DESERT DUST
Your Potentate

Hello from Lady Charlotte and me.

WOW, we can’t believe that we are over halfway through the year. What a year it has been and continues to be the most rewarding thing that we have ever done. Our Clubs and Units continue to just amaze us.

Since the last issue of the Desert Dust, we again have been very busy. The 11th Annual Oasis Family Fun Day at the shores and grounds of the Red Fez Shrine Club on Fathers’ Day Weekend was another huge success. This event has become one of Oasis’ largest and most attended function through the years. We had a record number of people come out and enjoy all of the food both Friday night and Saturday afternoon. As usual, the 14 cooking teams outdid themselves. The kids enjoyed the fishing tournament Saturday morning and the water slides out front by the river. Once again, the Red Fez Shrine Club was looking great and all of its members really rolled out the red carpet for us. Many thanks to President Alan Marfin and his entire team who made this weekend such a wonderful event. Look for pictures and the list of winners for the cooking contest. Oasis members that prepared all of the food are all winners and deserve a big round of applause for all of their hard work to make this all possible. Many thanks to Illustrious Sir Todd Ham and Second Ceremonial Master Shea Fadel for all their hard work in putting this event together. I really don’t think that we could have squeezed another camper anywhere on the property. Thanks to everyone for coming out and making this another successful FFD.

Next stop was the Greenville Shriners Hospital on Friday June 22nd. The Lake Wylie Golf Classic Team presented a check for $135,000 to the hospital for the Halo Project. This money was raised from the golf tournament and silent auction held in April. Many thanks to this group of dedicated Nobles and Ladies who raise money for the Greenville hospital year after year. Thanks for all you do for the children.

That night on the 22nd, the Oasis Divan held a dinner at The Oasis Shrine Temple honoring several Past Potentates and their Ladies for all they have done for Oasis. We had a great evening of fellowship and the food was excellent. It is always great to visit with the Past Leaders of Oasis. It is because of their dedication to our fraternity that we enjoy all we have today. Thanks to all that attended.

On June 28th, I attended Lake Norman Shrine Club “Topless Car Show.” Now me, being a guy, I was looking forward to a “Topless” car show. Boy was I surprised, they meant convertibles! Just saying….They had a good turnout and lucky attendee won the 50/50 drawing which I think was around $175. There were some good looking cars present.

Some members of the Cabarrus Shrine Club and Red Fez Shrine Club attended the Lynyrd Skynyrd concert at the PNC center to raise money for Shriners Hospitals. There were about 30 members present and raised in the neighborhood of $6500. Thanks to all that attended this event. I heard that you really enjoyed the concert as well. Thanks to Noble Gary Yandle and his Lady Judy for taking charge of this event and making it such a huge success.

Next up, Fourth of July!!! This holiday brought many Units to local parades around the Oasis territory. Thanks to those who showed up to showcase you’re Units, but more importantly, Shrinedom in general. These parades are always well attended. It is great that we get to celebrate this holiday with so many neighbors and friends. What a great way to honor our country. I got to ride with the Dune Cats (four wheelers) in the Baxter parade along with the Oasis Band, Keystone Kops and Clowns. Dune Cat three wheelers were in Waxhaw for their parade.

Thanks to all of our members that took time away from their families to celebrate and share with the community.

Well as I am writing this, we are packing and leaving for the 144th Imperial Shrine Session in Daytona Beach. So until next time, keep doing all that you do to make Oasis number one in all we do. Enjoy your summer and possibly some vacation time with the family. Your Oasis TEAM 2018 is here for you. We thank you for the opportunity to serve the members of Oasis this year.

Yours in the Faith
John and Charlotte

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Greetings, Friends of Oasis Shriners,

Hot! Hot! Hot! Oh, the middle of summer in North Carolina, ain’t it great? It is difficult to believe that another month has whisked by since our last tidings were communicated. A few items of Oasis administrative interest continue to burn slowly behind the scenes – though metaphorically.

Imperial Session - By the time this August issue of the Desert Dust hits your U.S.P.S. mailbox, your Oasis delegation to Imperial Session will have returned from Daytona Beach. The Oasis Recorder is not a voting delegate like the Potentate, the Rabban, High Priest and Prophet and/or a Colorado Corporation member, but merely an observer of the proceedings. Watch for a final report as issued by Imperial, hopefully by the next edition of our Oasis Desert Dust.

