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Van Elslander Pavilion opens with grandeur

Approximately 300 guests enjoyed the Exclusive Donor Preview on Sept. 16 as the new Van Elslander Pavilion at St. John Hospital and Medical Center was showcased. After entering the soaring atrium, guests toured the W. Warren Shelden Heart and Circulatory Center, the Fontbonne Diagnostic Imaging Department, the new dining hall and more.

The program included a blessing and building dedication by Bishop John Quinn and a presentation of gifts to the top philanthropic contributors, including the Van Elslander Family, the John A. and Marlene L. Boll Foundation, the Shelden Family, the St. John Hospital Guild, the Manoogian Foundation, the Kresge Foundation, Emergency Medicine Specialists, Anthony L. Soave and Family, Gretchen C. Valade, Jane and Robert Nugent, the Fontbonne Auxiliary and more. The lead donations were recognized through various naming opportunities.



The Van Elslander Family receives recognition at the Exclusive Donor Preview.



Mary Ann Van Elslander, Peter J. Cracchiolo and Debra Van Elslander

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Gretchen Valade (left) made a \$1 million donation in honor of Michael and Sharon Burke, for whom a floor will be named in the Van Elslander Pavilion.



Donor recognition wall inside the Van Elslander Pavilion atrium

Message from the President

Dear Friends,

Which university should I attend? Is this the right house to buy? Is this the best career path for me? Every day life is full of tough decisions. A simple “yes” or “no” can mean the difference between a lifetime of happiness or long days filled with regret. Tough decisions are just that...tough.

As you can imagine, running a hospital is also filled with tough decisions. Our decisions can literally impact generations, so it is important that we weigh each factor carefully—yet we must be able to execute with agility.

One great example is the new tower, the Van Elslander Pavilion. As we look at that magnificent structure adjacent to the north parking lot, we have no doubt that we made the best decision for the future of this community. Yet, in the beginning there were questions about how to make this historic project a reality.

But you never doubted us. One of the greatest joys in my short tenure as President of St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC) has been my relationship with our donors. Your support and commitment have been unwavering.

More than 50 years ago, this community came together to build SJH&MC. Our Fontbonne Auxiliary and St. John Guild were there at the start to open the hospital, and they continue to lead our community outreach today. New Presidents JoAnn Miller and Alex Lucido are key partners for us as we grow to meet the community's needs. It is remarkable to me that this community is still banding together to make certain that we remain here and continue to provide the technologically superior, faith-based care that you and your families have always relied upon.

Thank you. Life may be filled with tough decisions, but those decisions are always a little easier when you know that you have the support of good friends.

Sincerely,



Dave Stephens
President and CEO, SJH&MC



Dave Stephens

St. John Emergency Physicians make historic pledge

St. John Emergency Physicians have pledged \$1 million to the St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC) Expansion Campaign. For their donation, the group will receive recognition in the renovated Emergency Center.

“I have been practicing medicine at SJH&MC since 1974, and it was a privilege for our group to make this gift to a very important project,” said Tony Southall, MD, Chair of Emergency Medicine.

This is the largest pledge from a physician group in SJH&MC's history, and President Dave Stephens applauds the team. “This is a tremendous pledge to the campaign and an enormous commitment from the St. John Emergency Physicians,” he said. “The overall support from the physicians for this campaign has been inspirational.”

“Our gratitude extends to Dr. Southall and Dr. James Fox,” said Kevin Grady, MD, Co-chair, Physician Division of the Expansion Campaign. “But our work continues, and we still need every physician to be part of this campaign.” So far, SJH&MC physicians have raised more than \$2.5 million for the campaign.

Van Elslander Pavilion opens with grandeur...continued

The 250,000-square-foot Pavilion opened for patient care on Sept. 24, following a week of grand opening events for physicians, associates and the community. Besides the Heart and Circulatory Center and the Diagnostic Imaging Center, the new building will feature 144 private patient rooms, scheduled to open in 2008. The entire facility features leading-edge technology with services arranged in a patient-focused design.

At the donor event, it was announced that the hospital's expansion campaign has met its \$30 million goal. However, the Campaign Steering Committee has been asked to raise at least \$2 million more, so the campaign will continue until the new Guild Emergency Center opens in December 2008.

"We're extremely happy to have so much philanthropic support from our community to help fund



Anthony Soave and Family



Jim Giftos, National Coney Island President and St. John Hospital and Medical Center Board Member (left), congratulates Art Van Elslander for his tremendous gift to the expansion project.



