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## 3rd Annual Beja Shrine Masonic Picnic

At Bay Beach Amusement Park Saturday, August 17th, 2024 10:30am - ??

See Inside for More Details!





## Join us on Sunday, August 25th, 2024

See inside for more details! In Memory of: Dr. John Ottum, PP BEJA SHRINERS 22ND ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

## JULY 16TH, 2024

Beja Shriners is proud to have hosted the John Ottum Memorial Golf Outing for over twenty years. It is held on the third Tuesday in July to benefit the Beja Shriners Hospital Transportation Fund. The Fund was established to cover the costs incurred to transport children and their parent or guardian to a Shriners Children's facility. Volunteers freely give countless hours of their time providing transportation to and from doctor's visits.

The 2024 outing will be held on July 16, 2024, at Royal St Patrick's Golf Links in Wrightstown, Wisconsin. Photos from the 2023 event can be found on our Facebook pages, Beja Shriners and Beja Shriners Charity Golf Outing.

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John R. Martinez*
Hobart De Caster *
Donald C. Wiggins *
Bruce J. Carlton *
Charles Awen*
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Robert Squires *
William Asmus *
A. Wayne Paschke *
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Fred Beyer
John M. Derenne *
Dennis Korth

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	Mike Belanger
	James VanDeHey
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	John Van Lanen
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	* Deceased





Hello to all!

We had a great pie auction on June 5th, with over \$5000 raised for the new floor at Beja.

We look forward to the summer for all the great events of Beja.

• The Golf Outing on Tuesday, July 16th.

 $\bullet$  The MSA is August 7th through the 10th is in LaCrosse,, WI.

• The Beja Picnic at Bay Beach is welcome to all on August 17th.

• The Beja car show is August 25th.

We look forward to a great summer of fun and fellowship.

Sincerely, Elizabeth Melchert



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Greetings Nobles, Ladies, Family and Friends of Beja,

#### Mid-way:

As we are nearing our halfway mark, we hope everyone has enjoyed participating in the various events we have put on being the leaders of Beja. Such as the GB Gamblers Hockey

game, the East West Shrine Bowl watch party, the Super Bowl watch party, the Bobby Allen Show 2x, throwing darts for a drink, buying raffle tickets for various prizes, winning a free meal, attend early for a free beverage, the free brats and burgers and the Hillbilly open event at Beja. Our goal was and is to get the Nobility, Ladies, family and friends involved at Beja Having Fun Helping Kids and of course Rocking the Fez!

#### Introducing Outsiders to the Beja Shrine:

Lady Elizabeth and I, our goal during our year is to spread the word and introduce new people to the Beja Shrine and what Shriners do to help kids. Such as our photographer Sherry, Jessica the head band maker, Rob the t-rat owner, Speaker Dave Schoeder from WBAY Sports our waitresses Jess (Stadium View) and Brandy (Mark's Eastside) who also made and donated a pie for our pie auction. Along with buying circus tickets the Meade Street Bistro made a key lime pie and donated for our pie auction. Plus, all of the above-mentioned have young children.

Jody and the employees at Tipsy Tomato and the staff at Wenzel's in Manitowoc, WI for hosting our Bobby Allen fundraising events. Thank you for your Shrine leadership, **AR Tim and Lady Joy**, for arranging these two events.

#### Excellent Communication at Beja by Vicki and Gary:

Read the weekly e-bugler or the monthly Beja Bugler for all current happenings around Beja. Thank you, **Vicki and Gary**, for keeping all of Beja informed, it makes everyone's job easier. That is greatly appreciated and what great leadership by our Beja media staff.

#### DeMolay with Sarah and Nancy:

A very big Thank you goes out to **Sarah and Nancy** for the wonderful food service we receive serving us at our monthly meals. You guys' Rock the Fez! A delicious display of kitchen leadership!

Continued in next column

#### Onions by OG Mike Moen:

How about those sweet tasting Vidalia onions! Thank you, onion chairman **Mike Moen**, on your hard work organizing this event and for your awesome leadership you display. And thank you **Ann Mumm** for helping others pick-up onions during the week displaying your office leadership skills.

#### Bar:

Thank you, **Chief Aid Charlie**, for your leadership and the time and effort that you put in around Beja. Charlie is running a green light 24/7.

#### Tom & Elizabeth's Monthly Meal Planning:

I love to cook so planning and working in the kitchen area is a big plus for me. It brings back wonderful memories as a Boy Scout cooking over an open campfire. Did someone say smores? Several people asked us where we got the BBQ ribs? From Gordons, they are the Butchers Prime Fully Cooked Buffet Pork Ribs with BBQ sauce.