Black-Tie Ceremonial - Our second ever Black-Tie Event will be held on Saturday August 25th at Oasis’ Winston Salem Shrine Club. Our Oasis Divan Outer Guard, Membership Chairman Noble Joe Burris and his team are working closely with our North Carolina Grand Master, Most Worshipful Speed Hallman, an Oasis member, and his Grand Lodge officers as a joint effort. Further information may be found elsewhere in this Desert Dust issue. This is the last Desert Dust prior to this event, so act now to submit your candidate’s petitions by U.S. mail with a copy of their current Blue Lodge membership card, or fax to 704-549-9692 or scan and email to membership@oasisshriners.org and make payment by credit card. Getting the petitions more than a week in advance really helps us on the administrative side. Petitions for Initiation may be found on our Oasis website www.OasisShriners.org under the membership tab, forms and documents.

SASA - Nobles and Ladies, the third weekend of September will be upon us pretty soon. In case you are not aware, SASA is one of the Oasis Recorder’s favorite times of the Shrine year. Currently SASA is rocking twenty Shrine Chapters from the Southeastern United States. The best way to experience and enjoy SASA is to be a member of an Oasis Parade Unit. Please don’t wait until the last minute and get your reservations made now. Our Oasis headquarters hotel is the Double Tree Resort, formerly SpringMaid Resort, at the far south end of Myrtle Beach. Further information will be posted in this and the next Desert Dust issue.

Membership - Our Oasis Membership Team has been humming and strumming to earn a Silver Membership Award for our 2017 Shrine year. Congratulations to our Membership Team Leaders Nobles Joe Burris, Scottie Cox and their hard-working team.

Fundraising - Please keep the hammer down by continuing your valiant fundraising efforts. It is important to keep track of your fundraising, especially as it applies to Shriners Hospitals for Children. All funds raised with appropriate paperwork are to be rendered to our Oasis Accounting Department as soon as possible after an event. It is hard to express the importance of tracking, receiving (by Oasis) all funds that pass to our Hospitals. This conscientious effort will help us maintain our place as one of the most generous Shrine Temples in the world.

Like a hammer, let me keep reminding y’all that Oasis remains the largest in total membership and one of the most generous Shrine Temples in the world. So, thank you ALL for helping to keep Oasis #1.

Until Next Time, My Friends,

Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Saye
Recorder, Oasis Shriners

Reminder All ads & articles for the September edition of the Desert Dust must be submitted to Edie Wilson - Ediewilson7@gmail.com by August 10.
When We Experience Storms

In the film, *Cool Hand Luke*, we remember the phrase “What we've got here is failure to communicate.” Often the failure to communicate is created by storms. Storms in our individual hearts, sometimes those storms are in our families, other times the storms are in society. It surely seems that wherever there are people there are stormy relationships.

Indeed, wherever there are people there are storms. These storms may be personal storms, storms raging in our individual hearts and minds. Or they may be storms in our relationships created by jealousy, anger, bitterness, guilt.

In Psalm 107, we read “The Lord stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed.” Psalm 107 concerns a time when God stilled the raging seas because the people were frightened, and suddenly the wind died down and it was completely calm. We know that only the power of God can still an angry storm, and we know that The Lord is still in the business of stilling storms.

In his book, *Everybody's Normal Until You Get to Know Them*, Pastor John Ortberg compared humanity to porcupines huddled together on a bitter cold winter night. The colder it gets outside, the more we huddle together for warmth; but the closer we get to one another, the more we hurt one another.

It is not enough to ride out these storms of our lives. Someone needs to calm the storm. That someone, of course, is God. First, God calms the storm within us. In the movie Dragon: *The Bruce Lee Story*, Lee’s mentor tells him: “You have to conquer the demons inside you.” We must calm the storm within us before we can have satisfactory relationships with others.

And, then when we experience that *failure to communicate*: we deal with people through: Gentleness, kindness, forgiveness. Seldom lashing out at others.

1. We need to have God calm the storms in our individual lives before they destroy us.
2. We need God to calm the storms in our families and other precious relationships through Gentleness, kindness, forgiveness before such relationships are permanently damaged.

