



# The Villages Shrine Club

Dedicated To Helping Children  
With Orthopedic, Burn, And Spinal Cord Injury Conditions  
Through Our Shriners Hospitals



**Shriners**  
Children's<sup>™</sup>  
Florida



# Who are the Shriners

## Shriners Believe in Brotherhood

Shriners are a brotherhood of men committed to family, engaged in ongoing personal growth, and dedicated to providing care for children and families in need. Our backgrounds and interests are diverse, but we are bound together by our shared values and a desire to have fun, do good and build relationships that can last a lifetime.

## Shriners Believe in Family

Although Shriners International is a brotherhood, it is also an organization focused on bringing families together. Many of our fraternity's activities are designed to involve family members, promote our shared values and help develop the next generation of community and business leaders. A variety of affiliated groups for both women and children, emphasizing personal growth, fun and friendship, participate with Shriners.

## Shriners Believe in Fun

Shriners International is recognized around the world by an ancient symbol – the fez. The modern man who wears the iconic red fez is a man who values philanthropy, brotherhood, family and of course – fun.

## Shriners Believe in Philanthropy

Shriners Hospitals for Children was founded in 1922 with the goal of providing expert medical care for children with Orthopedic care needs with no financial burden to the patients or their families.

Today that philanthropic effort supports 13 Shriners Children's Hospitals, 2 Ambulatory Centers, 5 clinics, 6 "Off Site" Clinics & 2 Care Centers. The two Care Centers are located in Florida with one being in Gainesville, University of Florida Medical School and Shands Hospital. This Care Center has been on or a year and in the year 2022 served over 12,000 kids. The University of Miami Medical School and Jackson Health Hospital came on board in July 2022 and already has served over 2000 kids. The type of conditions treated over the range of Shrine Services. Our advanced care is provided in a family centered environment that is focused on maximizing a child's quality of life , regardless of the families ability to pay.

## Types of Conditions Treated

Scoliosis & Spinal Deformities

Hip Disorders

Clubfoot & Related Deformities

Orthopedic Problems Resulting from Cerebral Palsy

Osteogenesis Imperfecta/Cleft Lip & Palate

Missing Limb/Limbs Deficiencies

Spina Bifidal/Myelodysplasia

Leg-Length Discrepancies

Neuromuscular Disorders

Metabolic Bone Disease

Hand Problems /Spinal Cord Injuries

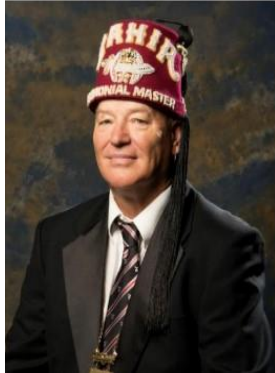
Bunn Injuries/ Skeletal Growth Abnormalities

# The Villages Shrine Club

The Villages Shrine Club received their Charter on April 7, 2005. The Charter was signed by Illustrious Sir Gary J. Bergenske, Potentate of the Bahia Shrine Center and by Illustrious Sir Thomas E. Embree, PP, Recorder of the Bahia Shrine Center.

We have NO PAID staff so all proceeds from everything that we do go directly to the Shriners Children's Florida.

## The Villages Shrine Club Officers (2024)



**President—Robert Leighton**



**1st Vice President – Ralph Thompson**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President—John Butler**



**Secretary—Larry Lace**



**Treasurer—Dennis Storey**

[www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org](http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org)

# Hibiscus Recreation Center



## The Villages Shrine Club

The Villages Shrine Club Meets on the second Tuesday of every month except July and August. Social Hour starts at 6:00 pm with a short meeting beginning at 7:00 pm. Our meetings usually last about one hour. Dress is Club shirt and FEZ. Ladies are always welcome at our meetings. We meet at the following address and you do not have to live in The Villages to attend our meetings:

