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Webbers receive prestigious philanthropy award

Wayne and Joan Webber, St. John Macomb Hospital major philanthropic donors, were honored with the Max M. Fisher Award for Outstanding Philanthropists by the Association of Fundraising Professionals – Greater Detroit Chapter (AFP) at its National Philanthropy Day event on Nov. 16.

What inspires philanthropists?

In the case of Wayne and Joan, they were taught by their parents at an early age that sharing was a normal part of life. It was this sharing with the community that provided the influence and environment that served as the catalyst resulting in their recognition from AFP.

Joan comes from a loving and supportive family that instilled in her a belief and commitment to share. She has demonstrated this through her dedication to many causes by actively supporting charitable activities. Of special note, with her husband of over 50 years, Joan continues her interest in the activities of The Wayne and Joan Webber Foundation.

Wayne's family migrated from the Dakotas to a farm in northern Michigan, where Wayne was born. The Webber family left the farm near Thompsonville and moved to the Detroit area when Wayne was a young boy. He was blessed with a strong work ethic and mechanical skills learned from his father. When he was introduced to concrete at age 15, Wayne immediately became fascinated with a product that could be formed into almost



Joan and Wayne Webber

any configuration and last more than 100 years.

Joan was born and raised in Detroit and Wayne grew up in neighboring Warren. They met on a blind date while visiting the Michigan State Fair. They married within a year. In the early years of their marriage, they lived conservatively and worked hard to support themselves and a small independent concrete business. However, plans quickly changed as Wayne was soon called to serve a

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20-month tour in the U.S. Army of which 16 months were with the peacekeeping forces in Korea.

Upon Wayne's return from service, he began again from scratch, with a loan of \$2,250 and a used pickup truck to start where he left off in the concrete business. He soon repaid the loan and asked his grade school friend, Earl Champagne, to be his partner. That was the birth of Champagne-Webber Inc., a small concrete company that grew into a heavy highway construction firm. The organization grew doing heavy highway work consisting of highways, bridges and airports in several states. Mr. Champagne retired in 1991 and the firm's name was changed to W.W. Webber Inc. In 2005, W.W. Webber Inc. and affiliate entities were sold.

Today, although many of the businesses associated with W.W. Webber Inc. have been sold, Wayne continues to participate in real estate and real estate development. Much of Wayne and Joan's time is now spent focusing on the philanthropic endeavors of the Foundation.

These activities include local involvement with medical facilities such as the Webber Cancer Center at St. John Macomb Hospital, the Holley Ear Institute at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, The First Word Society and The Ministrelli Woman's Heart Institute at Beaumont Hospital, and Angels' Place in Macomb County. Children and educational causes are addressed through the Children's Scholarship Fund of Detroit, Cornerstone Schools, Loyola High School, Cardinal Mooney High School and Care House for abused children. Concern for feeding the hungry is supported through the Capuchin Soup Kitchen in Detroit and the Gleaners Joan and Wayne Webber Distribution Center in Warren.

In addition to these efforts, the Webbers enjoy working with grassroots organizations that "provide the resources and tools to help the less fortunate throughout the world." For example, they heard of a need in Africa for wells to provide clean drinking water for the villagers. They decided to partner with Living Waters International in Houston years ago to provide funds, donated by W.W. Webber Inc., and its employees, to furnish equipment to dig a well each month in remote areas of Africa. The well drilling continues today. They also financially support administrative efforts of Living Waters to coordinate with other international organizations in continuing and sustaining the well operations in Africa. This has resulted in significant funding by UNESCO, USAID and peaked the interest of European nations.

The Webbers believe that if people are successful and able, they are obligated to share. This philosophy of life and generosity of spirit, in appreciation for the blessings they have received, were the driving forces behind their activities that led to the Max M. Fisher Philanthropist of the Year award.

