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Joel Yuhas
President and Chief Executive Officer
Dignity Health - St. Mary Medical Center

The future of healthcare in our community is a responsibility that belongs to all of us. Looking forward, we see the significant, growing demand for quality healthcare.

We're taking action by making major investments in a new Cardiac Catheterization Lab, Arrhythmia Center, wide bore MRI, and enhanced Cancer Services. We are committed to providing services that meet demand and make a profoundly positive impact on the quality of life in the communities we serve.

We are in the process of submitting expansion plans to the state for our busy Emergency Department, increasing from 26 to 47 beds so that we can more fully accommodate patients. Also, on the horizon, we have bold plans to serve seniors at the Dignity Center for Integrated Care.

Our success will depend largely on community partnership. St. Mary will offer an unprecedented opportunity for grateful patients and friends in the community to make a lasting difference, bettering people's lives through civic leadership and transformational giving.

Philanthropy is critical to the programs and services provided by Dignity Health - St. Mary and we hope you will consider supporting us in 2016 and beyond.

On the Cover

From left to right: Kari Jones, RN and Shelia Shea, RN, Medical Director, Dignity Health-St. Mary Emergency Department enjoy the collaboration that embodies the spirit and dedication found among our highly trained ED staff.



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Left: Sister Kathleen Howard, CCVI with Sister Celeste Trahan, CCVI



Sister Celeste Trahan:

New Champion of Integrating Mission into Patient Care

Dignity Health – St. Mary Medical Center welcomes two new Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, who will continue their 93-year tradition of caring and compassion at St. Mary.

Sister Celeste Trahan, CCVI, has taken on the vital role of Vice President of Mission Integration. She succeeds Sister Gerard Earls, who served the Medical Center and community for 16 years. Sister Celeste is joined in Long Beach by Sister Kathleen Howard, CCVI, who is Patient Ambassador in the hospital's busy Emergency Department.

Integrating Mission into patient care and community outreach is a role that Sister Celeste knows very well.

"I was actually missioned here the first time in 1986," Sister Celeste says. She had completed an internship in Values and Ethics, which included an academic program, and was responsible for Mission effectiveness, based on the Catholic Health Association's Evaluative Criteria. She spent two years working with department directors on integrating the Mission, Vision and Values into policies and procedures and job descriptions, throughout all levels of the hospital family.

After four years, Sister Celeste left California, moving to Lake Charles, LA, to assume a similar role at St. Patrick Hospital, where she was born. Eight years later, she transferred to Beaumont, TX, to become Regional Vice President of Mission Integration for what had become CHRISTUS Health, a health system sponsored by her own congregation and the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word of San Antonio, TX. With more than 30 years of experience in nursing and in the Mission leader role, St. Mary welcomes her return.

"Mission integration grew out of the realization that it was not possible to have our Sisters in all the key leadership roles within our hospitals,"

Sister Celeste notes. Catholic congregations of women religious overall have seen a decline in the number of women joining religious orders. "Formation of lay people, in terms of embracing our Mission, Vision and Values, is critical, so that they live those values in their daily work environment regardless of their role."

"I will be continuing most of the key projects Sister Gerard set in motion," she says. These include Mission Outreach projects (e.g. addressing mental health issues among the homeless, access to health care, domestic abuse and human trafficking). A Community Health Needs Assessment, slated for completion later this year, will identify other priorities as well. No matter the project, Sister Celeste feels strongly that any needs should be addressed in collaboration with other partners in the community.

In 2016, the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of their founding by Bishop Claude Dubuis in Galveston, TX. Their motherhouse is located in Houston and the Sisters continue to sponsor hospitals in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, California and Mexico.

Sister Celeste is very proud of her congregation's rich history. "My focus is going to be on those issues where our Mission can be most effectively carried out, and helping people understand why we're here, why we continue to minister in this community after 93 years, and that we hope to be here another 93 years."



High Impact Patient Care

A Day in the Life of Emergency Department Nurses

It's 7 a.m. and Kori Jones has just clocked in to begin her day as a registered nurse in Dignity Health - St. Mary Medical Center's emergency department (ED). Her shift may just be starting, but the ED's rooms are already full.

