



PRESENTING *Illustrious Albert D. Flight*, at the January 26, 2007, Ceremonial, with a check for \$25,385.00 for the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund are members of the Cape Cod Shrine Club. From left to right are: **Paul Harrington, Ken Marshal, Mal Clifton, Dick Swift, Bill Beimler, Illustrious Potentate Albert D. Flight, Elmer Eschenburl, Club President Harry Halliday, Ed Minsky, Bill Finkel., Doug Sedequist, and Walter Haclowell**

Cape Cod Shrine Club Donates Thousands!

AT the October 6, 2007 Ceremonial, Cape Cod Shrine Club President **Harry Halliday** presented *Illustrious Albert D. Flight*, with a check in the amount of \$25,385 for the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund. This continued the long tradition of the Club presenting the most money of any Aleppo Shrine Club in any year.

The Club's Ninth Annual Golf Tournament at The Club in Yarmouth Port raised \$13,121. The Hospital Crusade conducted at four Stop & Shops during the months of June, July, August and September, raised another \$12,264. We thank all our members and their families for their support in assisting in these efforts.

During the summer months, approximately 25 dedicated Nobles covered the four stores in the mid-Cape area. We are grateful to the residents and visitors to the Cape for their donations. "We would like to say thank you, on behalf of all the children under our care."

Shriners Hospitals For Children Kicks Off Year-Long Campaign To Prevent Gasoline Burn Injuries

FEBRUARY 3-9, 2008, is Burn Awareness Week, and during this week Shriners Hospitals for Children will kick-off a year-long campaign focused on preventing gasoline burn injuries. A special Web site has been developed for the campaign, <http://www.burnawarenessweek.org>.

"Preventing burn injuries and burn awareness education should be an on-going effort, not just a week-long campaign," said **Peter Armstrong**, M.D., chief medical officer, Shriners Hospitals for Children. "We are declaring 2008 the year of 'Preventing Gasoline Burn Injuries.'"

According to a study published in the November 2007 issue of the *Journal of Burn Care and Rehabilitation*, there are an estimated 10,000 pediatric (18 years old and younger) burn injuries annually in the United States. Gasoline burn injuries are among the types of burns seen all too frequently at the four Shriners Hospitals specializing in burns. "Most of these types of burn injuries are preventable," Dr. Armstrong said.

Since 2002, Shriners Hospitals for Children has treated more than 800 children for acute burns caused by ignition of a highly flammable material,



such as gasoline. Shriners Hospitals has treated 229 children from infancy to age 7 and 584 patients in the "tweens" and teens categories, ages 8-18.

Kids 13 and older are in the highest at-risk group for gasoline and other flammable substance burns. Video documentation of gas being misused and played with by adolescents is prevalent on the Internet.

Firefighters, teachers, parents, caregivers and other members of the community are encouraged to participate in the year-long campaign by visiting <http://www.burnawarenessweek.org>.

The Web site features important gasoline safety and burn prevention messages and tips. Lesson plans for students in grades K-3 and facts sheets about gasoline safety are available on the site, and visitors also have the opportunity to order various materials at no cost, including coloring books, crayons, stickers, pens, temporary tattoos and copies of a DVD developed for teen audiences.

The DVD features the story and compelling message of a teenage Shriners Hospital patient from Cashmere, Wash., **Austin Bailiff**. Austin sustained gasoline burn injuries on 90 percent of his body after he and his friend played with gasoline. Parents, teachers and firefighters are encouraged to show this video when discussing gasoline safety with teen audiences.

About Shriners Hospitals for Children

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a one-of-a-kind international health care system 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, burn injuries of all degrees, 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 or relationship to a Shriner.



Shriners Hospitals for Children™

Bits & Pieces

Remembering Elias

By HERMES BOYATIS

The staff, volunteers, everyone at the Mahan's Ride with Pride at ForgeWorks Farm in Rutland, join **Harry and Gina** in mourning the loss of little seven-year-old **Elias**.

Since our last issue of Aleppo News, we are looking forward to the many gifts derived from the special little boy's brief bout with autism. To quote just a few:

In memory of their beloved son, Harry and Gina Tembenis found many treatments and therapies locally and from around the country and assembled a leading team of doctors to treat other children with autism.

In the spring Chris and Ted Mahan will dedicate their horseback and riding trail in Elias's memory a favorite place for special needs riders. The route will bear the name: "The Elias H. Tembenis Angels on Horseback Trail." It will be dedicated with stars, planets, and other heavenly bodies that he loved so much.

Elias has truly left a legacy for parents and their autistic children.

His Legacy Grows!

Just hours before we put our paper to bed, we had very moving news from Harry and Gina. The two were flown by plane, at no cost, by actress **Jenny McCarthy**, who is interviewing them for her book, due for publication in September. Little Elias now leaves a global legacy!

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