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Every day at the Foundation, we can look around and count our blessings. We are grateful for our new home, located in the former U.S. Bank Building at 23rd Street and Santa Monica Boulevard, adjacent to the hospital we serve. But even more inspiring is the growth of our network of volunteers — the trustees and supporters who make it possible for us to meet our goals of supporting our beloved Health Center and the John Wayne Cancer Institute.

In the past year, we’ve welcomed many new trustees. Our recent Chautauqua weekend, three days devoted to trustee education and camaraderie, drew the largest number of participants ever, including many of our physician partners. Now numbering close to 100, our trustees are among the most talented and successful members of the community. We are grateful for their friendship and counsel. The Irene Dunne Guild is also enjoying an influx of enthusiastic new members. Think Pink, the guild’s annual event for women’s wellness, recently attracted the largest gathering in its history.

This impressive display of volunteerism is matched by the generosity of our donors. We recently received significant gifts from the Tarble Foundation and Ruth Weil that will strengthen the Surgical Oncology Fellowship Program at the John Wayne Cancer Institute. The highly regarded program trains future leaders in the field of surgical oncology and biomedical research, elevating cancer care on a global level and ensuring the legacy of the Institute.

In the coming months, we will kick off a fundraising campaign to celebrate the hospital’s 75th anniversary. The Foundation is dedicated to ensuring robust, ongoing support of state-of-the-art medicine at Saint John’s and innovative research at the John Wayne Cancer Institute. We are grateful for our expanding number of volunteers and friends. Thanks to you, we are most confident of our ability to support the finest health care in the region.
The new clinic, slated for opening next year, will also include primary care, pediatrics, obstetrics, cardiology and other subspecialities. The clinic will give residents of Playa Vista, Marina del Rey and adjacent neighborhoods convenient access to the outstanding primary and specialty medical services that Saint John’s has long been known for. The community is already served by Playa Vista Urgent Care, which is also part of our health care system.

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With utmost respect,

MARCEL LOH
Chief Executive
Providence Saint John’s Health Center and John Wayne Cancer Institute

Letter from the Chief Executive

Saint John’s Health Center has been a treasure in Santa Monica for nearly 75 years. During those eight decades, we’ve developed and expanded, just like the vibrant community surrounding us. Now I’m delighted to announce another significant step in our growth: plans for a state-of-the-art medical clinic in Playa Vista.

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In Memoriam

Former first lady and Saint John’s Health Center friend, Nancy Reagan, passed away on March 6, at her home in Los Angeles. We mourn her passing and will miss her very much. Nancy had dear friends at Saint John’s, and Ron was the honorary chair of the Saint John’s Health Center Foundation board of trustees. Nancy attended numerous Health Center functions and was the recipient of the 1994 Caritas Award, which recognizes individuals who display exceptional compassion and service in their communities.

Dearest friends of Saint John’s Hospital,

Nancy Davis Reagan has led a remarkable life — from adoring daughter to worthy ambassador for our country as First Lady. She served this nation with enormous conviction and dedicated herself to helping victims of poverty and drugs by giving hope to those who had none. I am so proud of her — proud of her many accomplishments, for making a difference in the lives of the afflicted around the world and for being a role model for women everywhere.

Over several decades, Nancy and I have been members of the Saint John’s family and we are thankful to have been part of its remarkable growth through the years. It is clearly one of the finest healthcare facilities anywhere and we are blessed to have it right in our own backyard.

With his friends and family, we mourn the passing of Foundation trustee Michael M. Minchin Jr. on March 22, 2016.

IN MEMORIAM

We also remember individuals who made major contributions to Saint John’s Health Center Foundation during their lifetimes. These friends will always be in our hearts.

- William Carpenter
- Darcie Denkert Notkin
- Theresa V. Quimby
- Janice R. Ruck
- Jerry Weintraub
Introducing the New Foundation Trustees

The Saint John’s Health Center Foundation’s board of trustees continues to grow in size and strength. These caring individuals are giving their time and talents to support the Health Center, making the board more impactful to the community it serves. We welcome them with deep gratitude.

**ROBERT L. ANTIN** is the chairman and chief executive officer of VCA Inc., a leading animal health care company. Prior to co-founding VCA in 1986, Bob served from 1983 to 1985 as chief executive officer and director, and was a co-founder of AlternaCare Corp., a publicly held company that owned, operated and developed freestanding outpatient surgical centers. From July 1978 until September 1983, Bob was an officer of American Medical International, Inc., an owner and operator of health care facilities. He currently serves on the board of directors of Strategic Pharmaceutical Solutions, Inc., d/b/a Vetsource, Rexford Industrial Realty, Inc. and Dog Vacay, Inc. Bob received his Master of Business Administration with a certification in hospital and health administration from Cornell University. He has been married to his wife, Patti, for 38 years and they have three children.

**MARIA O. ARECHAEDERRA** is a pioneer in the field of gerontology. Maria turned a small Santa Monica social service agency into a model of community-based services for the elderly, as one of the founders of what is today known as WISE & Healthy Aging. Maria has received many awards including: the United Way Award for Leadership, Jewish Home for the Aging Inaugural Celebration of Gerontology for Outstanding Direct Services to the Elderly, 1994 YWCA Woman of the Year Award and Community Partnership Award from AARP. She served as a member of Saint John’s local board of directors for six years and is also a member of the Irene Dunne Guild. Maria is a resident of Pacific Palisades and the wife of the late architect Emilio Arechaederra. She has four children and 11 grandchildren.

**JONATHAN R. COLE, MD,** is a board-certified internist and medical director of the California Health & Longevity Institute. Dr. Cole has an extensive background in internal and preventive medicine. Before his current position, Dr. Cole was a clinical instructor at the University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine with responsibility for teaching medical students the art of history-taking and physical diagnosis. He also served as the vice president of Saint John’s medical staff. A graduate of the University of California, San Diego, Dr. Cole holds degrees in biology and English literature. He attended Chicago Medical School, where he graduated with highest honors in the Alpha Omega Alpha honor society. He currently resides in Encino with his wife and two daughters and enjoys hiking, yoga, and playing golf and tennis.

**THOMAS F. GROJEAN** started his career as a senior accountant for Price Waterhouse and then became chief financial officer for Southern Airways. He was also chief financial officer, president and chief operating officer of Tiger International. After leaving Tiger International, Tom built a group of truckload carriers and became owner of Grojean Transportation and Hirschbach Motor Lines. Tom received a bachelor’s degree in business administration from the University of Notre Dame. Tom has been a member and chairman of the University of Notre Dame Business Advisory Council since 1974, a member of the board of trustees for Loyola Marymount University, and a member of the board of directors for Stelan Company. Tom was also named an honorary doctor of aviation management by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. A native of Chicago, Tom has been happily married to his wife, Terri, for 55 years. They have four children, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.
JORDAN KAPLAN is president and chief executive officer of Douglas Emmett, Inc. (DEI), an office and residential real estate investment trust. He is also a member of the board of directors of DEI. He co-founded Douglas Emmett Realty Advisors in 1991, which grew to be a large manager of institutional real estate funds and is the predecessor to DEI. Douglas Emmett went public in 2006 in what was then the largest real estate investment trust initial public offering in history. Jordan is a member of the University of California, Los Angeles, board of trustees. He is also on the board of the Los Angeles Waterkeeper, an organization devoted to cleaning the Santa Monica Bay. A native of Los Angeles, Jordan received his Bachelor of Arts from the University of California, Santa Barbara and a Master of Business Administration from the Anderson School at UCLA. He lives in Pacific Palisades with his wife, Christine, and their three children.

PAUL O. NATTERSON, MD, joined Pacific Heart Institute in 1996 where his practice initially focused on cardiac electrophysiology and arrhythmia management. In 2006 he transitioned to strictly consultative cardiology, allowing him greater opportunity to focus on increasingly personalized patient care. Dr. Natterson is on the board of Leading Cardiologists of America, a corporation working to establish standards for private practice cardiologists nationwide. He is a past president of Saint John’s medical staff and served as interim chief medical officer at Saint John’s. He is currently medical director and president of Pacific Heart Institute. After attending college at Harvard and medical school at the University of California, San Diego. Dr. Natterson completed his medical residency, as well as his cardiology and electrophysiology fellowships, at UCLA. Dr. Natterson is married to pediatrician Cara Familian. They have two children, both born at Saint John’s—just like their dad.