The patients' ailments range from routine complaints such as fever or abdominal pain to a trauma patient being stabilized for emergency surgery. Kori is notified that a man is being rushed to St. Mary after falling off the roof of a building. The trauma team is mobilized and responds to room D, just as the paramedic radio goes on. A patient with appendicitis is being airlifted from Catalina and is 20 minutes away. Kori quickly moves patients to other beds, while an emergency medicine technician (EMT) greets the helicopter and escorts the patient to an open bed. Shortly after, a woman arrives in the ED with an extremely high blood pressure. She is well known to the ED staff, who sees her on a regular basis. The nurses start her on IV medications that require close monitoring in the intensive care unit (ICU).

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“This is the fast pace at which nurses in St. Mary’s ED must move” says Kori, who has worked at St. Mary for 13 years. Although the department has only 26 beds, it is not unusual for the ED to treat 200 patients a day. “Every day is different. You never know who - or what - you’ll be treating.” Sheila Shea, a nurse practitioner in the ED, agrees. She first came to work at St. Mary in 1974.

“We have a lot of long-tenured nurses in the ED,” Sheila states. “We really rely on each other. We’re like a family.” With seven emergency physicians and 15 nurses on each shift, the ED runs like a well-oiled machine. The Rapid Assessment team helps manage the flow of patients in the ED. Directed by a nurse practitioner, the team sees every ambulatory patient who presents in the ED and triages them to the most appropriate level of care.

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During Kori’s lunch break, the paramedic radio crackles again. A man has crashed his car and the trauma team is activated. Another call: a gentleman has just arrived complaining of chest pain. He has a potentially deadly heart rhythm and requires prompt attention to ensure he is getting all the treatment he needs.

Minutes later, a 45-year-old man with left-sided weakness and facial droop arrives via paramedics. Code Stroke is activated, and again, the team responds. Throughout the day, the pace rarely slows down. According to Kori, “We juggle, discharge, admit and make room for more patients. We are constantly in motion, putting out fires.”

Fortunately, patients in St. Mary’s ED can be treated for any condition afflicting them. The hospital is designated as a Level II Trauma Center and a STEMI receiving center for the treatment of heart attack victims. St. Mary also has earned certification as an Advanced Primary Stroke Center.

Both Sheila and Kori agree that the collegial fabric knitting together the ED team helps the nurses weather some of the most heart-wrenching cases imaginable. “You have to be able to adapt and let it go,” Sheila states. Kori puts it another way. “Very often, we don’t have time to process all that has occurred in a day until it’s over. We will tell a mom she is losing her baby. We will prepare a patient for surgery. We will tell a family member we did everything we could. We will sing happy birthday to a baby we just delivered. We give 100% wholeheartedly, willingly, day in and day out. Happily. There is no other place I would rather be.”

It takes a special type of person to be able to function in the pressure-cooker environment of an emergency room. And to be sure, St. Mary’s ED nurses are very special indeed.





Ed and Linda Kaleff

An Affinity for Helping

If the measure of a man is how willing he is to help others, then Ed Kaleff stands very tall indeed. Because Dignity Health - St. Mary Medical Center is a Catholic Hospital, Ed and Linda have taken a special interest in supporting the hospital and its healing mission.

A graduate of Blair High School in Pasadena, Ed worked his way up from the warehouses of Certified Grocers in the 1970s to become the company's procurement director, responsible for \$280 million in purchases annually.

Along the way, a coworker gave Ed and Linda tickets to a show at the Long Beach Civic Light Opera (CLO). The young couple enjoyed the experience so much, they became season ticket-holders. They decided to support CLO by joining its Diamond Terrace philanthropic group, and became friends with clothier

events for every professional team in Southern California.

As his friendships with hospital supporters have deepened over the years, Ed has become even more involved with St. Mary Foundation functions. In 1999, Ed became a member of the hospital Board of Trustees, and in 2004 he became a member of the St. Mary Medical Center Foundation Board of Trustees.

Ed regularly rises at 4 a.m. to make the lengthy drive from Indian Wells to Long Beach in order

and other modern amenities to make the property more comfortable for the Sisters and novices. He also updated the kitchen and dining area for the Carmelite Sisters who reside in the Santa Teresita facility in Duarte.

"I like helping people," Ed says. "And I like helping St. Mary's. The hospital is very active in the community and I like to know that I am helping to support their outreach."

In addition to being recognized for their philanthropic support for St. Mary, the Kaleffs

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Gordon James, a prominent Long Beach socialite and major supporter of CLO.

"Gordon loved the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word, founders and operators of St. Mary Medical Center," Ed recalls. "When I met him, he had taken on the chairmanship of the hospice auction at the hospital. He asked me to help with the event, and I agreed."

