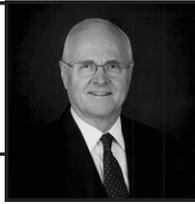


Shrine Hospital Chairman

By James Loman



After 98 years at their East River Parkway site in Minneapolis, Shriners Healthcare-Twin Cities has moved to Radio Drive in Woodbury (off Interstate 94 east of Saint Paul), and the Masonic tradition of philanthropy continues. Minnesota Masonic Charities latest gift of \$35 million to establish and name the Masonic Institute for the Developing Brain will be located at the former Shriners Healthcare location. This charity has contributed more than \$160 million to the University of Minnesota to accelerate research discoveries in cancer and children's health that will improve lives throughout Minnesota and beyond.

Another change to the Shriners International Healthcare network is to integrate their identity for all locations to 'Shriners Children's'. See the new logo and graphic below. As for Shriners Children's-Twin Cities, the first patients were seen on June 29. Due to the ongoing pandemic, grand opening ceremonies are delayed and will probably occur sometime in Fall 2020. Due to COVID-19 there were many delays in service to children at the new Twin Cities Clinic in Woodbury, Minnesota. Services continued through the pandemic but there were also many appointment cancellations. Travel concerns and restrictions were the primary reason. Thankfully delayed surgeries from earlier in 2020 were able to be rescheduled and most have now been completed. Unfortunately travel restrictions have again been imposed and Drs. Vara and Priola will not be traveling to Boys Town Research Hospital and other outreach clinics. Dr. Lael

Luedtke has started seeing patients and conducting surgeries at Blank-Unity Point Hospital in Des Moines. Dr Luetke has previously been on staff at Twin Cities. Another surgeon has been contracted and will join Dr Luedtke in Des Moines as of February 2021. This expanded model for Shriners Children's has proven to be effective in 'treating more children in more places'.

It was with sadness we learned of the November 21 passing of fellow board of governors member Illustrious Sir Craig Jondahl, Past Potentate of Yelduz Shriners. As for the Twin Cities Clinic, long time administrator Charlie Lobeck retired in September. Many thanks to Charlie for his years of dedication and willingness to delay his planned retirement in order to facilitate a smoother transition to the new clinic model while adding partnerships across the Midwest. As of the board of governor's November meeting Terri Kasbohm, Director of Patient Care Services, announced her retirement. Charlie and Terri worked together at Twin Cities for more than 20 years. We wish them well in their retirements. Andrew 'Drew' Graul is the interim administrator at Twin Cities and will further develop the clinic model for the Shriners healthcare system as Shriners Children's continues its evolution. 'Treating more children in more places'.

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