



NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Happy New Year! WOW, 2019 really snuck up quick!

I am looking forward to this year as the Mehara Shrine Club President! Thank you for your trust. In 2018 as a club we added many new events and changed up our schedule. This year I am looking to repeat the major events like the FEZtastic Bowling event in March, the Circus in June, and the FEZtival of Trees in November. I am VERY proud of our organization and the participation at our major events! Having said that if you are looking to participate in a leadership role or be active on a committee please let me or one of the committee chairs know. Bruce Fransway is the chair for the FEZtastic Bowling event, Tim Hartzel is the chair for the FEZtival of Trees, and I am the chair for the Circus. The Bowling event needs committee members now. The FEZtival of Trees will begin meeting shortly after the bowling event. I know both events will be bigger and better than last year! Due to event growth, we will need more volunteers.

Another MAJOR change is we now have an active website. www.ShrinersFun.com. This will be home to all our information. From the site our building can be rented, the calendar can be viewed (currently up to date into 2020), event tickets can be purchased, the Zephyr can be viewed, and starting in January the newsletter will be available. Please use it for reference throughout the year.

In an effort to help grow our organization, this January 19th ZOR, Mehara Shrine Club, Valley of Eau Claire Scottish Rite, and the St Croix Valley Shrine Club are hosting a viewing party of the EAST/WEST Shrine Game. I am hopeful that this will become an annual membership drive. We are inviting all Masons, both York and Scottish Rites, Shriners and guests. It will be held at 44 North American Gastropub in Altoona. It is \$5 per person if you register in advance online at www.ShrinersFun.com and if you enter ZOR in the coupon area you will receive 50% off your entire purchase. If you decide last second to come it will be \$10 at the door. We have some AMAZING door prizes, including a HUGE 50-inch 4K TV. Additionally, and this is REALLY exciting, we will be the ONLY viewing party in the WORLD that is giving away a game jersey!! Everyone through the door will receive \$5 in arcade play at the venue. The first 100 people to register will also receive a special door prize. There will be

trivia, prizes, games, pig races...yep, pig races, and fellowship. This is a family friendly event designed to engage both Masons and non-Masons. My hope is that we can all help each other by growing our Blue Lodge and working in conjunction with the Rites grow the appendant bodies as well. This event will serve as our meeting for the month. PLEASE reserve your spot today at www.ShrinersFun.com or, call me and I can help you register another way.

ATTENTION SHRINE LADIES... Linda is looking to get together with you on Jan 24th. She is planning a Wine & Shrine event that is a LADIES ONLY event. She is trying to get a list together of ladies who would be interested in getting together for drinks and conversation. If you have not spoken with her about it already and would like to be included, she is asking that you call or text her for more information. Her number is 715-456-6284.

In an effort to continue growth we are holding many of our meetings on Friday nights. It seems to be easier for younger families to spring for a sitter on the weekend, there are fewer school activities, and after the meetings, they can continue on with there evening without having to worry about work in the morning. Additionally, we will be developing a kids corner in the building so during the events the entire family does come we have things to keep the youngsters occupied. We have started taking donations for toys, books, and games for children under the age of 10. If you would like to donate or have further questions, please let Linda or I know.

We have paper copies of the 2019 events calendar available at the clubhouse, the Masonic Temple, or for the most up to date version please look online at www.ShrinersFun.com

Fraternally,

Brian Dunham
2019 President Mehara Shrine Club