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OASIS SHRINERS
BLACK TIE CEREMONIAL

*In Honor of Most Worshipful Speed Hallman, Grand Master of North Carolina*

**AUGUST 25, 2018**

**AT WINSTON SALEM SHRINE CLUB 4909**

**HAMPTON ROAD, CLEMMONS NC**

5:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR • 6:00 PM DINNER
7:00 PM CEREMONIAL

DINNER IS $30.00 INDIVIDUAL AND $50.00 PER COUPLE

RSVP BY AUGUST 11, 2018 DUE TO LIMITED SEATING

RSVP AND PAYMENT TO NOBLE JOE BURRIS AT
721 MOCKINGBIRD ROAD, ALBEMARLE NC 28001 OR 704-322-8941

Candidates may obtain petition for initiation from Temple office or
oasisshriners.org

Please send petition to Oasis Temple with payment for initiation by August 11, 2018.

Ladies are welcome and should dress formal. The ladies will have a program that evening after dinner during Ceremonial.

An awesome day at Imperial! David Ragan received Imperial Award of Merit. Oasis presented a check to Lady Patsy Cain for her project for the Hospitals.

Congratulations III. Imperial Sir Jim Cain and Lady Patsy.
Tables Come to Life at Red Fez Club

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Red Fez Club recently hosted a Festival of Tables. The clubhouse which is always beautiful was extraordinary with its array of elegant, playful and romantic table settings. Congratulations to Charlotte Burgess and Debbie Burgess on their winning table.

A fashion show and pop-up shop was presented by Belle Boutique of Charlotte. Perfect weather, wonderful food, a Mimosa Bar, fashions, shopping and friendship...what more is there?

If you have not signed up for Shriners Village, do so today.

Shriners Village is a website designed to keep members of Shrine International up to date on all aspects of Shrinedom.

Simply google Shriners Village and follow the instructions.

So easy, even a Shriner can do it.

www.shrinershq.org
www.twitter.com/shriners
www.facebook.com/shrinersinternational
Carolina Drifters Make Their Debut in Blowing Rock

AWESOME!!! INCREDIBLE!!! BLEW ME AWAY!!! YOU GUYS ROCK!!! WHAT A SHOW!!! These are direct quotes from New Shriners, Older Shriners, Veteran Parade Watchers and people that had never been to a Shrine parade. What were they referring to? It was the Carolina Drifters - a new Unit that made their debut in Blowing Rock, NC for the 2018 Spring Ceremonial. This unit put on a show with four drift trikes and a lot of enthusiasm. You could tell that they were having as much fun performing as the crowds did while watching them.

What is a drifter? A drifter is a man sized Big Wheel (I’m telling my age). A large wheel on the front and 2 small wheels on the back and it has a MOTOR!! Add plastic covers over the rear wheels and you have a drifter, as well as a huge smile. These drifters can spin in any direction that the driver wants it to go. And, man, did they spin. It started with the very first intersection of the parade route. They came in single file then BAMM!! The motors revved, and they went wild performing 360’s, figure 8’s, spinning half-way around and riding backwards while waving to the crowd. And did I mention that they did this for the entire parade. This team impressed a lot of people for their first parade ever as a Unit.

The unit was chartered in 2016 by Duane Tinch from the High Point Shrine Club. They grew when three Nobles from the Lake Wylie area, all of them officers with the Shriners On Bikes and members of the Red Fez were excited to get involved. At the start of the parade there was 6 members on the roster, and since the parade they have grown by three new members.

The Drifters will meet one weekend day of each month (TBD) at the Oasis Temple to practice routines, maneuvers and conduct business. If you are interested in joining the Carolina Drifter’s please contact one of the officers.

Duane Tinch Captain 336-215-1866
Trent Oates 1st LT 704-412-0120
Rob (Fini) Finigen 2nd LT 704-516-1607

Carolina Drifters Hit the Ground Running

This article appeared in the April issue of The Dust. Now, read about their successful appearance in the Blowing Rock Parade.

“We look forward to growing this unit and being a real crowd pleaser.”

They may be called trikes but you should definitely take these Drifters seriously. They’re powered by a 6.5Hp motor and will take to the streets in June for the Blowing Rock Ceremonial Parade.

Seven Nobles—three from Red Fez Shrine Club and four from High Point Shrine Club—meet monthly at the High Point Shrine Club. The unit was formed to go out and get the crowds excited and bring awareness to Shriners. The pvc on the rear tires allows them to slide around and do tricks.