"We congratulate Wayne and Joan on this award," said Joseph M. Tasse, President of St. John Macomb Hospital. "We are fortunate that the Webbers are committed to the Macomb County area and thankful they have partnered with us to provide excellent cancer care in this community."

Accomplishments abound

Six St. John Health (SJH) hospitals, including St. John Macomb Hospital (SJM), received the 2005 Governor's Award of Excellence for Improving Care in Hospital and Emergency Department Settings. The Michigan Peer Review Organization and Gov. Jennifer Granholm honor hospitals that are leaders in quality improvement for adult care. SJM was honored for improving care in the clinical areas for acute myocardial infarction (AMI) and heart failure, and the emergent treatment of AMI and pneumonia.

SJH has been named one of metro Detroit's "101 Best and Brightest Companies to Work For" by the Michigan Business and Professional Association and the National Association for Business Resources.

SJH's Community Health Division received the 2006 Eagle Award for Visionary Leadership by the Greater Detroit Area Health Council for its community health programs through the School-Based Health Centers.

The Ultrasound department at SJM received a three-year accreditation in ultrasound by the American College of Radiology.

Message from the Hospital President

We all love winners! Look at the Detroit Tigers, the Shock, Pistons and Red Wings. . . and don't we enjoy seeing our kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews win in their sporting and school events?

But winning teams don't become successful overnight. They train tirelessly to perfect their performance, and when their hard work leads to victory, people take notice.

At St. John Macomb Hospital, we're demonstrating our winning team in our success in service to the community. Over the last few years, we've brought excellent clinical services to you such as cardiac care services for which Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan recently designated us a Center of Excellence in cardiac care.

More and more physicians are joining the medical staff at the hospital, patients and their families are choosing to return to us for their family's care, and donors are honoring us by writing checks to help us do even more.

Donors like **Wayne and Joan Webber**, who recently received the Max M. Fisher Outstanding Philanthropist Award from the Association of Fundraising Professionals – Greater Detroit Chapter, have helped us provide outstanding cancer care through our Webber Cancer Center.

Another major donor is the St. John Macomb Auxiliary (our volunteers!) who just completed its three-year pledge to help us build our new Emergency Department so we can provide immediate care for you when urgent needs arise.

With our Emergency Care physicians and cardiologists, we are now working with the local EMS (emergency medical system) to provide 12-lead EKGs directly from the ambulance when it responds to critical calls at your home. This will help diagnose a heart attack sooner, so that care can be expedited when the patient arrives at the hospital.

St. John Macomb Hospital exists to serve you, but we need your help as well. Please consider a gift of any magnitude. It will help us continue to serve as a beacon of medical hope when you need us. Thank you very much.



Joseph M. Tasse

Best regards,

Joseph M. Tasse, FACHE

President, St. John Macomb Hospital

Planned Giving

Did you know . . .

President Bush has "unlocked" IRA funds for seniors that are charitably inclined?

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 permits **tax-free IRA distributions to charity** of up to \$100,000 per year by donors age 70½ or older. . . but only for donations in 2006 and 2007.

This is very good news for seniors. The qualified charitable distribution is not included in the donor's income but counts toward the donor's required minimum distribution. Since it is not taxable income, it does not impact any other deductions or limitations on your tax return.

For technical reasons, the IRA check should be made payable to *St. John Health Foundation*. You should also call or advise us about which hospital or program you wish to benefit. Please call T. Joseph McKay at 586-582-7506 if you are considering a gift to us from your IRA.

What can you do to help? Share this unique opportunity with age-qualified friends and family who value our health care mission.

Golf outing supports Birthing Center

The St. John Macomb Golf Outing was held on Aug. 15 at Cherry Creek Golf Club and Banquet Center in Shelby Township; 137 golfers enjoyed a day of sunshine, good food and a little competition. The event raised nearly \$36,700, which will be used to renovate the Birthing Center at St. John Macomb Hospital. The enhancements will provide expectant mothers and fathers, their families and new infants with a more comfortable and advanced birthing experience.



