

News from SHC - St. Louis

Attention CSSA members:

Hospital Open House dates

No trip to the St. Louis area is complete without a tour of Shriners Hospital, right? Well, Central States Shrine Association members have a great opportunity to do just that August 31-Sept. 2, when they descend upon the area for the fall convention, hosted by the Moolah Shriners.

We encourage ALL participants and their wives to drop by the hospital for several Open Houses available during the convention.

Drop-in tours are welcome - in small groups and large groups - during these Open House hours.

Thursday, August 31

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday, September 1

2 - 4 p.m.

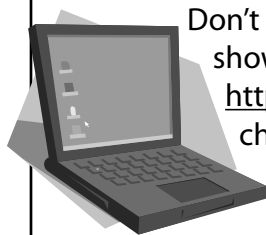
Saturday, September 2

10 a.m. - Noon

If you are unable to tour the hospital during the available Open House hours, please contact Tammy Robbins at 314-872-7837 or trobbs@shrinenet.org to schedule a specific time for a tour.

Extreme Makeover: Web Edition

Shriners New Website to Debut June 21



Don't expect to find a crew from one of the TV remodeling shows planning a dramatic demolition at <http://www.shrinershq.org>, but there are indeed big changes on the way. Shriners of North America and Shriners Hospitals for Children Web sites are set to break away from the current look and become updated and more functional sites. The big change is expected to "go live" on June 21 - just prior to the upcoming Imperial Session.

For months, the Web Operations staff at headquarters have been working to revitalize our Web presence and create an easy-to-use system that will allow our hospital PR staff members the ability to quickly update news and information for our hospital system. The PR Department at Shriners Hospital - St. Louis is currently working on our portion of the site, in collaboration with staff at headquarters.

The new Web sites will be an effective communications tool that will lead Shriners and those interested in the Shrine - parents, patients, physicians, donors and researchers - to the most up-to-date information about our organization quickly and easily.

Don't worry about changing any of your bookmarks, though! The new Web pages will have the same address where we currently reside: www.shrinershq.org. Remember, you can also reach the hospital Web sites at www.shrinershospitals.org.

Hospital Campus to go "Tobacco Free" in September

At the end of May, St. Louis area hospitals publicly announced their commitment to end smoking on all of their various campus locations, both in buildings and on the grounds. This ban, which extends existing smoking prohibitions in all hospitals to this more global approach, is due to be effective September 1 of this year. Extending the smoking ban voluntarily this year will actually be just ahead of a State of Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services directive to do the same thing that will be effective in 2007.

In consultation with our Board of Governors here at Shriners Hospital, the intention is to implement this broader smoking ban at the end of September 2006, as opposed to the beginning. This allows four full months preparation time for implementation of the new policy. We will keep you updated about this change and provide more information throughout the summer.