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Anah Shrine is ANAH STRONG! and will make it through this staying safe and staying your distance. I know it is hard to put a hold on your life, but we will make it better and by helping all our advertisers when they are open you will help your Anahgram with future editions.

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We will have dates and events soon to make everyone busy with the Shrine get-togethers that will help us donate to the Shrine Hospitals. The Anahgram will survive this and come out stronger along with all of you.

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POTENTATES MESSAGE

Sir Tim "Timothy" Dutch, Potentate



Happy New year everyone. I wish us all the best in 2021 Where has the year gone.

I want to begin by thanking everyone for their support these past nine years. Serving on Anah Shrine's

Divan has been an honor and privilege for me. Special thanks to our Recorder Charlie for having my back this past year, for Phyllis and Gumpy who were always there when I needed them. They all work hard to make our Shrine Temple a success.

This has been a very different year for all of us in "Anahland" and around the world.

I am so very proud of Anah Shrine, it's members, Units, and Clubs, who have risen to the challenges we have faced thru this pandemic. This year has made us think outside the box in our efforts to find new ways to exemplify why we do what we do as Shriners, It's all about our Shrine Hospitals and our Shrine kids. Thank you all for your extra efforts this year.

2021 will be a better year and Potentate Don and Lady Gail will help continue to lead us onward with the support of your Divan. The vaccine will help eradicate this horrendous virus and we will get back to gatherings as we have always done as the year progresses.

There have been many special moments thru the year in spite of the pandemic, Lady Jean and I will cherish those moments for the rest of our lives and we humbly thank you all for your support.

We have had an awesome journey for the past 9 years serving on the Anah's Divan. We have made many great friends within Anah as well as across the Northeast Shrine Association and beyond, who share the same love for our philanthropy and fraternity as we do.

I am humbled and honored to have served as your Potentate for 2020. Lady Jean and I wish you all the best for continued health and safety in 2021.

May God bless you all. And Always "REMEMBER WHY"

Inty NAt

Tim Dutch Potentate 2020

"FROM THE RECORDER'S

DESK" Charlie Pray

Greetings from the Recorder's desk,

With the Christmas holiday behind us and having

welcomed in the "New Year", I'm certain that EVERONE agrees, 2021 in most certainly a welcomed arrival!

As we begin to see the vaccinations doled out, and start to contemplate "Life as Normal" once again, it's important to remember what we've all endured, but more importantly, realize that getting our lives back and our ability to gather and embrace family and friends should be first and foremost with all of our efforts. We've all struggled through a previously unfathomable nightmare. It's amazing how our lives instantly changed last March. Let's hope that this light at the end of the tunnel absolutely blinds us with the vision of a new day!

Anah Shrine January Ceremonial 2021: While it's imperative we adhere to the guidelines imposed upon us by the Governor of this great state, it's also important to acknowledge the work of our soon to be "Past Potentate" and welcome in the new leadership of our great fraternity.

As mandated with the special requirements concerning social distancing, our Shrine Temple will strictly adhere to the afore mentioned government imposed limit of 50 people in our building. Therefore, we are asking anyone wishing to take part in person in the annual "Business Meeting" or the "Parade of Checks" to contact the Recorder to reserve a spot for this activity.

Obviously, due to CoVid 19, the "Pomp & Circumstance" traditionally observed this time of year will be greatly limited. The annual "Business Meeting" will be conducted via ZOOM conferencing since those in attendance need to be members in good standing. With that said, our Divan feels that the public portions of the annual pageantry, such as the Black Camel, the Parade of Checks and the Installation of Officers should be something that all Nobles, family members and friends can observe and will be telecast on YouTube. Our Public Relations Director, Dave Gulya will be posting directions on how you can take part to our website at WWW.Anahshriners. org. Please continue to check the website for updates...

With the restrictions in place from Grand Lodge, and acknowledging how difficult it has been adding new members to our organization, let's all make an effort to search out that one individual that could help fill our ranks and thus assist us with our ultimate goals of serving the needs of our 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children.