ERNIE L. PRUDENTE, MD, is a physician in private practice with Westside Internal Medicine and has been serving as the chairman of medicine at Saint John’s since 2013. Early this year, he began serving as a member of the Health Center’s board of directors. Dr. Prudente graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering and earned his medical degree from Hahnemann Medical College in 1998, where he was elected to the Alpha Omega Alpha honor society. He completed his internship and residency at UCLA and is board certified in internal medicine. Dr. Prudente has been in private practice in Santa Monica since 2001 and has also been teaching medical students since 2003, as an assistant clinical professor at the UCLA School of Medicine. He loves to exercise and lives in Pacific Palisades with his wife, Kate, past president of the Irene Dunne Guild, and their two children.

BENNET M. VAN DE BUNT was born in New York, then lived in Beirut, Lebanon and graduated from high school in Philadelphia. He presently serves as chairman of Cypress Creek Renewables. Ben was a longtime chief executive officer and president of Guthy-Renker and remains on its board of directors. He is also a principal at Paramount Equity, Inspire Energy, FHR and Rosewood Homes. Ben has made many venture capital investments in start-ups and has served on several boards of directors, including Houlihan Lokey, Solar City, Saint John’s and the Watts Learning Center. Ben has been married to Laura Fox for 25 years and they have two daughters. He is a graduate of UCLA and Harvard Law School, and in his spare time he enjoys exercising and playing golf.

Chair Donna Schweers and the Foundation trustees acknowledged Dr. John Robertson’s two years of leadership and showed their gratitude with a presentation of a plaque in his honor at the trustee quarterly meeting on March 3.
Brenda McDonald has worn many hats as a hospital nurse, mother, wife, and now as a marriage and family therapist in private practice. She recently added another hat, leading the philanthropic Irene Dunne Guild, which supports Saint John’s Health Center. Don’t ask her if she’s good at multi-tasking. She prefers being mindful and present in each thing she does. “That’s my goal. Multi-tasking is a contradiction in terms. If you’re multi-tasking, you’re not focused on any one thing,” says Brenda.

In her role as president of the guild, her goal is to give the group her undivided attention in its efforts to benefit the Health Center. It helps that her office is very close to the hospital and, as an independent therapist, she sets her own schedule. She is also supported by the 2016 board: Evelyn Guerboian, vice president; Angela Tesari, treasurer; Sandra Line, recording secretary; and Caroline Maclay, corresponding secretary. And they are bolstered by a cast of more than 120 guild members.

“The thing I really like about this group of women is they are committed to making something better, reaching out in the community, following the guild’s mission,” Brenda says.

The guild carries on the work of namesake Irene Dunne, a screen actress in the 1930s and 1940s. Irene was known as the “First Lady of Saint John’s” for her more than four decades of contributions to the Health Center. In addition to the guild’s annual patron drive, the Think Pink women’s health event and the annual Caritas Gala, members train “angels” to work with families in the emergency room, maintain a supply of clothes for patients and offer a patient media library with books, CDs and DVDs to loan. They have toys on hand for children who are waiting with families in the ER. And they provide snacks to staff at the Health Center.

“The guild is all about serving the hospital and its staff,” Brenda says. “Guild service comes in many ways big and small, and includes simple gestures such as providing treats. Having been a hospital nurse, you can’t underestimate how touching it is to have someone say thank you.”

Patient comfort and care greatly benefit from the proceeds generated by the guild’s annual patron drive. To date, the patron drive has raised over $1 million for the hospital. Last year’s gifts include:

- State-of-the-art infant warmers for the neonatal unit
- Rapid transfusers for use in the emergency department to warm and administer blood more quickly and efficiently
- SonoSite S-Cath portable ultrasound used in the maternity ward to allow for accurate and immediate wireless transmission of patient information to the doctor, which lets mothers-to-be get up and walk around during labor
- Site-Rite Vision II, an ultrasound system that enables easier and more accurate placement of catheters
- Specially designed OB-GYN bed for the emergency department
- Specialized refrigeration for tissue samples at the John Wayne Cancer Institute
- The Arctic Sun Temperature Management System to assist patients experiencing cardiac arrest

Recognizing that little things can make a big difference, the guild also supported increasing the availability of phone charging stations, cosmetic improvements to the OB-GYN waiting area and disaster preparedness supplies.

“It’s amazing that we have a hospital of this caliber in our community,” says Brenda, whose husband, Daniel, has been an anesthesiologist at the Health Center since 1983. “Saint John’s still has the feeling of a small community hospital but with world-renowned physicians and an exceptional level of care and expertise. I am indebted to Kate Prudente [past president] for her example of outstanding leadership and dedication to the Irene Dunne Guild. She is a strong resource as well as a true friend.”

When she turns her attention to relaxing, Brenda loves to read and take biking vacations. She also practices yoga, and plays paddle tennis and mahjong. “I do a lot to take care of myself and stay social,” she says. “I am very blessed to have the life I have, my health and to be part of this wonderful organization.”

If you have questions about joining the Irene Dunne Guild or would like to learn more about guild programs and events, please contact Tess Csiszar at 310-829-8168 or tess.csiszar@stjohns.org. Or you can submit your request online at irenedunneguild.org/contact-us.html.
Nurse Magnet Journey

Saint John’s is on track to receive this prestigious designation for its top-rate nurses.

WRITTEN BY LAUREL DIGANGI

Saint John’s Health Center is pursuing the ultimate validation for its excellent nursing care: Nurse Magnet designation. Developed by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), only 29 hospitals in California and 7% of hospitals nationwide have achieved this credential. Facilitating the program in her role as Magnet and professional practice manager is Cassendra Munro, RN, a perioperative nurse with 23 years nursing experience and 15 years at Saint John’s, where she’s overseen other large projects. Here’s what Cassendra has to say about rising to meet this exciting challenge.

What is the Magnet model?
It’s a guide to excellence in nursing with five specific categories or “domains”: transformational leadership; structural empowerment, often called shared leadership; exemplary professional practice or a high standard of care throughout—above the benchmark; new knowledge innovation and implementation so that the care we provide is cutting edge; and empirical quality results or the measuring of data we collect in the other four categories.

Why is Saint John’s working toward achieving Nurse Magnet designation?
Dawna Hendel, RN, has been looking for an opportunity to make the nurses shine. She’s been the vice president, patient care services (chief nursing officer) for the last seven of her 14 years here. Dawna knows that our nurses provide high quality care, and she wants the hospital be recognized for that care. In fact she’s been preparing us since she stepped into the office, by encouraging a high level of education for our nurses and hiring more nurses with bachelor of science degrees in nursing. Through a systemic study of actions and their effects related to nursing, we can greatly enhance nursing practice and patient care outcomes.

Why has Saint John’s decided to begin the Magnet process now?
Recently there have been many changes at Saint John’s—new construction and buildings, new ownership, and new representation. Now that we’ve settled into these changes, it’s a good time. There are fewer competing priorities so this Magnet program can be embraced. We can take the standard of care we’re already practicing and raise it to an even higher standard of care.

What are you working on now to achieve this goal?
Our focus this year will be to address the domain of shared leadership. Bedside nurses will identify opportunities in the practice standard and then, in collaboration with our nursing leadership and other care providers, come up with a plan for how to advance that practice. We will need to collect stories to include in the application about how we have implemented shared decision-making and the positive impact it has had on patient care. We will also collect data regarding where we started and compare it to our end results to show how we have developed the modification in our care and made it more efficient or cost effective.

What are the subsequent steps in the process?
After we have demonstrated proficiency in all five domains, our next step is to submit our application. Once we have submitted our application, we will have a stringent survey by the Magnet program evaluators. They will visit our hospital and have conversations with the nurses to ensure the domains are part of their knowledge—that the stories in our application match their experiences. They will talk to patients to get the community perspective. They will speak to our physicians to verify that this truly is a great environment. It’s basically a validation process of these stories.

Finally the evaluators provide an opinion, and the Magnet committee reviews the application and the survey. If all goes well, we will receive Magnet recognition.

How long will the Magnet process take?
The journey is a multi-year process, and I anticipate it will take from two to five years.

How would this recognition impact the hospital?
We will see nursing satisfaction and nursing retention increase, and patient satisfaction scores increasing as well. Magnet recognition is a very prestigious achievement and just as hard to maintain. Dawna has envisioned this acknowledgement because, when we have the recognition, it will validate the excellent quality of nursing we have been providing for years.