Thank you, **AR Tim and Lady Joy**, for helping me set up the food and kitchen area ahead of time.

## Chicago Children's Hospital Fundraiser at the Tipsy Tomato:

Bobby Allen played at the Tipsy Tomato in Manitowoc WI. AR Tim & Joy Thiers, new Noble Mike Havlinek, Lady Judy Pauli and I enjoyed the show. For those attending and who donated tip money to Bobby for the Chicago Children's Hospital were entered into a raffle for an East/West Football and a Fezzy the bear. Owner of the Tipsy Tomato Jody also received a bear which proudly sits for all bar patrons to see. I tip my hat at AR Tim and Lady Joy as they spread the word about what Shriners do.

**Did you know Lady Judy Pauli's husband Dennis Pauli** was on the Board of Governors Chicago Hospital for 10 years? **Judy** was a very active spouse and attended just about every single monthly board meeting with Dennis. That is dedication to the Shriners. In part Judy showed leadership for others to follow in her footsteps. **Judy's son Kent Pauli** is also a 2x Past Potentate of Beja.

#### Fezzy the Bear to the Schrock family.

I asked Mr. & Mrs. Schrock at the circus if their 7 kids could accept Fezzy bears. And with a big smile they said yes! So, **Illustrious Sir PP John Sage** delivered 7 fezzy bears to the Schrock family. Thank you, Illustrious Sir, for making that happen. No matter the cost, giving something to others is a wonderful feeling.

#### Circus 2024:

Just so everyone understands **Brad**, **Dennis and I** recapped the 2024 circus with PMI on two different days.

Plus, **Brad and I** met a couple more times so we could prepare a report for the elected Divan meeting. It was mentioned by PMI that the kid's tickets did not get delivered to the schools in the Green Bay area. That was Beja's responsibility to do. I know it was discussed and no one took the leadership to deliver them. Especially if you live in the Green Bay area. In past years the Carden Circus delivered them and handed out to the kids. Employees of PMI with children said this is the first year that their children did not come home with circus tickets.

#### Free Brats & Burgers:

Masons #349 recently held a brat and burger cookout at the Festival Foods on Northland in Appleton. The Appleton Police and the Appleton Fire Department were invited to stop in and have lunch. We had 2 Appleton police officers; 3 Appleton firemen and 1 USPS worker. The brothers did a very good job talking about Mason's and Shriners.

#### Tripoli Potentates Ball:

Elizabeth and I enjoyed a wonderful time at Tripoli celebrating with our friends **Illustrious Sir Gerry Arnholt** and Lady Diane at their 2024 Potentates' Ball. The prime rib dinner was the best I ever had.

#### Beja Golf Tuesday July 16:

The John Ottum Memorial Beja golf outing is held every year at the same time. So, I will ask: Elected Divan, Appointed Divan, Appointed Officers, Trustees, Past Potentates, Hospital Committee and Nobility <u>did you</u> <u>plan ahead? Are you attending? Did you promote this</u> <u>event with your friends, family and at your place of</u> <u>work?</u> Be a leader and take the day off or a half day off of work and support your John Ottum Memorial Beja golf outing. Even if you don't golf come on out and support us Having Fun Helping Kids. Support comes in many ways. Buy some raffle tickets and enjoy a delicious pasta meal. It's a win-win for all!

#### **Beja Golf Support:**

I'm breaking out the golf clubs and golfing this year to support Having Fun Helping Kids. My golf group will consist of **PP Zor's Rocking Rodney LaBlanc, Tripoli's Potentate Gerry Arnholt,** and as my guest Kelly Miller from the Chicago Hospital.

#### Traveling to Chicago BOG May Meeting:

I went traveling again to Chicago with my friend and counterpart **Illustrious Sir Gerry Arnholt** Tripoli Shrine as we visited the Chicago Hospital May 27th & 28th and attended the BOG meeting. The Potentates of a Shrine Temple are welcome to visit and sit in on the boards monthly meeting. Gerry and I received recognition for attending the meeting as the Chairman voiced for more Shrine Potentates to attend.

#### Chicago Hospital Challenge Coin \$20.00

A beautiful looking challenge coin is being sold for \$20.00. It's a fundraiser raising funds to cut the cost of sending a Chicago patient ambassador to the Shriner Golf outing held in Las Vegas in October 2024.

#### Parade Season 2024:

Please be safe traveling to from participating in the 2024 parades. And thank you for Having Fun Helping Kids!