Ann Nicholson and Joan Gehrke, St. John Hospital Foundation Board Chair



The new Van Elslander Pavilion

...this historic project," said James B. Nicholson, Campaign Steering Committee Chair. "To accomplish a project of this size is phenomenal, and we're proud to show off our

...new facility to our special friends." The \$163 million project was also funded by the hospital's retained earnings and a bond offering through Ascension Health.

Golf outing helps disabled

The 12th Annual Honorable Frank E. Jeannette Memorial Golf Outing, held July 16 at Gowanie Golf Club, raised approximately \$30,000 for the St. John North Shores Hospital Helping Our Patients in Need (HOPE) Fund. Roger Petri and Phil Greco chaired this year's event—thank you!



Joe Jeannette and Howard Studaker

Kudos

Mitchell Dombrowski, MD, Chief of OB/GYN, St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC), was named one of the Top Ten Physician Inventors in history by *MDNG: Bringing Healthcare Technology into Practice* magazine. Dr. Dombrowski was noted for developing a self-capping needle, which allows a doctor or nurse to safely remove an IV needle in one easy motion. The self-capping IV needle is just one of hundreds of inventions Dr. Dombrowski has had since the mid-1980s. He has 11 U.S.



Dr. Mitchell Dombrowski

patents on medical devices, including blood sampling instruments, self-capping needles and catheters, glucose test strips, and medication dispensing systems such as glucose pens. Dr. Dombrowski is also a Professor of OB/GYN at Wayne State University School of Medicine and has nearly 200 published works.



James B. Nicholson, President and CEO of PVS Chemicals, Inc., was named a Distinguished Leader by the American Jewish Committee for his contributions to the community, including his generous support of SJH&MC. He is a Member of the St. John Hospital Foundation Board and Chair of the Campaign Steering Committee.

St. John Hospital and Medical Center has been recognized for excellence on the prestigious *U.S. News & World Report's* annual "**Best Hospitals**" list, ranking 49th in the category of Neurology & Neurosurgery.

Nugents make another generous pledge

Jane and Robert Nugent have pledged an additional \$500,000 to the St. John Expansion Campaign. This brings their total gift to \$1 million. "We hope this spurs additional



Robert and Jane Nugent

giving to the campaign," Jane said. St. John Hospital will recognize the Nugents' generosity by naming the Trauma Center and the Urgent Care Center of the Emergency Center in their honor.

"This gift comes at a wonderful time for St. John Hospital and the patients we serve," said Joan S. Gehrke, Chair, St. John Hospital Foundation. "The Nugents gave one of the first large gifts to our campaign with their earlier pledge of \$500,000. How wonderful that they helped us take another large step toward our goal of \$30 million."

The Nugents are long-time supporters of SJH&MC. Jane is currently Secretary for the St. John Hospital Foundation Board and a Member of the SJH&MC Board of Trustees where she serves as the Chair of the Quality Committee. Robert is a past Chair of the Board of St. John Senior Community. Both are members of the Guild and Fontbonne.

"We realized as the work progressed how valuable it is for our community to have a faith-based hospital – it is a real asset," said Jane. "We were aware of the increased need and felt that we should do what we could to help St. John keep providing the outstanding health care that this project will ensure."

How to make a gift

Your continued support truly makes a difference! Making a gift to the St. John Hospital Foundation is easy. Just go to www.stjohn.org and click on the "**Donate**" button on the blue banner at the top.

When the St. John Health Foundation main page appears, you will find easy links to St. John Hospital fundraising information, ways to give, and an online donation form. If you have questions, call 313-343-7480.

Fontbonne news

The Fontbonne Auxiliary presented a \$73,500 check from proceeds of the organization's annual fundraisers to Larry Lloyd, MD, Chief of Surgery, and the Surgery staff. The donation will help purchase a video system, three laparoscopes and three fiber optic light cables to enhance patient care. In addition,



John White, Cardiovascular Surgery Coordinator; Mason Dixon, Business Manager, Cardiology; Kelly Oliver, "Girls Night Out" Chair; and Linda Lloyd, past Fontbonne President.

(see photo) the first annual "Girls Night Out" raised \$28,178 for the Cardiology department, which will use the proceeds to purchase three endoscopic cameras.

The Fontbonne's **White Christmas Ball** will be on Dec. 7 at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn. For details, call 313-343-3675.

Spotlight on Fontbonne President

JoAnn Miller is the new President of the Fontbonne Auxiliary. She joined the organization in 2000 and became a Board Member in 2003.