To support the nurse magnet journey, contact Irene Bristol, RN, at 310-829-8348 or irene.bristol@stjohns.org.
These dedicated members are some of the best and brightest minds in the fields of medicine, law and business. They are tasked with providing leadership that enthusiastically supports the vision, values and policies of Saint John’s Health Center. Working together, they help make Saint John’s one of the premiere health centers in the country.
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Dr. Richard Corlin earned his medical degree from Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His career includes a four-year term on the Advisory Committee to the director of the National Institutes of Health and a year as president of the American Medical Association. Dr. Corlin also helps establish health polices and practice guidelines.

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ROBERT D. BEYER
Robert D. Beyer is chairman of Chaparal Investments LLC, a private investment firm and holding company. He was previously chief executive officer of the TCW Group, a global investment management firm. Bob has a Master of Business Administration from the University of California, Los Angeles, Anderson School of Management and a bachelor’s degree from the University of Southern California. He is a director of three Fortune 500 companies: Allstate Corporation, Kroger Co. and Leucadia National Corporation.

MICHAEL BUTLER, EX-OFFICIO
Mike Butler serves as the president of operations and services for Providence Health & Services. In this capacity, he is responsible for all clinical and administrative operations across the five-state system. He holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting and finance from California State University, Fullerton and is a member of the Health Management Academy.

VICTOR A. CANDIOTY, MD, EX-OFFICIO
A Los Angeles native, Dr. Victor Candiotti received his bachelor’s degree in biology from the University of California, Irvine and his medical degree from the UCLA School of Medicine. He is board certified in internal medicine and emergency medicine. Since 1996, Dr. Candiotti has practiced emergency medicine at Saint John’s Health Center and is proud to be currently serving as the president of the medical staff.

MARK W. GIBELLO
A Saint John’s trustee since 1999, Mark Gibello currently serves on the Foundation’s executive committee and the affiliation fund advisory committee. Mark grew up in Southern California and received his bachelor’s degree and Master of Business Administration from USC. He is currently associated with Oakmont Corporation, a private investment company and family office.

ALLAN B. GOLDMAN
Allan Goldman has served as chairman of the board of directors of Saint John’s and the board of trustees of the Foundation. He was also chairman and chief executive officer of the Union for Reform Judaism. Allan graduated from Harvard College and Harvard Law School. He was managing partner of the law firm Wyman, Bautzer, Rothman, Kuchel & Silbert and the law firm Katten Muchin Rosenman.

MARY ELLEN KANOFF
Mary Ellen Kanoff is a partner and general counsel of Peninsula Pacific, a private investment firm. Prior to joining Peninsula Pacific, Mary Ellen was a corporate partner of Latham & Watkins, where she handled corporate finance, M&A, and Board representations. She received her law degree from University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), and undergraduate degree from UC Berkeley, Phi Beta Kappa.

DAVID L. KRASNE, MD
As the medical director of the pathology department and clinical laboratory at Saint John’s, Dr. David Krasne and his team have contributed over 100 publications to the medical literature, including one of the major seminal works validating use of the sentinel lymph node in the treatment of breast cancer. Dr. Krasne studied anatomic pathology at Stanford University, laboratory medicine at USC and a specialized method of sampling tumors called fine needle aspiration cytology at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden.

ROBERT J. LOWE
Robert Lowe is the founder and chairman of Lowe Enterprises. He has been awarded the City of Hope Spirit of Life Award; the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of America; and the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Business Leader Award. Bob received his bachelor’s degree from Claremont McKenna College and his Master of Business Administration from Stanford University.

JON S. MATSUNAGA, MD
Dr. Jon S. Matsunaga has served three terms as the chairman of the department of obstetrics and gynecology at Saint John’s. He has been an assistant clinical professor at UCLA and is a Consumers’ Checkbook Top Doctor. Dr. Matsunaga is a graduate of the UCLA School of Medicine. He is an expert and the leading gynecologic surgeon at Saint John’s in the robotic approach to hysterectomy and myomectomy.

PETER C.D. PELIKAN, MD
Dr. Peter Pelikan, medical director of the cardiac catheterization laboratory at Saint John’s, is a New York City native who graduated from the Bronx High School of Science. He majored in biology at Yale University and graduated from
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ERNIE L. PRUDENTE, MD
Since his graduation from Hahnemann Medical College, Dr. Ernie Prudente has treated his patients with highly responsive and personalized care emphasizing preventative health. Dr. Prudente, who is certified in internal medicine, has been in private practice in Santa Monica since 2001. In 2013, he began serving as chairman of medicine at Saint John’s and on the executive committee.

JOHN M. ROBERTSON, MD
Dr. John Robertson is the director of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery at Saint John’s. He joined the medical staff in 1987 and has held many positions at the Health Center including president of the medical staff, chairman of the department of surgery and chairman of the transfusion committee. Dr. Robertson is a Foundation trustee and a past chair of the board of trustees.

KENNETH SACKS, MD
Dr. Kenneth Sacks graduated from UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine in 1986. He currently serves as preoperative medical director at Saint John’s and chief of anesthesiology at Bayside Anesthesia Medical Group. He is board certified in anesthesiology and internal medicine.

DONNA L. SCHWEERS, EX-OFFICIO
Before establishing her own consulting firm—from which she is now retired—Donna Schweers was a senior member of the health care consulting groups of Towers Perrin and Ernst & Whinney. Donna, who formerly served as the Irene Dunne Guild president, earned a master’s degree from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and a bachelor’s degree from Stanford University.

DONNA F. TUTTLE
Donna Tuttle is the co-owner of the 66ers with husband David Elmore, and co-owner of the Utah Grizzlies and ECHL hockey team in Salt Lake City, Utah. She was the president and co-founder of Korn Tuttle Capital Group Inc., and served as the Deputy Secretary of Commerce during the Reagan administration. She is currently serving as chair of the California State Chamber in Sacramento.

BENNET M. VAN DE BUNT
Ben Van de Bunt is the chairman of Cypress Creek Renewables. Prior to that, he served as the longtime president and CEO of Guthy-Renker. He remains a principal and member of the company’s board of directors. In addition to Cypress Creek and Guthy-Renker, he is a principal of Paramount Equity, Inspire Energy, Rosewood Homes and FHR. Ben received his bachelor’s degree from UCLA and his juris doctor degree from Harvard Law School.

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Lee Ault served as CEO of Telecredit, Inc. for 23 years; director and chairman of several mutual funds managed by Capital Research and Management Company; chairman of In-Q-Tel, an independent CIA-funded technology venture company; and as director of Alex. Brown, Bankers Trust, Equifax and Office Depot. He is currently lead director at Anworth Mortgage Asset Corporation.

A. REDMOND DOMS
A. Redmond Doms was president and owner of Karsten Realty Advisors, a registered real estate investment advisory firm, before his retirement. Rusty graduated from Pomona College and earned a Master of Business Administration from USC. Rusty is a member of the Pomona College and Children’s Bureau board of directors.

ROBERT O. KLEIN
Robert Klein oversees the overall management of Saint John’s Health Center Foundation and the John Wayne Cancer Institute’s philanthropic development efforts. Bob’s career with Saint John’s spans 23 years. Prior to joining Saint John’s, he worked in real estate development and corporate finance. Bob received a Master of Business Administration from USC with an emphasis in real estate.

CARL W. MCKINZIE
Carl McKinzie has a corporate law background and was a named partner with Riordan & McKinzie until its merger with Bingham McCutchen. He served as chief executive officer of Tretthera Corporation (drug development) and FirstFed Financial Corp. (bank holding company). He also has served on a number of corporate and charitable boards, including prior service on Saint John’s Health Center’s board (former chair) and Saint John’s Health Center Foundation.

PATRICK WAYNE
Patrick Wayne, a graduate of Loyola Marymount University with a degree in biology, went on to appear in over 40 films, five TV series, countless TV episodes, 90 commercials and several theatrical productions. Since 2003, Patrick has been the chairman of the John Wayne Cancer Institute board of directors and a key leader and supporter of its mission.
The Foundation has a shiny new office, and it’s right back where it belongs, steps away from Saint John’s Health Center. “We are very excited to be an integral part of the campus again and close to the world-class physicians, researchers, nurses and staff who make the Health Center and the John Wayne Cancer Institute at Saint John’s Health Center such remarkable places,” says Robert O. Klein, president and CEO of the Foundation. “And, the other good news is that, for the first time, our two development teams [for the Health Center and the Institute] will be in the same office, close to the institutions we support.”

Across the street from the Institute and adjacent to Saint John’s, the location of the new office will encourage the flow of information and ideas. “Our leadership team will be closely connected to all of the administrators, doctors and researchers with whom we partner. This proximity will make it easier to envision, plan, initiate and maintain our activities that support the Health Center’s programs, equipment needs and community outreach,” says Bob.