PP John Elder, High Point Shrine Club, on a Drifter bike.
Team 2018 Honors Past Potentates

In Greek mythology, the Cabeiri, Cabiri or Kabiri (Ancient Greek: Κάβειροι) were a group of enigmatic deities. In the twenty-first century we refer to them as past potentates.

"When a man has completed his year as Potentate...has tried his level best, has admitted his shortcomings, if any, admits he was the best Potentate during his year, he becomes eligible for membership in the sacred rites of the Cabiri. The membership is over 3,000 and growing." (cabiriinternational.org)

Oasis is known to honor its past leaders and last month ten members of the Cabiri were guests of Ill. Sir Johnny Burgess and his team. Second Ceremonial Master Shea Fadel arranged for catering by Berry Scrumptious. PP John Elder (2008) and Lady Jean managed the details and Noble Harvey Burgess acted as Master of Ceremonies.

Friends old and new shared a meal and lots of laughs, as you can see from the cover photo!

Time marches on, another day
Another Pote holds magic sway.
There was a time - the Noble mob
Could see no future in the job.
But now The Cabiri, tried and true
Past Potentate all, not raw nor new,
United for service to Temple and Shrine
That the lights of Mecca may ever shine.

Pictured with members of the Divan (L to R) are Past Potentates Walter Burch (1975); Gene Morrison (1986); Paul Whitfield (1992); Wayne King (2010); Johnny King (2016); William Harward (1998); H. Mike Cook (2012); Doyle Simmons (1999); PIP Alan Madsen (2000); Gary Taylor (2007); and John Elder (2008)

The Lake Wylie Classic Presents Donation

The Lake Wylie Classic presented a donation of $135,000 to the Greenville Shriners Hospital. This money is helping to fund the new Halo program introduced this year at Greenville Shriners Hospitals. This program helps correct the spines of patients with severe scoliosis prior to their surgery. Over the last decade the Lake Wylie Classic has collectively raised over $650,000 for the hospital.

Bill Carter said it had something to do with a squirrel.

We've got to get out there and tell our story!
William Lee Golden is one of the most recognized personalities in Country and Gospel music, having garnered the highest accolades as a member of the legendary group The Oak Ridge Boys. This week the 79 year-old member of Jay Lodge #176 became a Shriner at Imperial Session in Daytona.
Notes from the Band

NEW MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES

We welcome drummers, acoustic and electric guitar players, piano players, pretty much anybody who wants to make music!

If you have a serious interest in music, we welcome you to join us. We encourage anyone who has played an instrument at an advanced level (high school, college, beyond) to come and sit in with us!

MEMBER CADENZA

Each month, we will feature one of our instrumentalists so that everyone can get to know us better. This month it’s our Score editor and trumpeter, Chuck Reed:

“I started on my Masonic journey as an extension of one of my other passions in life, the Fire Service; interestingly tied to music as well. I decided while in college that I wanted to find a way to serve the community in which I lived. I joined Alpha Phi Omega, the national service fraternity. Our senior project was the development of a mapping system for the volunteer fire department in the college town of Potsdam, NY to improve response times for incidents.

While in college, I also continued to pursue my musical interests which began with trumpet in the 4th grade. I played in several ensembles and concert bands in high school, competing in both solo and band competitions. I enrolled in Crane School of Music for advanced lessons to fulfill a humanities elective requirement for graduation. I also joined the ROTC Band where I was one of three civilian members. My claim to fame was playing in a parade in the Quebec Winter Carnival during a blizzard. By the end of the parade, the only instrument left functional was a flute so we all sang Yankee Doodle Dandy while marching to the flute and the applause of the crowd.

Inspired by my exposure to the Fire Service, upon graduation in 1973 I joined my local fire department as a volunteer. There, the brotherhood of the Fire Service led me on a natural path to Freemasonry. I was raised in Northfield Lodge No. 426 F&AM in Pittsford, NY (the home lodge of several of my fellow firefighters) on December 3, 1987.

My job moved me to the Chicago area in 1989 where I became a Paid-on-call firefighter in a neighboring community, as the City of Elgin offered no opportunities for fire volunteers. The Mayor of Elgin, a past Fire Chief of the city, appointed me to the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners a few years later where I completed a three-year term.

In 1993, while in Illinois, I became a 32o Scottish Rite Freemason and subsequently a Noble in Medinah Shriners, both in Chicago. In 1994 I became Knight Templar and I served as Master of Elgin Lodge No.117 AF&AM in 1997. Along the way, I picked up a Master’s degree (1992) after years of night school in both NY and IL. My wonderful wife, Pam, of 30 years helped me finish the process.

