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New Foundation Board helps shape SJH&MC's future

St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC) is pleased to announce the development of the new St. John Hospital Foundation. Before SJH&MC became a part of St. John Health, our hospital had a local Foundation based on Mack and Moross that led fundraising for SJH&MC. Over the past several years, the Foundation at SJH&MC evolved into the St. John Health System Foundation, and the local Foundation and its Board became more system-focused. During this transition, SJH&MC was left without an individual Foundation.

Now the new St. John Hospital Foundation is being created to raise funds to support the mission and vision of SJH&MC, and a new Foundation Board has been established.

Launching the \$25 million expansion capital campaign will be the Board's first major task. Its role will also include overseeing SJH&MC endowments and restricted funds and building a culture of philanthropy within the hospital and community.

A number of local philanthropists have graciously agreed to provide leadership on our new Foundation Board. They include: *Marlene and John Boll Sr.*, Honorary Chairs; *Joan Gehrke*, Chair; *Peter T. Cracchiolo*, Vice Chair; *Jane Nugent*, Secretary; *Jeffrey Littmann*, Treasurer; and *Patricia Giftos, David Stephens, Kevin Grady, MD; Thomas LaLonde, MD; Kristine Mestdagh, Peter Ronan, Linda Lloyd, Robert Liggett, James Fox, MD; Debra Van Elslander, Sr. Betty Granger, R. Glen Smiley* and myself, members. Other key community leaders are also being recruited to the Board. (Members listed here are commitments made as of August 31.)

We consider ourselves lucky - and blessed - to have the benefit of your wisdom and experience, and all of us at SJH&MC look forward to working with each of you in the future!

Sincerely,



Mark R. Taylor, President, SJH&MC



Marlene and John Boll Sr.



Peter T. Cracchiolo and Joan Gehrke



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Annual campaign gears up

Last fall, St. John Hospital and Medical Center embarked on a new fundraising program to encourage annual gifts. This campaign was a phone/mail program that consisted of two letters and a phone call from one of our representatives. More than \$100,000 was raised for several initiatives, including Cardiology, Surgery, the Van Elslander Cancer Center and the Emergency Department.

Our patients need your help once again. You may have already received the letters, one from Mark Taylor, Hospital President, and another from either Alex Lucido or Joan Gehrke, long-time volunteers and supporters of St. John. If you have, a representative will be calling to discuss the program with you. This year, funds will be raised for the Meade Hematology/Oncology Center in the Van Elslander Cancer Center and for the Notthdurft Pediatric Endowment.

Annual gifts enable the hospital to make significant improvements and to continue to meet the needs of our growing community. We hope that you will take the time to speak to our representative when you are called and will again support the hospital in this annual program. If you have any questions, please contact Meg Delor, Annual Giving Director, 586-582-7490 or meg.delor@stjohn.org.

Kudos

Tiziano Scarabelli, MD, PhD, recently accepted the newly created position of Director of Basic Cardiovascular Research for St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

Groundbreaking kicks off expansion

St. John Hospital and Medical Center will celebrate the groundbreaking of its expansion project on Tuesday, October 18, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

The event theme is "The Future is Now" and will focus on how the hospital is building on its legacy of caring and medical excellence by becoming the destination for the most advanced medical care located in the heart of the community. Major philanthropic supporters, board members, community leaders and medical staff leaders have been invited to the festivities.

Construction site preparation has been under way since the spring. When complete in 2008, the \$156 million project will include the addition of a new North Pavilion with 144 private patient rooms, a new Heart and Circulatory Center, consolidated outpatient and imaging services, and a new main entrance to the hospital. The Emergency Department will also be redesigned and expanded with private treatment modules added.

Many giving and naming opportunities are available for the expansion and renovation project. For details, call Ralph Alee, 313-343-7482.



Rendering – North Pavilion

North Shores events successful

The St. John North Shores Hospital (SJNSH) 17th Annual Spring Dinner Dance raised nearly \$20,000 for Emergency Department renovations and scholarships to the hospital's summer pediatric program S.P.O.T. (Speech, Physical, Occupational Therapy). *Anthony Femminineo, MD*; *Joseph Femminineo, MD*; and *Jack Hart*, a member of the SJNSH Advisory Board, were honored at the event.

In addition, the 10th Annual Honorable Frank E. Jeannette Memorial Golf Outing on July 18 was the most successful to date, setting a record profit of nearly \$45,000. Proceeds will go toward the Emergency Department renovations.

