



Rawson Auto Body - Tab Collection Point

By JOHN BOHLING

They say that old friendships are the best because they stand the test of time. Well, I can vouch for the accuracy of that statement. Way back in the 1960's, I first ran into **Tom Rawson** at the Wakefield Lodge of Elks, while I was going through the officers line.

At that time Tom was already active in local affairs through the West Side Social Club, also in Wakefield.

Several years ago while at Tom's auto body shop, Rawson Auto Body, in Wakefield, MA, on some unremembered business, the conversation turned to the Aleppo Shriners tab collection program. Almost immediately Tom said it would be possible to place a large container on the bar at the West Side Social Club to garner all the tabs from their members' refreshments. Also, he said he would open his shop as a drop-off point for those others who wished to donate.

Soon I began receiving calls from Tom to swing by and pick up tabs, and as time has passed they have accumulated faster and

faster. Soon I was filling the trunk of my car with them at each visit. The flow of tabs has not slowed since.

Thanks to Noble **Paul Agostino**, Chairman of the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund, we were able to recognize Tom and his wife **Beverly** for their continuing support with a certificate of recognition.

Bev not only runs the auto body shop's office, but is a certified appraiser. She also has long standing ties to Aleppo, being the daughter of Noble **Al Hunt**, a long-time member of the Legion of Honor.

I personally look forward to many more trips to Rawson Auto Body – only for the tabs!

Pictured left to right are: Beverly and Tom Rawson, Rawson Auto Body; and Paul Agostino, Chairman – Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund

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A.A.O.N.M.S.

The Short Shriners are still looking for members!

It was explained that we need at least ten members to receive our charter. The Short Shriners is like a Shrine Club, not a marching or uniformed unit. The idea of the club is that you must be under five feet six inches tall, and that you want to have fun and improve the quality of Shrinedom.

If you are interested in joining, call:
 Illustrious Potentate Robert F. Smith at 978-663-6118
 or e-mail: robert.smith63@comcast.net.

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Illustrious Robert F. Smith, Aleppo Potentate, is starting a new Club here at Aleppo called "The Short Shriners."

Requirements for acceptance are: Nobles in good standing, a height of no more than (5) foot (6) inches tall and willing to have a good time!

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