

Going the Extra Mile

FOR more than 85 years, Shriners Hospitals for Children has been helping children defy the odds with the help of generous donors. Today, supporters everywhere continue to go the extra mile by participating in various events to raise awareness and donations for our health care system. Some devoted friends of Shriners Hospitals have even made the commitment to help by taking the message to the streets...literally.

From the west...to the east...these athletes are dedicated to helping kids defy the odds and we thank them for their efforts!

Racing to Make a Difference

For **Dave Kause**, **Mike Kelly** and the Zenn bicycling team, there's more to a race than crossing the

finish line. Their rides are about making a positive difference in the lives of children. The Zenn Cycling Team is riding to raise public awareness and funds to support Shriners Hospitals; the team's first race was the Cal Aggie Criterium in Sacramento's Land Park in January.

"I wanted to get my own cycling team together, and I wanted to give something back to the community," says Dave Kause. He and fellow rider, Mike Kelly, found an ideal match with Shriners Hospitals for Children. "Our mission is to get the message out to people about Shriners Hospitals for Children, the specialized pediatric care they provide and the unique programs that transform the lives of children," says Kause.

Thanks to the support of several corporate sponsors, Zenn racers are sporting team jerseys with



the Shriners Hospital logo in races throughout 2008.

The Zenn team is scheduled to ride in the Nevada City Classic and Giro de San Francisco, two major West Coast cycling events.



Going the distance

Proving it's sometimes more about the journey than the destination, Shriners fraternity members **Dan Heullitt** and **Mark Walsh**, along with co-workers from Activant Solutions Inc. (ACT), recently bicycled from Philadelphia to Atlantic City, N.J., to raise funds and awareness for Shriners Hospitals.

Heullitt and Walsh presented a \$5,340 donation check on behalf of the team to **Dr. James McCarthy**, assistant chief of staff at the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital.

"We are proud and honored to contribute to Shriners Hospital for Children," said Heullitt.

Their gift, like all donations to Shriners Hospitals, will make an incredible difference in the lives of children, as we help them defy the odds and do more than ever thought possible. To learn more about ways you can help, go to: <http://www.shriner-shq.org>.

Swing Band Notes

IT'S hard to believe the Swing Band is going into its THIRTY-THIRD YEAR.

I want to thank ALL the talented musicians for their dedication and continued support of this great band. Through their talents and commitment they have been able to raise and donate to the Transportation Fund and the Shiner Burns Hospital many tens of thousands of dollars.

Not to be overlooked is ALL the help, support and encouragement of Aleppo's Office Staff.

The Swing Band is looking forward to spring. Our first "gig" was bussing from Aleppo to Charlton. The Band performed to a lively group from the Masonic Home and residents of Overlook.

It's always a pleasure playing for our Masonic and Shrine friends. Many no longer can travel to the Ceremonials and look for-

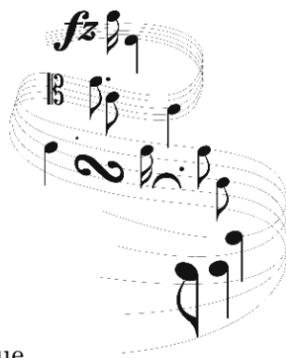
ward to seeing us as the Aleppo Ambassador.

The summer looks promising with several requests from Masonic Blue Lodges, Shrine Clubs and Shrine Districts.

We rehearse every Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 at Aleppo.

If you know of an organization that is planning a function please have them contact:

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The Shriners Swing Band

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and Masonic
functions.

Proceeds support the
Shriners Burns Hospital.

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Bits & Pieces

Did You Know That...

- Elephants listen with their feet.
- Science's only saint is named Albert.
- There are ten million more pet cats than dogs.
- The first clown in recorded history performed in 2270 B.C. for a 9-year-old pharaoh.
- Pizza is healthy according to a Harvard Medical team. The lycopene in a pizza, slathered with tomato, can prevent several forms of cancer.
- The ten highest paid incomes from dead celebrities are: Elvis Presley; John Lennon; Charles M. Schulz; George Harrison; Albert Einstein; Andy Warhol; Dr. Seuss (Theodor Geisel); Tupac Shakur; Marilyn Monroe; and Steve McQueen.
- NASA scientists have found evidence of life on Mars.
- Genetic engineer Paula Peterson claims that we have the real science to bring back prehistoric animals.
- You can get longer life for your pillows by giving them a monthly run in the dryer for 15 minutes.
- There is an orchestra in Vienna which plays music exclusively with vegetables.

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