



Dear Community Members

As promised in our Fall issue, this is proving to be a very exciting year for the Foundation. If you have been in the hospital recently, you will have seen a great deal of progress being made on our Healing Courtyards.

Within the next few months these amazing gardens will fully emerge and we will witness the tremendous difference these areas will make for our patients, visitors, physicians, and employees.

The dedication and opening of the Monterey Peninsula Foundation Rehabilitation Garden will take place on May 6, while the Norman and Maureen Benito Surgery Courtyard and the Surgery Lounge dedication will be held during the summer. Also, within the next 60 days, we will be opening our Foundation-funded Employee Wellness Center. Meanwhile, the new massage program is gaining momentum. Recently nearly 20 massages were given in one day, bringing great stress relief to our visitors, physicians, and employees.

We had a wonderful dedication ceremony for the second Exoskeleton unit provided through the generosity of Bonnie Bernardi, who affectionately named it "Bobby Jo" in honor of her husband, Bob. You can read more about that in this issue. We are also honoring the Monterey Peninsula Foundation (MPF) in this issue for their tremendous support over the last six years. At our recent Holidays d'Eleganz Gala, we successfully raised the \$500,000 needed to match the most recent MPF grant for the Comprehensive Cardiac Operating Suite.

We are very busy on some new efforts as well, including an Outdoor Plaza to accompany the Dominican Hospital Café remodel and the development of a women's health care council.

It's an exciting time and we invite you to contact us if you'd like to participate or be more involved.

It is very gratifying to see what we can accomplish as a community when we work together towards better health care.



With gratitude,

Carol Lezin
President, Dominican Hospital Foundation

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A Time of Appreciation

On September 27, the Dominican Hospital Foundation hosted our annual Donor Appreciation Reception at Chaminade Resort and Spa. Guests enjoyed refreshments, music, and a brief program focused on healing, free back and shoulder massage, and mindful

meditation—all of which are now offered at Dominican Hospital. Thank you again to everyone who supports Dominican in providing the best possible care to Santa Cruz County.



More than 120 significant contributors, sponsors, and board members attended the event.

Anthony Calciano, MD, and Linda Calciano, PhD, Dominican Hospital Foundation board member, with Ted Burke, Foundation past-president.



Left: Carol Lezin, Dominican Hospital Foundation president, Elizabeth Rafietari, Nancy Woolf, Foundation board member, and Maureen Benito, Founding Guild co-chair and longtime Dominican supporter.



Ian Mackenzie, Foundation board member, with wife Mary Rose, Holidays d'Eleganz committee member, and Healing Courtyards Committee co-chair Keith McKenzie, MD, with his wife, Della.

Patients Learn to Walk Again Thanks to the Generosity of Bob and Bonnie Bernardi

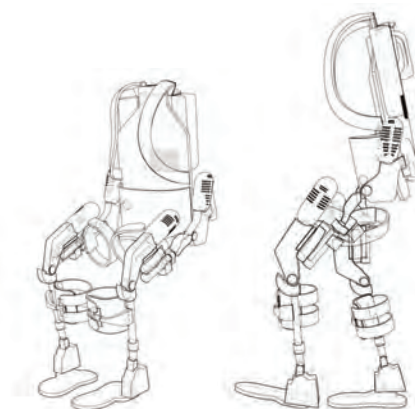
Bob and Bonnie Bernardi, long-time Scotts Valley residents, recently provided generous gifts to assist the Acute Rehabilitation Unit and the therapy program. Their donations support the new Bob Bernardi Therapy Area, and also enabled the Foundation to purchase a second EksoGT™, which Bonnie named “Bobby Jo.” “The EksoGT™ is a wearable robotic exoskeleton that enables individuals to stand up and walk over ground with full weight bearing,” comments Robert Quinn, MD, medical director of Rehabilitation Services at Dominican Hospital. “The device assists the user only as much as the individual requires to create continual forward movement.”



“Bob was deeply loved by his daughters and grandchildren,” Bonnie states. “Bob was an accomplished engineer at Plantronics, where he worked from 1967-2016, serving for a time as president. He was the lead engineer for the groundbreaking Starset headset. He was known as a sage and mentor, and valued for nurturing his colleagues and friends.”



“The EksoGT™ robotic exoskeleton helps many patients learn to walk again more efficiently, and it allows us to get certain people walking who would otherwise be wheelchair bound for the rest of their lives,” comments Karen Gosling, director of Rehabilitation Services at Dominican Hospital. “Dominican is the first hospital in the Monterey Bay area to offer this technology, which is FDA-approved for stroke and brain/spinal cord injury rehabilitation.”





