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• OASIS OF SAN DIEGO

• SEPTEMBER 2016



Say Goodbye to Summer & Party like a Shriner “with Larry Parker & Lady Jane”

Friday, September 23, 2016

Al Bahr Shrine Center

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

\$20.00 per person

Call Shrine office for tickets - 858-292-0092

Menu

Pulled Pork • Cole Slaw • Baked Beans • Peach Cobbler

Entertainment

**Live DJ • Music • Dancing • Karaoke with Patrick
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**Celebrate the end of the summer with
a time of fellowship and fun, so bring
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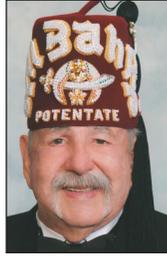
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RECORDER'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM
CLOSED SEPT 5TH LABOR DAY

Upcoming Shrine Center
Public Events

- Sept 10th Delightful Dolls Show & Sale
- Sept. 11th Stamps4Less Show & Sale
- Sept 19th Canyon Quilters
- Sept 21st Tierra del Sol 4X4 Wheel Club
- Sept. 28th San Diego Fine Woodworkers



Potentate's Message

Nobles and Ladies,

I hope everyone has enjoyed their summer so far. As usual our Lodge and Shrine activities are fairly light in August, except for our Nobles and their Ladies in Tijuana. On August 5th they hosted a Burns Screening Clinic with a team of Doctors from the Northern California Shrine Hospital. This was held at our clinic in Tijuana. A total of 79 children were evaluated for further treatment. The Nobles and Ladies were joined in their effort by several of our Divan Ladies and Nobles for this event. On August 20th these same Nobles conducted our second Annual Ceremonial in Tijuana, where more of our Brothers in Mexico donned their Al Bahr Fez.

I am happy to announce that we have new guidelines concerning our Hospital Transportation Program. We have received clearance from Shriners International and our insurance carrier that will allow our Ladies and others to be Hospital Van Drivers. The safety and welfare of our patients, guardians and of course our driver teams is paramount. Nobles Bob Mars and Gene Gillard have established a protocol for qualifying our driver teams. Please contact Bob @ 619-757-9251 for more information and to enroll in this extremely rewarding program, you won't be sorry.

Some of the events coming in the near future are as follows. On September 10th the Grand Master's Reception will be held at the Scottish Rite Center. On September 17th the Islanders will hold their annual Luau at the Shrine Center, there is always great food and refreshments, dancing and entertainment. On Friday September 23rd, join our Chief Rabban Larry Parker and his Lady Jayne for a fun event titled "Say Goodbye to Summer and Party Like a Shriner", there will be some great down home vittles, thirst quenchers, games and dancing. On Saturday October 1st the Director's Staff in partnership with the Yacht Club will hold their annual Octoberfest, of course that will feature some great German food and drink and some crazy contests. Please come out and join us for these fun events.

On Saturday October 22nd we will hold a Shrine Ceremonial at the Scottish Rite Center, it will start promptly at 8:00 AM, this is different than it has been in the past and it is at the request of the Scottish Rite Bodies. The 4th through the 32nd degrees will be conferred after our ceremonial, followed by the banquet. We will have to do our very best in our recruiting efforts on Friday the 21st. Actually, we need to be working 24/7 spreading the word about the "World's Greatest Philanthropy". Here's a thought, invite one of your Lodge brothers to ride along on one of our hospital trips. Let him see, first hand, what we do and what we are all about. The same applies to your friends and neighbors, even if they aren't a Mason we can fix that too. Let's make Al Bahr great again! Thanks again for all your support.