Ed joined the auction committee in 1990 and soon became a staunch supporter of the annual event. In addition to underwriting the event annually, he works tirelessly to procure exciting auction items and purchases extra tables for friends and coworkers.

In 1980, Ed left Certified Grocers to establish Quality Container Company with Linda. As their company grew, so did their generosity and the amount of time they devoted to St. Mary. Over the years, Ed chaired the St. Mary's Annual Gala three times and underwrote the dinner for last year's 34th annual gala. Ed procured gift-in-kind donations that ranged from elaborate wine and dinner packages at prominent Southland restaurants, to premier tickets, to sporting

to attend the Foundation's 7 a.m. Board meetings. Gordon credits Ed for the success of the galas, always trying to exceed expectations, including his own.

"Ed has been very generous," Gordon notes. "He has been there for St. Mary in so many ways." As always, Ed's friendships influence his philanthropic decisions. In addition to supporting the Sisters' mission at St. Mary, Ed and Linda support the mission of the Carmelite Sisters in Alhambra. They have also been active supporters of the Squires Club of Los Angeles, Los Angeles Police Department and California Highway Patrol, Youth Sports Activities, Kings Care Foundation, the Salvation Army Rampart Division, and California Pools for the Handicapped, where they received the "Man and Woman of the Year" awards.

One of Ed's favorite activities is construction, and he has remodeled each of the five homes the couple owns. Their property in Indian Wells includes a separate casita and wall dedicated to their trips to the Vatican and audiences with the Pope. He helped update the Carmelite Retreat House in Alhambra with air conditioning

have also been recognized by their beloved Catholic Church. Both he and Linda are Eucharistic Ministers and members of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre as Knight and Lady Grand Cross. Ed also is a member of the Knights Templar, Priory of Our Savior, and has served on the Board for the Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land, where he and Linda continue to support elementary and college scholarships.

"If a friend or St. Mary's needs something, Ed is the one to call," says Diane Mansfield, the hospital's Special Events Director. "Ed is genuinely the most giving and tenderhearted person I've ever met," she says.

Many other people would agree. Through hard work and a willingness to help, Ed stands tall among men. Both he and Linda continue to make a huge impact on the community served by St. Mary, helping to advance the mission of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word that has defined their work for the past 93 years. Ed and Linda have been a part of that rich history, and have become more than just benefactors to the hospital; they have become dear friends.



Neuroscience is a Healthcare Priority

Dignity Health – St. Mary Medical Center Responds with a New Neuroscience Center

In March, the first patient received services in the new outpatient Neuroscience Center located on the 2nd Floor of the Dignity Health – St. Mary Medical Center. Thanks in part to funding received by Dignity Health, St. Mary will be able to respond to community need and fast-growing demand for neurological services.



The need for advanced neurological treatments is on the rise as the population of adults over the age of 60 has substantially grown in the greater Long Beach area. According to Dr. Harley Deere, Chairman of the Neuroscience Committee, the new outpatient center will allow the hospital to better serve the aging community. “As life expectancy increases, there is a greater need to provide affordable healthcare services to the senior community,” stated Dr. Deere.

The Neuroscience Center at Dignity Health – St. Mary Medical Center offers a full spectrum of neurosurgical and neurological care. Board certified surgeons perform high level procedures including skull based cranial approaches for tumors and aneurysms, complex spinal procedures that can include fusions and the optimal surgical and acute care for neuro-trauma.



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American Migraine Foundation

According to the American Migraine Foundation, an estimated 50 million Americans suffer from neurologic disorders such as Alzheimer's disease, stroke, epilepsy and nerve-related pain. There are more than 600 neurological disorders that affect the brain, spine and the nerves that connect them. The Neurology Team at St. Mary specializes in acute stroke care and complex care for seizures, dementia, memory problems and all other general neurology disorders.

In tandem with the new Neuroscience Center, Dr. Deere is working with other Neurologists to develop programs that will educate the physician residents, as well as the seniors served by the hospital, on continued advances in neurological services.

Consultants with the Barrow Neurological Institute at Dignity Health – St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center worked closely with the St. Mary hospital administration to determine the major needs to improve our services for the growing demand of our patients. As a result, St. Mary Medical Center will soon install a Mobile MRI unit and a wide bore MRI. The wide bore MRI technology will allow St. Mary to better accommodate the needs of its patients providing a more comfortable experience. Dr. Deere mentioned, "With the rapid advances in medical technology, this modern equipment makes it better for patients and provides a more detailed result to aid appropriate treatment."