The space, on the corner of 23rd Street and Santa Monica, on the same side of the street as the hospital, makes the Foundation an integral part of the campus, down to the matching design aesthetic. “The off-white and grey color scheme, and orange and blue signage are the same as the Health Center’s,” says Bob. “We also have our own parking lot, so we are very accessible.”

With an unencumbered view of the hospital, the new space is one-third larger than the last location and has the largest meeting space on the campus, with state-of-the-art audiovisual conferencing capabilities that will be offered for use to the Health Center community. Bob says he expects the room will be a wonderful and welcome venue for trustee and other leadership meetings.

Another great aspect of being close to the Health Center, according to Bob, is the prospect of more company at the Foundation offices. “We expect a lot more foot traffic,” he says. “We can’t wait to see many of our trustees and friends stopping by.”

**Saint John’s Health Center Foundation Comes Home**

**Foundation Donors Were Impressive and Impactful in 2015**

- Philanthropic support totaled: $27.7 million
- 48% increase over 2014

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The Foundation is thankful and thrilled to report a 28% increase in new donors. We are also grateful to our longtime donors for their support year after year.

**Every donation matters and makes a difference**

- Donations of any amount are welcome and greatly appreciated. In fact, smaller donations make up a significant percentage of total Foundation donations, and collectively they can make a real impact.
- Raised from donors who gave gifts of less than $1 million: $8.1 million

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Gifts That Make a Difference

Donations to the Foundation help Saint John’s Health Center maintain its ranking as one of the best hospitals in the world. We continually strive to meet the highest standards of care, while adapting to technological and economic changes that have an impact on the delivery of the hospital’s services. Your gifts help us purchase cutting edge equipment, support clinical education and improve patient care. To help you envision what your dollars can do, we’ve compiled a list of projects, equipment, programs and services that are immediate funding priorities. A gift of any amount is appreciated and will be directed to one of these important goals.

Bedside Ultrasound: ($100,000)
The role of ultrasound scanning has become increasingly important in today’s demanding labor and delivery environment. These compact, mobile, high-resolution, real-time ultrasound machines are critical for urgent diagnostic and intervention-guided support to ensure a safe and healthy delivery.

Cancer Survivorship Navigator ($150,000)
The cancer survivorship program provides a nurse practitioner who acts as a patient navigator, guiding survivors and families through their care after cancer treatment. The navigator arranges doctors’ appointments, as well as appointments with psychosocial caregivers, therapists, financial counselors and other supportive services. Navigators help guide care as a patient transitions to cancer survivor and supports the medical oncologists’ efforts in detection, prevention and surveillance of new or recurrent cancers, treatments for effects from cancer and its therapies, and helps to ensure that all of the survivor’s needs are met.
FAITH COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM ($325,000)
Creating healthier communities together is one of the paramount goals for Saint John’s. The Faith Community Partnership program establishes a faith community program in the Santa Monica area. Health outreach and promotion services will improve health in the community with health education classes, health and screening fairs, and support for those dealing with illnesses.

HOMELESS CARE (COORDINATION, ACCESS, RESOURCES AND EDUCATION) PROGRAM COORDINATOR ($205,000)
Homelessness continues to be a major issue in the city of Santa Monica. This program is based on a successful six-month pilot program with Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC) in which an emergency department manages homeless patients seeking care. The CARE coordinator, in the Health Center’s ED, will provide homeless patients with medical care as well as clothes, food and transportation to help improve their lives. The coordinator will also work with patients who are uninsured by helping to link them with our community clinic partners such as Venice Family Clinic and Westside Family Health Center.

JUMBOTRON ($80,000)
A new Jumbotron at the Health Center will update the current audiovisual communication display to convey messages to employees, patients and families, and announce events and programs. In addition, the Jumbotron will be an invaluable tool for presentations, donor and caregiver recognition, and to disseminate general hospital information.

NURSING MAGNET JOURNEY DESIGNATION ($2,000,000)
Saint John’s is working toward this prestigious designation, developed by the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC). At present, only 29 hospitals in California and 7% of hospitals nationwide have achieved this credential. The multi-year process (two to five) will ensure that the high quality of nurses—for which Saint John’s is known—will continue. (See page 11 for more information on this program.)

PANDA INFANT WARMER ($25,000)
These state-of-the-art islettes help ensure a safe and gentle recovery/transition for infants, immediately after birth. The newly-regulated, built-in resuscitation system and innovative design make it easier to respond to and observe the baby in emergencies.

“PAWSITIVE” PET PROGRAM ($50,000)
By giving to this beloved program, you provide support for patient visits from our “Pawsitive” dog volunteers. In offering their unconditional love and acceptance, these dogs can reduce a patient’s pain, promote relaxation, lower blood pressure and relieve loneliness during a patient’s stay.

PRESCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATION PROGRAM ($100,000)
Research shows that pre-kindergarten children are expelled from daycare and early education centers three times more than children between kindergarten and 12th grade. This program provides early intervention by highly trained mental health staff in daycare and preschool settings where young children spend most of their day and social problems occur.

EMMETT FOUNDATION GIFT
Saint John’s Health Center Foundation is pleased to acknowledge a gift of $100,000 from the Emmett Foundation to help enhance orthopedic care at Saint John’s Health Center. During the rebuilding of the hospital, the foundation named a birthing suite and, more recently, an orthopedic inpatient room. We are grateful to the Emmett Foundation for its generous support.

To learn more about supporting these projects, please contact John Miller at 310-829-8632 or john.miller@stjohns.org.
Gifts Reinforce the Surgical Oncology Fellowship Program

Surgeons who are specially trained in the intricacies and challenges of removing cancer are among the most highly prized in their profession. The John Wayne Cancer Institute’s Surgical Oncology Fellowship Program provides doctors with the skills that elevate them to the role of experts and leaders in the field. Two philanthropic donations have kick-started a campaign to support this important program into the future.

TARBLE FOUNDATION

A $1 million gift in 2015 from the Tarble Foundation established the Surgical Oncology Fellowship Program endowment at the John Wayne Cancer Institute.

The accredited Surgical Oncology Fellowship Program, which is one of the country’s largest and longest-running, helps fulfill the Institute’s mission of training the next generation of cancer surgeons. The program is led by Mark B. Faries, MD, who is also a professor of surgery, director of the Donald L. Morton, MD, melanoma research program and director of therapeutic immunology. Long considered one of the nation’s most elite surgical oncology training programs, it continues to set the standard for multidisciplinary training.

The program consists of a two-year senior clinical fellowship in surgical oncology, with an optional third year in basic science research. The multi-campus program covers technical operative skills in cancer surgery, multidisciplinary aspects of clinical surgical oncology, skills to become an academic clinical scientist, clinical translational research that links patient care and laboratory studies, and laboratory basic science research that can be applied to the clinic.

“A gift to the John Wayne Cancer Institute surgical oncology fellowship endowment will result in future generations of fellows having careers that make a substantial impact in the fight against cancer,” says Jan Tarble, director of the Tarble Foundation.

The program’s success is reflected by the many graduates who have become department chairs or division chiefs of surgical oncology at institutions around the country. The 160 graduates of the program have emerged as leaders in surgical oncology. More than 80% have become university professors, deans or department chairs.

The Institute faculty is deeply grateful to the Tarble Foundation for the gift and for recognizing the importance of a robust Surgical Oncology Fellowship Program, says Dr. Faries, who is a 2004 graduate of the Institute’s fellowship program. “The Tarble Foundation’s generosity means that we can continue to train talented surgeons in the most innovative and complex surgical methods,” he says.

The Tarble family has been a loyal friend to Saint John’s Health Center for more than 60 years. The family’s foundation has made numerous charitable donations to Saint John’s including naming the Health Center’s beautiful Tarble Atrium after Pat and Newt Tarble. In 2012, the Tarble Foundation received the Spirit of Saint John’s Award, and the family’s legacy with the hospital lives on through their daughter, Jan, who leads the foundation.
RUTH WEIL

In her 25 years of volunteering in the cancer clinic, Ruth Weil has had lots of time to get to know some very special physicians: surgical oncology fellows who spend one to three years at the John Wayne Cancer Institute for advanced training.

“These doctors are our future,” she says. “They are already board-certified surgeons and can go anywhere. But they come here to learn advanced surgical oncology and do research. I see them interact with their patients all the time, and they are wonderful.”