2020 greatly curtailed our ability to grow our membership, let's make this a priority in 2021. And remember, Mason's Make Men Better, Shriner's Make the World Better! Stay Safe, Be Positive & Test Negative,

Fraternally,

Charlie

P.S. Go Red Sox! (Only 40 Days until the start of Spring Training...)



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OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE FOR THE 2021 JANUARY CEREMONIAL

OFFICIAL CALL OF THE POTENTATE BY ORDER OF THE POTENTATE NOBLES ARE INSTRUCTED TO ASSEMBLE ON JANUARY 16TH 2021, AT 1404 BROADWAY TO CONVENE THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR ANAH SHRINE FOR THE PURPOSE OF HEARING REPORTS FOR THE YEAR 2020 AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR 2021 Attest:

Charlie Prav

Recorder

Tim Dutch-Potentate of Anah Shrine. 2020



BECAUSE OF THE COVID PANDEMIC AND OUR LIMITATIONS OF 50 PEOPLE IN THE BUILDING WE HAVE MADE THE FOLLOWING ADJUSTMENTS.

• WE WILL NOT BE INITIATING ANY NEW NOBLES AT THIS CEREMONIAL

• NO BAND-NO POSTING OF THE COLORS-GREETERS NOT REQUIRED

• DIRECTORS STAFF WILL CHECK DUES CARDS AND KEEP TRACK OF THE NUMBER OF NOBLES IN ATTENDENCE

• WE WILL HAVE A ZOOM MEETING SET UP FOR THE BUSINESS MEETING

• LIVE STREAM YOUTUBE FOR BLACK CAMEL AND INSTALLATION OF THE NEW OFFICERS

#ZOOM:

1:00 PM-OPEN THE TEMPLE AT 1:00 WITH A FLAG SALUTE AND INVOCATION
BUSINESS MEETING AND REPORTS
CHIEF RABBAN- POTENTATE ELECT DON GORDON- BUDGET 2021 IMPERIAL REPRESENTATION: RE-ELECTION

CLOSE ANNUAL MEETING

• RECONVENE AND YOUTUBE LIVE STREAM

• PARADE OF CHECKS

BLACK CAMEL CEREMONY

• ANNOUNCEMETNS OF 2021 APPOINTMENTS POTENTATE ELECT – DON GORDON

• INSTALATION OF OFFICERS 2021 DIVAN

•RING PRESENTATION-ILL SIR LARRY HERSOM

• PAST POTENTATE FEZ-LADY JEAN DUTCH

• FINAL REMARKS-PAST POTENTATE TIM AND LADY JEAN

AUGUST 2020

CLUB NEWS

SPRINGFIELD HOSPITAL REPORT

GOOD BY 2020,

Boy it seems good to be able to say that. What a crazy year. At Springfield numbers continue to grow for the number of patient being seen. Our staffing is on par again the Covid19 protection team is continually tweaking the safety protocols to make our facility even safer.

I spoke to Lee Kirk, hospital administrator last week and he is very pleased with the numbers and expects them to continue to grow. As here in Maine the number of positive tests are growing in Massachusetts exponentially. Shriners Springfield is extremely lucky this upswing has not encroached into the hospital.

The Board of Governors continues to meet virtually and will do so into the first half of 2021. We conduct our committee meetings as usual and make the decisions that need to be made, so we still have a thumb on the pulse of day to day business. All travel for our ambassadors for the near future is also on hold for their safety. I hope all is well for you all and wish you a safe New Year. As the vaccines are released and we learn more of this virus I pray your lives will rapidly return to as close to our old normal as possible. God Bless, Bob

ACADEMICIANS

Hello Fellow Academicians and Ladies Happy New Year!

The next stated meeting will be online Wed. March 31st at 6:30pm.

It is 2021 dues time. Please make checks for \$10 payable to Anah Academicians, and send them to Anah Academicians C/O Ron Bilancia 59 Allison Park, Brewer, ME 04412. The more we receive this way means the less we have to spend on postage and envelopes and the more we can donate to the hospitals and our other fraternal causes. (If you need to check to see if you are already paid up for this year, please send me an email as some members have paid ahead.)