We moved again, this time to a city where we could raise our two children in public schools; Stefanie, now 28 and a Veterinarian in Elkhart, IN and James, 25, living in Manhattan and working in finance for a division of Royal Bank of Canada. Again, the city offered no volunteer options, so I filled an opening on the Fire District Board of Trustees, serving as President for six years.

After 20 years as a Sales & Marketing executive in the pharmaceutical packaging equipment market (my real job – which fortunately gave me the opportunity to pursue outside passions), we retired to Denver, NC. I affiliated with and am active with many of the Charlotte Masonic bodies. I remain dedicated to my Fire Service background and I am currently a Volunteer with Sherrills Ford-Terrell Fire & Rescue.


I am very grateful to be a part of this great philanthropy as a member of Oasis Shriners and I’m honored to be an active participant with the Oasis Band since 2016 (currently serving as 2nd Lieutenant).

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Mountaineer Shriners Club

Show & Shine Car Show

August 4, 2018  Bakersville, NC
10:00 AM Until 4:00 PM
Food and Drinks, 50/50, Inflatables, Great Family Fun

Music Featuring Southern Rock Star Michelle Leigh
Patients to Potentates

Staying at a hospital for any length of time is never fun, especially in the 1960s when medical care facilities weren’t as modern and amenities not as nice. Often, parents could only visit for one hour per day and never on the day of surgery. Children had to rely on the hospital for all of their needs.

For two of Shriners Hospitals for Children – St. Louis' patients who were hospitalized in the 1960s, the care and life-changing healing they received while in the hospital, motivated them to give back by joining the Shrine.

Both men knew from a young age that they wanted to become Shriners. Schuler, born in Evansville, Ind. in 1956, was a patient at the St. Louis hospital until he was 16. He was born with a clubfoot and had three surgeries in the 1960s. “My mom and dad were told I would never walk, and when I finally could, I knew it was a debt I felt I could never repay,” he said. Unable to play most common sports as a child, Schuler took up dirt bike riding. He was a natural at the sport and even won a gold medal in 1978 at the International Six Day Trial, which is referred to as the “Olympics of Motorcycling.” His success took him around the world as a competitor. “If you put your heart and soul into it, you can do anything you want to do,” Schuler said.

He also serves on the St. Louis Shriners Hospital’s Board of Governors. He became a Master Mason in 1996 and has served as president of the Hadi Shrine Motor Corps and captain of the hospital staff. He served as a hospital van driver, driving patients to and from Evansville for their hospital appointments. In total he has made over 168 trips.

Potentate Lenny Martin was born in St. Louis, Mo., in 1967 with a birth defect that eventually led to having his right foot amputated. Once he had the amputation, he found he could still play sports like the rest of his peers, but he had to visit the hospital every six months in order to receive a new prosthetic limb to keep up with his growth spurts. Every year, his family would take him to the Shrine Circus at the old Busch Stadium and he would tell his mom he could not wait to join the Shriners. “I knew I wanted to help the kids who can’t help themselves,” Martin said.

Eventually, Martin made his way to the Shrine and joined as a Mason and Shriner in 2006. He was Master of his lodge and placed in the Divan Outer Guard in 2010. As Potentate, his motto is “Remember why.” He plans to get the word out about what Shriners do and help current Shriners remember why they joined.

These two Shriners have come full circle in the Shriners Hospital system, first serving as patients and ultimately as potentates. This is their year to show others the true meaning of giving back.

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Donnie Wallace
Donnie Wallace received the Alan W. Madsen “Standing Tall Award of Excellence” for his work on behalf of the Shriners Hospital for Children. Pictured is Mike Thompson, Captain of the Provost Guard, presenting the award to Donnie. Donnie is the Oasis District 1 Representative and Second Lieutenant of the Provost Guard Unit.