JoAnn and her husband Tom, of St. Clair Shores, give their time generously to St. John Hospital and Medical Center. Besides serving as Fontbonne President, JoAnn volunteers weekly in the hospital's Le Fontbonne Gift Shoppe. She chaired the Fontbonne Fashion Show in 2005 and co-chaired it in 2004, worked on the White Christmas Ball and has been the editor of the *Fontbonne Facts* newsletter for two years. Tom volunteers in the hospital's linen room.

"I have received numerous blessings in my lifetime and wish to give something of myself in return," JoAnn said. "I also enjoy meeting the patients, visitors and staff members in the gift shop."

JoAnn is also active at her church, where she is in the choir and bell choir. In addition, the Millers volunteer at Orchestra Hall. With a bachelor's degree in music from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in educational sociology, JoAnn has taught vocal music and kindergarten in the Detroit Public Schools.

JoAnn has three grown sons—Philip, Jon and David—and one granddaughter. In addition, JoAnn's two stepchildren—Lisa and Christine—have added six step-grandchildren to the blended family.



JoAnn Miller

Spotlight on Guild President

Alex Lucido is the new President of the St. John Guild. He has been a member of the organization since 1994. Alex and his wife, Teresa, have been longtime



Alex Lucido

supporters of the hospital through their involvement with the Nothdurft Pediatric Endowment, Champions for Life and their support of the White Christmas Ball, Meade Pediatric Oncology Fund, Hospice and the Van Elslander Cancer Center.

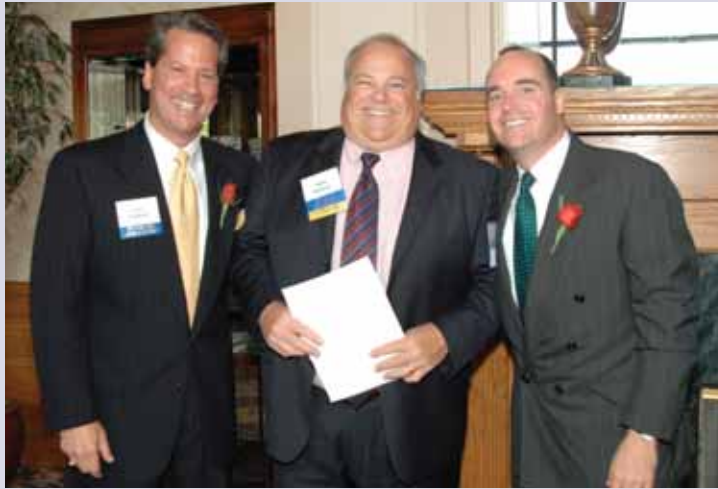
Alex believes strongly in the hospital's expansion and renovation project, and as a member of the Community Division of the Capital Campaign Steering Committee, he is working to gain support for it. Because St. John Hospital and Medical Center is a major employer for the east side and an important health care provider for area residents, Alex feels the expansion and enhanced services are vital to meet the growing needs of the community.

The Lucidos live in Grosse Pointe Shores with their son Dominic, age 5, who was born at St. John. Alex owns Lucido Real Estate in Grosse Pointe Woods and is a member of the National Association of Realtors and the Grosse Pointe Board of Realtors. He has a bachelor's degree in finance and economics from the University of Michigan.

Guild update

The St. John Hospital and Medical Center Guild continued its expansion campaign fundraising effort by raising \$132,000 at its 47th Annual Guild Dinner on

June 6. The event honored John and Marlene Boll with the Philanthropic Services award, Dr. Raymond Christensen with the Physician of the Year award and Benjamin Capp with the Lifetime Achievement Award.



John Dewald, Guild Board Member; John Adamo, Board Member and Dinner Chair; and Paul Treder, Board Member and Dinner Vice Chair.

The 2nd annual St. John Medical Staff/Guild Golf Outing was a success on Sept. 10. Proceeds approximately doubled from last year and will benefit patient care services.

Seniors can avoid income taxation of IRA distributions

Do you know someone age 70½ or older who receives taxable distributions from their IRA? Do they know they can avoid income tax on an IRA distribution if they have their IRA administrator make the distribution to St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC)?

This "IRA Charitable Rollover Distribution" is a great way to donate to SJH&MC. Qualified charitable distributions are not included in the donor's income and do not impact any other deductions or limitations on your tax return. Tax law changes permit tax-free IRA distributions to charity by December 31, 2007, up to \$100,000 for those age 70½ or older.

Contact your IRA plan administrator for instructions on how to make a meaningful gift, or call Heidi Crisman, 586-582-7538, for information.

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