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After multiple COVID related delays, the “Hail and Farewell” celebration for incoming and outgoing members of the Medical Staff leadership was held at the Newport Harbor American Legion on Sept. 18. As part of the event, outgoing Chief Dr. Brian Boyd was roasted. Many past Chiefs, going as far back as Dr. James Grimes (COS 1986-87), were able to attend. From left are past Chiefs Lawrence Ehrlich, DO; Ray Casciari, MD; George Moro, MD; Peter Smethurst, MD (trying to hide in the back); Michele Carpenter, MD; Brian Boyd, MD; Paul Beck, MD; and Russell Montgomery, MD.

The Sept. 26-30 Culture of Caring “Road Trip to the Future” paved the way for a journey of compassion and excellence in our ministry. At left, James Roum, MD, chats with Aaron Baker, a former professional motocross athlete who sustained a career-ending spinal cord injury and authored the book Rebellious Recovery. A record 2,300 caregivers participated, including 66 physicians – the highest number ever to attend the annual sessions.

In Memoriam: F. Joseph Triggs, MD

Family, friends, patients, and colleagues mourn the recent passing of F. Joseph Triggs MD, Emeritus Staff member and a past Chair of the Family Practice Department. Dr. Triggs was a member of our Active Staff from 1962 to 1989, when he was abruptly forced into early retirement after a heart attack at age 55.

Dr. Triggs chose to practice at St. Joseph Hospital after moving to California because the Sisters of St. Joseph in Springfield, Mass., were responsible for his early education and character. With practice partner Jules Rasinski, MD, Dr. Triggs built a medical complex and large family practice in the “boonies” of the expanding City of Orange while raising four children. One of his sons, Kevin Triggs, MD, orthopedic surgeon, has been on our Medical Staff since 1990. As Team Doctor for the LA Rams, the newly arrived California Angels and numerous other professional sports franchises in Southern California and as Medical Director for the 1984 LA Olympics, “Dr. Joe” was a pioneer in sports medicine, always directing athletes, their families and site recognition to SJO.

A summary of his extraordinary life can be found at legacy.com/us/obituaries/orangecounty/name/f-triggs-obituary?id=36681652. Information regarding a Mass and a home Celebration of Life on Oct. 28 in Orange is included. All are welcome to attend.

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Don’t let the flu worry you!

The CDC recommends everyone 6 months and older in the US get an influenza (flu) vaccine, with rare exception. St. Joseph Hospital Medical Staff, AHPs and APPs can obtain the flu vaccination through Oct. 31 on Tuesdays and Thursdays only, 0630-0830 in the Caregiver Health Services Office located in the Sr. Francis Dunn Building basement. This vaccination clinic is for caregivers only.
MEDICAL STAFF SERVICES PROFESSIONALS WEEK: Celebrate a Vital Part of Our Healthcare Team

Week Nov. 6-12, 2022 in conjunction with National Association Medical Staff Services (NAMSS). We recognize our Medical Staff Office team for their key contributions to patient safety. They provide critical support to our organization, administrative leadership and physicians in preserving the high-quality patient care SJO provides. These dedicated experts work behind the scenes in provider credentialing, privileging, medical staff organization, accreditation and regulatory compliance, and provider relations.

Providence St. Joseph Hospital was honored as the 2022 Large Business of the Year at Orange’s State of the City event on Oct. 7. The award recognizes our longtime service to the community, especially during the pandemic. City of Orange Mayor Mark Murphy, the Orange Chamber of Commerce and Chapman University hosted the event. From left, Chief of Staff Peter Smethurst, MD, Chief Medical Officer Scott Rusk, MD, and Chief Nursing Officer Michelle Genova accept the plaque commemorating the coveted award. Neighbor and partner CHOC also received an award.

WELCOME to New Medical Staff

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