#### New at Beja:

We have begun collecting all metals such as aluminum cans. If you live in the Green Bay Area, you can drop off at the Bay Beach Recyling and tell them this is for charity for the Beja Shrine. You will receive a receipt and payment. Please turn in the receipt and payment to Ann.

#### Who collects the can tabs?

Beja is collecting them, just bring them in and give them to **Ann.** 

#### Tripoli Shrine Brewer Game June 2nd

Thank you, Tripoli, and Illustrious Sir Gerry & Lady Diane Arnholt as we enjoyed delicious food and beverages at the Tripoli Shrine. The Brewers won 6-3 over the White Sox. Thank you for inviting Beja, we had a very memorable time.

#### NFL Draft 2025

As we have speculators searching is there anything we can do to capitalize on the Packers hosting the 2025 draft. My thoughts are I'm guessing that PMI, Resch Center and the Packers will be asking for paid volunteers to work at the event. If you follow them, you will know the circumstances about volunteering. As an example, **AR Tim, Joy, PP John S, Noble Deen Oscarson** and I volunteered and donated the proceeds to Beja last year. So, let's watch and maybe volunteering at the event will help us with some funds. Of course, that may mean taking a day off of work to be part of the team Beja.

#### **Successful Pie Auction 2024**

The Beja Pie Auction was very successful and thank you for your donations of goodies and to the successful bidders who really went overboard supporting the cause. As of this writing the approximate total earned is \$4,645.00 plus, we need to add in the sale of the onions and cribbage boards. Thank you, Bidders! Rocking the Fez! The money earned has been designated to our Beja floor project.

#### **Rusty and Teddie**

Some wonderful memories were made for Beja when a freezer, beer kegerator, 3 glass tables and chairs were donated by **Illustrious Sir Rusty and Lady Teddie.** Thank you for silently supporting the Beja Shrine.

#### Hard working Jeff Andersen

Is an outstanding Facility Manager. Thank you for your persistence, determination and the correct attitude working to keep Beja in tip top shape.

#### Chef Craig & Justine Laes

Thank you for grilling and leading by example.

Elizabeth and I want to say thanks for the messages and phone calls of support that we receive from fellow Nobles and Ladies on how we are leading Beja and the fun you are having.

#### Upcoming Beja Events:

July 1st - 4th Imperial session Reno, NV July 16th John Ottum Golf Outing

Fraternally, Ill. Sír Tom Pflugardt Beja Potentate 2024

Celebrate Independance Day!



Zor AR Steve Livernash, Lady Kory and PP Dennis Korth



Nobles at the Green Bay Blizzard game

# **ACHIEVING HER DREAMS!**

## Shriners Children's Chicago helps create real-life Cinderella story

For most teenagers being voted queen would be the memory they carry forward from senior prom. But Jennessa, 17, from eastern Iowa, will also remember her shoes thanks to care she received at Shriners Children's Chicago. The teen was able to wear the cute sneakers she hoped for when a childhood orthopedic condition threatened her footwear goals.

Pediatric orthopedic surgeons treated Jennessa for macrodactyly as a child, a condition where the toes and foot may develop bigger. In



2023, she returned to Shriners Children's with a new goal, to wear sneakers at prom.

Six months before the dance. Clark Schierle, M.D., Ph.D., used liposuction to remove extra tissue on her the foot. However, a rare infection put her fairy tale moment at risk. The team performed several procedures leading to successful skin graft. Jennessa was able to wear white sneakers to prom and was even crowned Prom Queen. "I remember receiving a text that night in April and seeing pictures from prom. I was sobbing in my kitchen tears of joy thinking this is why Shriners Children's is amazing!" said Dr. Schierle.



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Potentate's Ball 2024

Lady Elizabeth and Ill<mark>ustriou</mark>s Sir Tom Pflugardt will be **hosting** the Potentate's Ball at their home.

Please Join us on Saturday, September 28th, 2024 From 3:00pm till 8:00pm

## 5633 N Rosemary Drive Appleton WI 54913

Casual Dress: Guys - Please wear a Shriner shirt and your Fez Ladies - Your choice for attire

Dinner – Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Shrimp, Cheese plate, Veggie plate, other sides, dessert.

Beverages - Red and White Wines, Spotted Cow, Bud Light, soda and bottled water.

> Gift baskets will be raffled off Throughout the evening.

## Cost - \$15.00 per person

RSVP to Ann at Beja Shrine By September 21st, 2024 (920) 498-1985 or bejashrine@new.rr.com



#### WGA4KIDS Beja Shrine Chapter

Beja Family

Greetings from the Beja Chapter of WGA4KIDS. Our group meets quarterly. Our

next meeting will be at Beja on September 14th. We will be meeting at 9:00am with breakfast pastries being provided. Our meetings are typically one hour long.