Fraternally,
Lou Hahn



Just a reminder that there are still staterooms available on our scheduled 13 day cruise February 5, 2017 to Australia on the beautiful Celebrity *Solstice*. Space is extremely limited and stateroom selections and early booking prices will begin creeping up as diminished space and calendar embark date nears. A deposit of only \$450.00 per person is now all that is necessary for you to lock in a space now with full payment not due until November 20, 2016. Deposits are 100% refundable up

until final payment. Stateroom types and prices vary from \$2718.10 Concierge Class to inside cabin at \$2047.65 and provisions for 3rd and 4th passengers sharing cabin with 2 full-fare passengers at \$1118.10. These rates are based on double occupancy and include port taxes and fees. Other temples are eagerly seeking passage as well and have already reserved. Please contact Illustrious Sir Lou Hahn at Carefree Vacations, 619-429-4102 or email at shipwrecked-2@sbcglobal.net.

Larry Parker, Chief Rabban

Chaplain's Message

I pose a question to you about how society is affecting religion? What have the affects been in regards to society functioning and/or communicating with one another? What has been your experience? How has it affected you and your life? More over, how will it affect our children and future generations? What type of world are leaving for them. Lastly, on a totally unrelated note, someone posed to me this question. How many useable weekends do you have left to enjoy in your life? Just think about it. I hope you all are enjoying this beautiful weather we are having.

*Yours in faith,
Abraham Ravitch, Chaplain*

Shrine Van Drivers & Ride Alongs

Thanks to those nobles who have recently responded to our call for additional drivers to help get the kids to the Shrine Hospital in Los Angeles, There is still a vital need for this very important function of Al Bahr and the Shriners Hospitals. Even one day a month can make a difference for the more than 2,200 patients on the active rolls of SHC Los Angeles. Please contact the Shrine Office at 858/292-0092 so that we can get back in touch with you to explain the program and needs.
Gene Gillard, Transportation co-chairman



Al Bahr Honored Ladies

Saturday, September 10th we will celebrate our 37th Birthday at the Al Bahr Shrine Center with a luncheon. Social - 11:30AM Lunch - 12:00 Noon. Cost \$17.00. Reservations due by Tuesday, September 6th. Call Maybelle Hasiim (619)465-2499. Our September game day will be on September 22 at 10:00AM. bring a sandwich or buy a burger from the Directors' Staff. Our October meeting at the Al Bahr Shrine Center on October 8th, at 9:30AM will begin with refreshments followed by the meeting and Mexican Train Dominoes.
Carol Van Slyke, (760) 726-2800



Sunshine Committee Report

In consideration of recently enacted Federal regulations, we are unable to provide full information on our ill and indisposed members. Please keep these nobles in your prayers. Should you wish to contact one of these members, please call the office for further information.

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| Anderson, John F. | Evans, Jack | Markson, Richard | Schoen, Frank |
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| Benson, James | Hadaway, Fred | McDonald, Jim | Smith, Sidney R. |
| Berman, Sheldon | Hampton, Robert | McGrath, Jim | Stovall, Allen |
| Boyd, Terry | Hodge, Carmi | Plastik, Herb | Taylor, George |
| Childress, Clyde | Huszar, Skip | Rafferty, Alexander | Thorpe, Lewis |
| Condon, Howard | Johnston, Doug | Ralph, Marshall | Trapp, Ronald |
| Crawford, Jim | Kellett, Alan | Ramos, Roy B. | Vennebush, James J. |
| Crouse, Ray | Kellner, Al | Rash, Ronald | Young, Wayne |
| Dale, Ed (PP) | Latham, Ernest | Rosemier, Dennis | |
| Dudley, Kenneth | Lipa, Joseph | Schaffer, Charlie | |

In Memoriam



| NAME | BORN | CREATED A SHRINER | ENTERED INTO REST |
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| Langomez, Emiliano | 9/19/50 | 10/28/89 | 6/10/16 |
| Irvin, Lester | 7/12/33 | 5/6/00 | 7/20/16 |

A memorial contribution to the Shrine Hospital Transportation fund has been made in memory of our members listed above

Nobles:
If you have paid your 2016 Al Bahr dues, but have not yet received your dues card, please contact the Shrine office, 858/292-0092. We will then contact the Shrine Headquarters in Tampa to expedite you receiving your dues card.
Lou Hahn, Potentate

