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Exceptional care eases tough journey

Fran Thormann-Roe is Manager of the Patient Financial Services Training department at Providence Hospital. When her husband, Bill, was diagnosed with acute myeloid leukemia in September 2004, the couple experienced Providence in a new light as they were now on the receiving end of the hospital's services.

Fran relates the story of excellent treatment and attention they received as they journeyed to battle cancer. "I want to express my gratitude to the entire Providence community," she said. "The exceptional care we received helped us through the most frightening fight of our life. We did not realize all the people who would assist us, and we thank God for everyone. We were privileged to be associated with such a remarkable hospital."

From those in Registration, Laboratory, Radiology, Managed Care, Maintenance, Food Service, Home Health, to physicians, residents, nurses, aides, and Fran's personal



Fran and Bill Roe

supervisors and associates—every individual was integral in Bill's journey. "Bill had never been sick nor had an overnight hospital stay. The diagnosis was incomprehensible, and the idea that he would be a patient for an unknown amount of time was frightening," Fran said.

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Our Lady of Providence update

Our Lady of Providence League (OLPL) installed new officers at its Annual Meeting and Recognition Luncheon on April 19. Those taking on new roles include **Dorisel Boggs** as President and **Betty McLaughlin** as President-Elect. Immediate Past-President **Katherine McGee** assumed the roles of Counselor and Chair of the Nominating Committee. **Katie Cotant**, the group's first President, made remarks in celebration of OLPL's 40th anniversary,



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Katherine McGee, Betty McLaughlin and Dorisel Boggs



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Many anxious days and nights were made easier with the educational materials the couple was given and the numerous people who explained everything during treatment. Bill went through chemotherapy; some days his condition was very critical, but everyone rallied to make things as comfortable as possible.

Fran was able to stay with Bill many nights and was treated with kindness and respect. The staff's encouragement made each day tolerable. It was little things, like making sure Bill had food he liked or taking a moment to give an encouraging word, that were important. When Bill needed a bone marrow transplant and had to go to another facility, the couple was disappointed to leave Providence.

The Roes' story ended sadly when Bill died on March 31. But the true caring spirit of Providence prevailed on the journey, and Fran wanted to share the experience.

For family members who stay overnight at the hospital with critically ill patients, resting can be difficult without a comfortable place to sleep. Only a limited amount of sleeping chairs, which convert to a reclining position, are available. Fran encourages donations for the purchase of additional sleep chairs, which cost more than \$2,000 each. Call 248-849-5744 for details.

Letter from the President

Dear Friends:

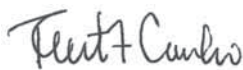
These are exciting times for Providence as we plan for the growth and development of both Southfield and Novi. All our efforts are directed toward developing exceptional facilities that are equipped to meet the health care needs of the future.

The \$20 million capital campaign for Novi is going well, with \$2.9 million in pledges and gifts so far, and several substantial gifts pending. Ascension Health will also make a very generous investment of \$204 million to build the hospital.

Meanwhile, in Southfield, we are working with Sg2, a health care consulting group that was instrumental in our planning for Novi, to analyze new technologies and health care business practices. With that data, we can identify the appropriate future direction and develop a master plan for Southfield.

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to sharing more exciting details of our efforts to position Southfield and Novi to continue to serve the needs of our communities.

Sincerely,



Robert F. Casalou
President, Providence Hospital



Robert F. Casalou

Our Lady of Providence update...continued

and members reflected on events that shaped history 40 years ago (when a stamp was 5 cents and gas was 31 cents/gallon!).

OLPL members were recognized for hours of service. In 2004, volunteers gave 87,750 hours to Providence. At a value of \$17.55/hour (determined by Independent Sector, a coalition of leading nonprofits, foundations and corporations), those hours are equivalent to more than \$1.5 million.

A check for \$120,000 was presented to Chris Southwick, Administrative Director, Cardiology Services, and Jennifer Richard, Chief Development Officer, in support of OLPL's \$1 million pledge to the Heart Institute, bringing total pledge payments to \$620,000.