The demand for neurological care is growing**

- **Stroke is ranked as the third leading cause of death in the United States.**
- **5.4 million Americans are currently diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. The American Alzheimer's Association projects that the number will triple to 16 million by the year 2050.**
- **Parkinson's disease affects one million Americans, with at least 60,000 new cases reported annually.**
- **According to a global study conducted by the World Health Organization, eight out of 10 disorders in the three highest disability classes are neurologic problems.**

**Source: American Academy of Neurology



Welcome Baby | Giving Young Lives the Best Possible Start

Cindy Jimenez* was expecting her second child when a friend told her about the Welcome Baby program at Dignity Health - St. Mary Medical Center. Although this would be her second baby, the 23-year old single mother felt she could benefit from the services and asked about enrollment when she delivered in September 2014 at St. Mary.

"My Parent Coach was very supportive in helping me understand how to care for my baby," Cindy says. "She would come to my home and show me how to breastfeed, how to comfort my baby when she was fussy and when the best time is to feed her. She also left behind a book that I used a lot those first few months."

Home visits are just one component of Welcome Baby, a free voluntary program that offers expectant women and new mothers a trusted partner to help them through pregnancy and early parenthood. Its purpose is to provide the best possible start for children by working with parents and caregivers who have the greatest impact on their child's development. Health care and child development experts agree that a baby's first five years establish the foundation for future success in school and later in life.

"Expectant mothers can hear about Welcome Baby during a prenatal visit with their obstetrician," notes Lindsay Gervacio, MA, MPH, Manager at Families in Good Health. Welcome Baby is operated through St. Mary, with home visits facilitated through Families in Good Health. "If she chooses to participate in the program at that point, she receives up to nine touchpoints with Welcome Baby staff, including a home visit by a registered nurse following the birth of her baby."

The program is focused individually for each new mother. Some mothers may need additional support with breastfeeding their babies and learning how to care for them. Others may struggle with postpartum depression or need access to additional resources like housing assistance and other social services.

In addition to parent coaches, the Welcome Baby staff includes nurses and outreach specialists. A parent coach supports mothers

both during pregnancy and following birth, providing health and parenting education, support and resources. Registered nurses visit new mothers in their homes within 72 hours after their discharge to ensure mother and baby are doing well. Outreach specialists can help new mothers get connected to services in the community, including assistance with enrolling in Medi-Cal or Covered California health insurance plans.

As part of Welcome Baby, hospital liaisons also conduct the Bridges for Newborns assessment with new mothers to determine their ongoing needs while they are still in the hospital. Some mothers may qualify for enrollment in Healthy Families America, a more intensive support program that includes weekly visits by a family support worker for the first six months after the birth of the child. The support worker provides information about child safety, nutrition, referrals, baby care and more.

Since its inception at St. Mary, Welcome Baby has served more than 2,000 new mothers and their babies. The program is funded by First 5 LA, which is part of the broader First 5 California state initiative that came out of Proposition 10. St. Mary Medical Center initially received a grant contract of \$455,000, a pledge payment towards a total of \$1,556,675 to fund the hospital's First 5 LA Welcome Baby initiative. The partnership has now entered its fourth year, and continued support from First 5 LA is expected to reach a total of \$1,610,299 for Welcome Baby activities in fiscal year 2016. Generous support from First 5 LA for multiple maternal child health programs has totaled more than \$6.5 million over 14 years.

*The name has been changed to protect the patient's privacy.

Helen Bazzeni

A centenarian and longtime friend of St. Mary Medical Center, Helen Bazzeni of Seal Beach passed away peacefully last spring. Helen had enthusiastically served as correspondent for the Lawrence Welk Fan Club and she and her husband Ray spent many nights dancing at the Argon Ballroom in Santa Monica with the Lawrence Welk Champagne Orchestra. The Bazzenis befriended the Sisters of St. Mary in the early 1960s. Together, in gratitude for outstanding patient care, the Bazzenis became major benefactors and the namesake for the Senior Wellness Center. After Ray passed away, beloved Sister Alphonsus Tallon maintained a friendship with Helen. Helen Bazzeni's generous estate gift will help advance the hospital's mission to provide enhanced senior services on the St. Mary campus for years to come.