Ruth’s appreciation of the renowned Surgical Oncology Fellowship Program has inspired her to make a gift of $1.5 million to endow the Ruth and Martin H. Weil fellow. “We are incredibly proud of the program and are so grateful to Ruth and all our generous donors who make this important part of our mission possible,” says Anton J. Bilchik, MD, PhD, chief of medicine and chief of the gastrointestinal research program. “Support for the fellowship program rests entirely on private philanthropy. I can’t think of any better investment to ensure that we continue to cure more cases of cancer.”

Ruth is only too familiar with the toll exacted by cancer. Her husband, her daughter and a brother all passed away from cancer, and Ruth was treated for breast cancer at Saint John’s Health Center in 2001. She describes the feeling she gets while working at the John Wayne Cancer Center, where she greets and supports patients, as “a volunteer high.”

Ruth grew up in a small mining town in Pennsylvania and majored in English literature and science at Penn State University. She moved to Los Angeles as an adult and ran the business management department at Weil & Co, a CPA firm.

Besides volunteering at the cancer clinic, Ruth is a past president of the John Wayne Cancer Institute Auxiliary. She also hosts the annual fellowship graduation ceremony at her home each spring. Ruth’s devotion and support made her a natural selection for the auxiliary’s first-ever Dr. Donald L. Morton Legend Award, which recognizes an individual who has made a significant impact in support of the Institute.

Do you have an IRA? A charitable rollover may be the best way to maximize your gift to Saint John’s Health Center, while simultaneously minimizing your tax burden. Now a permanent provision of the tax code, IRA charitable rollovers allow you to make a donation directly to Saint John’s—satisfying your minimum distribution requirement without increasing your taxable income, while also helping to support excellent medical care in a compassionate setting. See page 38 for more information.
**MARK THE DATE**

### JULY 4

**Palisades/Will Rogers 5K and 10K Run**
Pacific Palisades, CA
Join the fun and run with Foundation trustees and Saint John’s physicians, donors, patients and their families through beautiful Pacific Palisades. Providence Saint John’s Health Center is once again privileged to serve as the title sponsor for this traditional 4th of July run. Race proceeds benefit Will Rogers Race Foundation, which supports many Westside youth charities.

### SEPTEMBER 10-11

**AVON 39: The Walk to End Breast Cancer**
Santa Barbara, CA
The John Wayne Cancer Institute will serve as the medical sponsor for the annual 39-mile Avon Walk for Breast Cancer in Santa Barbara. The Institute will be one of the beneficiaries of this event that helps local and national research programs with vital funding to help obliterate breast cancer.

### SEPTEMBER 21

**Planned Giving Recognition Luncheon**
Luxe Sunset Boulevard Hotel
Los Angeles, CA
This annual luncheon is held in honor of our Friends for The Future, individuals who have remembered Saint John’s in their estate plans, and Guardians of the Future, individuals who have remembered the John Wayne Cancer Institute. The group will hear the latest updates from the Health Center, Institute and Foundation.

### OCTOBER 19

**Board of Advocates Luncheon**
Luxe Sunset Boulevard Hotel
Los Angeles, CA
The luncheon honors the Board of Advocates which is made up of friends and patrons who support the missions of Saint John’s and the John Wayne Cancer Institute. They serve as ambassadors to the community and support various projects that are considered high priorities by Health Center and Institute leadership.
**OCTOBER 19**

The John Wayne Cancer Institute Auxiliary Membership Luncheon  
Beverly Wilshire  
Beverly Hills, CA  
The John Wayne Cancer Institute Auxiliary members and friends will gather for this annual luncheon and boutique in October. Boutique vendors donate a portion of their earnings to the auxiliary. Over the last 30 years, this organization has raised more than $19 million to fund research, equipment and programs at the Institute.

**OCTOBER 22**

Caritas Gala  
Beverly Wilshire  
Beverly Hills, CA  
The annual Caritas Gala is held to recognize outstanding individuals who display exceptional compassion and service to their communities. The elegant black-tie celebration is presented by the Saint John’s Health Center Foundation board of trustees and the Irene Dunne Guild.

**OCTOBER 25**

QVC Presents “FFANY Shoes on Sale”  
The Waldorf Astoria  
New York, NY  
For more than 20 years, the Fashion Footwear Association of New York (FFANY) has combined great shopping with an even greater cause. During the online charitable sale, thousands of shoes are sold at half the manufacturer’s suggested retail price, generating funds for cancer research. The John Wayne Cancer Institute is one of nine beneficiaries of this event, culminating in the October 25 gala.

**NOVEMBER 19**

Associates for Breast and Prostate Cancer Studies Annual “The Talk of the Town” Gala  
Beverly Hilton Hotel  
Beverly Hills, CA  
Sponsored by the Associates for Breast and Cancer Studies (ABCs), this annual gala in November will honor friends of the John Wayne Cancer Institute. The ABCs have raised more than $1.5 million for breast and prostate cancer research at the Institute.

For more information about these and other upcoming events, please visit www.SaintJohnsFoundation.org or call 310-829-8424.
Four of the Ho grandchildren
A Family-Centered Birthing Place

The caring, experienced staff in the McAlister Women’s Health Center is here to make your delivery safe and comfortable.

When Martha Ho chose to deliver her first child at Saint John’s Health Center in 1978, she and her husband, David, had no idea they were developing a relationship with the hospital that would last for nearly four decades. All they knew was that the staff was incredibly welcoming and kind and made them feel safe and secure.

“We were quite young, and we didn’t know what we were doing when it came to having a baby,” says David, who has been a Saint John’s Health Center Foundation trustee since 2010. “When we were considering different hospitals, we liked the fact that Saint John’s was a small community hospital that felt more personal than the larger hospitals in the area. And when we took our childbirth classes there, and then a tour, we felt comfortable and not at all intimidated.”

The couple had such a positive experience at the Health Center that following the birth of baby Jennifer Hanjean, they opted to deliver their second and third daughters, Danielle Hanyian and Natasha Hanming, there as well. “Saint John’s has such a nice, calm, homely feeling,” says Martha, who has been a member of the Irene Dunne Guild since 2000, “but it’s the genuineness of the people who work there that makes it such a special place.”

So special, in fact, that when each of the Ho daughters married and became pregnant, they chose to deliver their children there too—all six of them! “My daughters are independent adults, and if I wanted them to do something that they didn’t want to do, it wouldn’t happen,” says Martha, laughing. “They all chose to deliver at Saint John’s on their own.” In keeping with family tradition, all three of David and Martha’s daughters, and all six of their grandchildren were delivered by William K. Hummer, MD; L. Joel Kessler, MD; and Karla G. Iacampo, MD.

Convenience clearly hasn’t been a factor in their choice of hospitals or doctors, Martha adds—while Jenny did

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PHOTOGRAPHED BY LU TAPP
live on the Westside during her first pregnancy, all three daughters now live in the San Gabriel Valley, underscoring just how much they value what Saint John’s has to offer. “It’s a long drive not only for doctor’s appointments, but especially when you’re in labor,” Martha says. “I’ve had my share of nervousness that they wouldn’t make it to the hospital in time!”

They have, though, helping to make Martha just a bit more comfortable in the event that more grandchildren are in her and David’s future—especially after daughter Jenny needed to be hospitalized on several different occasions due to complications during her third pregnancy. “The medical care at Saint John’s is always excellent, and it was especially important in our daughter’s case for her high-risk pregnancy,” says Martha.

And in another turn of events that keeps the Ho family and Saint John’s forever linked, Jenny and her husband, Reggie, named their third daughter Karla Kay in honor of Dr. Iacampo, who helped Jenny through her very difficult pregnancy. “I hope that we’ll be able to have more babies and have them all at Saint John’s,” Martha adds.

And while Saint John’s offers that same familial, homey feeling to all of its patients, it’s also prepared to handle virtually any emergency, large or small, that might occur during labor and delivery—or within any other department at the hospital.
A Community Hospital With Big Technology
Saint John’s is dedicated to the highest level of personalized care for mothers and newborns and has been for more than 70 years. The hospital is also dedicated to providing patients with state-of-the-art technology—something not necessarily common among other community hospitals.

The Laborist Program
Launched in 2012, and one of the first offered by community hospitals in the LA area, the Saint John’s laborist program ensures that an experienced obstetrician is available on-site, 24 hours a day. “Things can happen very quickly in obstetrics, and having a physician in the hospital who can, for example, do a cesarean section in minutes rather than having to call another doctor in the middle of the night is extremely important,” says Albert J. Phillips, MD, medical director of women’s health services. A number of babies would have died or suffered irreparable damage had a laborist not been in the hospital.