Rancho Bernardo Shrine Club

After being off for two summer months, the Club will hold a dinner meeting at Athens Restaurant in Carmel Mountain on Thursday September 15 and all Shrine members and their ladies are invited to attend. Please contact secretary Phil Johnson for full details and reservations, 619/884-5440
Don Heath, President

Donations and Remembrances from our Members and Friends

Shrine Hospital Transportation Fund Donations

Joyce Brownlee

Miteject

In Honor of Roberto Saucedo:
Mason of the Year SD 35

Gene Yee

In Memory of Robert Webb:
Charlie and Joan Webb

In Honor of Lou Hahn's 75th Birthday:

Sons of the Desert
Al Bahr Clown Unit
Al Bahr RV Club
Al Bahr Legion of Honor
Past Masters Shrine Club
Director's Staff

In Memory of Murray Tucker:
Charlie and Joan Webb

In Memory of Naty Camerino:
Ann and Olen Woods, PP
Hank Marbot

In Memory of Lady Gale "Pinklace" Prodor, PHP:
The Giggletimers LOSNA Shaaru Court #37

Shriners Hospital for Children's Donations

William Magnum

Al Bahr Clowns

Effie Mae Ormand

Pillar of the Temple Donations

Wilcox Estate

Fred Meinken Estate

General Fund Donations

In Honor of Hal Carter:
Dan and Zsi Zsi Potsdam

Al Bahr Greeter

In Memory of Chico Alvarez:
Al Bahr Tin Lizzies

Yacht Club

Hail ye yachties and wannabe's. The September meeting will be held at the Southwestern Yacht Club on the third Thursday as always, which just happens to be Sept. 15th. Social hour at 5:30 and a delicious buffet dinner at 6:30 which includes a salad and dessert all for \$25. Everyone is invited and bring a friend.

We have an extra special guest speaker in Assistant Chief of the Harbor Police, Mark Stainbrook.. He will bring us up to date as to the happenings around the bay. I am sure he will have interesting stories much like our own ex-policemen Rick Carlson and John Tenwolde and others in our club.

Let me backtrack for a moment and say publicly how much our club appreciated all of you who attended our fish fry this year. We had a great turnout and lots of praise for the delicious food that was served. (Thanks John and Shrine crew for bringing the fryer down from the Red Fez kitchen, it made a big difference). Also, this year we had several new volunteers helping put on the event Thank you all for the time and effort and comradery that made this a successful and fun event. We will all be together again to help the Director's staff put on the October Fest on October 1st.

Call Dale at 619-886-6186 for reservations at Southwestern.

Commodore Dale Martin

Islanders Shrine Club

On behalf of the members and officers of the Islander Shrine Club, I'd like to thank you all for giving us the opportunity to prepare your meal at the last Stated Meeting. It was an honor and pleasure to serve you all. We also want to thank those who attended the 913th Masonic District and Islanders Shrine Club annual picnic at MCAS Miramar. There was plenty of food and fun to be had!

We have several events lined up in the next several months and we hope to have your continued support. On September 17th, we will be having our annual luau celebration. We invite you, for \$20, to partake in a night of fun, dancing, and island inspired food. And on October 23rd, we will be holding the first annual Potentate Cup golf tournament at Twin Oaks Golf Course at San Marcos. All golfers are invited to join us for a day of competition and camaraderie. We are also now taking hole sponsorship's. If you have a business or cause you would like to advertise on a hole you are welcome to sponsor a hole. For more information on these events or membership in the Islanders Shrine Club, please don't hesitate to contact our Secretary or I. (Rudy Nobleza - 619.252.0468 & Randy Rojas - 818.282.0699)

Randy Rojas, President
818.282.0699

Daughters of the Nile Mecca Temple No. 34

The activities for the month of September will be:

- Sep 6 Patrol will have their meeting at 10:00 at the Unity Lodge
- Sep 7 Dancers & Pageantry will meet at 10:00 at the Unity Lodge.
- Sep 12 San Diego Sewing & Cutting will meet at the Unity Lodge. Chorus will meet at that time also.
- Sep 14 North County Sewing will meet at 10:00 at the Oceanside Lodge.
- Sep 19 Our Luncheon will be at 11:00 and our Session will begin at 12:15. Mokattum & Merret Temples will visit at time also.
- Sep 24 We will have our Annual Fashion Show at Al Bahr Shrine Center. Fashions will be provided by CHICO's Fashion Valley. Tickets will be \$30.00 each. Make checks payable to Mecca Temple #34. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope no later than Sep. 21 to PQ Donna Dedrick at 3129 Calle Abajo #12, San Diego, CA 92139-3545.

