

SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Omar Temple No. 21 Makes Annual Charity Donation



Pictured: Past Potentate Enos V. Garvin (left center) making presentation to Alee Shriners Potentate John Johnson (right center). Photo courtesy of D&D Photography

On Saturday, October 17, 2009 Omar Temple No. 21 Shriners Past Potentate Council made their annual charity donation. The 2009 recipient was the Shriners Hospital for Children. The

\$2,000 donation was made to the Potentate and officers of Alee Shriners to benefit the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Omar Temple No. 21 Shriners located in Savannah

is a member of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles Mystic Shrine of North and South America and Its Jurisdictions, Inc. The AEAONMS has 227 Shrine Temples and 200 Courts, as well as its women's auxiliary, the Daughters of Isis. Alee Shrine Temple located in Savannah is a member of Shriners International. Shriners International is a fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of brotherly love, relief and truth. There are 191 temples (chapters) in the U.S., Canada, Mexico and the Republic of Panama. The Shriners Hospital for Children is a one-of-a-kind international health care system of 22 hospitals dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing specialty pediatric care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs.

Old Savannah City Mission to hold Annual Day of Great Thanksgiving



Participants of a previous Great Day of Thanksgiving

Our community is experiencing a demographic shift fueled by these tough times. Repossessed homes, unemployment and lost savings are driving more and more people through the doors of the Old Savannah City Mission. This shift is evidenced in a strong up-tick in two basic essentials, food and shelter. Our current meal services are up 20% YTD compared to 2008. And, donations are down 19%. The need for shelter beds is equally strong. It is time for someone to do something! The Mission is doing something every day. And, during the National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, November 15 - 21, 2009, the Mission will pull out all stops to drive home the harsh predicament of an increasing number of our

friends and neighbors.

Activities scheduled for the National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week: Lunch Time and Evening Tours...the Mission's doors will be open throughout the week for those who want to see the facilities,

learn how the Mission provides emergency services and transitional recovery and residential programs without public funding. Friday, November 20...A FAST

Those who want to learn about hunger in our See **Thanksgiving**, page 16

Third Annual Akonting/Banjo Workshop and Concert
under the tent in the Garden at the Ships of the Sea Museum
November 14, 2009 10am

Build simple, resonant versions of the Akonting (a Senegambian ancestor of the banjo) and a 4-string fretless early form of the Banjo

We will include the Museum's new instructional dvd's!!

Workshop (\$35.00) - Includes kits, tools, and instructional resources.
Registration is required. Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

FOR INFORMATION OR REGISTRATION:
Call Ships of the Sea Museum at 912-232-1511 and ask for Tony, or email tonypizzo@shipsofthesea.org

RF Engineer III

needed by Ericsson Services in Savannah, GA, to be responsible for the interaction and coordination with RF Operations, Site Development, FNE Operations, sales, regional POC's and regulatory bodies. Requires Masters or foreign equivalent in Electrical Engineering or Electronic Engineering and 2 years experience providing cell service applications for evolution data optimized (EVDO), integrated dispatch enhanced network (iDEN) and code division multiple access (CDMA) technologies; troubleshooting Lucent and Motorola platforms using Planet, Wizard, Agilent and Invenx toolsets.

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Live Oak Public Libraries and the City of Savannah present the

Savannah Children's Book Festival

Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Forsyth Park • Savannah, Georgia

Celebrate the joy of reading, the power of the written word and the magic of storytelling with children's book authors and illustrators from around the country. Plus dozens of local authors, arts and crafts, food vendors, a variety of entertainment, an international tent, a teen area, costumed characters, and much more!

For more information: 912.652.3689
Rain location: Savannah Civic Center

www.liveoakpl.org

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Savannah Children's Book Festival Spotlight...

Charles R. Smith Jr.

"Many hours were spent with characters in books traveling the world, solving mysteries, or living in a different time in history," says Smith of his California childhood. "Reading books filled with stories and poems inspired me to write my own. The more I read, the more I wrote. And if I wasn't reading a book, I was playing a sport. I played everything, particularly basketball, and spent many afternoons on the court, perfecting my jump shot."

Photographer and author of "Hoop Kings," "Brown Sugar Babies," "Let's Play Basketball," "Let's Play Baseball," "Dance With Me," "Hoop Queens," "Tall Tales," "Short Takes," "Perfect Harmony," and "Chameleon"

Other guests scheduled for the festival include:

- Laura Numeroff**, author of "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie," "If You Give a Moose a Muffin," "If You Take a Mouse to School," and "If You Give a Pig a Pancake"
- Dr. Jean Feldman**, author of "A Survival Guide for Preschool Teachers" and "Transition Time"
- Bruce Degen**, illustrator of the "Magic School Bus" series
- Mike Thaler**, author of the 20-book "Black Lagoon" series which includes "The Teacher from the Black Lagoon" and "The Bully from the Black Lagoon"
- David Biedrzycki**, author/illustrator of "Ace Lacey: Bug Detective"
- Patrick Jones**, author of teen fiction including "Stolen Car," "Chasing Tailights," and "Nailed"
- Elizabeth Dulemba**, illustrator of "Paco and the Giant Chile Plant"
- Michael P. White**, illustrator of "The Library Dragon"
- Miss Rosa**, host of "PBS Kids"
- Doc Neil** (Dr. Neil Shulman), the author of a variety of books about health for children and host of PBS' "What's in a Doctor's Bag?"
- Kyle Pulkammer**, creator of the "Galaxy Man" series of comics which feature a humble astronomer whose wife is lost in space
- John and Danita Thomas**, authors of the "Kid Concoctions" series of books

In the International Tent, storyteller **J'miah Nabawi** and his friends will present "The Global Village of Zumba-Zumba." The program features various traditional children's stories from Africa, Latin America, Europe and Asia. Other activities in the tent include folktale-games, impromptu storytelling, a Zumba routine with an authentic Zumba woman, and a musical journey to Peru and other lands. In the tent's grand finale, J'miah will "geek" marimbas by creating the world's longest marimba as the public joins in.