

Bokhara Court makes decision to invest large amount in equipment

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BOKHARA COURT No. 22

Tuesday, November 17, 2009, our High Priestess, Lady Barbara Pennock called a special meeting to see where we would like to donate the late Lady Dorothy Erma Rutherford's Investment. Our guest speaker was Ms. Celine Doray, Administrator of Shriners Hospital for Children, Montreal, Quebec.

This is our only hospital in Canada serving us and the east coast of Canada and the United States of America.

Ms. Doray presented three areas in which we could donate: One being at the cost of approximately \$1,000,000, a Gate Lab which conducts clinical assessments of children with walking disorders and would have to wait until the new hospital was built.

The second was a Family Focused Environment Room as the existing one is over-crowded and this too would have to wait for the new hospital.

The third option was a new radiology technology (EOS) at the cost of approximately \$500,000. The EOS is a 2D/3D ultra low dose x-ray imaging machine. For over a century, x-rays have provided clear and informative images but with a limited field of view and some exams delivered high doses of radiation to the patients. EOS is designed to quickly capture superior head-to-toe images of patients in a standing, weight-bearing position while reducing up to 90% of the radiation dose compared to a conventional x-ray and up to 1,000 times less than a CT (Computed Tomography) scan. Physicians have long been concerned about the radiation doses being absorbed by young patients, even modern systems still expose children to the risks of thyroid, breast, ovary and other tissues susceptible to cancer.

Approximately 20-30 x-rays are done over the course of several years on scoliosis patients, so it becomes a big number in their total radiation exposure.

The EOS system is unique to conventional systems in several ways, it is a self-contained x-ray chamber that requires no external lead shielding in the walls. It quickly performs full digital paediatric workups without film

cassettes, or time-consuming positioning of the patients. The patient walks into the chamber and stands on a predetermined spot on the floor and multiple sharply focused beams quickly image the patient from head to toe in seconds. Aside from the low radiation doses and sharper images it does a 3D image in one shot, making the results more accurate from the comparison of one study to another, done months or years later. EOS technology at Shriners Hospitals for Children (Canada) would enable a large spectrum of applications. Patients affected with Osteogenesis Imperfecta, limb deformities or scoliosis would be the first to take advantage of this new technology. This piece of equipment can be purchased now and moved to the new hospital when it is built.

Our Ladies unanimously decided on the EOS with a plaque to be inscribed

saying the monies came from Lady Dorothy Erma Rutherford through Bokhara Court. After this decision Ms. Doray and the Potentate, Illustrious Sir Raymond Causton (who happen to be in his office) were invited into the room and Lady Barbara Pennock presented Ms. Doray with a cheque in the amount of \$565,000 to take back to Montreal.

Sunday, March 14, 2010, Spring Tea contact - Joan Phillips 905-681-6092

Tuesday, March 16, 2010, Grand High Priestess Visit, Pot Luck dinner 5:00 pm Court Meeting 7:30 pm - contact Barbara Van Der Heyden 905-937-1320

Thursday, March 18, 2010, Ladies, you are invited to attend a Silver Plaque dedication at the Montreal Shrine Hospital. This will be with the Board Members and media.

Saturday, April 10, 2010 - Bokhara Court Installation.



Left to right - front row: G. Boyce, B. Donaldson, H. Allman, Wah Chung (President of Sudbury Shrine Club), Glenn Thibeault (MP of Sudbury), N. Lenart, J. Preston. Back row: C. Searle, S. Fenton, M. Lee, S. Waltenbury, Steve (our New Member) and J. McCowan

Sudbury Shriners Remembrance Day Services

Last year we had 22 Nobles and a few Ladies of the Sudbury Shrine Club participating in Sudbury's Annual Remembrance Day Service held at the Sudbury Arena. We paid our respects and remembered those who sacrificed so much for Canada and we also paid our tribute to Canada's Veterans.

Prior to the service, we assembled at the Sudbury Minto Street Cenotaph at 10:00 a.m. and laid our Sudbury Shrine Club wreath at 10:15 a.m. at the Cenotaph. Then we joined the Remembrance Day Services inside the Sudbury Arena as representatives of the Shriners to recognize the significance of Canada's sacrifices and achievements.

We participated in laying wreaths to pay our respects to and recognize the contribution of those who gave their lives while in service. We also paid tribute to those who sacrificed for us so that we can live in a peaceful world with harmony.

This service also recognize those who continue to service for the cause of freedom, justice and peace.