Grant supports nursing education

The Providence Health Foundation recently awarded a \$25,000 challenge grant to Providence Hospital's Nursing Education department toward the purchase of a high-tech mannequin to educate new nurses at Providence and nursing students from partnering nursing schools.

The mannequin, called the SimMan, simulates a real person who can have medical crises. It will provide nurses with the opportunity to learn and practice their clinical and decision-making skills during realistic patient care scenarios. The mannequin's eyes dilate and contract in response to light; he breathes in oxygen and exhales carbon dioxide; and he has blood pressure, a heartbeat and veins. Student nurse anesthetists can use real gasses on him. He can be intubated, catheterized and injected. Defibrillation can change his heart rate. He can become a female. The mannequin can simulate conditions from numerous medical emergencies such as car accidents, heart attacks, renal failure and other situations the educators choose to program.

The cost of the mannequin is \$50,000. For information on supporting this initiative to improve education and create more confident, experienced nurses, call 248-849-5744.

Nurse Alumnae hold reunion



Eleven members of the Providence Nursing class of 1955.

The Providence Hospital Nurse Alumnae Association had 110 members attend its annual mass at the hospital chapel followed by brunch at Plum Hollow Golf Club on May 1. Members from the class of 1955 were honored for their 50th anniversary. In addition, the first Regina Tomko Nursing Scholarship for \$1,000 was awarded to Sara McKenzie, Providence associate.



Scholarship recipient Sara McKenzie (center) with Jonnie Hamilton and Diane Hagel.

Good news on Novi hospital

A recent ruling by the State of Michigan Court of Appeals clears the way for St. John Health to move forward with construction of the new Providence Park Hospital in Novi. The court ruled against the appeal filed by competitor hospitals attempting to block construction efforts.

Pre-design work is complete for the 200-bed hospital, and schematic design is progressing with final approval from the city of Novi expected later this year. Site preparation including roadwork and utilities began in May. Parking from the south side of the existing building will be moved to the northeast side of the campus in preparation for construction of the new building. Major construction will begin with a late summer or early fall groundbreaking, with completion of the project expected in mid-2008.

Providence Park Hospital is currently operating six inpatient beds in the existing Medical Center building until the new hospital is built.

For information on getting involved in the new hospital, i.e., taking part in opening ceremonies, volunteer opportunities, donating to the capital campaign, etc., call John Lewandowski, 248-465-4502.

Friends' Ball benefits patient care

Thank you to everyone who supported the 2005 Friends' Ball, which took place March 12 at the new Royal Park Hotel in Rochester with more than 425 guests. The theme was "Red Hot Jazz/Cool Blues" featuring renowned jazz artist Marcus Belgrave.

Net proceeds from the event totaled more than \$52,000 and benefited patient care through the purchase of a 3 Tesla Magnetic Resonance Imaging machine now in place in Southfield. The equipment is twice as powerful and fast as the standard MRI machines now used.

During the evening, **Mary and Lewis Campbell** were honored with the Order of Charity Award for giving with open, generous hearts to advance the mission of Providence. Lewis is CEO of Textron, a global, multi-industry company, and Mary owns Graziella Ltd., a specialty shop featuring fine linens and china. The Campbells are long-time philanthropic supporters of Providence, with exceptional devotion to the Friends' Ball through their financial contributions, donations of silent auction items, and past participation on the Steering Committee.

