

Healthy Returns

A publication for donors and friends of Northwest Community Hospital Foundation

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"Golden" Gala a Grand Success!

NORTHWEST COMMUNITY HOSPITAL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA was a resounding success in every way. On May 30, more than 700 supporters gathered at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel to honor the Hospital's past, to learn about its inspiring vision for the future—and to raise more than \$550,000 toward the very best healthcare for our community. Gala co-chair and Foundation board chair Diane Hill summed it up best: "Bringing together so many people and receiving so many generous contributions exceeded all our goals and expectations. The gala was truly a night of celebration!"

A highlight of the evening was the announcement of a \$1 million pledge to the Hospital's Community

Vision Campaign from Northwest Suburban Anesthesiologists, a large group practice affiliated with NCH. Tomasz Przewdzia, MD, the group's president, said, "Despite all of the uncertain economic times, the Hospital is making great efforts toward the future, and we want to be a part of that."

The Community Vision Campaign was launched in 2006 as a multi-year initiative to raise funds for Hospital expansion projects, including the new patient care addition (with all private rooms), a larger Emergency Department and more comprehensive pediatric services in partnership with Children's Memorial Hospital. At the gala, Foundation VP David Ungurean announced that the

Campaign is on track to meet the ambitious \$35 million goal, with \$26 million raised to date (now \$27M!). David remarked, "This is the result of many residents stepping forward generously,

demonstrating their love of community."

Lead gifts to the Community Vision Campaign were made by John and Rita Canning and Vince and Pat Foglia, who also graciously served

as honorary co-chairs of the gala. On behalf of their families, both Rita Canning and Vince Foglia spoke at the event, expressing their pride in Northwest Community Hospital as a valuable asset to the northwest suburban region.



^ Our favorite entertainer, Ron Hawking, sings another iconic number straight from his heart.

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— David Ungurean, NCH Foundation VP



^ Hospital board chair Dan DiCaro and wife Sandy (left) meet up with medical staff president Dr. Ali Shariatzadeh and wife Sharon. With Diane Hill, the DiCaros and Shariatzadehs served as gala co-chairs. Behind them are themed photo displays representing the Hospital's 50 years of outstanding service.



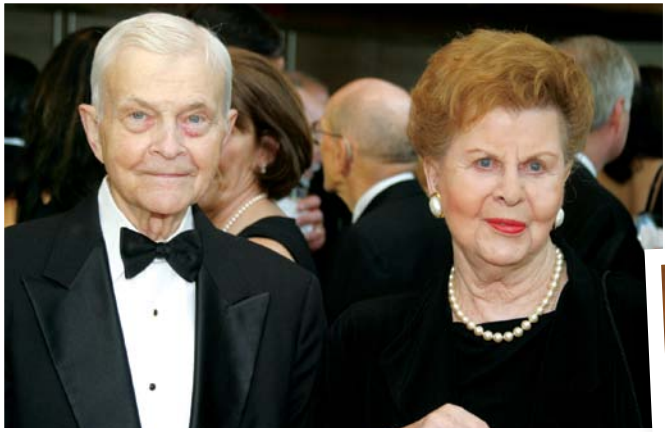
^ Honorary co-chairs Rita and John Canning greet their friend Diane Hill (right). Diane is thrilled by the turn-out of more than 700 supporters!



< Dede Wamberg insists that Hospital president and CEO Bruce Crowther wear a gift specially made for the occasion: a "50th" bow tie.

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"Golden" Gala (continued)



^ Founding physician Ralph Lidge, MD, and his wife, Jackie, celebrate 50 years of medical excellence.



^ A very happy Dave Ungrean greets longtime NCH supporter Betty Lou Bukowski.



^ Vinnie and Cheryl Foglia (left) join honorary co-chairs Vince and Pat Foglia at the reception. In his remarks, Vince noted that "you don't have to go downtown to get the best healthcare."



^ Don and Lois Hartung (left) love the party and the company, especially their good friends Pat and Dave Makeever (right).



< Host Committee members Russ and Tracy Scurto loved the entertainment.



^ NCH board member Dr. Lou Gatta and his wife, Nancy, can't stop smiling.



< Guests Joyce and Tom Fitzgerald of Barrington enjoy the festivities.