**Hibiscus Recreation Center  
1740 Bailey Trail  
The Villages, FL 32162**

**(352) 751-6761**

To be a member of The Villages Shrine Club you must be a member in good standing of a Masonic Lodge and a member in good standing of a Shrine Center somewhere. You do not have to be a member of the Bahia Shrine Center to join the our Club. Our Websites include:

[www.thevillagesshrineclub.org](http://www.thevillagesshrineclub.org)

[www.facebook.com/TheVillagesShrineClub](https://www.facebook.com/TheVillagesShrineClub)

[www.bahiashriners.org](http://www.bahiashriners.org) – The Bahia Shrine Center Website

# The Al Kora Shrine Ladies

Let's not forget the Ladies. The Al Kora Shrine Ladies also raise a lot of money for the Shriners Children's. The Shrine Club Nobles are certainly aware that they are a tremendous help in every one of our Shrine Club functions. THANK YOU LADIES!



Here are some of the things that they do:

- Help the Shrine Club Nobles in all their activities
- Have a yearly Garage Sale
- Sponsor a play at the Melon Patch Theater in Leesburg
- Work (Belk Charity Day)
- Work (Chili's Give Back Day)

All the money that they bring in goes to help the Kids at our facilities. They are mentioned all over the country by Shriners International as the model for how a Shrine Ladies Club should work.

The Al Kora Shrine Ladies Monthly Meeting takes place on the Fourth Tuesday of the Month at the Cottage Inn Restaurant on Route 27/441, just a little South of Route 466. The meeting starts at 10:30 with lunch to follow. All Masonic Ladies are cordially invited and encouraged to attend.

## Shrine Clubs Activities and Events

### Bahia Charity Motorcycle Ride



"We Ride So Kids Can Walk." Join us for the Annual Bahia Charity Ride - one of the area's most exciting charity events on two wheels.

## The Yellow Jacket Scooter Club



Several of the Shriners in The Villages Shrine Club ride Cruzin' Coolers in Villages Parades and in Parades in the surrounding area of The Villages. They do this to let people know about Shriners Children's and to let them know that The Villages Shrine Club is right here in The Villages.



## Alex Santoriello



Noble Alex is also a Shriner and some of his shows support the Shriners Hospital for Children. We're also there with him at the Savannah Recreation Center to welcome people coming to see the shows and thank the people for their support.

Alex Santoriello is best known for originating roles in three Broadway musicals: "Les Miserables", "Chess" & "Three Penny Opera" & as a producer on the Broadway musical, "A Tale of Two Cities". Alex starred in major North American tours of "Cats" and "J.C. Superstar" and he appeared on "All My Children" and in the Academy

Award nominated film, "Far From Heaven". Alex has performed with some of the greats including Sting, Cliff Richard, Bryan Adams, John Lodge (Moody Blues), Benny and Bjorn (ABBA), Richard Kiley and Maureen McGovern.

## Shrine Club Fundraisers

### Spring and Fall Fundraising Drives



The Villages Shrine Club Fundraising Drives benefits the Shriners Children's.

The objectives of these drives are:

- To inform the public about Shriners Children's and all the children we treat
- To find local children that may need care and treatment which is provided without financial obligation at our Shriner's Children's.
- To raise funds for Shriner's Children's through voluntary donations.

# Care Centers Needs for the Kids

DO NOT ASSUME WE KNOW WHAT OUR CARE CENTERS NEED. WE MUST ASK THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

1. What are your needs that we can help you with?
2. How much or how many can you accept from us? (Storage Problems)

## CONTACTS FOR OUR SHRINE CARE CENTERS

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UF Health Shands Children's Hospital

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Beth Behr – Shrine/Holtz Children's Hospital @ Jackson Memorial

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Miami, Fl 33136-1096

Phone: 305-585-5337

Beth can always use people from anywhere to assemble activity kits for patients in the waiting Room – She will send you a pattern and instruct your group on how to assemble – ask your questions for cuddle toys – blankets-knitted caps – etc.