Guild Dinner raises \$130,000



James Fox, MD, Guild Vice President at time of the Dinner (and now President), presents Anthony Southall, MD, with his award.



Anthony Ferlito, then Guild President, presents James Giftos with his award.



SJH&MC President Mark Taylor and Sinbad (second and third from left), with Taylor's sons Ben and Chris.

St. John Hospital and Medical Center's (SJH&MC) 45th Annual Guild Dinner raised more than \$130,000 for the hospital's expansion and renovation project. The group recently presented a \$250,000 check to the hospital toward its \$1.25 million pledge to the project; the check included the dinner proceeds as well as revenue from other Guild projects.

The Guild Dinner, held in June at Penna's of Sterling, featured Sinbad, one of America's top comedians, who performed in front of 1,100 guests. Awards were also presented. *Anthony Southall, MD*, Chief of Emergency Medicine, SJH&MC, was honored with the Guild's Physician of the Year Award, for his commitment to improving the lives of others through his medical practice and work in the community. *James Giftos*, owner/founder of National Coney Island, received the Lifetime Achievement Award for his time, generosity and support of the hospital, including special interest in the Van Elslander Cancer Center and his membership on the hospital Board.

"All Stars for Cancer" event hits homerun

The "All Stars for Cancer" fundraiser, sponsored by the Champions for Life Committee, will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 21, from 7 to 11 p.m., in the Tigers Club at Comerica Park. The event will benefit the children at Meade Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Center at St. John Hospital and Medical Center.

The Champions for Life are goodwill ambassadors dedicated to increasing awareness of the Van Elslander Cancer Center through fund-raising events. Event chairs are *Kristine and Jim Mestdagh* and *Connie and John Ahee*. Other committee members include: *Sarah Clarkson, Diane and Michael Curis, Donna Handley, Dave Putrycus, Mary Beth Ryan, Dianna and Michael Santeufemia, Keith Schalk and Debra Van Elslander*.

Guests will have the opportunity to bid on such items as jewelry donated by edmund t. AHEE jewelers, a "Wardrobe that Works" luncheon donated by Neiman Marcus, a weekend in Bay Harbor donated by Kris and Jim Mestdagh, an Infinity Yacht Charter donated by Infinity Yachts, and a V.I.P. night at the Fox Theatre for a Rockettes performance including dinner donated by Art Van Furniture. The event will also feature a "bases-loaded" menu, cash bar, speed radar baseball game, Tigers mascot "Paws," caricature artist and music.

Tickets are \$100 each; sponsorship opportunities are available. For details, call 313-343-7483.

Oktoberfest raises funds for Hospice

“Oktoberfest 2005” offers an evening of music and camaraderie at the Grosse Pointe Club on Thursday, Oct. 20, at 6 p.m., to raise funds to support St. John Hospice services and programs.

St. John Hospice provides care and support to people with life-threatening illness, addressing the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of patients – especially focusing on pain relief and symptom control. Proceeds from Oktoberfest will support the hospice component of the Pediatric Supportive Care Program and the Palliative Care Program.

Oktoberfest will feature music, heavy hors d’oeuvres, an open bar, a silent auction and more. It is presented by the Committee for St. John Hospice, chaired by Sharon Burke. Tickets are \$60 and \$100; sponsorship opportunities are available. For details, call 313-343-7483.

Fontbonne news

2005 White Christmas Ball

The Fontbonne Auxiliary will host its 52nd White Christmas Ball on Friday, Dec. 9, at The Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn. The event will honor *Sr. Verenice McQuade, SSJ*, Director of Community and Patient Services, St. John Hospital and Medical Center. The theme will be “Christmas in the Emerald Isle” in recognition of Sr. Verenice’s ethnic background. Sr. Verenice has dedicated her life to helping others and has provided comfort and support to many patients and families over the years. Proceeds from the ball will be used to dedicate a corridor of rooms in her name in the future North Pavilion of the hospital’s expansion project. The McQuade Corridor will have rooms designed to enhance the healing environment and maximize comfort for patients and their families. For details about the White Christmas Ball, call Raegan Haglund, 313-343-3675.



Sr. Verenice McQuade

Double your income from a gift?

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 you designate the St. John 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 annuity rate. Call Joe McKay, 586-582-7506, for a complimentary Gift Annuity Fact Kit.

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If you would like to learn more about giving opportunities at St. John Hospital, please call 313-343-7483.

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