Bonnie Bernardi, centered with “Bobby Jo”, joined by Dominican Hospital physical therapists and physicians. Left to right: Beverly Grova, Vice President of Philanthropy; Dominican Hospital President Nanette Mickiewicz, MD; Carol Lezin, Dominican Hospital Foundation president; Leah Santos, director of outpatient rehabilitation; Andrea Martin, lead physical therapist; Sally Andrews, physical therapist; Karen Gosling, director of Health and Rehabilitation Services; Michael Simpson, supervisor of acute rehabilitation therapy; Robert Quinn MD, medical director of Rehabilitation Services; Ashley Taylor, physical therapist; Kerry Nehls, inpatient therapy manager; Barbara Rodrigues, acute therapy supervisor; and Bonny Masters, MD.

“Dominican Hospital has been granted the privilege of very powerful technology. I have worked at Dominican for 21 years, and it is with gratitude and pride that we offer this service to our community.” —Andrea Martin, Physical Therapist

“With the new addition of ‘Bobby Jo’ to our Acute Rehabilitation Unit, we were able to train four additional therapists, to work with patients, and share the heart-warming story of how we received the equipment thanks to Bob and Bonnie Bernardi,” states Andrea Martin, physical therapist. These exoskeleton units will receive much use within Dominican’s Rehabilitation Therapy inpatient and outpatient programs.

During the last days of his life, Bob decided to make a gift to Dominican Hospital with the goal of directly impacting patients’ lives. In appreciation for the physical therapy he received at Dominican, as well as his love of gardens, he chose to contribute to the new Rehabilitation Garden and, specifically, to the Therapy Area, where patients and therapists will work together to rebuild their lives. Subsequently, Bonnie expanded their commitment with the purchase of the exoskeleton as well as additional features in the garden.

\$500,000 Gift from Monterey Peninsula Foundation for Advanced Heart Care



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We are soon to see a Comprehensive Cardiac Operating Suite at Dominican Hospital thanks to a recent grant of \$500,000 from the Monterey Peninsula Foundation (MPF), which hosts the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am and the PURE Insurance Championship. MPF has donated millions of dollars to support nonprofit organizations benefiting arts and culture, community and environment, health and human services, and youth focused in Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties. This is the third major grant in six years that MPF has provided to Dominican Hospital, including its recent support for the Acute Rehabilitation Unit and the Rehabilitation Garden.

The addition of the new Comprehensive Cardiac Operating Suite, which will feature advanced imaging and navigation technology, will elevate Dominican Hospital to a new level in cardiac surgery for our most critical heart patients.

“The Comprehensive Cardiac Operating Suite is a critical part of our commitment to providing innovative, leading-edge cardiovascular services to the people of Santa Cruz County,” says Sarah Edmundson, Dominican’s director of cardiovascular services. “It enables our cardiac team to perform more advanced interventions and minimally invasive techniques.”

More patients than ever are requiring cardiac care and interventions on a daily basis.

Prior to this grant, the Monterey Peninsula Foundation provided \$500,000 for the creation of the hospital’s state-of-the-art Acute Rehabilitation Unit (ARU) and a subsequent grant of \$500,000 for the new Rehabilitation Garden, now under construction.

As a result of the first grant, the ARU’s Monterey Peninsula Foundation Assisted Daily Living Apartment was named in their honor, providing a nurturing environment for patients to practice everyday tasks.



Monterey Peninsula Foundation Rehabilitation Garden Dedication May 6, 2018

The Monterey Peninsula Foundation Rehabilitation Garden is an area designed by our physical, occupational, and speech therapists who work with patients with neurological conditions in our ARU. These patients have suffered from strokes, brain or spinal surgery, or head trauma. Dominican has an exemplary unit serving patients not only from Santa Cruz County but also Monterey, and from other nearby hospitals including Stanford.

The garden extends the capacity of the ARU by providing an outdoor therapy space with a putting green, and multiple special features to improve patient recovery.

“We are proud to support Dominican Hospital’s advancement in cardiac surgery, that will provide the best possible care for patients in Santa Cruz County and surrounding areas.”

— Steve John, CEO of the Monterey Peninsula Foundation



For more information or to participate in the Comprehensive Cardiac Operating Suite project, please contact Beverly Grova, vice president of philanthropy at the Dominican Hospital Foundation, at 831.595.3133 or Beverly.Grova@DignityHealth.org.

The total cost of the project is \$7.7 million. Dignity Health Dominican Hospital is providing \$5.7 million, and the Dominican Hospital Foundation is raising an additional \$2 million in private contributions. To date, more than \$1.7 million has been raised towards that goal.



The truly spectacular two day event, which included a President's Luncheon and Gala evening, was a huge success. Both events captured the true commitment of Dominican Hospital's loyal community of supporters and, most of all, the dedication of the extraordinary cardiac team providing care to Santa Cruz County.