We had another good online stated meeting on Dec. 9th. We are moving ahead with plans to do an online raffle of assorted meats to be conducted during the month of February. It will be limited to 100 tickets at \$10 each. Stay tuned as we continue to set this up and prepare to launch it at the beginning of next month.

There will be no ritual this month due to the Covid-19 situation. The Divan is planning a very modified January event this year and hopes to do another special ceremonial later in the winter. Stay tuned as things develop.

I hope folks had a very good holiday season. Yours truly had a good Thanksgiving at home in Brewer with Sally, Lauren, and my mother. As of this writing Christmas is planned for Bar Harbor with Mom and immediate family with New Year's Eve quiet at home with the girls, a good movie, and little bit of holiday cheer.

Unit Director Donnie Copeland hopes folks had a good Christmas and New Year's. He would like to convey some special thanks to the Properties and Technicians folks for all their great work including setting up the tent, seating, and props, setting up the light and sound equipment, and taking care of everything afterward.

Director Don also notes that Shawn Spratt has followed in his grandfather Bud Young's footsteps very well. We all certainly appreciate all he does as a legacy Master of Properties. What we do requires a lot of work, and we have to always remember that our success depends on everyone involved. Every Academician has a very important part to play, and everyone's contributions are recognized and very appreciated.

Until we see each other again, keep warm and keep well.

And remember, never hesitate to contact me with any news, questions, concerns, gossip, nonsense, or just plain outright lies you would like to generously share with the rest of our Academicians family and Shrinedom in general. I can be contacted via email at rbilancia@roadrunner.com or by phone at 207-989-2617.

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2021! Finally here and hopefully on the way to a positive recovery from 2020. An eye opener and a year to forget.

We received sad news that one of our unit members passed away last month. Former unit director Dick Dunham, after a long, hard fought battle with cancer, lost that fight. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his wife Lady Debbie and his entire family. He will certainly be missed by all who knew him.

Our last unit meeting was held via Zoom on November 17th. Not as much fun as a real get together, but these days, better than nothing. One of the tasks accomplished was voting to accept Jon Mahon into our group. Welcome Jon! We, who've not met you, look forward to meeting you and your wife soon!

Don Goss celebrates another birthday this month. Bet that cake will light up Brewer! Happy Birthday to you Don and don't over do it with the blowing out of the candles.

Remember all of our Shrine family and friends in your thoughts and prayers! And add a prayer for an improvement of 2021 over 2020.

Reporting for the convertibles, Gaylord E. Sundt

TRI-COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

Tri-County Shrine Club held their monthly meeting on the 18th of November. The meeting was held at President Ralph McNaughton's garage. The 9 Nobles in attendance enjoyed a social hour and a feast of Pulled Pork and Mac N Cheese. The meeting was called to order by President McNaughton at 7 pm. Officers of Tri-County present were the President and Vice President Bryan Boyce, who took the minutes for the evening. Thanks Bryan. Invocation was given by Captain of the Guard Dan Costain. Salute to the Flag was led by the President. Libation Master performed his usual capable duties. The chef for the evening was Dan Costain. Winner of the 50/50 took home \$23. Nobles introduced were Past Boss Clown Lorne "GIZMO"Noiles, Captain of the Wheelers Corey Roberts and representing the Divan Captain of the Guard Dan Costain. A moment of silence was held for a Tri-County Noble who was diagnosed with Covid 19, Noble Ron Watson's wife Bev, who passed away recently and Howard "Chopstick" Samiya, who passed away recently. President Ralph announced that we are doing a gun raffle for a Henry .22. We have until June to sell tickets for \$10 per ticket. Meeting was turned over to Captain of the Guard, Dan Costain. At the Divan meeting on the 17th of Nov, it was announced that the only activities at the January Ceremonial will be the parade of checks and the swearing in of the 2021 Divan. No new candidates until the June Ceremonial, which will be held in Bangor. Since the Feztival of Trees was cancelled, Anah is doing a virtual tree raffle, one winner takes all. President McNaughton donated \$100 to the tree and Tri-County donated \$100 also. Tri-County made \$714 on their drive thru bean dinner. Meeting was closed at 7:45. In this time of epidemic please be safe, and be Anah Strong.