Northwest Suburban Anesthesiologists' generous \$1 million pledge to the NCH Community Vision Campaign was celebrated at the gala. Group members in attendance are Doctors Paul Lughart (left), Brian Cadre, Lorna Im, Candido Guiao, Tomasz Przedziak, Phillip Williams, Cynthia Valukas, Daniel Mitchell, Catherine Ahn and Marco Fernandez. Contributing colleagues also include Doctors Fiaz Ahmed, Syed Ahmed, Manohar Awatramani, Subhash Balaney, Robert Bartolone, David Beckemeier, Miro Bilandzic, Kevin Chen, Rosemary King-Chen, Trevor DeSilva, Pankaj Haridas, Anna Makowiecki, Michael Marx, Jim Park, Bianna Pazin, Melba Seribo, Santosh Singh and Somasundaram Thamilavel. v



For dessert?
Triple chocolate mocha torte with a message! v



See the gala video
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Someone You Should Know: President's Circle Member Judy Clarkson

Judyth Clarkson's first hospital stay was a life-defining moment. Judy began her freshman year at Ohio State University certain that she wanted to be a pharmacist—until she got sick. Hospitalized for her illness, she came to realize that nursing was her true calling.

Judy graduated from Ohio State with her B.S. in nursing and married Jack Clarkson, an engineer whose work took the couple all over the U.S. She worked as a nurse wherever they went. While in Michigan, Judy completed a master's degree in nursing from Wayne State University so she could not only practice nursing, but also teach it. Judy's family also grew and the Clarksons had a son, John, and a daughter, Julie. Now adults, John lives in Arlington Heights and Julie in Indianapolis.

Sadly, Judy was widowed suddenly while living in New Mexico and working on her doctorate. She returned to Ohio and worked at the Ohio State University Medical Center in Columbus. In 1999, she moved here to be near her older sister. Judy tutored nursing students at Harper for awhile, then landed a customer service job at Carson, Pirie, Scott's Randhurst store. She's still at Carson's, where she enjoys

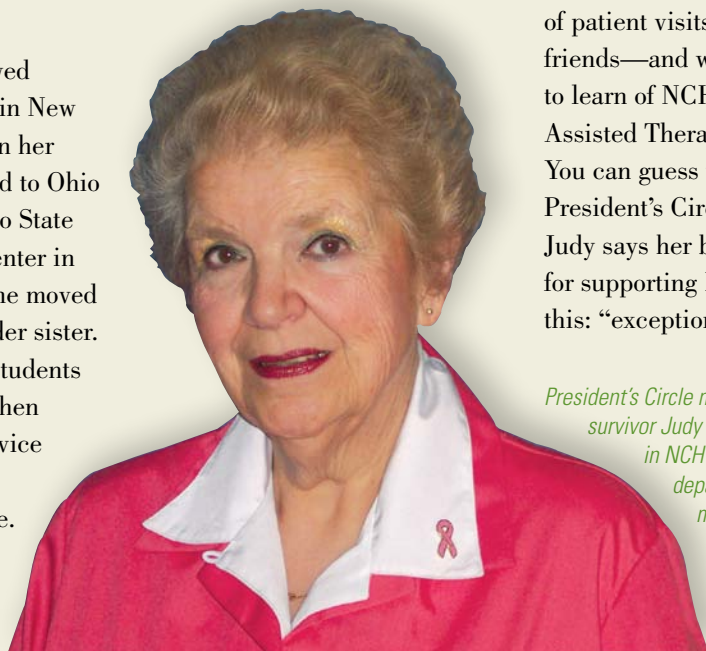
training and talking to people. And over the last few years, NCH has become a special place for her as a patient, a volunteer and a donor.

Diagnosed with breast cancer in 2006, Judy chose to be treated at NCH, where she says the care is "every bit as good as at a large academic hospital." Of her surgeon, Dr. Michael Kinney, she says, "He was just great—always available when I needed him." She was also impressed with her post-operative treatment—an internally targeted method called mammosite radiation.

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Judy's firsthand experience of the extraordinary staff at



Northwest's Radiation Oncology department motivated her to volunteer there. Now cancer free herself, she arrives every Monday morning to help patients prepare for their therapy. This is clearly a special role for her. She says, "I get so much out of it. I can't even begin to explain it."

