

Equitable Cooperative Bank Donates \$10K to Children's Transportation Fund in Memory of James G. Perkins, Jr.

DONALD H. Smith, Jr. President/CEO of Equitable Cooperative Bank, Lynn, Massachusetts recently presented Illustrious Sir **Richard A. Doherty**, a check in the amount of Ten Thousand dollars for the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund in Memory of Arab Patrol Major Emeritus **James G. Perkins Jr.**

Jim was an integral part of Equitable Bank for over 40 years, joining in 1964 as Assistant Treasurer and being elected as a Director at that time. He became President/CEO in 1971 and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1995. He remained as a Director serving as Chairman of the Board until 2005. Prior to his Passing he was elected as a Corporator of Equitable Bank's new mutual holding company. During his tenure he served as president of the Massachusetts Co-operative Bank League, also as director and vice chairman of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston. In addition to the Aleppo Shrine, Jim served many charitable and community organizations including the Lynn Rotary Club, Lynn Area Chamber of Commerce and the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army.

Noble Jim was a forty seven year member of Aleppo Shrine, and rose through the ranks of the Arab Patrol to serve as Major/Commanding officer. He was a recipient of the Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr. Medal, the highest honor in Aleppo for distinguished service, and the Stanley Fielding Maxwell Award for outstanding service in Masonry..

Attending the presentation was, Assistant Rabban **Theodore Polanski**, Lady **Phyllis Perkins**, her daughters **Pamela Mae Kipp**, and **Janet Ruth White**, Major **James I. Starratt**, and Lady **Delores**, and Patrolman **Paul M. Starratt**.



Former Patient Tells Her Touching Story

From THE SHRINE VINE

WHEN you look at **Katherine MacDonald**, her scars are barely visible, overtaken by her beauty and personality. She humbly smiles as she credits her strength and confidence to Shriners Hospitals for Children – Boston. When she was only five years old, Katherine MacDonald was living on an Air Force base in North Dakota when her nightgown caught fire from a gas stove. Kathy was placed in a military hospital for four to five months, where she was not able to receive the proper treatment she needed. Her grandfather had heard of Shriners Hospitals for Children – Boston, and soon her dad was able to transfer to a New England air force base so that Kathy could receive the treatment she needed here in Boston. She remained a patient of the hospital until she was 21 years old.



Kathy describes her arrival at Boston Shriners Hospitals as warm and inviting; her fondest memories are of playing with the other children and patients, and of the kindness of the volunteers. She says she doesn't remember much about her time here, but she remembers it being a positive experience, one that pushed out all the bad memories from her accident. She does remember her doctors and therapists encouraging her to get out of bed, pushing her to get up and move about the hospital. Their persistence, along with the support of her family, made her step out of her comfort zone, and become the confident and assertive woman she is today.

Kathy's most memorable experience at Shriners Hospitals for Children – Boston involves **David Nichols** and the make-up clinic. While volunteering in the make-up clinic, MacDonald was able to develop a skill set that would prove to be extremely beneficial. Nichols became a mentor and idol to MacDonald, and he continued to

guide her through the industry. After going to school to become a paralegal, MacDonald felt like she could do more and make a difference for others, while also giving back to burn survivors by helping improve their self-confidence using the skills she developed under mentor **David Nichols**. She started doing wedding make-up for friends and then went to skin care school to further her education. Five years ago, she took the brave step of opening **Beleza Salon and Spa** in Chelmsford Massachusetts and also developed her own cosmetic line called **KMac Cosmetics**. She tears up as she looks back at her accomplishments over the last five years. When asked to give advice to young patients today, she says "Always go after your dream." That is exactly what MacDonald did and she could not be happier.

Beleza Salon and Spa is very involved in the community and supports local charities. This year, MacDonald's staff asked where she would like to give back to during the holiday season. Of course, she answered with Shriners Hospitals for Children – Boston. Along with her staff and clients, MacDonald collected iTunes gift cards and other gifts to bring to patients. It was her way of giving back to the place that ultimately changed her life.

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The unfortunate demise of the Nobles above was notified to the Aleppo Recorder's office since the last publication. Their families and friends are in our prayers.

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