KAMPERS KORNER

The group has lost two wonderful people - Bev Watson and Allen Hayward. Condolences to their families.

Birthdays for January 2021: Mike Doran, Lorena Fenlason, Maggie Doyle, Phyllis Jordan, Tony Runci, Gladys Swett and Lisia Smith.

Anniversaries for January 2021: Amy and Algy Wood and Todd & Lisia Smith.

We still have a lot to be thankful for - be sure to enjoy your loved ones as much as you can under the present circumstances. Just a phone call away.

By the time you read this Christmas will be over hope you had a great one.

Pay dues to Don Wiswell, 93 River Road, Orrington, Maine 04474-3041 989-6828.

Please stay safe. Irene Blood. Secretary

WIDOWS CLUB

Happy New year ladies.

I wish for all this new year that at some point all will return to normal. It may look different but it cannot be what this pass year was.

I hope all had a great holiday even though it may have been limited with how we actually spent it . The important thing is that we all stayed well.

This month brings us to the election of a new Potentate. Let us wish him a successful year.

Congratulations to soon to be Past Potentate Tim Dutch , he certainly had a challenging year but he never lost that enthusiasm and his great smile.

We will once again try to have our get togethers as soon as all is safe to do so.

Stay safe during this cold and snowy time of year. If there are new widows who would like to be part of the group , don't hesitate to give me a call. 989-3664. You should have all received a letter from me. Keep the spirits up and stay well. Lorena

WASHINGTON COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

Happy New Year everyone. I am wishing each and every one of you a very happy and healthy 2021 and hope to find the Covid 19 cases subsiding and life starting to change for the better. We have all missed our Shrine family and events this year! We had no November or December meetings.

Our condolences go out to the Dunham and the Mclean families on the passing of Nobles Richard and Jerry. Also condolences to Penny Fernald on the passing of her mother.

We hope that you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and Christmas holiday with your families. It certainly has been a different holiday season for all with the recommendations from CDC to not mingle between households to keep Covid 19 from spreading more. Must say we are glad to see 2020 end!

With 2021 arriving, we will be having a new Potentate, Donald Gordon and his Lady Gail, at the helm of Anah and hopefully we will see a decrease in the Covid 19 breakouts in Maine so the Ceremonial can be held. It still looks pretty iffy at this time.

As the 2021 year begins, the officers for Washington County Shrine Club are President: Frank Therriault; Vice President: Joe Sargent; Treasurer: Michael Murphy; and Secretary/Reporter: Warren Orcutt Sr.

We should be hearing soon if Shrines next big event, the January Ceremonial, will be held on January 15-16, 2021, along with Housing information and meals.

It is that time of year again and we will be sending out Dues notices and other information about our club meeting dates and places, and hopefully we can return to a more normal schedule. We will include oil raffle tickets for members to sell or purchase themselves.

Happy Birthday goes out to Arlin Alley, Sheldon Alley, Alden Bunker Jr, Mike Doran, Raymond Fox, Margaret Gardner, Mike Gooch, Peter Hanscom, Veronica Harriman, Deborah Huntley, Jane Johnson, Richard Mahan, Robert Mawhinney, Susan Meserve, Brooke Otis, Andrea Perry, Linda Richards, Stewart Roberts, Sybil Townsend, Frank West, Holly Whitney, and Carolyn Wright.

Another Year of Wedded Bliss to Stan & Suzanne Foss, Carlton & Linda Leighton, and Richard & Linda Richards.