Ann, Shirley and I attended the annual WGA4KIDS meeting in Minneapolis. We got a lot of information and ideas for moving forward as a new group. We raffled off three themed baskets raising \$680 for the group. Gene also held a moonshine tasting event at winter MSA raising \$300. Beja Chapter WGA4KIDS presented a check to the wheelchair fund for \$1,000.

You too can help and have fun. Join our group, it's open to all including non Shriners, men and women, Make a donation to our chapter, bring in your pop tabs to Ann. All these efforts go to the wheelchair fund at Shriners Children's Twin Cities and for games and toys for our kids at the clinic in Woodbury.

Our chapter will be raising money working at the Resch Center on Wednesday, July 17th for a concert and Monday, July 22nd for a WWE wrestling event. If you are interested in helping please give me a call. 920-585-0993.

As a young group, we are still growing and need your help. If you have any questions, please feel free contacting one of our officers

Dawn Reece-President John VanLanen-Vice President Ann Mumm -Secretary Gene Reece-Treasurer

100 percent of what we do supports our kids at Shriners Children's Twin Cities. Last year WGA4KIDS donated over \$250,000 to purchase wheelchairs and adaptive equipment for our kids. Help us in this effort.

Sincerely Dawn Reece, President WGA4KIDS-Beja Chapter

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Our last message. Thank you very much to all that came to tell Dick their last good-by. Thank you for the many cards and gifts in his honor. He loved and was very proud to be a Shriner. He loved to be a Krazy Kop and he loved children. As he became more sick his goal was to get to the circus so he could welcome the kids. It was with the help of other Shriners he made it.

Sitting in the front seat of the jail and waving to everyone meant so much to him. Tho he will not be there in person, he will be there. For now he and Dale Schmidt and other Shriners gone before will be up in heaven checking to see that the Krazy Kops and their jail are doing ok in the parades. They are all missed.

Fraternally, Dick's proud wife Theda

## GREEN BAY SHRINE CLUB CRAIG LAES - PRESIDENT

The Green Bay Shrine Club meets every Friday at the Stadium View Bar and Grill located at 1963 Holmgren Way in Green Bay. Social time begins at 11:30am.

Hope to see you there!

Fraternally, Greg Habeck P.P., Sec. greglhabeck@gmail.com or 920-371-9050





7/1, Raymond Hutchinson 7/3, Oliver Tuell 7/4, William Gallagher 7/4, Joel Stephens 7/5, Curtis Kjendalen 7/6, James L. Slezak 7/7, Kevin Coonen 7/9. Tom Pinnev 7/11, Greg Habeck 7/11, Michael Havlinek 7/12. William Hesser 7/13, Roger Thario 7/13, Tim Thiers 7/13, Donald Uher 7/14, John Raley 7/15, Eli Harris 7/15, Jeffrey Smoczyk 7/15, James Stanton 7/16, Tom Marguardt

7/16, Scott Maxon 7/17, Tony Pool 7/18, James Felda 7/19, Raymond Pirus 7/19, Gary Taylor 7/20, Jim Clark 7/20, Gerald Koudelka 7/21, Christopher Burklund 7/22, Tom Steffen 7/24. Matt Alberts 7/24, Jay Herbst 7/28, John Ambrose 7/28, John Huss 7/30, Lawrence Scharnell 7/31. Karl Bushaw 7/31, Mark Norville 7/31, Nate Smith 7/31, Jeff VanStraten

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are placed in a room and have to use elements of the room to solve a series of puzzles and escape within a set time limit.

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Masonic Picnic at Bay Beach ADMISSION IS ONLY \$10.00. BRING A DISH TO PASS OPEN TO ALL MASONS AND THEIR FAMILIES Call Ann at Beja to RSVP or bejapicnic@gmail.com by August 10th, 2024 (920) 498-1985

In Memoriam

Of our beloved Brethren who have carried on to a new and more glorious life. We carry their memory in our hearts and their influence in our lives. They are remembered.

> Richard Andres 5/23/24 Appleton, WI



<u>July 6th</u> - Manawa Rodeo Parade-Krazy Kops, SuperTryke, Vets

<u>July 20th</u> - Winneconne Sovereign State Days Parade -Krazy Kops, Vets

July 21 - Pulaski Polka Days Parade- Vets

Happy 4th of July!



The Northwoods Shrine Club February meeting at McNaughton Pub & Grill was a very special and meaningful meeting. Our Shrine Club got to meet Kyah and her mother Michelle.

