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## 64-slice scanner saves doctor's life

*Larry Lloyd, MD*, believes his life was saved by the advanced imaging technology of the new 64-slice CT scanner at St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC).

The Chief of Surgery for SJH&MC volunteered to be a test patient for the new scanner, which allows 3-D evaluation of the heart and its major vessels with remarkable clarity. He assumed the results would be fine – he felt healthy, had no family history of cardiac disease and a cholesterol level under 200.

But Dr. Lloyd was called into the cardiac catheterization lab 90 minutes later and told he had advanced stages of heart disease with nearly total blockage in one artery and signs of disease in many others. "I was shocked," he exclaimed. "I didn't understand how this could be true when I had no symptoms."

Two days later, a cardiology team led by *Thomas LaLonde, MD*, performed surgery on Dr. Lloyd to insert five cardiac stents. "I was lucky. I could've collapsed from a heart attack at any time," he said. "But thanks to the new scanner, my life was saved."

This non-invasive imaging technology enables physicians to look inside the heart and diagnose problems – while there's still time to prevent a potentially life-threatening event. A contrasting dye is injected in the patient to enhance the images, and the patient is placed into the scanner, which rotates while taking 64 pictures of the heart in less than a second. The images can detect blockage in the arteries that can lead to a heart attack.

While the test is not presently covered by insurance, Dr. Lloyd says it's worth the \$700 cost. "It may be the best, most cost-effective screening available to test for heart disease," he said. "When you could be paying with your life, the cost is a bargain. Check with your doctor to see if the test is right for you."

A physician referral is required. For information, call 888-440-REAL.<sup>RM</sup>



*Dr. Lloyd with the equipment that changed his life.*

Dr. Lloyd is a member of the Guild and on the physician division of the Capital Campaign Steering Committee for the expansion project. He and his wife, Linda, Fontbonne President, are generous philanthropic supporters of the hospital.



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## Message from the Hospital President

It seems hard to believe, but the sprawling campus of St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC) used to be a grassy field where children flew kites.

Grosse Pointe resident *Richard Gibson, EdD*, grew up in the 1950s



*Richard and Mark, with St. John Hospital under construction in the background.*

and lived on Moross, four houses down from Chandler Park Drive. For Richard and younger brother Mark, the site that is now our hospital campus was a park where they could play in the summer and sled in the winter. There were beautiful grassy slopes where kids rolled to their heart's content.

When construction began on the hospital, most of their park went away, but a whole new excitement began. The boys became "ambulance chasers" and loved exploring the hospital grounds. When they were 6 and 7, the boys came across the street for tonsillectomies. Though they wanted a room where they could see their house, children's rooms were located in another area.

For many families who are longtime eastside residents, SJH&MC has been their neighborhood hospital for three generations. Though it has grown and continually evolved, they can remember its humble beginnings and have become loyal patients and supporters.

While we have built on our past and achieved so much, the community's needs have grown and changed, and we must adapt to meet those needs. We are investing in our future with the expansion and renovation project –

adding a new Pavilion with all private rooms, state-of-the-art Heart and Circulatory Center, Diagnostic Imaging Center, and transforming the Emergency Department. This will enhance our ability to serve as a regional destination for leading-edge medical care.

The changes we make now will make new memories for our community. Fifty years from now, we'll look back with amazement at how far we've come. I hope you share in our excitement. **RM**



*Mark R. Taylor*

Sincerely,

Mark R. Taylor  
President, SJH&MC

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## North Shores event update

The St. John North Shores Hospital 11th Annual Honorable Frank E. Jeannette Memorial Golf Outing is July 17, at Gowanie Golf Club, Harrison Township. Call Lorraine Owczarek, 586-582-7507.

SJNSH raised \$25,000 at its 18th Annual Spring Dinner Dance at Mac & Ray's. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of ultrasound echocardiography software. *Stephen D'Addario, MD*, Chief of Medicine, and *Chris LaBelle*, SJNSH Advisory Board, were honored. *Sara Sessions* and *Fran Bauer* were the Honorary Chairs of the event. **RM**

## Kudos

St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC) has been named one of the nation's **Top 15 Major Teaching Hospitals**. The award is based on the 100 Top Hospitals®: National Benchmarks for Success study by Solucient, the nation's leading source of health care information and research. It recognizes hospitals that achieve or exceed national benchmark scores for performance in clinical outcomes, patient safety, operational efficiency, financial stability and growth.