Her successful treatment also moved Judy to become a donor. She found herself giving "\$50 here and \$50 there" to many cancer organizations. But she decided a larger contribution to one program would "make more of a difference." She joined NCH's President's Circle and began designating her gifts to Hospital programs for cancer patients: the Breast Center, the annual Cancer Survivors' Celebration and the Cancer Patient Assistance Fund. A dog lover, she also believes in the healing power of patient visits from canine friends—and was delighted to learn of NCH's Animal Assisted Therapy program. You can guess where her next President's Circle gift is going! Judy says her basic motivation for supporting NCH is simply this: "exceptional care."

President's Circle member and cancer survivor Judy Clarkson volunteers in NCH's Radiation Oncology department on Monday mornings. A retired nurse, Judy still loves to help patients.



The President's Circle is a society of donors whose giving to NCH totals \$1,000 or more each year. Membership benefits include invitations to exclusive events and a chance to get to know people who share an interest in high-quality healthcare. To join the President's Circle, call 847.618.4282—or make your gift online at www.nch.org/donate.

Welcome New President's Circle Members

The following donors joined the President's Circle from March 16, 2009, through July 15, 2009:

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>>> PC Celebration Coming September 24th

12th Annual Golf Classic Raises \$300,000 for New Nursery

On the sunny-but-cool morning of July 20th, 240 golfers teed off at Medinah Country Club for a great cause. The Foundation's 12th Annual Golf Classic raised \$300,000 in proceeds for NCH's new Intensive Care Nursery. Designed to offer optimal care for premature and critically ill newborns, the new 16-bed unit will reflect the latest knowledge about infant development and offer a more advanced level of care. The result? We'll keep more high-risk moms and babies close to home. We've now raised \$6 million toward this \$8.3 million project.



Tom Settles (left), 2009 Golf Classic chair Wayne Ziemer, Bob Klasek and Jeff Karp get ready for some serious golf. Representing Power Construction Co., one of eight event sponsors, this foursome was the winner on Championship Course # 3. Also a senior VP at Power, Wayne says, "We believe in helping the Hospital. Plus, it's a first-class event where everyone has a great time."



Intensive Care Nursery medical director Joel Fisher, MD (left), Children's Services executive director Kathy Ferket, Foundation board chair Diane Hill, president and CEO Bruce Crowther and event chair Wayne Ziemer celebrate meeting this year's fundraising goal. Kathy says, "We're grateful for the commitment of the community to build this new nursery. It will make a difference in the lives of our most vulnerable newborns and their families."



Another benefit for babies...
Don't miss another chance to support NCH's new, state-of-the-art Intensive Care Nursery: **"Small Miracles," the 51st Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon, is coming up Friday, October 16th!** The Grand Raffle Prize is a Weekend Getaway at Hotel Blake—a landmark of luxury in downtown Chicago.

First Floor of the New Patient Care Addition Opens September 23rd

Emergency Department to Expand into New Space

September 23, 2009, is a significant day in the Hospital's multi-phased campus redevelopment project. It's when the Emergency Department (ED) expands into the first floor of our new patient care addition, called the South Pavilion—and renovation of the existing ED space begins.

As indicated on the map below, the location for ED parking, as well as drive-up and drop-off areas, will remain the same. The walk-in entrance and Security Station will also be located within the existing ED "circle drive."

Scheduled for opening in 2011, the much-enlarged, completed ED will feature a total of 56 treatment rooms, the capacity to care for up to 90,000 patients a year and a Pediatric Emergency Department about twice its current size. New triage processes are also in the works—all designed to ensure a better experience for patients at the northwest suburbs' busiest Emergency Department.

Other key dates for Hospital redevelopment plans are:

- **April, 2010**
Opening of the new Pediatric ED with eight treatment rooms and three pediatric triage rooms.

- **May, 2010**
Opening of the remaining seven floors in the South Pavilion patient care addition, featuring 200 private rooms.

Opening of a 16-bed, state-of-the-art Intensive Care Nursery for premature and critically ill newborns.

- **August, 2011**
Opening of the completed Emergency Department, adding 13,000 square feet and spanning the entire first floor of the new South Pavilion, as well as the current ED space—fully renovated!



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Friday, September 18

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51st Fashion Show and Luncheon
The Meadows Club, Rolling Meadows
Friday, October 16

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Friday, Sept. 18, 9:30 am–5:00 pm, at

Honquest Furniture for Living in Barrington.

Proceeds benefit Children's Memorial Hospital,

Northwest's partner in caring for kids. Tickets are \$50.

Call Karen Kallman at 847.397.8955 for reservations.



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Our Vision

To be recognized for creating true partnerships with donors, enabling them to experience the full impact of their support.