Ruby Nyberg
(858)292-1885

Reminder of our SOD stated meeting scheduled for Saturday, September 17, at 10 a.m. in the shed to be followed by a potluck lunch and hamburgers/cheeseburgers furnished by the club. Your ladies are always welcome to attend and enjoy the potluck, too. Hope to see you there.

John Ford, VP SOD

Hospital Transportation Activity January 1 to July 31, 2016

In this time frame the Shrine Samaritan Drivers have accumulated the following statistics in transporting children to our Shrine Hospital in Los Angeles:

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| Number of Van Trips to LA | 129 |
| Number of Transportation Days | 134 |
| Number of patients transported | 518 |
| Number of volunteer hours | 3,826 |
| Number of van miles driven | 40,675 |
| Total Transportation Expense | \$34,824 |

Our service to patients at SHC LA are truly appreciated by the many families whose lives we have touched. Please consider being a part of this wonderful endeavor

Robert Mars, Chairman



Director's Staff

August has been busy for the Directors Staff putting together all of the artwork for the 1st Ladies Mad Hatters event. The handy work of Robert, Bob and Steve is greatly appreciated I hope the ladies had fun.

I know it's a little bit early but please put on your calendar the 1st of October is the Director's Staff in conjunction with the Yacht Club is the only fund raiser for the year. It's the first OCTOBERFEST of the season so come out and join the festivities. It'll start at 4PM till whenever I'm still looking at other Units and Clubs for any construction projects that you might need accomplished for your next function.

Our Thursday Burger cook out is in full swing. It's good to see Bob Stuckey and Steve Bumgarner at it again. I heard a rumor that there might be some relief for Bob and Steve in the form of Jim. Peter was good to his word with the assistance of some other people had a successful burger burn It looks like the attendance to the Thursday affair has increased pretty soon we'll have a cast of thousands which is a good thing. So, come by and enjoy a burger and some comradery.

Bruce Smith, President, (619)840-1943

High Priest & Prophet

As you read this, we will stop and pause to honor all our American workers with the Labor Day Holiday. Other international celebrations of Shrine-Temples include September 16 in Mexico for Independence Day for our Al Bahr members in Club Shriners Las Californias and Shriners de Mazatlan and Shriners Del Norte de Sinaloa, and September 7 Independence Day for Nobles in Hikmat Shriners in Brazil. No matter where you travel these days, you will probably encounter Shriners and Brother Masons. We are indeed an international fraternity of Brothers and Nobles.

We are fortunate to be Masons living in beautiful San Diego . As Summer winds down and Fall begins, so begins the view towards the future for Shrine Year 2017. Activities pick up with meetings, luaus, Chief Rabban night, and our clubs and units will elect officers to lead us into 2017.

This look into leadership of our Shriners' component organizations looks also at our membership, you, and Nobles being active or becoming more active in each group. I sure hope you decide to take an active role in clubs or units that interest you. We need you there to provide your enthusiasm and support. More importantly, we need you active so we can all have fun while achieving our fraternal purposes. So, as we stop and pause to honor ourselves as working folks, let's also stop and pause to reflect on what and how we can have fun being active in Al Bahr Shriners units and clubs!

Gene Yee, High Priest and Prophet

Antique & Classic Car Club

The Club will hold a dinner on Tuesday, September 30th , please note this is the Tuesday of the month. Details will be sent to all club members. If you are interested in the activities of the Club and enjoy old and classic cars, please contact secretary Phil Johnson, 619/884-5440, for details.