#### Our meeting schedule for the 2024 year: Camels Milk at 5:30pm • Dinner/Meeting at 6:30pm

July 20th, PICNIC AT RIVER VIEW PARK, Eagle River Across Hwy 45 from River Stone

August 15th, HOLIDAY ACRES 4060 S Shore Drive, Rhinelander, WI

September 19th, NORWOOD PINES 10171 WI 70, Minocqua, WI

October 17th, KICKBACK GRILL 10171 WI 70, Minocqua, WI <u>November 14th,</u> HILLSIDE RESORT 2474 S Shore Rd., Phelps, WI

December 12th, ERIN'S PUB N' GRUB 933 N Railroad St,., Eagle River, WI

January 11th, CHRISTMAS PARTY AT EAGLE WATERS 3958 Eagle Waters Road, Eagle River, WI

Fraternally, Bob Smith, President 715-360-2390

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Thanks to everyone who purchased our sweet Vidalia onions this year during our fundraiser. Beja did even better than last year with sales. I hope that trend continues. Congratulations to Brenda Vander Zanden, Dick Andres and Brad Ottum for again being the top 3 sellers! We only had 2 bags left which were donated to a local food pantry. THANKS EVERYONE!

Next year we will be selling the delicious Vidalia onion dressing. It was available at the past Wednesday dinner and was well received by everyone! Hope you had a taste. Speaking of which thanks to all who participated in the Pie Auction! This year we broke the last sales record. More importantly everyone had a great time!

Thanks to all the units who participated in the Appleton Flag Day parade. The weather threatened all morning but the sun actually came out for us! There were a surprising number of people who showed up with the threatening weather and best of all lots of kids!

Please take a moment of silence to remember one of our own who recently passed away. All of our hearts and prayers go out to Theda Andres and the entire family. Dick will be greatly missed by all Shriners near and far.\*

Fraternally, Míke Moen, Oríental Guíde



Welcome Nobles and Ladies,

The Appleton Shrine Club meets every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month at Mark's Eastside starting at 11:30am (order off the menu).

Mark's Eastside continues to support Beja by purchasing 500lbs of the Vidalia sweet onions. Thank you, Alex, for your continued support.

Fraternally, Greg Scanlon, President Tom Pflugardt, Vice President Dennis Korth, Treasurer



Beja Shriners Golf Outing In Memory of Dr. John Ottum

22<sup>nd</sup> Annual



## Join us on July 16, 2024

Royal St. Patrick's Golf Links 201 Royal Saint Pat's Drive, Wrightstown, WI 9 AM – Registration "4 Man Scramble" 10:00 AM – Shot Gun Start All Golfers Welcome – Collared Shirts Required \$125 per person includes 18 Holes with cart, Photo, 2 drink tickets, lunch provided & Little Italy Pasta Bar Buffet for Dinner. \$25 per person dinner only – 4:00 PM



## All Proceeds Benefit Shriners Hospital for Children!

Registration (space limited)	Hosted By Beja Shriners, Green Bay
Name:	Golf Package: No. of PersonsX \$125 = \$
Address:State:Zip: City:State:Zip:	<ul> <li>Phone Number:</li></ul>
	Make Checks Payable to: Beja Shrine     Mail To: Beja Shriners     1950 Bond Street     Green Bay, WI 54303



At Bay Beach Amusement Park 1313 Bay Beach Road Green Bay WI 54301 Shelter No. 3

Saturday, August 17th, 2024 10:30am - ??

ADMISSION IS ONLY \$10.00 CHILDREN UNDER 7 ARE FREE ADMISSION INCLUDES FREE RIDE TICKETS FOR THE KIDS, FOOD, BEVERAGES, SUN, FUN AND GAMES, AND MASONIC FELLOWSHIP OPEN TO ALL MASONS AND THEIR FAMILIES

BRING A DISH TO PASS AND MAYBE A FRIEND INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MASON. WE WILL HAVE A PETITION AVAILABLE FOR HIM.

> WE NEED A ACCURATE COUNT FOR FOOD AND BEVERAGES PLEASE RSVP TO BEJAPICNIC@GMAIL.COM

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### Important Reminder: Sensitivity in Fundraising Efforts

I wanted to take a moment to address an important matter concerning fundraising activities.

Recently, a letter to the editor in a local newspaper highlighted concerns over a Shrine Club's decision to raffle an AR-15 rifle. The individual expressed strong objections to this choice, citing the negative connotations and historical associations of the AR-15. They suggested that it might not be the most appropriate item for fundraising, especially for an organization like ours.

