HONOLULU
Appended By HERMES BOYATIS

ABOUT 30 children on Guam have been added to the waiting list for surgery at Shriners Hospitals for Children in Honolulu after an evaluation by two of Shriners' pediatric orthopedic surgeons.

Drs. **Ellen Raney**, chief of staff, and **Craig Ono**, assistant chief of staff, recently examined 500 children with orthopedic problems in a biannual outreach clinic.

Besides those needing surgery, more than 30 children will be fitted for orthopedic back and leg braces on Guam by a Shriners orthopedic specialist, the hospital reported in a news release.

On the recent visit, Raney said, "We noticed a significant increase in the number of children with severe needs and serious orthopaedic problems."

"Although we are not sure what factors contribute to this increase, we get the feeling that we're only seeing the tip of the iceberg."

Shriners Hospital in Honolulu conducts clinics on the neighbor islands and throughout the Pacific, which gives children under age 18 an opportunity to receive free orthopedic, spinal-cord injury and post-burn care, regardless of financial resources or relationship to a Shriners.

About 80 percent of patients are from Hawaii and the others from the Pacific Rim, found mostly through outreach clinics. The Shriners Fraternity covers transportation costs for patients and their families to and from the hospital in Honolulu.

Shriners' Honolulu hospital also treats Hawaii and Pacific Rim children for post-burn injuries. In recognition of Burn Awareness Week this week, Shriners Hospitals are kicking off a year-long campaign to prevent gasoline burn injuries.

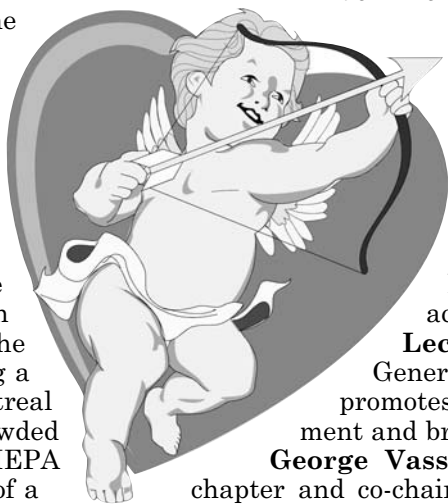
Valentine's Ball at Montreal!

THE NATIONAL HERALD
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ON Valentine's Day, February 14, our Shriners and friends expressed their heart-filled love for disabled little ones and others everywhere. The Greek members of AHEPA (American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association) held their ball on February 9.

Announced in English edition of the Greek National Herald was word that the AHEPA Chapter in Montreal had kicked off its campaign for local children's causes through its annual Valentine's dance.

Specifically, the Valentine's Ball has, over the past three years, already raised \$126,000 for the Shriners' Hospital for Children in Montreal. The Shriners are in the process of planning and constructing a new state of the art facility in Montreal to replace the outdated and overcrowded building they currently occupy. AHEPA has pledged to finance the creation of a school within the new hospital at a cost of approximately \$250,000 (the new facility will be built alongside the McGill University Health Center). One of North America's foremost centers in the area of musculoskeletal ailments including brittle bone disease, the hospital attracts patients from around the globe and has won acclaim for



treating all patients free of charge.

This year, the members of the chapter decided to expand the scope of the fundraiser by adding Giant Steps School to the event. An educational and therapeutic centre for children with Autistic Syndrome Disorders (ASD), Giant Steps has, much like the Shriners' Hospital in the

area of bone disease, developed a well deserved reputation for excellence in the treatment and education of children with autism related disorders. "At Giant Steps, the child living with autism is the central interest of the school, the catalyst behind all decisions and actions," says **Jocelyn Lecompte**, MD and Director General of the school. "Our staff promotes his welfare, his development and brings support to his family."

George Vassilas, past president of the chapter and co-chair of the event, stressed the principles that created AHEPA are what make the Ball a success every year. "By extending a helping hand to our neighbors in the greater Montreal community, the AHEPA family's goal is to perform a philanthropic act rooted in Hellenic ideals and values. Our goal is to surpass our previous year's fundraising totals."