CALENDAR WINNERS DECEMBER

YVES POULIN, LISA KRAHN, RYAN KNIGHT, SUE HAM, JANA WATSON, DAN COSTAIN, PENELOPE WILKINS, MIKE GLEASON, DOUG & CONNIE RONCO, JAMES T. AMES, LEN SELANIKIO, MIKE IRISH, JOSEPH ALEXANDER JR., ARTHUR ARCHIS, CHRISTOPHER ZANARDA, MILDRED CUMMINGS, JAMES WHITE, SEAN GAROEAU, MEGAN STEWART, TERRI SMITH, LINDA GRINNELL, TODD MILLER, JEREMY EDWARDS , NANCY ADAMS, MIRANDA PALMER, LISA BEAULIEU, JENNER BROWN, JAMES KENDALL, JUSTIN SYLVESTER, FLOYD HARDISON, RICK SPRENG

IT'S GETTING COLD OUTSIDE! SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN — BOSTON SHARES FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR COLD WEATHER

IT'S GETTING COLD OUTSIDE!

WITH WINTER UPON US, PEOPLE IN NEW ENGLAND ARE STARTING TO SPEND MORE TIME AT HOME WHILE TRYING TO STAY WARM AND COZY. THIS CHANGE IN LIFESTYLE BRINGS AN ADDED RISK WHEN IT COMES TO FIRE SAFETY – A RISK THAT CAN BE AVOIDED WHEN ADHERING TO FIRE-SAFETY PRECAUTIONS.

ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION, HEATING EQUIPMENT IS ONE OF THE TOP CAUSES OF FIRES IN U.S. HOMES AND THE LEADING CAUSE OF HOME FIRE DEATHS. WITH THE INCREASED NUMBER OF PEOPLE USING INDOOR HEATING AND COOKING, THE RISK OF A FIRE IS HEIGHTENED IMMENSELY. IN ADDITION, WINTER STORMS CAN KNOCK OUT POWER, LEADING RESIDENTS TO RELY ON UNSAFE HEATING SOURCES.

WHILE THEY MAY KEEP YOU WARM, SPACE HEATERS POSE AN EXTREME FIRE SAFETY HAZARD. KEEP THESE TIPS IN MIND WHEN USING THEM:

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PURCHASE A HEATER WITH THE SEAL OF A QUALIFIED TESTING LABORATORY. KEEP THE HEATER AT LEAST 3 FEET AWAY FROM ANYTHING THAT CAN BURN, INCLUDING PEOPLE. CHOOSE A HEATER WITH A THERMOSTAT AND OVERHEAT PROTECTION. PLACE THE HEATER ON A SOLID ELAT SUPEACE

PLACE THE HEATER ON A SOLID, FLAT SURFACE.

MAKE SURE YOUR HEATER HAS AN AUTO SHUT-OFF TO TURN THE HEATER OFF IF IT TIPS OVER. KEEP CHILDREN AWAY FROM THE SPACE HEATER. PLUG THE HEATER DIRECTLY INTO THE WALL OUTLET. NEVER USE AN EXTENSION CORD. SPACE HEATERS SHOULD BE TURNED OFF AND UNPLUGGED WHEN YOU LEAVE THE ROOM OR GO TO BED.

WOOD BURNING STOVES AND FIREPLACES ALSO POSE CONSIDERABLE SAFETY RISKS DURING THE WINTER. PARENTS AND GUARDIANS MUST BE EXTRA CAREFUL WITH THEIR CHILDREN BEING AROUND THE STOVES AND FIREPLACES. THESE HEATING SOURCES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR BOTH CONTACT BURNS TO SMALL CHILDREN'S HANDS AND OTHER PARTS OF THE BODY, AS WELL AS FLAME BURNS. WOOD BURNING STOVE BURNS HAVE UNFORTUNATELY BEEN THE CAUSE OF MANY VISITS TO SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN — BOSTON.

BEFORE YOU LIGHT YOUR WOODSTOVE OR FIREPLACE OR TURN ON ANY PORTABLE HEATING SOURCE, MAKE SURE YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS ARE INSTALLED CORRECTLY AND HAVE WORKING BATTERIES.