Richard Church, President



Join Al Bahr Shriners For Golf

1st Tee Time 10:00AM
2nd Wednesday of each month!!
Bonita Golf Course
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Bonita, CA 91902



All Masons Welcome Too

Legion of Honor

The July LOH Stated Meeting was held at Noble Bob Salini's home. Bob, thank you for opening your home and having us. We had a great turn out. The September 24th LOH Meeting will not include a pot luck luncheon. Instead I would like to see the LOH members support the Greeters fund raiser. The Greeters will be serving everyone from their shed; bratwurst, chips, and drinks. Tickets are only five dollars. Please see me or PC Steve Walker for tickets.

Reminder: The Legion of Honor Chili Cook Off is scheduled for October 15, 2016 and this year will be held at the Al Bahr Shrine. You should have received an envelope with four tickets. If you haven't please notify me. I haven't received very many returns yet so I'm hoping that means you've been selling your tickets.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,
Cmdr. Tony Albright, Cell: (619) 994-5309
e-mail: tony19@cox.net

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of Al Bahr Shrine will be held on Thursday, September 29, 2016 at Fallbrook Masonic Lodge, 203 Rocky Crest Lane, Fallbrook, 7 PM for the purpose of balloting on membership applications for a short from ceremonial to be held that evening.
A 2016 dues card is required for admission

New Members Are Vital to Us All. New Nobles bring to
AL Bahr Shriners

New Abilities
New Loyalty
New Finances
New Devotion
New Sincerity
New Manpower
New Enthusiasm

New Members Mean Much More than a Gain in
Numbers or a Percentage Increase

THEY ARE AL BAHR SHRINE'S CONTINUED LIFE AND ACTION

Shrine Ceremonial, Saturday October 22nd

Past Masters

Your Al Bahr Shrine Past Masters Club helped Raise two more Master Masons in July at La Mesa Lodge No. 407. Two Degrees were conferred, back-to-back, by members of the P.M. Club on Saturday, July 30th. What made the Degrees more enjoyable were slides provided by the Grand Lodge to accompany the Third Degree Lecture, which was delivered by Noble Ed Austin, P.M.. Noble Ron Torres, P.M., gave the Charge. Special thanks to Noble Bill Stokes, P.M., for coordinating the effort to fit Brothers into the various parts of the Third Degrees and to Ill. Lou Hahn for attending with several of his Divan members. We now have a second Certificate of Appreciation to hang on our P.M. Club wall this year, the first being from Black Mountain Lodge No. 845 in June for helping to Raise one of their Brother Fellow Craft Masons. If you are a sitting Master or Past Master of your lodge, please consider joining our P.M. Club. Our club's goal is to help any Blue Lodge in the San Diego & Imperial Counties to Initiate, Pass, or Raise candidates when local lodge officers are unavailable. Stop by our next club meeting on September 16th at 7 p.m. in the P.M. "shed" (light refreshments at 6:30 p.m.)... we'd love to bring you aboard.
Fraternally, Mike Seiler, P.M., President

Motorcycle Riding Club

Greetings from the Motorcycle Riding Club!
To all of those who participated in our 1st Ever Breakfast Fundraiser, a huge Thank You! We had a lot of help and food and it appears to have been a great success, especially for a first effort. We look forward to doing this again next year. September 17 is our planned ride to the Beverly Hilton. From there we will escort Santa to the LA Hospital. We will also be delivering the toys purchased with our breakfast proceeds. Check in with me or our Secretary for details and if you want to join us. Potential rides for September are on the 11th to Huntington Beach to try out the latest HDs at Huntington Beach HD Demo Days. Another is on the 10th to Ventura for a White Hearts Foundation 9/11 Remembrance event. These are optional rides and open to whoever wants to go. Please let me know your interest in either of these and we will finalize it with the Club. You do not need to be a member to join us on these rides. All are welcome.
George Geanoulis, President