SJH&MC was verified as a **Level Two Adult and Pediatric Trauma Center** by the American College of Surgeons.

St. John Health (SJH) received the **Corporate ONE Award** by the Michigan Minority Business Development Council for its supplier diversity efforts.

**Cynthia Taueg**, Vice President of Community Health, SJH, received Oakland University's Nightingale Award in the Administration category for her efforts to provide health care for the poor.

**Kristine Sizemore, MD**, was recognized by the city of Roseville for assisting at a multiple trauma accident on I-94. **RM**

## Fontbonne News

The Fontbonne Auxiliary celebrated its **41<sup>st</sup> annual Fashion Show** in April at Penna's of Sterling, raising \$12,000 to support the hospital's expansion project and the Sr. Verenice corridor in the new Pavilion. **Mado Lie** served as Honorary Chair, and **Pat Young** was remembered for her

dedication to the Auxiliary. Fashions were showcased by *Madilu & Ethan Too, Urban Daisy, Jane Woodbury* and *Le Fontbonne Gift Shoppe*. **RM**

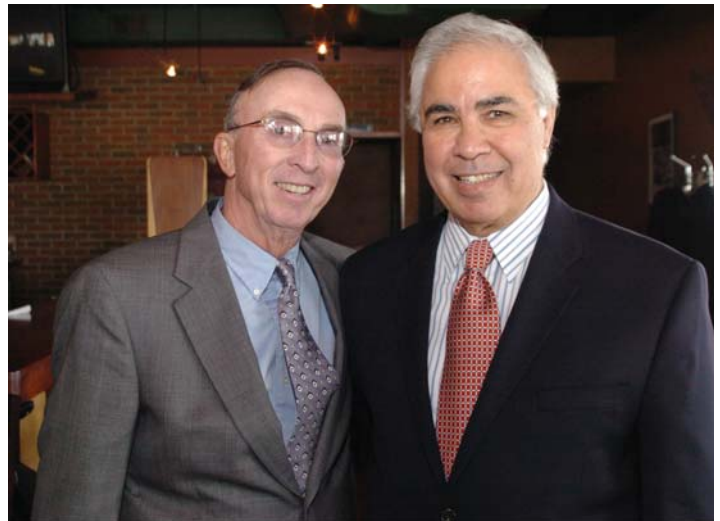


*Cassandra Buccellato, Co-Chair; Mark R. Taylor, SJH&MC President; Mado Lie, Honorary Chair; Linda Lloyd, Fontbonne President; and Christine Lynch, Chair.*

## Guild News

The **46<sup>th</sup> Annual Guild Dinner** was June 7 at Penna's of Sterling with entertainment by comedian/actor *Richard Jeni*. Proceeds will benefit the hospital's expansion project and a new cardiology suite.

**Ahmad Azar, MD**, was honored as Physician of the Year for improving the health of children and his leadership in the medical community. **Tymon Totte, DDS**, received the Lifetime Achievement Award for his work in the dental field, treating sleep apnea patients and dedication to the Guild.



*Dr. Totte and Dr. Azar*

The Guild and medical staff will sponsor a **golf outing** on Sept. 11 at the Red Run Golf Course, Royal Oak. Watch for details. **RM**

## Generous gift pledged

*Peter J. and Constance M. Cracchiolo* have generously pledged \$250,000 to the St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC) expansion and renovation project. “Over the years, St. John has always been here for me and my family,” Peter said. “Now I want to help continue the excellent service provided by the hospital.”

To recognize the Cracchiolos’ generosity, the CT scanning area of the Diagnostic Imaging Center will be named in their honor.

The Cracchiolos have been supporting the hospital for many years. They are lifetime members of the Guild and Fontbonne. “Everyone is always so nice at St. John,” said Connie. On a tour of the current Diagnostic Imaging department, Peter remarked, “I reviewed the designs for the future center and came away very impressed with the plan and vision.”

“We are making this gift for future generations so they can experience the outstanding care and service we have,” Peter said. “It really is a gift to the whole community,” Connie added.

“The gift we received from Pete and Connie is very special and so important to the hospital. I can’t thank them enough for their generosity,” said Mark R. Taylor, President, SJH&MC.

For information on making a gift to the expansion and renovation project, call Ralph Alee, Director of Capital Campaigns, 313-343-7482. **RM**



*Connie and Peter Cracchiolo*

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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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