In light of this feedback, it is crucial for us to be mindful of the appearance and public perception of our fundraising efforts. To ensure our activities are well-received and align with the values of our community, I encourage everyone to consider the following guidelines:

• Conduct Thorough Research: Before finalizing any item for fundraising, research its public perception and any associated controversies. This can help us avoid selecting items that could be seen as insensitive or inappropriate.

• Alternative Options: Consider selecting items that have broad appeal and are less likely to be contentious. Items related to community services, local artisans, or unique experiences can often generate interest without the risk of negative associations.

• Clear Communication: Clearly communicate the purpose and impact of our fundraising efforts, emphasizing the positive outcomes and community benefits. This can help mitigate any concerns by highlighting our commitment to making a positive difference.

By taking these steps, we can enhance the effectiveness of our fundraising campaigns while maintaining a positive reputation within the community.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Let's work together to uphold the values and reputation of Beja Shriners and continue making a positive impact in our community.

#### Gary Fehl Marketing and Communications



## Shriners Children's Opens Outpatient Clinic in Guadalajara, Mexico



Shriners Children's has opened a new outpatient clinic in Guadalajara, Mexico – the fourth clinic to open in the country. Conveniently located inside the reputable Hospital Angeles del Carmen, the clinic will provide muchneeded pediatric orthopedic care to children from Jalisco and surrounding states, eliminating costly, timeconsuming travel to Shriners Children's Mexico in Mexico City.

"This is an enormous advancement for Shriners Children's in Mexico," said clinic manager Omar Cardenas Magaña, M.D. "Providing care regardless of a family's ability to pay will make a big difference in the lives of these children."

Local dignitaries, media, Patient Ambassadors and Shriners from across Mexico and beyond attended the news conference and ribbon-cutting ceremony before touring the brand new facility. In their remarks to the audience and local media, Briana and Juan Pablo, both Patient Ambassadors from Guadalajara, expressed gratitude to Shriners Children's for helping them heal and pursue their dreams.

"When I was 2 years old, I was in a car accident and lost my right leg and part of my left foot," Briana told the overflow crowd. "When I was 4 years old, I became a patient at Shriners Children's Mexico. Through many surgeries, physical therapy and prosthetics they helped me become a decorated para-athlete, winning many international swimming competitions."

In addition to a large, freestanding hospital in Mexico City, Shriners Children's now has outpatient clinics in Tijuana, Monterrey, Culiacán and Guadalajara. Plans are underway to construct a fifth clinic in the northern city of Chihuahua later this year. Adding new access points is part of Shriners Children's international strategy to care for more children in more places, closer to their homes.



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Hello, I hope everyone is finally enjoying the warm weather. As we look forward to summer and making plans for the fun events that will surely come with the warmer weather. As I've stated before that is also one of the things that happens in the youth groups. They will have several different events happening over the summer that will sometimes be a once a year event. I will admit that I started this article while out of town attending Grand Lodge in Madison. I may have covered some of these ideas before in an article. If I did, I am sorry.

Green Bay Chapter Order of DeMolay would like to say thank you again to the Shrine for having the opportunity to serve their dinners. They are looking forward to taking a break this summer as the building will not be available because of some of the work projects that are being planned. They will still be meeting probably staying in contact with email for some fun events. The Chapter will also be attending the yearly convention that was once known by some of you as Conclave it will be held here in Green Bay at UWGB. I would like to also announce if I did not before congratulations to some of the members of the chapter. Brother Jorun and Brother Caleb are both going to be serving the state in a new office come July. Congratulations.

Bethel 32 Job's Daughters is also going to be doing some different things this summer. As stated before, they will not be able to use the building and will continue to be creative in some of their meetings and activities. As always feel free to contact a member if you want more information. The Bethel would like to congratulate the new adult leadership that was elected at Grand Sessions that happened recently. The Bethel will also be looking forward to Jobie Jamboree later this summer where they will be electing the new state youth officers.

I would like to once again as I say each month. Thank you for supporting the youth in all that you do. If that is attending a meeting, participating in one of their fundraisers, or perhaps, referring a young youth to one of the groups to become a participant. Thank you.

Fraternally, Charles Clarage Youth Committee Chairman

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Greetings from Supreme Session in Boise, ID!!

Past Queen Terry and I attended a full week of meetings, sessions, dinners, and even a "beach party". The supreme committees have been working all year on membership and solutions to the decline in the membership. They have presented a BETA program for a year that may be the silver lining we have been hoping for. Listening sessions, surveys, and some good common sense have all been involved in this big change. More to come in a very near future! Lots of excitement going on! We heard two youth speakers that Shriners helped with life-changing and Hope filled dreams the Shriners provide . Daughters Of The Nile, are so blessed to be working with the Shriners in their fantastic philanthropy -the Shriners kids!