Helen Bazzeni with Lawrence Welk

In Memoriam of St. Mary Grateful Patients

Major Bequests Will Benefit Patient Care for Decades

Ernestine McManus

Ernestine and her husband Hugh both enjoyed stellar careers in the Navy, with Hugh retiring as a Commander and Ernie, as she was known to friends and family, as a practicing nurse. After retiring from the Navy, they moved to Seal Beach in 1993. Sadly, Hugh passed away several years later, but not before the couple had the foresight to create a charitable remainder trust benefitting St. Mary Medical Center. When Hugh passed away, Ernie named St. Mary Medical Center Foundation as an "irrevocable remainderman" for her estate. Over the past six years, Ernie and her caregiver Reyna never missed a St. Mary gathering of the Sister Alphonsus Legacy Society or any special holiday gatherings for St. Patrick's Day and Christmas. The generous funds from the Ernestine McManus Charitable Remainder Trust will be used to fund vital patient care programs throughout the Medical Center.

Elmer McClintock

Elmer McClintock was one of the beneficiaries of the services offered at the Senior Wellness Center named after Helen and Ray Bazzeni. He loved chocolates, the Pittsburgh Pirates, and most of all sharing his passion for life with others. Elmer always enjoyed having coffee when visiting the center, but it was the good care that St. Mary provides and the private rooms that inspired Elmer to leave a generous gift to the hospital. At the age of 17, Elmer left Philadelphia to join the Navy, where he served on a ship in the Pacific during WWII. He worked in the Navy shipyards while his wife Marie worked as a secretary. Their investment portfolio grew over the years thanks to Marie's talent for 'picking out great stocks'. Marie passed away in 2010. Without any children, Elmer began planning his estate in 2013. Elmer passed away in February 2016 at age 97. His transformational gift will help support our Emergency Department expansion efforts and our delivery of compassionate care, especially to seniors.



Meet Perry and Maureen Herwood

Giving to St. Mary Provides Rewards in Retirement

When Perry Herwood first came to California at age 22, it wasn't to become a real estate mogul. It just happened that way. Down to his last \$25, Perry landed a short-lived job as a chauffeur for a Hollywood producer. That motivated him to go back to school and he eventually found work at Douglas Aircraft.

Along the way, he fell in love with Manhattan Beach and bought his first property there in 1967. Perry was hooked on all the possibilities that real estate offered. "I began taking on custom property rehab projects," he says.

He also began building duplexes in 1987. His investment style was to buy or build, then hold. By 1991, Perry had built eight duplexes and owned several apartment complexes.

Through a personal ad posting in the Los Angeles Times, Perry met a woman named Maureen, a pediatric occupational therapist at St. Mary Medical Center. The couple were engaged on Valentine's Day in 1992 and married six months later. Perry was 52; Maureen was 42. She left her job and began managing the couple's finances, tenant leases and related property management paperwork.

For decades, the couple focused on managing their real estate portfolio. As hands-on property managers, the Herwoods were on call around the clock for any tenant emergencies that arose. The pressure was non-stop. When they started contemplating retirement, they knew it would take some research.

Upon the sale of their first apartment complex, the Herwoods learned that capital gains consumed a significant portion of their profit. They vowed to do some research before they sold their next property so as to take advantage of legal and beneficial ways to structure their proceeds.



With no children between them, the Herwoods recognized they had unique estate planning needs. They signed up for a seminar to learn how to structure their assets. They learned that they could enjoy a significant income and still benefit the charities of their choice after they pass, minimizing the tax burden to investment profits.

“Shortly after we took the seminar, we got an estate planning flyer from St. Mary Medical Center,” says Maureen. “I had always liked the Foundation staff there, so I gave them a call. That was the beginning of our exploration of planned giving instruments that could benefit everyone.”

For the Herwoods, the ideal solution was a charitable remainder unitrust that provides quarterly distributions, approximating the income they were enjoying before setting up the trust. It also offers significant tax breaks using sophisticated formulas approved by the Internal Revenue Service.

“It was important to us that we give to a charity we believe in, and we feel strongly about the great care St. Mary provides.”

“What pulls people away from trusts are the mechanics. People are afraid of them because they don’t understand them,” Perry says. “They are complicated arrangements, but they are well worth exploring. There are no state or federal taxes, and they also eliminate the add-back tax.” Because the Herwoods provide financial gifts to close relatives annually, they wanted to ensure those would continue even upon their passing. These instruments do just that.

“The estate planning staff at St. Mary was very direct and knowledgeable,” Maureen notes. “They showed us, using spreadsheets, how these instruments could work for us. It was important to us that we give to a charity we believe in, and we feel strongly about the great care St. Mary provides.”

