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## **Boll Family Foundation pledges \$5 million to SJH&MC**

The **John A. and Marlene L. Boll Foundation** has generously pledged \$5 million to the \$30 million capital campaign to support the St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC) expansion and renovation. The gift was made to honor the St. John Hospital Guild and the Fontbonne Auxiliary, the hospital's two volunteer service and fundraising groups, of which the Bolls are lifetime members.

With the Bolls' gift, the capital campaign committee has now raised approximately \$26 million of its \$30 million goal. The capital campaign will support the \$163 million, 288,000-square-foot expansion of SJH&MC, which includes a consolidated diagnostic imaging center, a doubled-in-size Emergency Center featuring all private treatment bays, a six-floor tower with 144 private patient rooms, an upgraded and consolidated heart and circulatory center, and easier access with a new main entrance connected to a three-story atrium lobby located adjacent to the main surface parking lot.



*Marlene and John Boll*

The Bolls are long-time supporters of the hospital. For more than 30 years, they have personally volunteered their time and service to SJH&MC, including serving in various roles on the St. John Hospital and Medical Center Board, St. John Hospital Foundation Board, and Fontbonne Auxiliary Board. They have been actively involved in many fundraising efforts over the years.

"People think it is easy to give away money," said Kristine Mestdagh, daughter of the Bolls and Executive Director of the John A. and Marlene L. Boll Foundation, "but a lot of prayer and thought goes into it."

"St. John Hospital and Medical Center has greatly benefited over the years from the generosity of the Boll family," said David B. Stephens, President, SJH&MC. "Their service and dedication, not just through philanthropy but through their personal gifts of time and leadership, have helped make this hospital the world-class medical center it is today."



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## Kudos

**Gerald Stein, DPM**, Podiatric Surgeon, was honored by the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association and presented with "The Doctor of the Year 2006 Award" for 32 years of dedication to raising the standard of excellence in the podiatric profession.

**Hank Rosman, MD**, was elected President of the Michigan Chapter of the American College of Cardiology; his term begins next March.

**Thomas Rockwell** was named Volunteer of the Year at St. John Hospital and Medical Center. He has volunteered since 2001, contributing more than 1,400 hours of service as an Operating Room runner.

**Cynthia Taueg**, Vice President, Community Health and Senior Services, St. John Health, received a 2007 Distinguished Leadership Award in the Human Services category from the Michigan Business & Professional Association.

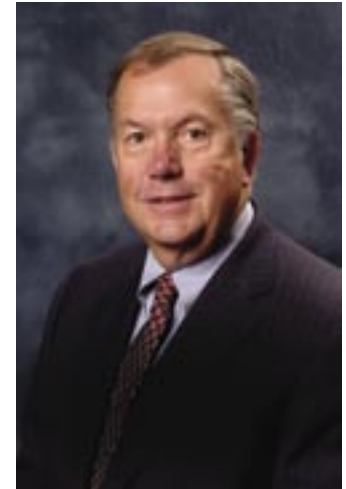
## President's Message

### Our resolve strong, we work together for a successful future

Dear Friends,

As with any organization, there are times of great growth and times of challenge and opportunity.

St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC) is undergoing enormous change right now. We are dealing with the current economic climate, Bon Secours' decision to select Beaumont for sale negotiations, the sale of St. John Detroit Riverview Hospital to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, and the construction of the Van Elslander Pavilion.



*Dave Stephens*

How will it all play out? Though change may swirl around us, it is our resolve to be a calming force and a beacon of strength for our community. For more than 50 years, the east side has called upon us to provide mission-based, compassionate care and the highest possible clinical quality.

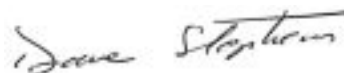
Outside decisions won't always go our way, but we can learn from those experiences and move along a different path to get where we want to be. The strong and passionate minds that exist within SJH&MC will find a way to capitalize on our challenges to ensure that our hospital and health system remain strong.

So, we forge ahead. When we open the first phase of the Van Elslander Pavilion in September, continue with the second phase (which includes 144 private patient rooms), and the renovation of the Emergency Center (with 71 private rooms), we'll make it more convenient and comfortable for our patients to access our world-class services.

Our leadership continues to look for ways to adapt and thrive in this changing economic environment. But no matter what happens outside the hospital, our patients and community can count on SJH&MC, as it has for nearly half a century.

We believe we have the will. We believe we have the energy. As we continue on as a team and focus all our energy on our mission, we will succeed. We thank you for your role in supporting our ministry.

Warmly,



Dave Stephens  
President, SJH&MC

### Announcement

Dave Stephens was officially named as President of St. John Hospital and Medical Center in May, after serving as Interim President for nine months. Congratulations!

## New members join St. John Hospital Foundation Board

Three new members have joined the St. John Hospital Foundation Board of Trustees.



*Eugene LoVasco*

**Eugene LoVasco, JD, CPA, CLU**, is President of ALCOS, an insurance, financial and employee benefit firm headquartered in Sterling Heights. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Michigan State University, certified public accountant designation while working at Arthur Andersen & Co. and earned juris doctorate designation from the University of Detroit. Gene's area of practice includes financial and estate planning, business continuity, asset management and executive benefits. He is a member of the Michigan Bar Association, Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants, Society of Financial Service Professionals, and the Financial & Estate Planning Council of Detroit. Gene and his family live in Grosse Pointe Shores.

