

Shrinelines

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In Kenosha: ‘Dance with Passion, Care for the Kids II . . .’

Patient Allen Gaines and his mother Mayumi (right) recently hosted “Dance with Passion, Care for Kids II -- Celebration of Earth & Soul” in Kenosha, WI, to raise funds for all the kids at SHC - Chicago. Kenosha Noble Jim Gename reported that 25 Nobles and Ladies from Milwaukee and Kenosha attended the event. “It was fabulous!” he said. More than 100 guests enjoyed a diverse program of dance, vocal music--including opera--and instrumental music.

Mayumi remembers that fourteen-year-old Allen began saving money when he was 10 to pay back what Shriners had given him. That inspired the family to sponsor a fundraiser, which raised \$800. This year’s event--always an international affair celebrating Mayumi’s Japanese ancestry--was their second, and they raised \$1,220. Mayumi was pleased that dancers, musicians, singers, and drummers from Illinois and Wisconsin performed to share the passions for their arts and to show support for SHC - Chicago. The remarkable event was covered by the *Kenosha News* with photos and an excellent story.



We are honored that so much talent was assembled to celebrate the arts and the work of our medical staff. Thank you, Allen and Mayumi, for your creative, generous spirits.

And we thank our Wisconsin Nobles for joining in the festivities and making the celebration even more special for Allen and Mayumi!

43rd Annual Illinois High School Shrine All-Star Is Shaping Up . . .

For the 43rd year, our five Illinois Shrine Temples will host the Annual--Illinois High School Shrine All-Star game. It is set for 1 PM, June 18, 2017, at Tucci Stadium, Illinois Wesleyan University, Normal, IL. Team members, representing every Illinois Shrine Temple, have been chosen, and the rosters are available upon request. Thanks to our dedicated team of Nobles who organize the program for the five-day event and administer the many events associated with it--which will culminate in the Saturday game.

Under the leadership of Mohammed Noble Eric Tjarks, the committee has made plans that will include a team trip to our hospital on June 15, for tour and lunch. A dinner and awards banquet is set for the evening of June 17, where players, parents, coaches, and Nobles from all five Illinois Temples gather for a delightful evening and good talk by a past participant in the Illinois High School All-Star game. We hope every Illinois Noble will consider attending this important, state-wide event, created to benefit SHC - Chicago and SHC - St. Louis. Thanks to the hard-working Nobles who plan this event annually.