Perry adds, “When we were looking for an accountant and a lawyer, we ended up using the ones (St. Mary Foundation) recommended rather than other, more expensive professionals that didn’t seem as competent. We’re still using them for all our business dealings.”

Most people dream about retirement their entire lives. For Perry and Maureen Herwood, the idea is taking some time to sink in. Having finally sold their last property this past fall, the Herwoods are still deliberating what’s next. “We’re newbies at retirement,” smiles Perry, 75. He notes that travel may be on the agenda.



Charitable Remainder Trust



It’s not uncommon for people to acquire rental properties during their lifetime to supplement their income well into their retirement years. But owning and self-managing rental properties can sometimes prove burdensome and tiresome. There are attractive ways to replace rental income with another stream of income, while also enjoying tax savings benefits. This was the case for Perry and Maureen Herwood (*see accompanying story*). After a lifetime of receiving income from their rental properties, the Herwoods sought to “get out of the rental business and the headaches that come with that” and created a Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT).

Like the Herwoods, many of our donors have found that a CRT can provide lifetime income for them and/or a loved one (spouse, parent, sibling, etc.) Because a CRT is a gift to a qualified non-profit, the donor(s) also receives a generous tax deduction (which can be carried over for a period of five years), and the satisfaction of knowing that they supported the mission of St. Mary Medical Center, providing for the future needs of the hospital and its patients.

A Charitable Remainder Trust can be created through an estate planning attorney. Assets, such as a rental property (can also be cash and appreciated stock, etc.) are transferred to the CRT. The trust makes payments to the donor and/or a loved one on a monthly or quarterly basis each year for life. Once the donor/loved one passes, the assets remaining in the trust are transferred to the St. Mary Medical Center Foundation.

If you are thinking of getting out from under your rental property and want to receive lifetime income and a generous tax deduction, while also supporting St. Mary Medical Center, please give Linda Rahn a call at the Foundation at 562-491-9225.

2015 Annual Gala Dinner Celebration



From left to right: Joel Yuhas, St. Mary Medical Center President and CEO with 2015 Gala Life Achievement Award Honorees, Lou Cassani and the Honorable Joan Comparet-Cassani, and Arline and Dr. Mike Walter.



Sister Gerard Earls (middle) with long-time Hospital donors, Tom and Luciann Maulhardt.



Linda Kaleff (pictured on the right) and all the attendees at the 2015 Gala enjoyed a night of fun-filled entertainment. Linda and Ed Kaleff were generous Dinner Sponsors of the 34th Annual Gala.



Barry Heller, MD, and Jill Lerner enjoy a festive night of dinner, entertainment and honors. Dr. Heller served as the evening's Master of Ceremonies.



Susan and Mort Stuhlbarg, dedicated supporters of St. Mary Medical Center, come prepared to bid on several of the exciting auction items offered at the Gala.



Sheila Hanley, Founding Chair of the St. Mary Gala Dinner and Auction, enjoys the 34th annual event with her son, Kevin Hanley. The extended Hanley family continues to be loyal and generous supporters of the Gala, and the work of the Sisters' mission

2015 Sister Alphonsus Circle of Philanthropy Annual Holiday Luncheon



Don Johnson (center) is flanked by Sharon and Bob Berube, who befriended Don through Bob's 15 year tenure as St. Mary's Planned Giving Director. The Berubes join Don, and many other friends of St. Mary, in becoming members of the Sr. Alphonsus Circle of Philanthropy



Gagliardi family members (left to right) Elena Papini, brother Sam Gagliardi and sister Mary Gagliardi are joined by Sam's girlfriend (second from left), Noreen Mandel.



Good friends and Sr. Alphonsus members, Eileen Steigerwald and Bob Tyo, greet each other at the Sr. Alphonsus Circle of Philanthropy Holiday luncheon. Sadly, Eileen, St. Mary Foundation Emeritus Board Member, passed away this Spring. Her kind, fun and loving spirit will be missed by all her many St. Mary friends.



The festivities at the Boathouse on the Bay, venue for the annual Sr. Alphonsus Holiday luncheon, included JINGLE BINGO. Gordon James and friend, Marlene Madsen, yell "Bingo" just in time to win the prize for their table!



Sr. Alphonsus Circle of Philanthropy member, Maureen Herwood (right) visits with St. Mary friend, Bert Thompson, at the annual holiday luncheon.



Sr. Alphonsus Circle of Philanthropy members (left to right) Gordon James, and Alden and Lucy Wadleigh reminisce over the many good times they had over the years at St. Mary Foundation functions.

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