



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following is a letter from renowned Aleppo Editor Joe McKertichs' wife Edla to Executive Editor Harvey Waugh.

Dear Harvey,

The Aleppo News arrived a couple of days ago and there was naught to do but sit right down and go through it from first to last page. It was a fabulous edition. I like to think that Joe is sitting "up there" somewhere with a big smile on his face. He loved that paper. Please extend my congratulations to your newspaper staff. It's quality and they and Aleppo certainly deserve the Dromedary Award again.

Thank you also for your kind words about Joe's contribution to the Aleppo News over the years.

Hope all is well with you and Margaret and family. I miss everyone.

Joe's affiliation with Aleppo and the paper gave us a very great and interesting life. We met people we would never had met had it not been for Aleppo, and we traveled to places we would never had gone has it not been for Aleppo. They were great years.

My best to you and Aleppo,
Edla



Meet the 2008 Shriners Circus Chairman; Roger Metcalfe

WE would like to introduce the Circus Chairman for the 2008 Aleppo Shriners Circus, **Roger Metcalfe**, of Wilmington, MA. Roger has been an active member of Aleppo for twenty years and is a vital member of the Rag Top Unit since 1995 and presently holds the positions of Lieutenant and Secretary.

Roger has been happily married to his Lady **Marge** for 43 years. He has been retired since 2006 and is eager to take on new challenges such as the 2008 Circus.

The Rag Top Unit has been very busy in fund-raising for the Children's Transportation Fund, and Roger has been in the midst of everything from collecting donations at supermarkets to collecting pull-tabs for the pull-tab program here at Aleppo, which has collected over two tons in just over a year!

During events here at the Aleppo Shriners Auditorium the Unit has supported and worked tirelessly alongside the many volunteers for numerous shows and are dedicated to doing so for years to come.

"The Aleppo Shriners have many new members, family, and friends that have volunteered over the years, that have developed great knowledge, insight and skills at their jobs. We want to welcome them back for the 2008 season and hope that everyone can recruit new volunteers to work the Circus in future years, to experience the satisfaction we have all gotten in the past from working this great event," said Roger.

The Chairman is asking "everyone for their continued support and help, as in the past, to make the 2008 Circus the best circus ever." He encourages people to send him letters with any suggestions or to sign up to volunteer to the Aleppo Shriners Auditorium, 99 Fordham Rd, Wilmington, MA, 01887, or email him at ShrinersCircus2008@yahoo.com. All comments and suggestions are welcomed and don't hold back.

The dates for this year's circus is April 23 thru April 27, 2008, so please mark your calendars.



ROGER METCALFE
2008 CIRCUS CHAIRMAN



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