**Steven Minnick, MD**, has been on the St. John Hospital and Medical Center Medical Staff for 25 years and has served as Director of Medical Education for 18 years. He received his medical degree and master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan and is Board certified in internal medicine. Dr. Minnick is on the Board of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates, which sets admission policy in the U.S. for foreign medical graduates. A delegate to the AMA's Section on Medical Schools, he is one of 10 non-university medical education experts in this position. Dr. Minnick is a Fellow and Past President of the honorary Detroit Academy of Medicine. He has served as an Assistant Clinical Dean for Wayne State University School of Medicine for 10 years. His wife, Pat, is active with the Fontbonne Auxiliary. The Minnicks reside in Grosse Pointe Farms.



*Dr. Steven Minnick*



*Lisa Vallee-Smith*

**Lisa Vallee-Smith, APR**, is CEO of Airfoil Public Relations, which she co-founded in 2000. A public relations consultant with 20 years of agency work, her expertise includes marketing communications, corporate communications, media strategy, research and issues management. Earlier, Lisa was president and majority owner of Franco Public Relations Group. She established a technology practice in 1997, when she won the Great Lakes District of Microsoft account. The tech practice grew to be a dominant force in the Franco firm and was split off to become an independent firm, now Airfoil. Lisa is an accredited member of the Public Relations Society of America and President of PRSA-Detroit. She earned a bachelor's degree in journalism/public relations from Wayne State University. Lisa and her family live in Grosse Pointe Farms.

# Construction makes great strides

Significant progress has been made on the expansion at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, bringing the opening of the first phase of the Van Elslander Pavilion in September into closer view.



Completed masonry/window installation on the east face of the new patient floors.

New electrical transformers are providing upgraded power to the existing hospital, the new Van Elslander Pavilion and benefiting the surrounding neighborhood. New chillers and cooling towers are also in place.

On the Van Elslander Pavilion, exterior brickwork is nearing completion, and installation of the new entrance canopy is starting. In addition, much work is taking place inside, including installation of drywall, ceilings and floors, paintwork, plumbing, ductwork and fire protection systems.



A view of the first floor atrium area, looking northeast. Windows and a revolving door will be installed on the north face; masonry will be installed on the east face.

## Top 100 again!

For the second year in a row, St. John Hospital and Medical Center was named one of the nation's top 100 hospitals for overall performance by Solucient, the nation's leading source of health care information and research. St. John was recognized in the top 15 Major Teaching Hospital category.

## Fontbonne update

At the Fontbonne Auxiliary's Annual Meeting on May 9, a \$20,000 check was presented to the Sisters of St. Joseph, the group's founders. In addition, David Stephens, President, St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC), accepted a \$380,957 check for the hospital. This donation completes the Fontbonne's support of the Sr. Verenice Corridor in the new Van Elslander Pavilion as well as other projects. SJH&MC thanks outgoing President Linda Lloyd for her leadership and welcomes JoAnn Miller as the new President.



David Stephens accepts the check from Linda Lloyd, past Fontbonne President.

## Guild news

The second annual St. John Hospital Medical Staff/Guild Golf Outing will be held on Sept. 10 at the Country Club of Detroit, Grosse Pointe Farms. Call Kathy Taranto, 313-343-3674, for details.

Stay tuned for news about the successful Guild Dinner held on June 6.

## North Shores hosts events



Joseph Jeannette

The St. John North Shores 12th Annual Honorable Frank E. Jeannette Memorial Golf Outing will be held on July 16 at Gowanie Golf Club, Harrison Township. For details, call Lorraine Owczarek, 586-582-7509.

The North Shores 19th Annual Spring Dinner Dance raised \$34,127 to benefit

the HOPE Fund. **Joseph Jeannette**, hospital Advisory Board Member, and **Charles E. Pankratz, DPM**, Retired Honorary Member of the Medical/Surgical Staff, were honored.



Dr. Charles Pankratz

## Make tax-free IRA gifts

Recent tax law changes permit **tax-free IRA distributions to charity** up to \$100,000 by any donor age 70½ or older but only for donations in 2006 and 2007.

This is good news because qualified charitable distributions are not included in the donor's income but count toward the Required Minimum Distribution and will not impact any other deductions or limitations on your tax return.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to make a meaningful gift. Contact your IRA plan administrator and ask for instructions to make your gift to charity. Call Heidi Crisman, 586-582-7538, for more information.

## Tobacco-free policy begins July 1



St. John Health (SJH), including St. John Hospital and Medical Center and St. John North Shores Hospital, will adopt a tobacco-free environment beginning July 1. The policy will prohibit the use of *all* tobacco products at all SJH buildings and throughout the campuses, including the grounds, walkways and parking lots.

This step is being taken to support SJH's mission to sustain and improve the health of individuals in the communities it serves and create a healthy environment on the campuses for everyone—patients, visitors, associates, physicians and volunteers.

## Foundation President accepts new role

Glen Smiley has resigned as President of the St. John Health Foundation and accepted the position of Associate Vice President for Advancement at the University of Rochester Medical Center, New York. Under Glen's leadership, the St. John Health Foundation has increased fundraising revenue significantly at St. John Hospital and Medical Center, and his many contributions are appreciated.



Joe McKay, Interim President

**T. Joseph McKay**, Vice President of Planned Giving, is serving as Interim President while a search is conducted for a permanent replacement. The dedicated Foundation team is working to ensure its continued success. If you have questions, call Nina Holden at 313-343-7480.

## Champions climb to top



Francesco Lucarelli's successful climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro in February and the Champions Reach New Heights event in March raised a total of more than \$49,000 for the Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology Program at the Van Elslander Cancer Center. Francesco is pictured above at the summit of Mt. Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak at 19,340 feet, and the world's tallest freestanding mountain rise. He took the adventure of a lifetime to honor his mother, who died of breast cancer, and to help others dealing with cancer. Francesco's father, Alphonse Lucarelli, serves as Chair of the St. John Health Board.

## 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](http://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.

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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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