In addition, The Caduceus Society honored **Shukri David, MD**, Chief of Cardiology, and **Martin Harris, MD**, Chair of Emergency Medicine, as Physicians of the Year for their significant contributions to Providence through their medical skills, philanthropic spirit and their unceasing pursuit of excellence. Dr. David was cited as an outstanding leader with a passion for the well-being of Providence and a great aptitude for making projects happen. Dr. Harris



Mary and Lewis Campbell



Dr. Shukri David



Carol and Ron Horowitz



Amyre Makupson, Dr. Jeffrey Zaks and Rob Casalou



Donald and Dorisel Boggs; Katherine and Bill McGee



Dr. Martin Harris

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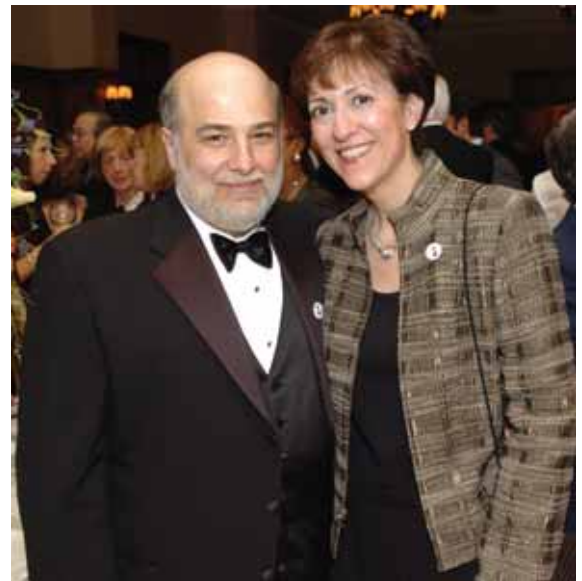
Dr. Radwan Khoury, Andrew Ansara, Fr. George Shaloub and Naim Kawwas



Doris and Gary Jonna; Victoria and Rich Abbott

was named as compassionate, committed to top quality care, a role model to many, with a strong belief in patient and physician education.

Honorary Chairs for the Friends' Ball were Barrie and Blair Bowman and Barb and Tom Day. Members of the Steering Committee included Betty Armenio, Andria Bojrab, Kristin Casalou, Dunia David, Jan Fannon, Kelly Machado, Esther Small and Charlotte Walker. Amyre Makupson was emcee.



Dr. Gary and Linda Assarian



Other guests enjoy the evening

Caduceus news Double your income from a gift?

The Caduceus Society approved a grant for \$24,457 to develop an Anatomical Research Laboratory at Providence Hospital. The purpose of the laboratory is to provide an environment that enables physicians, graduate medical staff, researchers and outside sponsors to conduct teaching dissections, practice surgical procedures, device implantation and development, and more.

The laboratory will be the first of its kind for St. John Health. It will provide training opportunities to enhance the clinical and surgical skills of physicians and medical students, which can directly improve patient care and allow for further development of research programs. The facility has the potential to attract top graduate medical staff.

Yes, you may double your current cash flow from low-earning stock or CDs by donating cash or securities for a gift annuity of \$25,000 or more. You receive fixed payments guaranteed for life and designate a Providence program to benefit from your gift. The Foundation pays an annual annuity rate (based on your age) that is typically two or three times higher than what CDs pay. The older the donor, the higher the rate. Call Joe McKay, 586-582-7506, for a complimentary Gift Annuity Fact Kit.

PET/CT scanner enhances care

A medical device on wheels is helping physicians at Providence Park Medical Center and throughout St. John Health (SJH) better diagnose and treat cancer and heart disease. SJH is one of the first health systems in the state to offer a mobile PET/CT scanner, one of the most advanced diagnostic technologies available. Housed in a plush motor coach, the PET/CT scanner is available at Providence Park on Fridays.

The technology combines images from the highly sensitive PET scan, which detects changes in the way cells behave, with detailed pictures of internal anatomy from the CT scan. PET and CT exams can be viewed independently or superimposed. The combined image shows precisely where abnormalities exist, making it possible for earlier cancer and heart disease diagnosis, and more precise treatment and monitoring.

Scans can be scheduled by calling 866-667-7226. A physician's referral is required.

Welcome to *Spirit*, a new quarterly publication by Providence Health Foundation.

If you would like to learn more about giving opportunities at Providence Hospital, please call 248-849-5744.

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