Harold Balkcum
Pictured is Provost Guard Captain, Mike Thompson, presenting to Noble James Harold Balkcum, a plaque from the Divan conferring Veteran Member Status for his 19 years of active service in the Oasis Provost Guard unit. Not pictured but also receiving recognition as achieving Veteran Member Status was Jim Beaty, Colonel, Past Captain, and Past Provost Chief with 40 years of active service.
Thanks once again for one of the biggest turnouts in FFD history! From the Friday night hospitality, the most people ever served for breakfast, the large group of children on the boat docks Saturday morning, and for your help and support in preparing and cooking all of the food served on Saturday afternoon. This event would not be possible without your help and support and we at OASIS can’t thank you enough for all you do to make this the most attended event at OASIS on a yearly basis. A special thanks once again to Shea Fadel for securing the judges, meat and supplies for this event; to Ill. Sir Johnny Burgess for finding places to park more campers than ever before; to Vernon Knox our FFD chairperson this year. And of course the Red Fez members and Ladies Auxiliary for all the time and money spent on the campground, pool area, and the club house to make your stay more enjoyable than ever before.

We do welcome any suggestions you might have for 2019 and will do our best to accommodate these. The date is already on the calendar for 2019, Fathers’ Day weekend! Please put this on your calendar.

Thanks Again,
Todd Ham
GRAND CHAMPIONS
Beer Bones Pit Masters

2ND PLACE
Crowders Mountain
HogBilly’s

3RD PLACE
The Saucy Bottom Boys
Shrine Trailer Travels for You

Many of you have seen the Shrine Hospital Trailer at our Ceremonials, Circuses, and at many other locations, but did you know it is available for your public fund raising or awareness events? Noble Jim is ready and willing to bring the trailer to your location, with advance notice. He can be reached at 704-534-2906, or by email at jrorie@bellsouth.net.

Likus on Facebook
facebook.com/SHCGreenville

Hillbilly Degree

On Saturday, August 11, Hillbilly Clan #13 will be hosting the grand and glorious Hillbilly Degree. This degree will be held at Catawba County Shrine Club (1488 West NC Hwy 10, Newton, NC 28658). There will be a Hillbilly meal before the degree. The meal will cost $5 and will consist of pintos, coleslaw, cornbread, and onions. We will begin eating at 11:30 a.m. and finish up around 12:30. After the meal, the Mens' Degree and Mens' Tarheel Degree will begin at 1:00 p.m. The Ladies Degree will follow. This degree is open to all ladies of a Shriner (including mothers, wives, and daughters).

The cost of the degrees are:
Mens' Degree $40.00
Mens' Tarheel Degree $25.00
Ladies' Degree $15.00

All Shriners please come out and enjoy this great time with us! All the proceeds go to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. We hope to see y'all there! Remember to Honor the Cobb and Respect the Crest!
The Three “R”s of Membership Development

Recruitment – the successful creation of new members; retention – providing a program that keeps your current members active, engaged and involved; and restoration – restoring to active membership those members who have lost connection with the fraternity. These concepts are critical to the future success of our organizations.

As Shriners, we all have accountability to our fraternity. It becomes our responsibility to educate others about Shriners International, create more Shriners, recruit more Freemasons, and refer more patients to Shriners Hospitals for Children. Collaboration is essential, and we must all work together to promote successful and efficient membership processes.

Shriners International has developed a new approach to membership development, changing the membership paradigm with the introduction of a new referral program. With this new process, current nobles can now directly refer names of friends, family members and acquaintances who they feel would make good Shriners.

Once a noble makes a referral, he then receives tools and resources to mentor his prospect to creation or restoration. The program encourages constant collaboration, so that everyone can share their Shrine with the good men around them.

There are many resources available to help us reach our membership goals. Using the new WebFez referral system is the perfect place to start, and beashrinernow.com is still a great resource. There are also a lot of helpful tools on Shriners Village, including the Membership Toolkit, Roadmap to Membership Success, and Marketing Materials Ordering System. We also encourage everyone to work with their Regional Membership Director and the Office of Membership Development.
Scott Kozin, M.D., chief of staff of Shriners Hospitals for Children® – Philadelphia, loves to tell the story of two, four, six, eight.

At 2 years old, Zion developed a serious infection that required his hands and feet to be amputated. At 4 years old, he received a kidney transplant; the donor was his mother, Pattie. Zion was taking anti-rejection drugs to keep his new kidney functioning. At age 6, Zion came to Shriners Hospitals for Children – Philadelphia for new prosthetic legs.

The evaluation of Zion’s lower extremities prior to his receiving those first prosthetics from Shriners Hospitals was the impetus that led to his hand transplantation. The idea to give Zion hands was possible because he met the prerequisite of already being a transplant recipient and successfully taking immunosuppressant medications.

