

We Remember a Kind Man Who Loved Children in a Grand Way



Henry Deist Bohn (left) was born in 1916 and lived most of his life in the Chicago area, primarily in Oak Park. After graduating from Austin High School, he served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945, and was awarded Bronze and Silver battle stars for his service in North Africa and Southern Europe. He was a longtime employee of Western Electric (which subsequently became part of Lucent Technologies) until his retirement in 1981. Through a lifetime of diligent saving and investing, Henry accumulated significant assets, a large portion of which he bequeathed to SHC – Chicago, to support our mission of "caring for kids." Though a modest man, Mr. Bohn, his family believes, would be very pleased that

his gifts to Shriners hospital will positively touch the lives of so many children and their families, particularly those close to his hometown of Oak Park. He was so loved and appreciated by members of his family that, during the Thanksgiving season, family members celebrate "Hank's-giving" at that time of year! The week after Thanksgiving, we celebrated the life and generosity of Hank Bohn, as eight members of his family joined us to place a plaque on the Philanthropic Society Wall (see photo, right), to recognize this generous man for his estate gift of \$880,000, to our hospital, and to remember his unique love for family, friends, and children. We are honored as Henry Deist Bohn is honored, in perpetuity, in our hospital.



The 'Widow's Mite' in a New Setting, New Era, New Cause: Kids

Mizpah Noble Ed Howard, one of the fine horsemen in the *Mizpah* Horse Patrol, rode in the Great Lakes Shrine Association parade in Lebanon, OH, this year. He tells this remarkable story: He was preparing his horse in the Warren County Stables when a stable hand came up to him. The man, in his 50s, dressed as you expect a stable hand to be dressed—dungarees, a worn and ragged shirt, a soiled baseball cap—approached Noble Ed, saying, "You're the guys that help kids—right?" "That's right," Ed replied. The man reached into his pocket and drew out a crumpled dollar bill, four quarters, and a few pennies. He handed the dollar bill and quarters to Ed, and said, "Give this to the kids," as he put the pennies back into his pocket. Before turning to his task, he said, "I wish I could give more." In retelling the story, Ed commented, "It really touched me!" It touches all of us, and we thank Ed for the story, an updated version of the "Widow's Mite" for Christmas.

World's Greatest Clown, Shiner Red Skelton, to Be Honored in 2013



The year 2013 will mark the 100th birthday of our Masonic and Shrine brother, the world's greatest clown, Red Skelton. As a tribute to Brother Red, all Shrine clowns are urged to attend a special program at the Clown School, the Red Skelton Museum, on the campus of Vincennes University, Vincennes, IN, scheduled for June 4-9, 2013. For information, call Terry Ricketts at 602/818-0274 or terry.ricketts@redskeltonclownsschool.com. A proud member of the fraternity, Red often wore his Fez. Here is an opportunity for Shrine clowns—and other Nobles—to commemorate his memory and celebrate his great gift of laughter to America by being a part of the important and festive program in Noble Red's honor.

