

Country Shrine Club of Medinah Celebrates Golden Anniversary Event

In 1968, a group of Medinah Country Club members led by Noble Leonard Japp, founder of Jay's Potato Chips, formed the Country Shrine Club to begin decades of golf, and donations, to SHC - Chicago. With a simple beginning of a \$1,000 donation to the hospital from an invitational golf event held on Medinah Country Club's championship golf course No.3, the Country Shrine Club members began a journey that, on May 22, 2017, marked 50 consecutive years of annual golf invitationals, which have resulted in gifts totaling more than \$2.5 million for the welfare of the children and the fiscal health of Chicago Shriners Hospital.



Medinah Noble Jim Grosskopf and his Lady Cie (pronounced "cee") made certain Country Shrine Club had a very special 50th Anniversary celebration. They welcomed 160 golfers to Medinah Country Club, one of the stellar golf settings in America, for a day of golf and fellowship. Upon completion of the day's golfing, players gathered in the elegant dining room of Medinah. Twenty guests joined the golfers, and we had delightful steak dinners.

In the photo

above, Mark Niederpruem Hospital Administrator, presents an appreciation award to Don Larson, President of Country Shrine Club, as Terry Wheat, Director of Patient Care Services, Jim Grosskopf, Chairman of the 50th Anniversary outing, Yours Truly, and Mark Berillo, Chairman of the Hospital Board of Governors, look on. In the photo right, Jim Grosskopf and Mark Berillo present a special tribute to Bruce DeAngelo, President of Medinah Country Club, which has provided its spacious ambience to Country Shrine Club for these past 50 years.



We are grateful to Country Shrine Club, for their vision, endurance, and generosity, in the multi-million dollar effort over the years, in strengthening the mission of our hospital in the care of children. We are all blessed!

Chicago Patients Lend Helping Hands to LaGrange County Friends



Zack and Cooper Fry, brothers and patients in our Chicago hospital MDA clinic, recently helped out at the LaGrange, IN, Shrine Club's annual rib roast fundraiser. Mizpah Noble Jim Boss reports the event took place at Lakeland Glass in downtown LaGrange, owned by Shriner and Shrine driver Chuck Miller, who provides storage for the LaGrange Shrine van, which transports patients to our Chicago hospital. Approximately 15 Shrine drivers from LaGrange and Steuben counties transport more than 100 patients to our hospital on a regular schedule. (That's a remarkable number, for, it is reported, there are more horses in this beautiful land of the Amish--

third largest in America--than people.) Friends in the photo are, back row: Wayne Hiller and Richard Muntz; middle row: Jim Boss, Paul Wilson, Harold Barkdull, and Chuck Miller; front row: patients Zack and Cooper and Bob Meeks. We are grateful to our Indiana friends for their hard work and consistent commitment to children.