

The Winthrop School in Melrose Amasses Tabs

THE tab collection program is an integral part of raising funds for the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund. It is not the biggest money maker, but it does get a lot of participation from both Nobles and the public.

There are quite a few schools involved with collecting tabs, one in particular is the Winthrop School in Melrose, Massachusetts. Recently the school presented **Scott "Snarfie the Clown" Lakin** and **Ernie "Rollo" Pearlstein** during a school-wide assembly at the school. The collection was initiated by the school principal, **Bryna Lakin-Davis** (Snarfie's sister), who gave prizes to the top tab

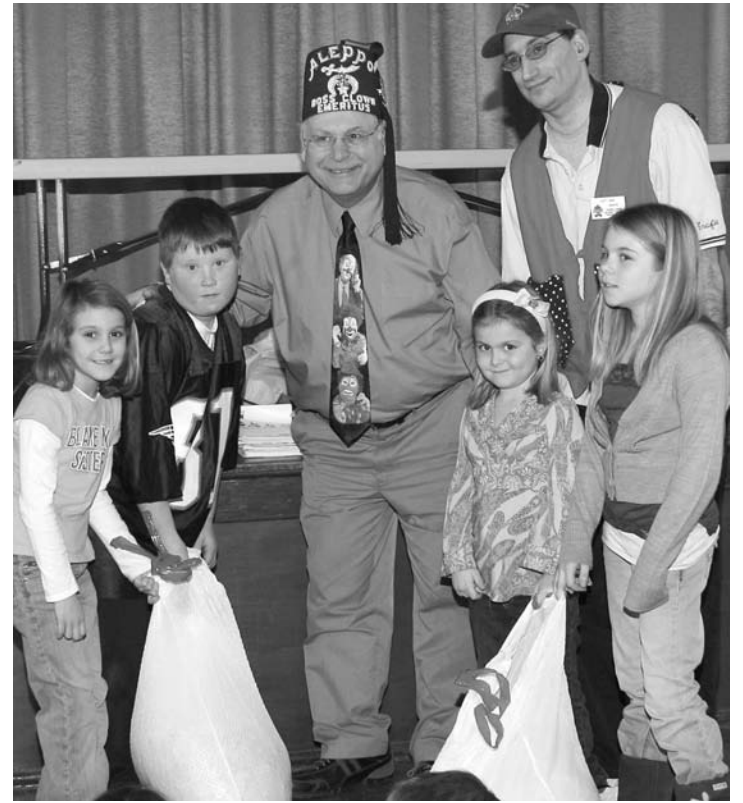
collectors at the school. Snarfie added one of his clown cards to the prizes to all the winners. They also passed out pencils to all of the award winners. The classes had a competition to see which one could amass the most tabs.

Ernie spoke to the assembly and explained the nature of the Shriners charitable work and answered questions from the students. He also told them of the Children's Transportation Fund, and how the money raised from the tab program as well as all the other charitable work done by Shriners and the public helps those families.

The children amassed over fifty (50) pounds of tabs! Great job kids, thank you!



WHERE'S ROLLO? Ernie "Rollo" Pearlstein and Scott "Snarfie" Lakin in a sea of kids from the Winthrop School in Melrose. The children presented them with over fifty pounds of tabs for the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund.



FIFTY POUNDS of tabs were presented to Ernie "Rollo" Pearlstein and Scott "Snarfie" Lakin from the children at the Winthrop School in Melrose.

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New Year, New Potentate, New Patients



Though Illustrious **Stephen G. Eriksen** has been in office barely two weeks, he has already received requests from all three of our local Shrine Hospitals. On February 7th, Boston Burns requested \$38,900.00 to fly two children from Honduras. One with a sixty percent burn and one with a forty percent burn. He was thankfully able to authorize these flights due to the efforts of Aleppo Nobles and friends who have raised the money for the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund. A further tragedy is that their mother was also burned and there is a concerted effort to get her to Mass General for treatment and to remain close to her children.

Springfield Hospital requested financial assistance for the Ronald McDonald House in Springfield. This facility is in close proximity to that Hospital and is used to house children who have traveled far but who do not need to be hospitalized. Our Shrine Doctors have actually performed some procedures on their grounds when it is not in the best interest of the children to move them to the Hospital.

Erie Hospital in Pennsylvania has also requested of Illustrious Steve and our Transportation Fund \$1,200.00. Again, this money will be used to transport children to that Shrine Hospital for the best treatment that money cannot buy.

Annually, a portion of the funds that are raised for our Transportation Fund are to be sent to Imperial to help build the Imperial Transportation Fund. This is actually their Hospital money and allows our donations to be tax deductible. Good news! Due to the success and constant use of the Aleppo Transportation Fund, Imperial has allowed us to keep in our fund all of the money we raise.

A special thanks to Noble **Leon Golden** who has been working diligently in support of the Aleppo Red Can Drive. He has been negotiating with Supermarkets to find locations and arranging for the Nobles to be there. Through his efforts, and that of the Nobles on the North Shore, over \$40,000.00 was raised in 2007.

We encourage every Shrine Club or Unit to follow suit with a Red Can Drive of its own. Noble **Hermes Boyatis** was heard to say, "This is the real deal, actual money in hand for the Transportation Fund."

Our efforts to help and save so many children worldwide is why we can be proud to be Shriners.

Fraternally,
Peter K. Stone and the Committee



Burn Awareness

GASOLINE is a necessary part of our everyday lives. Without it, we'd be unable to get to and from work; our store shelves would be empty; our lawn mowers would be idle.

While gasoline is important, it also can be very dangerous. Its fumes can quickly ignite, causing serious injury or death. "Gasoline has only one use— to fuel an engine. Any other use is misuse" is the theme of Shriners Hospitals for Children's 2008 Burn Awareness campaign.

February 3-9, 2008, is Burn Awareness Week, and Shriners Hospitals for Children will use this week to kick-off a year-long campaign focused on preventing gasoline burn injuries.

Preventing burn injuries and burn awareness education should be an on-going effort, not just a week-long campaign. Shriners Hospitals is sharing gasoline burn prevention messages throughout 2008 using new materials developed specifically for this effort.

A new coloring book, featuring Anthony the Fire Ant; classroom lessons, posters, stickers, pens and other materials are available at www.burnawarenessweek.org. A video, targeted to a teen audience, is also available and features the story of a Shriners Hospitals burn patient, Austin Bailiff.

Austin, 15, of Cashmere, Wash., knows first-hand the dangers of playing with gasoline. One day in March 2006, Austin and a friend were "bored." Looking for something to do, they found an old work glove, and wondered if motor oil would ignite the glove. When it didn't, they poured gasoline into the glove and set it on fire. What they didn't realize before pouring gasoline into the glove was that a small tag inside the glove actually had caught on fire during their first attempt with motor oil.

Before both teens knew what hit them, the gasoline fumes ignited, covering Austin and burning 90 percent of his body. The doctors who initially treated him gave him a 10 percent chance for survival.

Luckily, the Bailiff family found Shriners Hospitals for Children — Northern California, where Austin is now receiving care. His story is featured in the video, which is targeted for teen audiences.



ANTHONY THE FIRE ANT