KEEP THESE TIPS IN MIND FOR YOUR WOOD BURNING STOVE THIS SEASON:

IN WOOD STOVES, BURN ONLY DRY, SEASONED WOOD. IN PELLET STOVES, BURN ONLY DRY, SEASONED WOOD PELLETS.

CLEAN THE INSIDE OF YOUR STOVE PERIODICALLY USING A WIRE BRUSH.

KEEP THE MANUAL IN AN EASILY ACCESSIBLE PLACE, SO YOU CAN REFER TO IT FREQUENTLY REGARDING MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTIONS. EACH YEAR, HAVE YOUR WOOD STOVE PROFESSIONALLY CLEANED AND INSPECTED TO GUARANTEE IT'S RUNNING SAFELY AND EFFICIENTLY. ESTABLISH A THREE-FOOT "KID-FREE ZONE" AROUND THE STOVE TO DISCOURAGE CHILDREN FROM STANDING DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF THE STOVE. MANY BURNS OCCUR WHEN CHILDREN STAND TOO CLOSE TO A HEATING SOURCE TO WARM HANDS, FACES OR BOTTOMS.

WHO DOESN'T LOVE A WARM AND COZY FIRE? THEY CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE FULL OF COMFORT AND BEAUTY, AS WELL AS A GREAT SOURCE OF HEATING. AS MUCH AS FIREPLACES ARE ADMIRED, YOU MUST TREAT THEM WITH THE UTMOST CAUTION, REGARDLESS IF THEY ARE GAS OR TRADITIONAL.

THE MOST IMPORTANT RULE OF THUMB WHEN IT COMES TO FIREPLACE SAFETY IS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE THREE-FOOT "KIDS-FREE ZONE." A FIREPLACE BURN CAN OCCUR REGARDLESS OF WHAT TYPE OF FIREPLACE YOU HAVE AT HOME, NO MATTER IF YOU HAVE A SCREEN UP OR A GLASS FRONT.

IF YOU HAVE A TRADITIONAL FIREPLACE: HAVE A PROFESSIONAL COME INSPECT AND CLEAN YOUR CHIMNEY BEFORE LIGHTING THE FIRST FIRE OF THE YEAR.

CHECK TO MAKE SURE THE DAMPER IS OPEN BEFORE LIGHTING A FIRE.

BURN ONLY FIRE STARTER LOGS OR AGED WOOD IN YOUR FIREPLACE. NEVER BURN TRASH, GREEN WOOD, OR PAPER, AS THESE MATERIALS CAN CAUSE CREOSOTE BUILDUP AND CAN CREATE FIRE THAT BURNS TOO HOT AND BECOMES DIFFICULT TO CONTROL.

USE A SCREEN THAT COVERS THE ENTIRE OPENING OF THE FIREPLACE AND IS HEAVY ENOUGH TO STOP A ROLLING LOG.

WHEN PREPARING, STARTING OR FEEDING THE FIRE, DO NOT WEAR LOOSE-FITTING CLOTHING.

MAKE SURE THE FIRE IS COMPLETELY BURNED OUT BEFORE GOING TO BED. NEVER LEAVE AN ACTIVE FIRE UNATTENDED.

STORE COOLED ASHES IN A TIGHTLY SEALED METAL CONTAINER OUTSIDE OF YOUR HOME. GAS FIREPLACES ARE SAFER THAN THE TRADITIONAL WOOD BURNING FIREPLACES. HOWEVER, THAT DOES NOT MEAN OWNERS SHOULD

IGNORE BASIC PRECAUTIONS.

IF YOU HAVE A GAS FIREPLACE:

MAKE SURE TO KEEP A 3-FOOT CLEARANCE ZONE AND NEVER LEAN ANYTHING DIRECTLY UP AGAINST THE GLASS.

IF THE FIREPLACE HAS A REMOTE, KEEP IT OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

GAS FIREPLACES FEATURE A GLASS PANEL WHICH SEPARATES THE FIREBOX FROM THE ROOM. HOWEVER, THAT GLASS CAN GET EXTREMELY HOT, HOT ENOUGH FOR SOMEONE TO GET SEVERE BURNS. MAKE SURE IF CHILDREN ARE HOME, EITHER DO NOT TURN IT ON OR MAKE SURE EVERYONE FOLLOWS THE RULES OF THE CLEARANCE ZONE.