Speaking of excitement, won't it be fun and exciting to see the changes at Beja center?

We will be meeting at Appleton July 28th for our double meeting, and August in Sturgeon Bay for our Supreme Queen' visit. We would invite any Ladies of our Shrine and Masons to come alongside us in our mission of helping children. Belonging to an organization like the Daughters Of The Nile, Masons, or Shriners, gives us a united cause and a fraternal love for each other.

Please join us at our Fran Bagley second annual golf scramble, September 7th. This is our major fundraiser for the year. Please contact me as Golf chairman or Past Queen Sarah Mobroten as our Princess Recorder. We would welcome you to Golf or Volunteer the day of our outing. We have lots of opportunities for you.

Below are two QR codes to donate to the Golf Scramble!



Financial Support QR Code

Nile Love, Mariellen Haen, Queen



Golfer Registration QR Code

## Important Notice to All Contributors:

As part of our ongoing efforts to maintain a consistent and professional image for Beja events, we are implementing a new policy regarding advertising materials.

Effective immediately, all advertising and promotional materials, including flyers, posters, and digital ads, must be submitted to our marketing team for proofreading and approval before distribution.

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2. Include all relevant event details and any specific requests.

3. Allow up to 48 hours for our team to review and provide feedback.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in this matter. By working together, we can ensure that all Beja events are represented in the best possible light.

Thank you for your attention to this important update. Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact our marketing team.

Gary Fehl, Marketing and Communications



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Greetings all!

The Peninsula Shrine Club will be meeting July 9th at Sonny's Italian Restaurant & Pizzeria in Sturgeon Bay. We meet at 5:00pm and order off the menu at 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome to join us, just let me know so I can let them know what to expect.

Fraternally, Greg Habeck, Secretary / Treasurer greglhabeck@gmail.com or (920) 371-9050



The Summer 2024 edition of Shriner Magazine: Pride and Tradition is set to hit mailboxes soon! Contained within the covers, you'll find stories about Shriner pirates, Rose Parade float decorating volunteer opportunities, important healthcare system updates and a preview of the upcoming Imperial Session in Reno, Nevada. If you aren't reading Shriner Magazine, you're missing out on content specifically for you, our Nobles and Ladies!



Beja Shriners cooking at the airport concert with field coordinator Jeff & Stephanie Andersen, Lady Teddie Mitchell, Brother Grill Master Josh Hayden, Noble Lyle Buettner, PP Dennis Korth and Grill Master Potentate Thomas Pflugardt.



Embracing Brotherhood: The Significance of Shrine Membership

As members of the Beja Shriners, we are part of a storied tradition that transcends generations, fostering a unique sense of brotherhood, philanthropy, and community service. Shrine membership is not just about donning the iconic fez or participating in our colorful parades; it's about being part of a mission that positively impacts countless lives.

Shriners International is renowned for its dedication to supporting Shriners Hospitals for Children, providing specialized care for pediatric orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate. Through our collective efforts, we ensure that these world-class services are available to children, regardless of their families' ability to pay. Every member of the Beja Shriners plays a crucial role in this noble mission.

One of the most rewarding aspects of Shrine membership is the deep and lasting friendships that develop within our ranks. As we come together for meetings, events, and philanthropic activities, we forge bonds that go beyond mere acquaintance. These friendships are built on shared values, mutual respect, and a common goal of making the world a better place.

Membership in the Shriners offers numerous opportunities for personal growth and development. From leadership roles within our organization to participating in community outreach programs, members can enhance their skills, gain new experiences, and grow both personally and professionally. Being a Shriner means being part of something greater than oneself and continuously striving to be a better person.

The Beja Shriners are a vibrant and active part of our local community. Through parades, social events, and public engagements, we not only promote our philanthropic mission but also bring joy and entertainment to the public. Our visible presence serves as a reminder of the positive impact that dedicated individuals can have when united by a common cause.

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As we continue our journey, we are always eager to welcome new members into our fraternity. Our doors are open to those who seek to make a difference, enrich their lives, and become part of a legacy of compassion and service.

Becoming a Shriner means becoming part of a global network of men dedicated to brotherhood, service, and the welfare of children. If you know someone who would make a great addition to our fraternity, please reach out to them. Together, we can continue to uphold the principles and values that make the Beja Shriners a cornerstone of our community.