The laborist is also available to consult and work with a woman’s primary physician to perform more routine procedures, such as breaking the bag of waters to help advance labor. Another benefit to the laborist program is that it allows expectant mothers who wish to attempt a trial of labor after cesarean section (TOLAC) to do so—with agreement from their primary obstetrician, of course. In fact, according to Irena Zuanic, RN, administrative director of women’s health services, the laborist program is directly responsible for an increase not only in the number of women who are attempting TOLACs but in the number of women who are successfully able to have vaginal births after cesarean section (VBAC).

The Massive Transfusion Protocol
Saint John’s massive transfusion protocol is immediately instituted whenever

CELEBRATE YOUR NEWBORN BABY ON THE LEGACY OF CHILDREN WALL
Saint John’s has a wonderful tradition: New parents, families and loved ones can honor babies born at the Health Center, or other hospitals, by inscribing their names on the Legacy of Children Wall. This wall lovingly recognizes and celebrates the birth of a baby. Your donation acknowledges not just your love, but also your appreciation of Saint John’s highly trained physicians, nurses and other clinicians. It supports a full range of exceptional maternity services. Prominently displayed in the McAlister Women’s Health Center, the Legacy of Children Wall is a poignant and enduring tribute for family and friends to enjoy on every visit. For further information on how you can participate, please contact Gail Drewniak at 310-829-8175 or gail.drewniak@stjohns.org.

A Legacy of Children Wall is such a wonderful, tangible way to honor all of the children who are born at Saint John’s. For us, making a contribution was a way to recognize our sons Jacob and Daniel—and, at the same time, support the hospital. We love Saint John’s!

Melanie and Barry Landsberg, Santa Monica residents and supporters of the Health Center

Your donation is a recognition, not just of your love, but also of your support of Saint John’s team of highly trained physicians, nurses and other clinicians.

Maria Shriver, a longtime friend and in whose name our nursery is dedicated, offers these words of inspiration:

“Love your children
believe in your children
nurture them
guide them
teach them.
They will inherit our world.
How they care for it and treat it depends a great deal on how we as parents treat them.”

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any patient—not just in labor and delivery—experiences a hemorrhage; it calls for virtually every department in the Health Center, from the operating room to the emergency department to radiology, to be on alert so all appropriate personnel can be dedicated to that one patient if necessary. “Severe hemorrhages don’t happen that often, but when they do, they are life-threatening,” says Jon S. Matsunaga, MD, an obstetrician/gynecologist who practices at Saint John’s and a former chairman of the OB-GYN department. “It is essential for any hospital that performs childbirth or high-risk procedures to have a protocol like we’ve developed here. It’s lifesaving.”

Nitrous Oxide for Pain Relief
In another groundbreaking move, Saint John’s is involved in a pilot project, scheduled to launch this summer, to test the use of self-administered nitrous oxide to help manage the pain of childbirth. “We will be one of only a handful of hospitals in the US and the first hospital not only in LA county, but in the Providence network, to use this alternative form of pain relief,” says Dr. Phillips.

“The nitrous oxide pain management option is a viable choice for some of our patients,” says Irena. “Our team is very excited to offer this service to patients who are interested in less invasive pain relief during labor.”

A State-of-the-Art Neonatal Intensive Care Unit
No woman wants to imagine her baby might be born preterm or that s/he might need specialized care after delivery, but giving birth at a hospital with a high-level NICU is paramount, especially in a community with many women who are having babies later in life, according to Irena.

The Health Center’s NICU is a Level III, meaning that it can care for babies born as early as 23 weeks’ gestation. With a neonatologist on call 24 hours a day and a full staff of specialists in the department around the clock, babies are provided top-notch care no matter the time of day or night. “We provide a supportive, family-like environment, a multidisciplinary team of neonatologists, nurses, respiratory therapists, physical therapists, occupational therapists, social workers and many other specialists working in close collaboration with maternal-fetal specialists, obstetricians, pediatricians and pediatric surgeons,” Irena explains.

GOING BEYOND MATERNITY CARE

Women’s health services at Saint John’s Health Center currently offers the entire range of perinatal services, including labor and delivery and postpartum services. The center also cares for pregnant women hospitalized after 20 weeks’ gestation. Childbirth education, breast-feeding and baby care classes are offered before a woman delivers. CPR and breast-feeding support classes are also available.

Yet equally important is the provision of all women’s services, according to Jon S. Matsunaga, MD, former chairman of the OB-GYN department. “We are focusing right now on developing programs that address childbirth, menopause, female cancers—whatever medical issues a woman might face,” he says. “We want to focus on the whole woman.”

While Saint John’s is already home to the Margie Petersen Breast Center, it will soon offer a minimally invasive robotic gynecological surgery program, including pelvic reconstruction, prolapse and incontinence surgery. Following that, according to Dr. Matsunaga, the Health Center plans to expand to add other women’s programs, including a heart program, women’s orthopedics and sports medicine, among others.
Avoiding Episiotomies
“The evidence shows that a natural tear will heal better and less painfully than a cut,” says Dr. Nishio, who coincidentally, was born at the Health Center herself.

Delaying Cord Clamping
“Obstetricians are encouraged to perform delayed clamping of the umbilical cord in all healthy newborns,” Dr. Nishio says. According to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, research has shown that delaying clamping for at least 30 to 60 seconds, and holding the baby below the level of the placenta during that time, brings important benefits, including improved circulation and blood volume, and reduced risk of hemorrhage in the baby.

Promoting Skin-To-Skin Contact
Because of numerous benefits to both mother, father and baby, parents are encouraged to maintain skin-to-skin contact with their babies immediately after delivery (granted that the baby is a normal, healthy newborn), according to Dr. Nishio. These benefits include: improved maternal behaviors, decreased newborn stress and crying, improved respiratory rate, temperature regulation and glucose stability in the newborn, and increased breast-feeding rates.

Encouraging Breast-Feeding
With three lactation consultants on staff, Saint John’s is committed to helping every mother breast-feed successfully. Healthy babies “room in” with their mothers, to encourage around-the-clock breast-feeding and improve the mother-baby bond. “Our goal is to keep the mother and baby together up to 23 hours a day,” Irena Zuanic, RN, administrative director of women’s health services, says. “The goal is for the mother to be available for the baby, follow the baby’s cues and give the baby access to the breast immediately,” she adds. “We want the mother to go home with her baby, confident and breast-feeding.”

Working With Doulas
In an ongoing effort to meet its patients’ needs, Saint John’s is collaborating with local doulas. “We have meetings twice a year to see how we can provide the best service for our patients,” Irena says. “How can we on the hospital end can be understanding of the patients’ and doulas’ needs?” She adds that women can also deliver with certified nurse-midwives who are members of physician groups that practice at the Health Center.

Providing A Home-Like Environment
While all patient rooms at Saint John’s are large enough for two, women who deliver at the hospital always have a private room. “They have their own bathroom and shower, a flat-screen TV and a bed for a spouse or family member,” says Dr. Matsunaga, an obstetrician/gynecologist who practices at Saint John’s. “It’s basically a hotel room—the Four Seasons of hospitals!”

With its emphasis on first-rate medical care, along with warm and caring doctors, nurses and staff, Saint John’s is a great place to start—or add to—your family.

To learn more about how you can support Women’s Health Services, please contact Cookie Galanti at 310-829-8423 or cookie.galanti@stjohns.org.
Roger Wacker felt compelled to give back after experiencing the lifesaving and compassionate care administered to his wife at Saint John’s.

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“As often happens in shaping a person’s direction in life, it was a traumatic experience that led Roger Wacker to his role as trustee of Saint John’s Health Center Foundation after his wife, Angelle Grace—burning with fever—was rushed by ambulance to the Health Center’s emergency room in 2010.

“It was for the grace of God that [Gilbert J. Kuhn Jr., MD] was in the hospital that day and was called in by a young doctor to review Angelle Grace’s chart,” Roger says. “Dr. Kuhn diagnosed an E. coli infection. On top of that, he picked the exact right treatment and medication for the specific strain of E. coli she had.”

Dr. Kuhn admitted Angelle Grace to the hospital, where she was treated over a two-week period, by Stanton Axline, MD. She was under medical supervision at home for another two weeks before being free of the bacteria.