RV Club

Howdy Nobles. Our September 21-25, 2016 outing will be at the Pala Casino RV Resort. The Trail Boss for the weekend will be Mike McComas who will be back from a cross-country RV Trip. Please make your reservations no later than 5 September. Please call Mike, if you are not an RV member and want to be a guest (619) 947-4200). I invite all who have a Motorhome or Trailer to join the RV Club. We have outings every month. Usually, our outings are Thursday-Sunday. However, for those still working, many arrive on Friday. For more info, call an RV Club Member or me. Happy Camping,
*Fraternally,
Jerry Wohlfarth, President, Cell: 760-685-3370 - jerrywohlf@cox.net*



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Al Bahr Greeters

Greeters Fall Fest Fundraiser BBQ

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12:00 noon to 4:00 pm

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Menu

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Potato Salad • Chips

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D.A.D. Program - Dime A Day

Your contribution, of at least \$35, to the **DAD Program (Dime A Day)** will help underwrite the cost of the monthly publication of the Temple's *Al Bahr O Meter*. Your name will appear in each issue of the publication. Please send your check to the Shrine office with the notation DAD. Thank you for your support!

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| Hernandez-Torres . . . 9/15 | Bartolome "Bart" |
| Arlene Coady 9/15 | Briones 2/16 |
| Ruby Hill 6/15 | Dick & Linda Wolz . . . 2/16 |
| Karen & Steve Schultz . . 9/15 | Nadeen Jones-Hanly . . 2/16 |
| Madeline Giardina . . . 10/15 | Mila C. Custodio 3/16 |
| Nancy Merritt 10/15 | Larry & Rosemary Sagi. . 3/16 |
| Connie & Louis Charity . . 10/15 | Stuart Morpeth Jr. . . . 3/16 |
| James & Shirley | Robert E. Moffatt Jr . . . 3/16 |
| Crawford 11/15 | Ted Jarrad 4/16 |
| Anna Moore 11/15 | Naty Camerino 4/16 |
| Charles Webb 10/15 | Eddie Camerino 4/16 |
| Joan Webb 10/15 | Dan & ZsiZsi Potsdam . . 4/16 |
| Ray Webb 10/15 | Richard W. Jones 4/16 |
| Jean Ann Webb 10/15 | Mary A. Jones 4/16 |
| Betty J. Love 11/15 | Momina Skill 4/16 |
| Jeanne Cohen 11/15 | Jack Hendee 4/16 |
| Bob Strangman 12/15 | Jeanne Cohen 4/16 |
| Juanita Petter 12/15 | Barbara Drummond . . . 5/16 |
| Rocky De Laurentis . . 12/15 | Joseph Henderson . . . 6/16 |
| Momina Skill 1/16 | Ruby Nyberg 7/16 |
| Jack Hendee 1/16 | Herbert Green 8/16 |
| Carol Hendee 1/16 | Katherine Green 8/16 |
| Phil & Terry Johnson . . 1/16 | Winnie Randolph 8/16 |
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Introducing Our 2016 – 2017 National Patient Ambassadors

Every year, Shriners Hospitals for Children® selects two national patient ambassadors to represent the patients who receive treatment at our health care system. The ambassadors are patients whose stories of perseverance in the face of adversity are particularly strong and can inspire others, and tangibly demonstrate the ability of Shriners Hospitals for Children to impact and change lives. The ambassadors will spend the year sharing their stories, and the story of the importance of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The 2016-2017 national patient ambassadors were introduced at the 2016 Imperial Session of Shriners International, held in Tampa, Florida, in July. Here are just a few highlights of their amazing stories.



Marius Woodward
 Marius was born in a small village in Romania. In 2007, when he was only 8 years old, a family altercation resulted in a terrible house fire. Marius remembers escaping the flames through one of the windows and landing at the back of the house where a neighbor found him.

Marius had severe burns over 75 percent of his body, and had lost all of his fingers and his nose. The fire had also taken his parents; his siblings were spared, possibly only because they were not at home when the incident occurred.

Marius spent eight months at a hospital in Romania, where he met two students from Brigham Young University, Ashley Ludlow and Jessica Free, who were participating in a special program and visited the hospital. Realizing that the child would not receive all the care he needed in Romania, the girls enlisted their families' assistance to bring Marius to the U.S.