Mike Beaubien, R. Glen Smiley, Wayne Webber and Joseph Tasse.



First-place team members Gary Brown, Doug Fox, Terry Chisnell and Patrick Marquardt.



Dennis Felt, Paul Fayad, Gary Pollack and Dan Bowen.



Joseph Tasse, John O'Malley, Mike Beaubien and Bill Crowe.



Webber Cancer Center offers MammoSite Radiation Therapy

The Webber Cancer Center at St. John Macomb Hospital (SJMH) now offers a type of radiation therapy for women with breast cancer who meet specific criteria. MammoSite Radiation Therapy delivers radiation inside the breast to the area where the tumor was removed, instead of traditional radiation, which is delivered externally and over several weeks.

Patients who are good candidates should have tumors smaller than three centimeters and cancer-free lymph nodes. Surgeons first perform a lumpectomy, or removal of the cancerous tumor, before administering the MammoSite Radiation.

Attached to a thin tube (catheter), the MammoSite is a small, soft balloon that fits inside the space where the tumor has been removed. A computer-controlled machine places a radioactive seed within the balloon.

With the seed inside the balloon, radiation is delivered to the area where cancer is most likely to recur. The radio-



active seed is inserted into the balloon twice a day for approximately five minutes, delivering the dose to the lumpectomy site. The catheter remains in the patient's breast for five days. After the radiation treatments are completed, the catheter is removed and the patient is not radioactive.

"The advantages include reduced treatment time and minimal side effects since the radiation is delivered precisely to a small area where the

tumor was removed," said Paul Chuba, MD, Medical Director, Radiation Oncology, Webber Cancer Center/SJMH.

Additional advantages of MammoSite Radiation Therapy include:

- Treatment is completed in five days on an outpatient basis.
- This type of radiation therapy limits the radiation that gets to healthy tissue.
- In a clinical study, cosmetic results are

good to excellent in most patients.

- Patient satisfaction has been positive.

The MammoSite has only minimal side effects, which can include redness, bruising and breast pain. Patients may also experience some drainage from the insertion site. However, all are common side effects of breast surgery and radiation therapy. Such symptoms usually last for a short time.

Volunteers needed

If you genuinely love people and can spare a few hours of your time each week, St. John Macomb Hospital would love to train you to become a hospital volunteer. Volunteers work in many areas – currently, responsible individuals are especially needed to assist in the gift shop and coffee shop.

Volunteers typically work one or two days a week for four hours per day. Saturday shifts for the gift shop are noon to 4:30 p.m., and 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sunday shifts for the gift shop are noon to 4:30 p.m. Coffee shop volunteers are needed to help in the evenings from 4 to 8 p.m.

If you're interested in volunteering, please call Volunteer Services, 586-573-5153, weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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More than 190 St. John Health (SJH) physicians made the 2006 “**Top Docs**” list published by *HOUR Detroit* magazine. SJH doctors were named in nearly every one of the 70 medical specialties highlighted. The list includes southeast Michigan physicians who were nominated by their peers as the physicians to whom they would refer their own patients and family members.

Joseph M. Tasse, FACHE, President of St. John Macomb Hospital (SJM), received the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE) Senior-Level Healthcare Executives Regent’s Award. Joe was recognized for his significant contributions toward the achievement of the goals of ACHE and the advancement of healthcare management excellence.

Jennifer Dupree Mooney and **Al Taylor** were recently elected to the SJMH’s Board of Trustees. Jennifer brings her planning, corporate consulting and finance skills to the Board with her previous experience as a consultant with McKinsey & Company and Deloitte and Touche. Al brings his financial experience to SJMH; he serves as First Vice President and National Group Manager for Comerica’s Municipalities and Specialty Services Group.

Adam Jeffery Frank, MD, was recently appointed as Chief of Neuroradiology for SJMH.



Jennifer Dupree Mooney



Al Taylor

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