“We are so grateful for the Health Center’s clinical excellence; we appreciate the wonderful care from all of the doctors, as well as the nurses, volunteers, radiologist and comforting staff, especially Irene Bristol, RN, and Coco Garcia,” Roger says. “Saint John’s saved Angelle Grace’s life, and we knew then that we had to get involved.”

In 2011, after having an informational meeting with Robert O. Klein (Bob) and Allan B. Goldman, Roger joined them on the Foundation’s board of trustees. And Roger says with a lighthearted flourish—“The rest is history!”

The Wackers are now an integral part of the Saint John’s family. “Roger and Angelle Grace are committed to helping Saint John’s in anyway they can,” says Bob. “Their commitment to the Health Center is so deep that Roger is fond of saying: ‘How can we help Saint John’s? Angelle Grace and I are here for you.’”

With more than 40 years as an investment advisor, Roger currently serves as managing director of wealth management and senior portfolio manager for UBS Financial Services in Century City. That background explains why he’s a perfect fit to sit on the Foundation’s executive, annual appeal and finance committees. Roger also serves on the cardiovascular committee, because he says with a playful smile, “I want to learn more about this condition prophylactically.”

Roger and Angelle Grace banter good-naturedly, completing each other’s thoughts. On a more serious note, Angelle Grace adds that she supports Roger’s involvement at Saint John’s because her father suffered a heart attack. Of the recent large donation the couple made to Saint John’s Million Dollar Heart Club, Angelle Grace says, “These donations are critical because they enable research that helps to develop medications and treatments to provide longer survival and better cure rates.”

Roger, originally from Basel, Switzerland, stepped down last year after 25 years of chairing the Swiss-American Chamber of Commerce. Angelle Grace joined him
in serving the Chamber, in addition to her career as senior vice president of the commercial real estate services firm NAI Capital and past vice chairman of NAI Retail Council.

Both are active philanthropists, and share a passion for the arts and opera. In addition to his work for the Foundation, Roger is a past board member of the LA Opera, current trustee of CalArts and a member of the Global Advisory Committee for the Mayo Clinic. Angelle Grace also serves on the board of the Blue Ribbon for The Music Center. She’s long been involved with St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, and her work includes raising more than $2 million a year by staging Runway for Life galas. She was also appointed to serve on the board of governors of St. Jude’s in 2000.

The couple have been married for 10 years, which Roger quips, “is not long enough.” They enjoy many of the same pastimes: sailing, tennis and learning about world cultures through travel. They also love family time with their children—Martina, 33, and Gregory, 31—who live in Switzerland. And Angelle Grace is an avid salsa dancer, belly dancer, cook and mentor to young women.

The Wackers can’t say enough about the compassionate care Saint John’s provides to all regardless of their situation.

Angelle Grace recalls a visit from Father Patrick to her hospital room: “I saw a priest and I thought, ‘This is either good news or it’s bad news.’ When I said I wanted to go to the chapel, Father Patrick literally escorted me. We prayed together, and he walked me back to my room. I felt so safe and hopeful.”

Her husband adds, “The hospital is truly blessed to have Father Patrick Comerford, a chaplain with the Health Center’s spiritual care department; Sisters Maureen Craig, SCL [Sisters of Charity of Leavenworth], Foundation chaplain, Therese Zimmerman, SCL, Marie Madeleine Shonka, SCL, and Nancy Svetlic, SCL.”

Roger sums up his feelings saying, “I think Saint John’s will continue to have a great future, especially now with its recent partnership with Providence Health & Services. Angelle Grace and I are very happy to be part of it.”
If you could custom order qualities desired in a Foundation chair, they would likely include leadership ability, extensive knowledge of the health care industry, an understanding of human behavior and a sense of humor.

These are exactly the qualities that Donna L. Schweers brings to her role as chair of Saint John’s Health Center Foundation. Donna possesses wide-reaching experience gained over a 30-plus-years career in health care consulting and management. Early on, she helped to develop the HMO-managed model of medical groups at Prudential. She progressed to positions with national health care consulting groups Ernst & Whinney and Towers Perrin before launching her own consulting practice. In her various roles, she has worked with hospitals, hospital systems, physicians’ groups, insurance companies and venture capitalists. Her expertise is in strategic planning, mergers and acquisitions, and systems organization.

Even with her background, Donna would not have predicted her future role at Saint John’s when she moved to Santa Monica from the Bay Area in the early 1990s. She had no firsthand knowledge of the hospital when her friend Su-Z Schneider, a member of the Irene Dunne Guild, invited Donna to join the group, which supports Saint John’s through extensive volunteer and fundraising efforts.

“What attracted me to the guild was getting to know a group of women of all ages in my area who are engaged and committed to charitable community endeavors,” she says.

Through her involvement in the guild, Donna saw firsthand the gem she had in her own neighborhood. “Saint John’s is a community hospital but with the depth of specialties that attracts first-class researchers and physicians,” she says. “The Health Center competes with teaching institutions, yet maintains a very high-touch environment. Our Catholic roots and mission emphasize caring for the whole person, both body and soul.”

Donna was hooked and eventually became president of the guild.
also served on various Health Center committees, including co-chairing the strategic planning committee with Donna F. Tuttle.

Donna Tuttle could see how much Donna Schweers had to offer and invited her to join the board of trustees. Now Donna Schweers has just succeeded John M. Robertson, MD, as chair of the Foundation board.

“I can’t think of anyone better suited to chair Saint John’s Foundation than Donna Schweers,” says Donna Tuttle, past chair of Providence Saint John’s Health Center’s local board of directors. “She truly epitomizes the Saint John’s culture. With her confidence, efficiency and humor, and a background steeped in the health care industry, we are in good hands with Donna at the helm.”

In her new role, Donna feels confident about Saint John’s bright future. “We’re at the precipice of stepping up to the next level,” she says. “The next 10 years will see progress toward development of the south campus and a new home for the John Wayne Cancer Institute. We’re in the process of launching the Pacific Neuroscience Institute, and Saint John’s has recruited world-class physicians and researchers for it.”

She notes that the Health Center is also enhancing its cardiac program, expanding its Women’s Health program and creating a new stroke center. “There’s a lot for the community to be excited about,” she says.

Donna shares her passion about the hospital with her husband, Thomas C. Geiser, a retired corporate attorney specializing in health care companies. Tom has just begun his term as chair of the Health Center’s local board of directors. The couple live in Brentwood and have a daughter, Kelsey, who works for the National Academy of Sciences. Mother and daughter both attended Stanford University as undergraduates, and Donna earned her master’s degree from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health.

A native of Austin, Texas, Donna recently took a dream trip to Rwanda to see the silverback gorillas. “It was incredible. I’ve always been fascinated by the similarity of chimps and gorillas to the human race,” she says. “They exhibit many behaviors once thought to be unique to humans. As Jane Goodall [with whom Donna studied at Stanford] has said, it’s like holding a blurry mirror on ourselves.”

Summing up her thoughts, Donna says, “You feel like you’re with your family when you go to Saint John’s. I’ve never seen a hospital with the community involvement we have here. Through the Foundation, the community really does have a voice in the hospital and where it’s going. There’s tremendous enthusiasm with what’s on the horizon.” •
MEMORABLE EVENTS

CHAUTAUQUA WEEKEND

From April 30–May 1 the Saint John’s Health Center Foundation hosted a weekend of education, camaraderie, enlightenment and relaxation for its trustees, donors, physician partners, Health Center leadership and special friends. The event, which is in its 37th year, was held at the Ojai Valley Inn & Spa and attracted more than 200 attendees. With hard work and planning from the Chautauqua committee, this weekend event offered presentations on a variety of topics including the latest research data and innovations in neuroscience and neuro-oncology, thoracic and gynecological oncology, as well as the latest trends in reconstructive and plastic surgery. Attendees were also treated to dynamic presentations from experts in higher education, and transportation and mobility. Presenters throughout the weekend included: Michael Crow; Tiffany Grunwald, MD; Santosh Kesari, MD, PhD; Marcel Loh; Robert O. Klein; Robert McKenna Jr., MD; Steven Vasilev, MD; and Geoff Wardle. The planning committee was co-chaired by trustee Margot Armbruster and David L. Krasne, MD.