History-Making Surgery
At 8 years old, Zion received the first bilateral pediatric hand transplantation at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia along with help from Penn Medicine, Gift of Life and hand surgeons from our Philadelphia hospital, Dr. Kozin and Dan Zlotolow, M.D. During the 11-hour procedure, four teams of physicians worked to transplant the hands from the donor to Zion. The procedure required boney fixation, artery and venous anastomosis along with nerve and tendon reconstruction. The surgery was successful.

“The collaboration between these institutions was necessary to assemble the team and organize the players to orchestrate such a complex and demanding procedure that had never been performed on a child,” said Dr. Kozin.

Becoming Independent
Zion is now three years post-hand transplant surgery. Now 11 years old, he is a happy pre-teen and learning to be independent. He enjoys cooking and sports. “Zion is so comfortable living his normal life,” said Pattie. “He enjoys playing laser tag with his friends, boxing, and is attending robotics camp this summer.”

Zion continues to have occupational and physical therapy in his hometown. His mom couldn’t be more happy with his progress. As Zion continues to grow and get taller, Pattie will bring him back to the Philadelphia Shriners Hospitals for Children to be fitted for a new set of prosthetic legs. In the meantime, she is delighted that Zion is becoming more independent every day at home, at play, and at school.

More on our Physicians
Scott Kozin, M.D., is the chief of staff of Shriners Hospitals for Children – Philadelphia and is board certified by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery. He received an undergraduate degree in computer science from Duke University and earned a medical degree from Hahnemann University School of Medicine. Dr. Kozin completed his residencies in orthopaedic surgery at Albert Einstein Medical Center and Shriners Hospitals for Children – Philadelphia. He also completed a fellowship in hand and microvascular surgery at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

Dan A. Zlotolow, M.D., is a board certified orthopaedic hand surgeon for Shriners Hospitals for Children – Philadelphia. He received an undergraduate degree with honors in biology from Haverford College and earned a medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine with early induction into the Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Honor Society. Dr. Zlotolow completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery at the Montefiore Medical Center in New York and hand fellowship at the Roosevelt Hospital in New York and the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in Dallas.
Proper Posture Is Important

As a leader in pediatric orthopaedics, Shriners Hospitals for Children stresses the importance of teaching and encouraging healthy habits. One that doesn’t necessarily receive enough attention is the importance of good posture.

Good posture encourages proper alignment of the body, making it easier for the entire body, including the organs and the nervous system, to function optimally. Learning to use and maintain good posture requires instruction and practice.

GOOD POSTURE TIPS
Having good posture means holding the body in line, when standing, sitting or lying down. Proper posture puts less stress on muscles and joints and helps the rest of the body function at its best.

When Standing:
• Hold the head up straight, with the chin tucked in.
• The ears should be in line with the shoulders.
• The shoulders should be square and held back.
• Keep the stomach tucked in.
• Keep knees and back straight with feet slightly apart.

When Sitting:
• The chair should firmly support the lower back and have armrests to lessen pressure on the shoulders. Be sure to provide children with a chair appropriate for their size.
• The neck, back and heels should be in a straight line.
• Both feet should be comfortably on the floor.
• Computer monitors should be placed at or slightly above eye level. Chairs should be high enough to place hands over the keyboard.

Be sure to take a break every half hour to stretch and move about. Sitting in the same position for long periods of time adds stress to the spine and can cause discomfort.

TEACH CHILDREN GOOD POSTURE HABITS
• Children learn by example and encouragement. Demonstrate good and bad posture to them. Praise good posture efforts.
• Remind children to stand and sit up straight. Making good posture a habit requires repetition and reinforcement. Squaring and pulling the shoulders back will create an instant improvement.
• Have fun. Practice slouching and then sitting tall. Use imaginary helps – such as reaching for the sky, holding the head high like a giraffe, imagining being a puppet with a string pulling you up.
• If possible, enroll children in a class that emphasizes movement. Possibilities include dance, gymnastics or swimming.

BENEFITS OF PROPER POSTURE
• Keeps the body in line, so muscles, ligaments and the spine are less strained
• Decreases abnormal wear and tear on joints
• Helps prevent backaches and other muscular pain
• Helps prevent fatigue
• Improves overall appearance

FIVE FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE POSTURE
1. Being overweight – especially in the midsection – weakens stomach muscles and adds stress to the back.
2. Exercise – A regular exercise program helps keep muscles in shape and able to hold proper posture positions. Use good posture when exercising.
3. Vision – Having poor vision can influence posture (you may lean forward to see better, for example). Follow proper guidelines for vision exams.
4. Proper bedding – Mattresses should be firm and in good condition. This will help support the spine.
5. Shoes – Wear sturdy, properly fitting, well-maintained shoes.

