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Fontbonne donation honors Sr. Verenice

## First private patient rooms open in Van Elslander Pavilion

Another milestone was reached in the expansion of St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC) as the Van Elslander Pavilion's first private floor, 4 North, opened on Jan. 16 to care for cardiac patients.

The floor was made possible through the generosity of the **Fontbonne Auxiliary**, a major volunteer fundraising organization for SJH&MC. **Linda Lloyd** was Fontbonne President when the group decided to make a leadership pledge to SJH&MC's \$30 million expansion campaign. Proceeds from the Fontbonne's White Christmas Ball in 2005 and 2006 as well as other fundraisers went toward fulfilling the pledge.

The Fontbonne's generous donation was given to name a floor of the Van Elslander Pavilion in honor of **Sister Verenice McQuade, SSJ**, who retired as Director of Community/Patient Services at SJH&MC in 2006. Sr. Verenice has dedicated a significant portion of her life to the hospital and to helping others, providing comfort and support to patients and families.

"It was truly our honor to donate an entire floor in honor of Sr. Verenice, as we feel she has been the very heart and soul of SJH&MC for many years and will always hold a very special place in our hearts," Linda said.

More than 80 donors and friends of SJH&MC gathered on Jan. 14 to celebrate the dedication of the McQuade floor, which has 36 private rooms (with 108 more to come on other floors of the Van Elslander Pavilion in coming months).

Every aspect of the new large patient



From left, Debra McCarty, 2006 White Christmas Ball Chair; Linda Lloyd, former Fontbonne President; Mary Berg, 2005 White Christmas Ball Co-Chair; Sr. Verenice McQuade; JoAnn Miller, Fontbonne President; Patricia Minnick, 2005 White Christmas Ball Co-Chair.

rooms was designed to enhance the healing environment and maximize comfort for patients and families. Rooms were designed with family in mind and include beautiful furniture and fixtures, private bathrooms and sofas to allow overnight stays by family. The privacy of the rooms and sound-absorbing materials on floors and ceilings help to maintain a quieter, more peaceful hospital environment. Each room has a flat-screen TV and state-of-the-art cardiac monitoring.

Additionally, the floor has an attractive waiting room, family conference room, physicians' team conference room, architecture to support SJH&MC's migration to computerized charting, and custom nurse work space that keeps nurses close to patients.

Sr. Verenice couldn't be more pleased. "When I first heard the Fontbonne was raising money in my honor, I was so surprised and very happy," she said. "Especially for something as dear to me as St. John Hospital and Medical Center."

# Message from the President

Greetings Friends!

St. John Hospital and Medical Center is known for improving the health of patients through dedication to advanced technology and by actively demonstrating compassion. For over 50 years, we have unwaveringly embodied these characteristics, which are paramount to carrying out our Mission.

Another factor vital to fulfilling our Mission is the generosity of our supporters. Each issue I write a message about how your generosity has made a difference—this issue is no different! Some of you make very large donations and others make smaller contributions. We appreciate every single penny, because every donation allows us to press forward.

Our world and economy are so besieged with challenges that it's easy to believe that individual contributions are insignificant. Allow me to shatter that myth! Your philanthropic spirit makes a tremendous difference. That spirit allowed us to reach another milestone toward the completion of the expansion project.

In January, we opened the McQuade floor through the Fontbonne's generous leadership gift. All the rooms are private and designed to accommodate family members (see page 1). While our private rooms differentiate us from other health systems, their significance is more far-reaching. Private rooms allow us to enhance the patient experience thereby improving care. And we have you to thank for that opportunity.

Our patients appreciate all that you do to support our hospital, and I am personally grateful we have great friends to join us in carrying out our Mission.



Dave Stephens

Warmly,



Dave Stephens  
President and CEO, SJH&MC



## Fountain enhances area

The patient/family lounge on 6 ELL, the oncology unit, has a new look. Through the generosity of friends and family of **Patty Tymosko**, sister of **Carol Campau**, a beautiful water feature has been placed in the lounge in memory of Patty. The water feature adds an attractive visual effect, and the softly falling water helps create a relaxing environment for patients and families.

## Fontbonne news

The Fontbonne raised over \$90,000 at its 2007 White Christmas Ball to benefit the Palliative Care program. Held Dec. 7, the event was chaired by **Debra Arnone**, while Honorary Chairs were **Jean** and **Dr. Ahmad Azar**.

The Fontbonne is hosting Girls Night Out II on **April 30**, at Andiamo Italia, Warren. Comedian Phenecia Banks will provide entertainment. **Kelly Burke Oliver** is General Chair, while Lifetime Fontbonne Member **Sharon Burke** is Honorary Chair. Tickets are \$75; sponsorship opportunities are available. Call Raegan Haglund, 313-343-3675. Proceeds will help furnish a children's waiting and activity room in the pediatric module of the renovated, expanded Emergency Center.