Eventually, Marius was adopted by Ashley's family, the Woodwards, and began treatment at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Los Angeles, where he underwent many surgeries, including a multiple toe-to-hand transfer, which would allow him to be much more independent. Marius is believed to be the first in the world to have a transfer of this type involving six toes.

Today, Marius is an active 17-year-old high school student who, despite having only two toes and six new fingers, is able to play football and soccer; his goal is to become a motivational speaker and a model, to demonstrate that his scars make him who he is and to encourage acceptance, despite outward appearance.

Karolina Nogues
 Karolina was born in May of 2000 with a significant limb-length discrepancy involving her left leg. For the first five years of her life, Karolina wore a shoe lift that helped compensate for the difference. Her family searched for a better solution, and ultimately Karolina became a patient of Shriners Hospitals for Children — Shreveport, where she began a lengthening treatment that would take nine years, and require both multiple surgeries and the use of an external fixator that, over time, would lengthen her leg incrementally. She began the painful, tedious treatment at age 7. When the process was complete, her leg length had been increased by 7 inches.

Now 16, Karolina practices horseback riding and enjoys surfing, two activities that require the use and strength of her left leg. After high school, she hopes to apply to a Disney program for animation.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is proud of our ambassadors, and of all our patients who strive to overcome tremendous physical challenges, and become as independent and able as possible. We are pleased to help them along the way.

The 2016 Success Story, *Marking our Paths to Strength and Survival*, can be viewed on YouTube at youtube.com/shrinershospitals, and is available for download on shrinersvillage.com.

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 benefit of Al Bahr Shrine,
 its Units and Clubs &
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 charitable donation*



September 2016

- 1 D Staff Burgers
Antique Cars Shed
RADOPS
- 5 . . Labor Day Office Closed
- 6 RADOPS on air
- 7 Scottish Rite SM
- 8 D Staff Burgers
Antique Cars Shed
RADOPS
- 10 Honored Ladies
Anniversary Lunch
- 12 Clowns DM/SM
- 13 Antique Cars SM
RADOPS on air
- 14 Golf Outing
- 15 D Staff Burgers
Antique Cars Shed
RADOPS
Rancho Bernardo DM
- 16 Past Masters SM
- 17 . . Sons of the Desert SM
Islanders Luau
- 20 RADOPS ON AIR
- 22 D Staff Burgers
Antique Cars Shed
RADOPS
Honored Ladies Game Day
- 23 **Chief Rabban
Fund Raiser**
- 24 . . . Legion of Honor SM
- 27 RADOPS on air
- 28 . Peace Officers SM/DM
- 29 D Staff Burgers
Antique Cars Shed
RADOPS

ALBAHR COMET **DEADLINE FOR THE OCTOBER ISSUE IS SEPTEMBER 11TH**
SUBMIT TO office@albahrshrine.org

Legion of Honor Presents:

Where: Al Bahr Shriners
 When: October 15, 2016
 Time: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
 Admission: \$10.00
 Children 8 years and younger are FREE

Directors Staff & Yacht Club

Saturday, October 1, 2016
4:30 PM to ???
\$12.00 per person

Events:

- Nail Driving
- Log Sawing
- "Best Dressed" contest
- Silent Auction

Menu:

- Bratwurst
- Bratkartoffeln (fried potatoes)
- Potato Salad
- Sauerkraut

(Dessert available for donation)

ISLANDER LUAU FUNDRAISER

Saturday, September 17, 2016
 The Shrine Center

No Host Cocktail Begins at 5:00pm
 Dinner at 6:00pm
 \$20.00 per person

Contact an Islander for tickets

**WANTED
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You can belong to another unit and still be a Samaritan
 Al Bahr is responsible for Transporting Shrine Hospital patients,
 along with a parent, to the Shriners Orthopedic Hospital in Los Angeles.

We need good drivers who are retired or semi-retired and can
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For more information, please call 858-292-0092

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