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BBQ DINNER AND COUNTRY DANCE

Saturday Oct 6, 6-11 pm
hosted by Gaston County Shrine Club Noble-ets
Where: Gaston County Shrine Club
$15.00 single   $20.00 couples

We’d like for everyone to dust off their boots and come out and enjoy a night of fellowship, food and dancing!

More information as the date draws closer.
Early reservations can be made to Misty Harbin, Gaston County Shrine Club Noble-ets President at 704-648-4408.
Andie Sue and Kaysie Li appear the picture of grace and agility when performing with their horses in equestrian competitions, but that wasn’t always the case.

The sisters were born with crippling birth defects in faraway China; each with a severely deformed leg. Their adoptive parents, Barbie and Drew of Alamo, California, believed there was a much better life in store for them in America. Their visits to the Northern California Shriners Hospital began when their adopted daughter Andie Sue, now 13, was a toddler. They heeded the advice of a pediatrician who suggested, “Just call Shriners!”

That phone call led Andie Sue’s parents to orthopaedic surgeon Joel Lerman, M.D. Dr. Lerman also began seeing Andie Sue’s sister, Kaysie Li, who was adopted just shy of her 6th birthday.

Dr. Lerman knew there was great hope that both girls could regain the physical skills needed for a fulfilling life, through modern prosthetics. The sisters followed a similar path of care. Dr. Lerman performed below-the-knee amputations on each girls’ malformed leg, and specialists in the hospital’s Pediatric Orthotic and Prosthetic Services (POPS) department, designed the prosthetic limbs that would help them walk and participate in the activities that interested them the most.

This care team collaboration has enabled the girls to enjoy a love of horses, which they share with their mother. The sisters not only ride their horses and care for the animals daily, they compete in U.S. Pony Club and California Horseman Association events where they have achieved champion status.

“The experience at Shriners has been wonderful. Shriners is set up for kids, and it is obvious that the people who work there truly love the children,” says Barbie.

“When I came here, I had never walked,” Kaysie Li says. “Shriners and Dr.
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Lerman got my stump ready for a prosthetic, made a leg that fit perfectly, and continue to give me everything I need to do all my activities.

Over the years, both Kaysie Sue and Andie Li have had many surgeries and they have worked with the prosthetic specialists every step of the way.

“We have found that kids born with leg differences usually adapt very quickly to their prosthetics. We have many patients like Andie Sue and Kaysie Li who are involved in competitive sports and leading active lives,” said Dr. Lerman. “We care for these kids throughout their childhood, providing surgical care, prosthetic services, and physical therapy and rehabilitation to meet the individual needs of each patient.”

The medical care provided to her daughters at the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Sacramento continues to delight Barbie. “My girls are active, and the team has been able to keep up with their needs while being attentive to the aesthetics of their prosthetics. We are ever so grateful for the time and energy given to the girls at each appointment.

“Watching Andie Sue’s dedication to her sport and seeing her excel in equestrian jumping events is very rewarding,” says Barbie. “Seeing Kaysie Li take control of a 900-pound horse after spending her first five years in an orphanage, unable to walk with no strength in her body, is just breathtaking,” she adds.

GUN DRAWING

The Legion of Honor Club is holding a drawing for a 835 Mossberg Shotgun & a Remington 380 model 51 pistol with an Anchor on it.

Tickets are $5 each or 5 for $20. All proceeds go to Shriners Hospitals.

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Shriners Hospitals depends on national signature events like the Shriners Hospitals for Children Open to help raise awareness and funds to support its mission to improve the lives of children. The weeklong tournament also features many additional events and experiences and is full of fun for the whole family.

During the event, several Shriners Hospitals for Children patients will be on hand to share their stories and participate in various ways. Both of our National Patient Ambassadors will be in attendance, and there will also be patient ambassadors representing various Shriners Hospitals locations as standard-bearers on the course. These patients are a great representation of the hope and healing provided by the staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children – we are proud of them and are grateful for their invaluable contribution to this event.

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