Marcel Loh

(From left) Trustee Dr. Robert Amonic, trustee Gretchen Willison, trustee Donna Schweers, trustee Lisa Nesbitt, Dr. David Krasne, trustee Margot Armbruster, trustee Fran Flanagan, Robert Klein, trustee Allan Goldman, Su-Z Schneider and trustee Dr. Ernie Prudente

Trustee Thomas Grojean, Terri Grojean, trustee Gretchen Willison and Bruce Willison

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Rebecca Tam, trustee Tonian Hohberg and Dr. David Tam

(From left) Michael Crow, Marcel Loh, Dr. Tiffany Grunwald, Dr. Robert McKenna Jr., Dr. Steven Vasilev, Dr. Santosh Kesari and Robert Klein

Dr. Steven Vasilev

(From left) Trustee A. Redmond Doms, trustee Waldo Burnside, trustee Donna Schweers, trustee Allan Goldman and trustee Dr. John Robertson

Michael Crow, Rachel Ault and trustee Lee Ault III

(From left) Thomas Geiser, Dr. Jon Matsunaga, Rex Licklider, trustee Judith Licklider, Kris Gibello and trustee Mark Gibello

Ruth Weil and trustee Patrick Wayne

Dr. Robert McKenna Jr.
MEMORABLE EVENTS

JOHN WAYNE CANCER INSTITUTE AUXILIARY ODYSSEY BALL 2016

The 31st Odyssey Ball, benefiting the John Wayne Cancer Institute at Saint John’s Health Center and honoring individuals who give back to their communities, was held at the Beverly Wilshire on April 9. Mark B. Faries, MD, director of the complex general surgical oncology fellowship and the Donald L. Morton, MD, Melanoma Research Program at the Institute, received the “The Duke” Special Service Award. And philanthropist Ruth Weil received the inaugural “Dr. Donald L. Morton Legend Award.” The event, which raised more than $750,000, attracted 450 guests, had a “Cowboys and Legends” theme and was hosted by KTLA-TV anchor Kaj Goldberg. The auxiliary president is Anita Swift, and Martha Harper, Colleen Pennell, Elizabeth Rawjee, Jessica Royer and Shirley Lipstone co-chaired the event.

ABCs ANNUAL “THE TALK OF THE TOWN” GALA

Sponsored by the Associates for Breast and Prostate Cancer Studies (ABCs), and led by president Gloria Gebbia, this year’s gala was attended by more than 800 guests. The event, which took place at the Beverly Hilton Hotel in Beverly Hills on November 21, 2015, included dinner, dancing, a performance by singer Pat Benatar, a boutique and an auction. This year’s honorees were actress Rene Russo, who received the Spirit of Entertainment Award and Saint John’s cardiac surgeon, Richard F. Wright, MD, who was recognized with the Spirit of Hope Award. Proceeds from the event provide critical funds for the Institute’s breast and prostate cancer research programs.
TRUSTEE ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

The annual gathering of Foundation trustees, administrative leadership, physicians and researchers took place on December 2, 2015 at the Upper Bel-Air Bay Club.

A highlight of the evening was the ceremonial “passing of the gavel” from the immediate past chair, John M. Robertson, MD, to the current chair, Donna L. Schweers.

BOARD OF ADVOCATES LUNCHEON

The bi-annual luncheon for the Board of Advocates, on May 28, was held for the first time at the new Foundation office. It was the inaugural event at the new facility. Attendees heard presentations by Angela Nishio, MD, and Irena Zuanic, RN, which focused on labor and delivery and the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Friends and patrons of Saint John’s Health Center and the John Wayne Cancer Institute comprise the Board of Advocates. They serve as ambassadors to the community, encouraging support for various projects and programs deemed to be of the highest priority by the Health Center and Institute leadership.
MEMORABLE EVENTS

IRENE DUNNE GUILD THINK PINK EVENT FOR WOMEN’S WELLNESS

The 11th Annual Think Pink Event for Women’s Wellness was held at the Upper Bel-Air Bay Club, in Pacific Palisades on May 11. One of the guild’s premier events, this luncheon is held in honor of Mother’s Day and to promote women’s health awareness. Saint John’s physicians and other experts offered information to attendees about programs and prevention strategies to keep women and their families healthy. Brenda McDonald is president of the guild and Melinda Casey chaired the event.

ABCS MOTHER’S DAY LUNCHEON

The ABCs Mother’s Day Luncheon, sponsored by the Associates for Breast and Prostate Cancer Studies (ABCs), helmed by president Gloria Gebbia, was held at the Four Seasons Hotel Los Angeles in Beverly Hills on May 4. Attorney Gloria Allred, and actresses Donna Mills and Lorraine Toussaint were honored with the organization’s Women of Achievement Award. Comediene Cocoa Brown emceed the event, and Beverly Cohen and Sheri Rosenblum co-chaired. Other activities included an informal fashion show by Grayse and a luxury boutique of select vendors whose proceeds benefit breast and prostate cancer research at the John Wayne Cancer Institute.
MEMORABLE EVENTS

DR. JAY ORRINGER COMPASSIONATE CARE SYMPOSIUM FOR CARITAS CAREGIVERS

This April 28th event, a pilot program honoring Jay Orringer, MD, was generously funded by grateful patient Margaret Dano and Alan Wozniak. The event was held at the Serra Retreat in Malibu. Thirty Saint John’s Health Center caregivers, who are part of the Caritas unit, attended the symposium. The educational content was targeted at ensuring best practices, a culture of clinical excellence and compassionate patient care.

BREAKTHROUGHS IN MEDICAL ONCOLOGY

An intimate and interactive meeting that focused on breakthroughs in medical oncology and “quarterbacking” cancer care was held at the home of trustee Mary Ellen Kanoff and her husband Chris, who graciously hosted the April 27 dinner. Presenters were medical oncologists Santosh Kesari, MD, PhD, Marilou Terpenning, MD, and Steven J. O’Day, MD. The doctors spoke on a variety of topics: precision medicine which uses targeted treatment based on the genetic profile of a tumor, living with cancer and life after cancer, and immuno-oncology—lifesaving treatments harnessing the immune system to fight cancer that are part of a revolution in cancer care.
PHILANTHROPY

Charitable IRA Rollover

This money-saving feature is now a permanent part of the tax code and can be used to support Saint John’s Health Center.

WRITTEN BY JOHN FERRARI

We all understand our tax dollars fund necessary government programs and services, but isn’t it nice to direct your dollars to a nonprofit cause you believe in and reduce your tax burden at the same time?

If you have an IRA, there’s a simple way to donate and maximize your support for Saint John’s while minimizing your tax burden: an IRA charitable rollover. This charitable-giving option has been available since 2006, but it was made a permanent feature of the tax code in 2015. The IRA charitable rollover provision allows you to make a donation directly from your IRA to the Health Center each year in any amount up to $100,000—tax-free once you reach the age of 70 1/2.

WHEN IS AN IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER THE RIGHT CHOICE?

It may be a good choice for donors who either don’t rely on an income or for those who want a tax break and want to make a donation to the Health Center with the least amount of fuss. Here are a few examples:

If you don’t rely on your IRA for income: John and Lisa have saved more than $1 million in their IRAs. Now that they are in their 70s, they must take annual distributions. Because they don’t need the money, they opt to receive the minimum payout, which is heavily taxed. They had planned to leave the remainder of the IRAs to Saint John’s, but by using the charitable rollover option, they can each transfer up to $100,000 annually directly from their IRAs to the Health Center. Not only does this decrease their tax burden, it allows the Health Center to help more patients now—and lets John and Lisa see the results of their generosity immediately.

If you want to decrease your tax burden: Each year, Marilyn donates $2,000 to Saint John’s. She withdraws it from her IRA and writes a check to Saint John’s Health Center Foundation, which sends her a receipt. On her tax forms, Marilyn must report the amount as taxable income and deduct it as a charitable gift—but that income pushes her into a higher tax bracket, and her increased tax burden outweighs the reduction for her charitable donation. For 2016, though, Marilyn has heard about the IRA charitable rollover option. She calls Tanya Lopez, Saint John’s Health Center Foundation director of planned giving, to get the Health Center’s information and gives it to her IRA manager, along with instructions to transfer $2,000 to the hospital. That’s it—she does not report the donation anywhere on her taxes, and it does not increase her income.

Our staff can prepare personalized, confidential examples for you and work with your financial advisors. Please contact Tanya Lopez, director of planned giving, at 310-582-7095 or tanya.lopez@stjohns.org.
When you establish a charitable gift annuity with Providence Saint John’s Health Center, you help fund cutting-edge technology and innovative critical care, but your gift does not end there. It also provides you with some unique benefits:

- Lifetime income stream for you, and a loved one if you choose
- An immediate charitable tax deduction
- The flexibility to fund your annuity with cash, securities or real estate
- Fulfillment, knowing that your gift helps further Saint John’s mission of providing quality, compassionate care

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