

October 24, 2007 Event

Tour of

SHRINER'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, ST. LOUIS

Shriners Hospitals for Children is a one-of-a-kind pediatric hospital system, dedicated to improving the lives of children. It's mission is to provide the highest quality of care to children with neuromusculoskeletal conditions, burn injuries and other special health care needs within a compassionate, family-centered and collaborative care environment. In addition to specialty pediatric care, Shriners Hospital is a leader in the education of physicians and other health care professionals and conducts research to discover new knowledge to improve the quality of care and quality of life for children and their families. We provide this care at no charge to patients, funded entirely by the generosity of the Shrine fraternity and community donors. Our goal is to expand the possibilities open to children beyond what others thought was possible.

Shriners Hospital - St. Louis focuses on orthopedic specialties. It is staffed and equipped to handle all pediatric orthopaedic problems, with the exception of acute trauma, St. Louis has developed special expertise in the following areas: amputation, scoliosis, club foot, cerebral palsy, spina bifida, hip deformities and limb length discrepancies. Shriners Hospital - St. Louis serves nearly 10,000 children in a 9-state area throughout the midwest. The reputation of our specialty physicians, most of whom are on the faculty of Washington University School of Medicine, attract patients here nationally and internationally.



Tammy M. Robbins, Director of Public & Community Relations, has outlined the guided tour: As people arrive, please read a short script outlining no photos and other patient privacy issues. After reading the script, break into groups of 10 to 12. So, as 10 people arrive, each group can begin the guided tour. Tours will conclude back in the lobby. The length of time for each group may vary depending on access to areas without patients and amount of questions to be answered. Each group may spend 45 to 90 minutes in the hospital.

Date: Wednesday October 24, 2007.

Time: 6:30 p.m. arrival and begin tour.

Cost: . Free.

Location: Shriners Hospital, 2001 S. Lindbergh Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63131, 314-432-3600.

Reservations: Required by Monday October 22 by calling the event captain, **Jim Campbell** at **618-283-4700 ext 260** or e-mail to Jim.C@VansealCorp.com, with names of persons and telephone no.

Directions: From western part of St. Louis County, take Interstate 64/40 eastbound to Lindbergh Blvd exit 28 south. From eastern part of St Louis County and from St Louis City, take Interstate 64/40 westbound to Lindbergh Blvd exit 28 south. Take Lindbergh Blvd southward approx 0.5 miles. Lindbergh is also known as state hwy 61/67. The Shriners Hospital is opposite from St. Louis County Public Library south of Plaza Frontenac. See map on next page. Beware of lane restrictions along I-64/40.



Message from the Chair

Our October event is in honor of the generous service of the members of ASME St. Louis Section. The following persons have more than 25 years service and Life Members:

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Mohammad A. Rouf - 25 yr.
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Jerrold I. Chervitz - 43 yr.
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John L. Gubser - 50 yr.
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Mervin Kuefner - 50 yr.
Lyle G. Rhea - 50 yr.
Donald F. Schnell - 50 yr.
E. George Tapp - 50 yr.
Jack A. Wilcox - 50 yr.

Congratulations to all.
Angela Berring
STL Section Chair

**Please join us at the next
ASME-STL Board Meeting
6:00 p.m. Thursday, November 1st
at Laclede Street Bar and Grille
3818 Laclede Avenue
near Saint Louis University Campus**

ASME-STL Section Programs for the year 2007-2008,

Mary Hammond – Vice Chair:

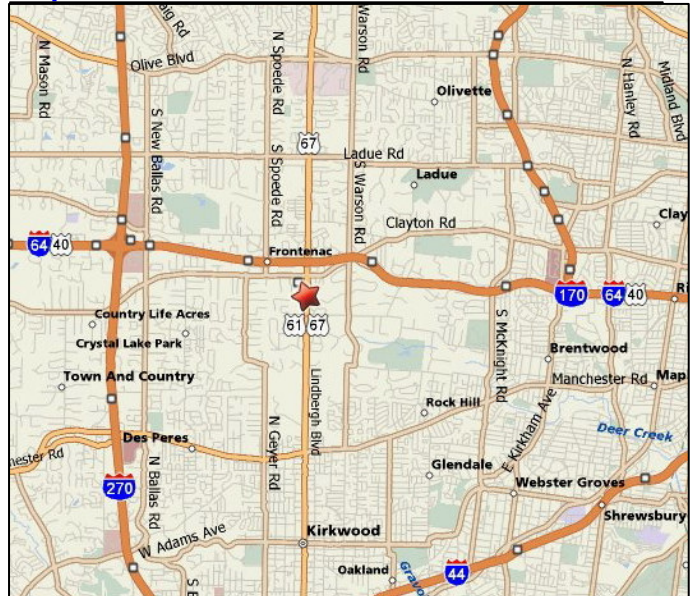
November - Pepsi Bottling Plant Tour, Tuesday, Nov 13 2007.
December - Briem Engineering Open House, Tue, Dec 4, 2007
January - MSD Meramec Plant Tour,
February - Engineering Management Presentation.
March - Nanotechnology Presentation.
April - Grizzlies Social Night

Newsletter by E-mail or paper hardcopy by post mail?

Thank you for your E-newsletter support as the St. Louis Section continues to migrate toward electronic distribution of our monthly newsletter via internet e-mail.

We will continue to mail paper hardcopies of our newsletter only to those members who specifically request it to be sent. If you want to receive a paper version of the newsletter send your request to our secretary John Kepling.

Map to October event



A letter to engineers of all disciplines:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I request you consider donating your old text books and other materials to a better purpose than the sale at your local public library. Specifically, many university libraries need your books and journals: Kabul Polytechnic University, Kabul University, libraries in Angola and Nigeria, and the Haskell Indian Nations University. Munitions destroyed the Kabul Libraries; the Haskell Library has never been well-funded. Several libraries in Africa are desperate for books, especially Nnamdi Azikiwe University in Nigeria and University Agostinho Neto in Angola.

I spent ten days in the Persian Gulf Region six weeks ago. Further, I was a set of "eyes and ears" for AIChE and ASME at a meeting hosted by ASCE in Washington, DC on June 24 and 25 (focus on restoration of engineering capacity in Afghanistan). More than 50 people attended. I volunteered to do four things (health-permitting): visit Afghanistan to lecture, identify library book sources, lab equipment donations and willing instructors to go to Kabul to teach. Some funding appears secure from USAID and from the World Bank. However, it is unclear what will be spent on which needs area. Note: A top priority is to build roads and bridges that will withstand the twice-yearly heavy rain periods. Clearly, Afghanistan needs to restore its education system and its engineering education capabilities. Kansas State University has become a "sister school" to Kabul University, but much help is needed with curricula, library, accreditation and standards.

The Society of Afghan Engineers [www.afghan-engineers.org, an organization of expatriate Afghans in North America and Western Europe focused on the redevelopment of Afghanistan] is developing a training program for startup engineering firms and a mentoring program with US firms interested in growing their own partners in Afghanistan. The goal is to further engineering capacity that will accelerate construction of infrastructure essential to economic growth. The US Trade and Development Agency is providing the funding, and ASCE is managing the effort under an agreement with Kabul University. Assistance from other professional organizations is needed.

Books can be donated by bringing them to my house or by paying for shipping yourself (I will provide addresses). Also, donations to cover shipping are most welcome. If you bring them to me, I will sort them by need and perhaps use the US military to deliver those destined for Afghanistan. Note that a stable Afghanistan, built with Afghan values benefits all of us. If I get enough books for Haskell, I will rent a truck and drive them there.

I intend to extend my textbook/library reference book efforts to include Iraq and Kazakhstan. Your comments and support are most welcome.

So far, I have received more than 1100 text and reference books. Ten shipments of books have been examined, catalogued, sorted by need and sent. Receipts and acknowledgements are being supplied to book donors. Many books have gone to Native American university and college libraries. Those books have been largely on the subjects of chemistry, mathematics, business management, chemical engineering; recent issues of technical periodicals also have been well received. I am accumulating next shipments of marine corrosion and small animal veterinary books for Qatar; crop science, food processing and chemical engineering books will likely go to Nigeria along with the most recent set of Kirk Othmer.

I am keeping ASCE and ASME informed and will continue this effort until relieved.

If you will volunteer to go to Afghanistan for several months to a year, tell me what you would like to teach. If you would like to lend your skills to roads, bridges, waterworks and other infrastructure, tell me that also.

Kindest regards,
Earl

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