# Kudos

## Gretchen Valade receives top philanthropic award



Gretchen Valade

**Gretchen Valade**, a generous supporter of St. John Hospital and Medical Center (SJH&MC), received the prestigious Max M. Fisher Award for Outstanding Philanthropists from the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) – Greater Detroit Chapter at its National Philanthropy Day event. This award is presented to an individual with a record of exceptional generosity, in proportion to their means, and whose demonstrated philanthropic commitment encourages others to take leadership roles in philanthropy.

Gretchen has supported SJH&MC capital campaigns that enhance facilities and strengthen the community's health care. The Valade Healing Arts Center in the Van Elslander Cancer Center is named in her honor for her generous gift. She recently pledged \$1 million to the expansion campaign to name a floor of the new Van Elslander Pavilion in honor of her friends Sharon and Michael Burke. In

addition, her gift to endow the Detroit Jazz Festival ensures the future success of the event. She also restored the Noguchi Fountain in Hart Plaza and supports the Music Hall.

**Kevin Grady, MD, FCCP; Thomas LaLonde, MD; Sharon and Michael Burke; Jennifer Somes Chope and Melodie Scherer** were honored as Distinguished Volunteers by the AFP.

Dr. Grady, Director of Pulmonary and Critical Care, and Dr. LaLonde, new Division Chief of Cardiovascular Diseases, were recognized for co-chairing the physician division of the hospital's capital campaign for the expansion project. Their committee raised more than \$2.5 million.

The Burkes have supported SJH&MC for over 40 years and founded the Cornerstone Society. Sharon has served in many leadership roles and is currently Chair of St. John Home Care. Michael is a Guild member and was President from 1975-77.

Jennifer and Melodie were recognized for their dedication to the Holley Ear Institute (HEI) through their fundraising efforts, membership on the HEI council, support of HEI's Family Village and more.



Dr. Kevin Grady



Dr. Thomas LaLonde



Sharon and Michael Burke



Jennifer Somes Chope



Melodie Scherer

## More recognition

**Tom Rockwell**, a Volunteer who has contributed over 1,650 hours of service, was recognized at metro Detroit's annual *Thanks for Giving* ceremony, which honors volunteerism.



Tom Rockwell

**Patricia Maryland, Dr.PH**, is the new President and CEO of St. John Health. She also serves as Ministry Market Leader for Michigan, for Ascension Health.



Dr. Maryland

**Deborah Condino**, Vice President, Customer Services, SJH&MC, was named Interim

President of St. John Health Foundation.

**Tiziano Scarabelli, MD, PhD**, Director, Center for Heart and Vessel

Preclinical Studies and Director of Basic Cardiovascular Research, received Wayne State University's School of Medicine Excellence in Teaching Award.



Deborah Condino

## Guild update

The 48<sup>th</sup> annual Guild Dinner will be held **June 4**, at Penna's of Sterling. Comedian Greg Hahn will provide entertainment. Proceeds will benefit St. John Hospital's Lymphoma Care Clinic. **Anthony Soave** will receive the Philanthropic Services Award; **Donald Mattes** will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award; and **Joseph Beals, MD**, will receive the Physician of the Year Award. Tickets are \$150 for those age 30 and under and \$250 for those over 30. Call Kathy Taranto, 313-343-3674, for tickets and sponsorship opportunities.

The Medical Staff/Guild Golf Outing is **Sept. 8** at the Country Club of Detroit.

## Accomplishments

SJH&MC was ranked as a top 100 hospital in the U.S. for heart care, in the Thomas (formerly Solucient) 100 Top Hospitals: Cardiovascular Hospitals® Benchmarks for Success study.

SJH&MC's Internal Medicine Residency program was one of only two programs in Michigan that achieved 100 pass rates on the 2007 Board Exams.

SJH was named to the *Corp!* magazine "Best of Michigan Business" list.

SJH earned an Honorable Mention for its FlexChoice nursing program from *Modern Healthcare* magazine in its annual Spirit of Excellence Awards.

## Make a gift

Your support makes a difference! Making a gift to St. John Hospital Foundation is easy. Go to [www.stjohn.org/Foundation](http://www.stjohn.org/Foundation). There you'll find easy links to St. John Hospital fundraising information and an online donation form. If you have questions, call 313-343-7480.

## Beneficiary tips

A simple way to pass assets to your heirs or favorite charity is to name them as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy, annuity contract or retirement plan. Many bank and brokerage accounts also permit a "paid on death" designation by you. **Important points to consider** – The death benefits from life insurance, annuities, retirement plans and "paid on death" accounts will pass directly to the individual beneficiaries named. They are not controlled by your will and do not pass through probate court. The funds will be distributed directly to your beneficiaries once a claim is filed. While this is good for your beneficiaries, it also means that you must keep your beneficiary designations up to date when circumstances change.

Do you have a favorite hospital program or wish to honor a special person with a "beneficiary designation gift" to St. John Hospital and Medical Center or St. John North Shores Hospital? If so, please call Heidi Crisman, 586-582-7538, so you can be included in the Legacy Society for estate gift donors.

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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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