



THE JOLLY ELDERS, a church senior citizen program from Somerville, MA, have been stuffing envelopes for the Aleppo Shrine Center for ten (10) years. "When the Rodeo was here we did eight mailings a year, now we are down to five, and some special mailings too" said Director **Joan Union**. Joan is also the founder of the program thirty (30) years ago. The Jollies meet at the Community Baptist Church in Somerville. They go on bus day-trips and enjoy each others company. They especially like going to the Aleppo Shriners Circus, which they are invited to every year.
 Front row left to right: **Mary DeCosta, Edna James, Ruth E. Morrison, Mary Bond, Josie Kontos, Richard Belle**
 Middle row left to right: **Joan Union, Eva Spitzer, Florence Lewis, Dianne Bond, John Consilvio, Kirsti Belle, Doris Rushton**
 Back row left to right: **Marvin Spitzer, Louise Russo, James F. Morrison, Susan Pond, Don Fyfe, Helen Dillio, Barbara Fleurent, Gladys DeMone** Missing from photo: **Terri Watson, Jim Bond, Bev Rousales, Rena Palmer, Elsie Fyfe**

First Lady's Legacy Lives On Through Scholarship Program

IN July 2007, First Lady **Helen Lemieux** announced her fundraising program, "Research - Straight to the Heart," which will provide scholarships for a summer internship program for medical and allied health care students.

After years of battling cancer, Mrs. Lemieux passed away Jan. 1. Her legacy lives on through the various events and projects at Zenobia Shriners and Shriners of North America that she was involved with, as well as her many contributions - such as her First Lady's program - to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Mrs. Lemieux believed that research, with its potential to improve medical treatments, will become an increasingly important component of Shriners Hospitals' mission. She also recognized the critical need to attract excellent medical professionals to Shriners Hospitals.

The fundraising program will assist in these areas by giving participants the opportunity to work in Shriners Hospitals for Children's research facilities. The scholarship program will increase medical students' awareness of the exciting, important work

being done at Shriners Hospitals and, ideally, entice them to become part of our team.

Initially, the internship will be offered to medical students. The interns will be supervised by senior staff at a Shriners Hospital and be part of a structured training program emphasizing research being done in our facilities. Based on experience gained over time, the program may be expanded to include students in allied health care fields who will participate in rehabilitation research at our hospitals.

A Continued Presence

Mrs. Lemieux wanted the program to operate similarly to an endowment fund, with continued presence and growth, eventually supporting a significant number of interns. This long-term approach will allow even more future medical professionals to become part of Shriners Hospitals' efforts on behalf of children.

As Imperial Potentate Lemieux continues to make visits throughout his Imperial Year, he asks that in lieu of personal gifts, nobles and ladies make a donation to Mrs.

Lemieux's program, "Research - Straight to the Heart." Donors will receive a copy of a children's book that Mrs. Lemieux helped develop, "Granny Uncovers Miracles at Shriners Hospitals for Children" for each contribution of \$25.

Order forms may be given to the Imperial Potentate, or may be sent with donations made payable to Shriners

Hospitals for Children to Shriners International Headquarters, Donor Relations Department, P.O. Box 31356, Tampa, FL 33631. Canadian donations and order forms should be sent to the Canadian Shriners Hospital, 1529 Cedar Ave., Montreal, Quebec, Canada H3G 1A6. Donations can also be made on the Web site, by going to www.donate2shc.org/FirstLady. Donors who contribute through the Web will receive their books via the mail. Additional order forms and envelopes can be obtained from the donor relations department at Shriners International Headquarters by calling (800) 241-GIFT.



Puppies for Sale

By HERMES BOYATIS

HOW often **Joe McKertich** delighted in telling stories of injured youngsters who found help and hope in unexpected places. He described such a revelation at the time of the 124th Imperial Council Session.

An unknown author had written a heart-warming story for the Halifax, Nova Scotia Philae Temple's *Fez Magazine*. Remember the woman from there and her discovery of her father's Freemasonry beginnings?

Let's turn to one little boy who read the sign "Puppies for Sale." He went inside the store and asked, "How much do they cost?" "Anywhere from \$50 to \$100," said the manager. "I have \$2.37 to spend. Can I please see the puppies?"

Out of the kennel came "Lady" followed by five tiny fur balls. One puppy was lagging behind.

To go to the rest of the story. The owner explained that a veterinarian had discovered that the slow-moving pup had a hip socket missing and would be lame all its life, never able to run and jump and play with him. The boy insisted that he wanted to buy the pup. Promising to add 50 cents a month to his \$2.37 'til it was paid for.

Reaching down, he pulled up his pants leg and showed a badly twisted, crippled left limb, supported by a big metal brace.

"Well, I don't run so well myself. The little puppy

will need someone who understands."

We all need someone who understands!



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Help with minor repairs throughout Shrine Center in Wilmington

Setup for Ceremonials and Shows

Come in and lend a hand on Tuesday Mornings: 8:00am 'til Noon

Free Coffee and Doughnuts



Bits & Pieces

Meat Anniversaries

By HERMES BOYATIS

Remember the celebration of SPAM's 70th anniversary in our last Aleppo Temple News? Remember, as well, Joe McKertich's testament that Hormel's tasty saved our soldiers from starvation in World War II?

Just reported is another food favorite! Headline: "Burgers turn 50!" The announcement goes on to say:

- More than 1.3 billion Whoppers are gobbled worldwide each year.
- Folks in Australia can get a fried egg on top, and the Japanese offer a teriyaki version."
- There are a staggering 221, 184 ways to mix and match Whopper ingredients."
- December 31 is the day most Whoppers are sold."
- The first Whopper sold in 1957 cost 37 cents, about a tenth of the current price, and it weighs 7.8 ounces and packs 670 calories.
- A wax Whopper was recently unveiled at New York's Madame Tussaud's, the first fast food ever!