More than \$520,000 was raised in support of two key hospital priorities: The Comprehensive Cardiac Operating Suite and the Fund the Need for the Nello and Pamela Santacrose Meditation Courtyard. The invaluable support from sponsors, attendees, donors of goods and services, and volunteers truly made this event possible.

The President's Luncheon, which included a silent auction and decorative tree drawings, recognized sponsors for their support. It also featured a tasty cooking extravaganza by Michelin-starred Chef Douglas Keane, of Two Birds/One Stone and Healdsburg Bar & Grill, and Chef Brad Briske, owner of the restaurant Home. Special thanks to George and Harriet Mainis for sponsoring Chef Keane for the Luncheon.

To cap off the weekend, the Gala featured a dynamic live auction, strolling dinner, and the New HeartBeat Lounge with live entertainment.

At the Heart of our Community is the 2017 Holidays d'Eleganz

Special Thanks to our Holidays d'Eleganz Committee Members

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Above: Cardiac physicians were given an award for their dedication to providing excellent care. Pictured left to right: Rajinder Singh, MD; Mari Brandt accepting the award on behalf of Ryan Brandt, MD; Bilal Shafi, MD; Fiona Dulbecco, MD; Ajanta De, MD; Benjamin Potkin, MD; Jay Johnson, MD; and Neil Sawhney, MD. Not Pictured: Ambreen Laeeq, MD; Victor Ochoa, MD; and Anthony Sturzu, MD.



Loyal supporter, Bonnie Bernardi with Carol Lezin, Dominican Hospital Foundation President.

Harriet Mainis, far-right, sponsored Chef Douglas Keane for the Luncheon as well as donated a trip to Mexico in the Gala's live auction. Also pictured left to right: Sally Suchevids and Karla Stevens Mainis.



Guests arriving at the President's Luncheon: Robbie Dunton, Elizabeth Clifton-Doolin, Susan Condit, Karen Leigh-Wood, and Cathy Mills.



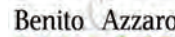
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In 2010, I reached that very special age when you get a colonoscopy for your birthday. The procedure seemed to go perfectly well until, later that evening, I came down with a fever and chills. My wife, Emily Klein, wisely insisted on taking me to the doctor despite my foolish objections.

My fabulous doctor, Geoffrey Bernstein, MD, examined me and concluded that though my symptoms had since abated, I should spend the night at Dominican Hospital for observation. It was my first night in a hospital since age three, when I had my tonsils removed. Over the night, I had plenty of time to contemplate the importance of a great hospital to me, personally, and to my community.

My experience at Dominican was fantastic. It inspired me to support the hospital and serve on the Foundation board. I give thanks, annually, and the Foundation will

receive another thank you as an exclamation point when this ride is over!

I wanted to help future generations have great health care. That's why I decided to make a legacy gift to the Dominican Hospital Foundation through my will by including the Foundation as a beneficiary of my estate.

To learn more about making a gift in your estate plans, please contact Beverly Grova, vice president of philanthropy, at 831.462.7712 or Beverly.Grova@DignityHealth.org.

If you have already established a bequest for Dominican or see any errors or omissions, please contact us.

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Bob Swenson Legacy Society Members

We are extremely grateful to the following individuals and families for including Dominican Hospital in their wills and estate plans.

Such a choice demonstrates a remarkable commitment to a lasting legacy for future generations to benefit from highly advanced patient care.

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Celebrating Dominican!

'Celebrating Dominican!' is a cherished recurring event at which employees and physicians reflect on all the amazing things happening at the hospital. At the last event, held in December, information was provided about upcoming changes, improved patient safety, and patient care successes, as well as Dominican's mission, vision, and values. The Foundation treated attendees to a hot fudge and caramel brownie bar, thanks in part

to the generosity of Mackenzie's Chocolates. Attendees also received holiday chocolates, free massages courtesy of the hospital's new massage program, and gift basket raffles and other festive goodies. We express appreciation to our Foundation President, Carol Lezin, and board members Ted Burke, Marshall Delk, Allison Niday, Betty Patten, Bill Hess, MD, and Martina O'Sullivan, who helped serve and thank employees.





Now is the perfect time to make sure your Plan is up to date.

Did you know people who plan ahead typically leave more for family after they are gone? When you think about it, it makes perfect sense. People who plan have identified their goals. They have established priorities. In doing so, they give themselves something to strive for and they make decisions with their plan in mind.

With recent changes to the tax code, this is the perfect time to design or update your plan.

Contact us today. We can help you with strategies to protect your loved ones and preserve your assets.

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