CONSIDER UPGRADING YOUR GAS FIREPLACE WITH A DOUBLE GLASS HEAT BARRIER. IT PROVIDES EXTRA SAFETY BY CREATING AN OUTER AND INNER GLASS BARRIER. IN THE MIDDLE, THERE IS A VENTILATION LAYER WHICH RELEASES HEAT SAFELY INTO THE ROOM.

THIS SEASON, MAKE SURE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE PREPARED FOR THE COLDER MONTHS. TAKE STEPS TO ENSURE SAFETY AND COMFORT BY ADHERING TO THESE SAFETY TIPS.

IN THE UNFORTUNATE EVENT THAT A CHILD RECEIVES A BURN INJURY, THE BOSTON SHRINERS HOSPITAL IS HERE TO HELP. CALL 844-856-8347 FOR URGENT REFERRALS OR 617-722-3000 TO LEARN MORE.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO SUPPORT THE CHILDREN WHO RECEIVE TREATMENT HERE AT SHRINERS HOSPITALS FOR CHILDREN — BOSTON, PLEASE CONSIDER MAKING A GIFT AND SELECTING THE BOSTON HOSPITAL WHEN YOU DONATE ONLINE.



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Sharon's Story

Fourteen-year-old Sharon's journey with the Boston Shriners Hospital began this past October after she suffered a terrible injury at a barn where she frequently rides horses. In a freak accident, a horse bit off four centimeters of Sharon's bottom lip as she was caring for him. Sharon's mom, Christine, recounted the stressful experience they had at their local hospital's emergency room in New Hampshire. "We were so frightened and scared for our daughter," she said.

The emergency room (ER) physicians and the plastic surgeons all agreed that, given the intensity of her injury, Sharon needed to see a high-level specialist outside of New Hampshire. Not knowing where to turn, Christine and her husband reached out to their wide network of friends in the medical community to find the best facial plastic surgeon for Sharon. That search led them to see a plastic surgeon in Bedford, who immediately closed Sharon's wound by sewing her bottom lip shut and then connected the family to Daniel Driscoll, M.D., plastic and reconstructive surgeon at the Boston Shriners Hospital.



When the family arrived at the Boston Shriners Hospital the next day, Christine said their experience was drastically different from their experience at the ER. "From the moment we stepped in the door, everyone was so kind and compassionate. On our first visit, I had to hold back my tears," she said. "I felt very lucky to know that my daughter was in the best care." Dr. Driscoll first performed laser surgery on Sharon once the swelling went down, and will perform another surgery in about a year. Christine recounts feeling reassured throughout the entire process. "Everyone has been spectacular at the Boston Shriners Hospital. I've never felt so comfortable at a hospital before," she said. "On the day of surgery, everyone made sure that Sharon was



not afraid. There was a lot of laughter and care."

Sharon's care has been a multidisciplinary team effort, and Christine has a long list of shout-outs for staff members throughout the hospital. These include Debbie Sullivan in care management, the patient access staff members who checked the family in, all the nurses, the anesthesiologist, the medical photographer, the staff members who wheeled her into the operating room, and the in-house make-up artist who taught Sharon how to help cover up her scar. "Everyone just cared about her and made us feel safe," Christine said. Sharon didn't let this accident get in the way of doing what she loves. Christine reports that she was "back on the horse" as soon as Dr. Driscoll allowed her! Christine describes her daughter as a super-kind, funny and smart teen who has not missed a beat during these past few months. "Her spirit is strong and I am so proud of her," she said.

The family has also made a generous effort to give back to the hospital by graciously donating gratitude journals for our patients to use. "We just want to thank the Boston Shriners Hospital and everyone that has been involved. We feel like we have received and will continue to receive the absolute best care," Christine said. "Words cannot express our gratitude!"