

Winter is a time of giving!

FOUR Connecticut-based insurance organizations, including the Connecticut Insurance Marketing Association (CIMA), Hartford Association of Insurance Professionals (HAIP), Honorable Order of the Blue Goose International, Hartford Pond and the New England Claims Executives Association (NECEA), held their 3rd Annual Winter Extravaganza on Tuesday, January 17, as a fundraiser for Shriners Hospitals for Children.

More than 100 people were in attendance for the social hour, dinner, overview of the hospital by **George Gorton**, keynote address on forensic accounting, 50/50 raffle and wine/beer raffle.

The group selected Shriners Hospitals for Children as their charity of choice this



year because of the great work we do, as well as the involvement of Noble **John Taylor**, Potentate of Sphinx Shrine Center and his first Lady **Darlene**; and **Donna Daniolos**, vice president of HAIP, and her husband, Shriner **Nick Daniolos**. George Gorton, director of research, planning and business development at the Springfield Shriners Hospital heard many stories of connections to Shriners Hospitals for Children from parents, grandparents and former patients, including **Bob Partridge**, a former patient in Springfield and emcee for the night. Between individual and corporate donations, the group presented the hospital with a check for \$3,407 to continue our incredible mission of transforming the lives of children with exceptional health care through innovative research in a patient and family-centered environment.



IN THE PHOTOS: Nick Daniolos, George Gorton, John Taylor, Donna Daniolos (HAIP), Tom Crawford (CIMA), Cathy Finlayson (Blue Goose), Joyce Recchia (NECEA) and Sandi Tilley (HAIP). Photos by Daniel Rich



Shriners Hospitals for Children Float in 7th Rose Parade

SHRINERS Hospitals for Children was proud to participate in the 128th Rose Parade® for the seventh consecutive year. This year, nine representatives were part of the 2017 float: Anything is Possible.

The crew of nine was led by their captain, Fezzy, the official mascot of Shriners Hospitals for Children, who was at the helm of the colorful 35-foot ship, which stood 16 feet 6 inches high. The crew consisted of Shriners Hospitals' national patient ambassadors, **Karolina** and **Marius**, and the two top leaders of the organization, **Chris Smith** and **Jerry Gantt** and their wives, as well as **David Doan**, Chairman of the Board of Shriners for Children Medical Center set to open its doors in Pasadena in June 2017.

Much like the overall theme, Echoes of Success, Shriners Hospitals for Children believes that many hands are needed for the 22-location health care system to carry out its mission to improve the lives of children. The ship represented Shriners Hospitals, and all of the elements of this colorful and child-friendly float (sails, seagulls and captain) signify those who support the organization and work toward the same goal: to change the lives of children.



Shriners Hospitals for Children®

Shriners Hospitals for Children–Springfield Welcomes New Chief of Staff

JAMES F. Mooney, III, M.D. joined Shriners Hospitals for Children in Springfield, MA as the new chief of staff. Dr. Mooney succeeds Dr. David M. Drvaric, who retired on January 6, 2017 after 24 years of dedicated service to the hospital.



Dr. Mooney received an undergraduate degree in Biological Sciences from Stamford University and earned a medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine in Detroit, Michigan. Dr. Mooney completed both a general surgery internship and orthopaedic surgery residency at North Carolina Baptist Hospital/Bowman Gray School of Medicine. His fellowship training in pediatric orthopaedic surgery took place with the Children's Orthopaedic Surgery Foundation at Boston Children's Hospital. He served as Chief of Pediatric Orthopedic Surgery for the Medical University of South Carolina Children's Hospital and Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at the Medical University of South Carolina for 10 years prior to joining the Springfield Shriners Hospital.

Dr. Mooney is a highly regarded orthopaedic surgeon with an interest in general orthopaedics, pediatric spinal deformity, pediatric trauma and the orthopaedic aspects of cerebral palsy. He has been recognized as one of the "Best Doctors in America" every year since 2005, has been included in the "Guide to America's Top Orthopedists" on five occasions, and included in Becker's Spine Review – Top 100 Spine Surgeons.

Areas of special interest to Dr. Mooney include pediatric spinal deformity, pediatric trauma and sequelae and orthopaedic aspects of cerebral palsy.

On behalf of the staff and Board of Governors at the Springfield Shriners Hospital, we are pleased to welcome Dr. Mooney to our medical team and look forward to working under his leadership to continue transforming the lives of children each day.

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