Thank you for being a part of this extraordinary journey. Let us move forward with enthusiasm and dedication, knowing that our combined efforts make a significant difference in the lives of many.

Your Membership Team

## **OCONTO** SHRINE CLUB

The Oconto County Shrine Club's next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 11th at Wouter's Front, 3171 School Ln, Suamico, WI 54313. Drinks and attitude adjustments at 6:00pm and dinner at 7:00pm. We hope you can join us.

Fraternally Yours, Níck Brosíg, Presídent Vernon Vander Leest, Secy/Treas.

## **Concert in Honor of OI Awareness Day**



Children who have a rare brittle bone disorder may have 30 to 40 fractures during childhood. To honor Wishbone Day. National Osteogenesis Imperfecta (OI) Awareness Day. Shriners Children's Chicago hosted a concert for OI patients

and their families. Local parish choirs provided a Disney music concert conducted by a former patient who has OI. Starlight Children's Foundation helped us provide Star Wars and Disney items for all the kids. Grown-ups joined in with mouse ears and yellow-themed t-shirts as well!



Congratulations to our dedicated research and medical staff for submitting an impressive eleven Shriners grant proposals. Notably, nine of these proposals were multicenter grants, fostering vital collaborations with Shriners facilities in Montreal, Northern California, Philadelphia, Portland, Lexington, Boston, Greenville, Mexico City, and Salt Lake City. These groundbreaking projects were largely inspired by insights from the recent Shriners Children's State of Research: Special Emphasis on Muscle and Bone Health event at Georgia Tech, Atlanta, Georgia. We are particularly excited about our continued collaboration with Georgia Tech, leveraging their pioneering technology in Artificial Intelligence and sensor development for sleep monitoring and activity tracking at home. A special thanks to Sahar Hassani, Dr. Karen Kruger, Dr. Joe Krzak, Adam Graf, Dr. Chad Purnell, Dr. Haluk Altiok, and Dr. Joseph Smith for their exemplary efforts, often working evenings and weekends to meet the deadline.

Additionally, we celebrate Dr. Kruger for securing her NIH grant with the University of Utah for her project on "Post-Surgical Form and Function of Planovalgus Foot Deformities in Patients with Cerebral Palsy." We wish her continued success in this significant endeavor.

Shriners Children's Chicago has recently garnered recognition at several prestigious national and international meetings. Kudos to Ben Smith for winning the best paper award in the Cranio/Maxillofacial category at the 2024 Midwest Association of Plastic Surgeons 62nd Annual Meeting for his outstanding paper, "Modeling the Effects of Orthognathic Surgery on Obstructive Sleep Apnea using Novel At-home Wearable Sensors."

We also extend our congratulations to Drs. Kathy Zebracki, Kyle Deane, Sue Mukherjee, Justine Stewart, Ali January, and Olivia Clark for their insightful presentations at the American Spinal Injury Association Conference, which highlighted their groundbreaking spinal cord injury research.

The Motion Analysis Centers have been steadfast collaborators in research for many years, recently publishing papers on clinical standards, machine learning, knee height asymmetry in biomechanics, and the use of fluoroscopy. Hats off to Drs. Karen Kruger, Haluk Altiok, Joseph Krzak, and Adam Graf for their remarkable contributions.

We are thrilled to report a significant increase in new patients this year, with a 30% rise in 2024 compared to 2023. From January to April 2023, we saw 1,437 patients; this year, the number has risen to 1,874.

Our dedicated fundraising efforts have enabled the Special Bikes for Special Kids program to acquire ten custom-adapted bikes this year. Since its establishment in 2011, recreational therapists have identified children who require specially adapted bikes. Families submit heartfelt letters requesting these bikes. Witnessing the joy on the faces of children as they receive bikes tailored to their specific needs truly demonstrates the program's positive impact.



At Shriners Children's Chicago, we prioritize welcoming new patients. If you know of a child who could benefit from our services, please encourage their family to reach out to us directly at (773) 385-KIDS (5437) or through the national referral number at (800) 237-5055.

John Sage PP - Member, SC-Chicago Board Gary Fehl - Member, SC-Chicago Board Ben Rodgers PP - Associate Member, SC-Chicago

### Helping Children through Motion Analysis



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> 7:00pm Order of Demolay	2 NO MEETING 5:00pm Trustee's 6:00pm Divan 6:30 pm Roosevelt	<b>3</b> NO Beja Shrine Meeting 5:00pm	<b>Independance</b> <b>Day</b> 7:00 pm Washington Lodge	5 11:30am Green Bay Shrine Club Meeting	Manawa Parade
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### **July 2024**

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