

FOUNDATION CONNECTION



Women & Medicine

What Does Women & Medicine Have in Common with the San Francisco Zoo?



L to R: Margine Sako, Dr. Pam Lewis, Judy Domenici, Tanya Peterson, Ada Beth Harris, Mary Poppingo, Susan Goodwill

Raffle Raises \$21,500 for the Spine Robot



Sisters Gloria Miller and Mary Kilgariff get ready to pull the winning tickets!

Chair of the Foundation's Women & Medicine group, Susan Goodwill is very close to the San Francisco Zoo and Tanya Peterson, President and Executive Director and member of W&M; St. Mary's and the Zoo share philosophies that maintaining good health is also about thriving and continual wellbeing; and the mission of healing and compassionate care is for all.

With Susan's leadership and creativity, 40 W&M members and potential members met a few of the new babies - a newborn giraffe, gorilla, and flamingo (which the Zoo named St. Mary's!); pet the cutest opossum, hedgehog, and ferret; and last but not least, had lunch with the regal lions and tigers. The San Francisco Zoo has made remarkable strides in the past few years, and continues to upgrade environments and increase attendance.

The Foundation is excited and grateful for the many new members who have joined Women & Medicine this year. During the past two years, the group provided significant funding for the development of the first women's health center at the hospital, and now in December, they will meet again to choose a new project to fund. W&M is creating a new and vibrant St. Mary's tradition! •

Thank you for all who participated in our 2014 Benefit Drawing. This year, we were fortunate to have over 500 participants, entering for a chance to win a Hawaiian Getaway. The winning tickets were pulled on September 24th by Sisters Mary Kilgariff and Gloria Miller in honor of Mercy Day. Look for our raffle next year for more prizes and fun! •

To see if you're a winner, go to www.supportstmaryssf.org or call (415) 750-5790. To learn more about the Spine Robot see page 2.



L to R: Lois Weiss, RN, Nooshin Mamdoohin, RN, and Cheri Goudy, RN, BSN, CBPN-IC

Tournament of the Saints

30th Annual Golf Classic

The Olympic Club has achieved 35 years of giving with St. Mary's -- a major accomplishment. Even more significant is the vision and inspired leadership from Dr. Robert Murray to invite the Saint Francis Foundation to join our efforts and expand help for the needy in San Francisco.

For the first time, the St. Mary's and Saint Francis foundations joined golfing forces to raise funds for their respective beneficiaries, the Sister Mary Philippa Clinic and Tenderloin Health Improvement Project. Aptly named the Tournament of the Saints, the event was a rousing success. Over 235 golfers and volunteers rallied to raise more than \$270,000!

Lou Seal of the Giants, Brian Murphy of KNBR, John Carlin on his bagpipes, and PGA members Matt Kilgariff and Roger deSouza, all helped us celebrate raising gifts for charity. Lee Hammer, KNBR Program Director & Operations Manager outdid himself as the auctioneer. He personally donated a signed Warriors ball, golf in Lake Tahoe, and coveted Candlestick Park seats; and Duncan Ley won the chance to be a radio host on KNBR.

A beautiful day of golf...at a world famous club...raising thousands of dollars for the sick and needy...there is nothing better. •

Donors are helping St. Mary's raise the bar for spine surgery excellence with the addition of a revolutionary new piece of equipment called the Spine Robot.



Dr. Dimitriy Kondrashov, Spine Surgeon
Photography Susan Bates

"This is exceptional technology that considerably improves patient safety and outcomes," said Anna Cheung, St. Mary's Medical Center President. "We can't thank donors enough for their consideration and help."

This miniature robot is approximately the size of a soda can, and is situated on the top of a computerized workstation. It guides a rigid arm/attachment to the patient during surgery, and is designed to support the accurate placement of implants, e.g., pedicle screws or positioning of surgical tools during spine surgery.

Performance of the actual surgery is done by the surgeon and the robot is used to provide surgical tool guidance.

Half of the \$800,000 purchase price is supported by the medical center and the other half is supported through individual donations.

The Spine Center has been leading the way in spine care since its founding. Now because of our donors, St. Mary's will be the first hospital in the Bay Area to provide this new level of care. The improvement in surgery outcomes and safety will make this type of equipment the new standard of care.

"As hospital president, one of my hardest jobs is to balance all the competing needs for funds," said Anna. "We're very fortunate to have donors who share our vision for improved care and have a passion to help advance our work." •

The new Spine Robot will be demonstrated to donors on November 5th at 6 p.m. Individuals wanting more information about this event or the Spine Robot itself can call the St. Mary's Foundation 415-750-5894.

YOU Make a Difference.

Where your money has helped from July - September 2014

- \$430,000
Converting the Sr. Mary Philippa Clinic to Electronic Medical Records
- \$66,463
Orthopaedic Education and Research
- \$3,302
McAuley Day Treatment Program for Skill Building, Behavioral and Culture Programs, and Music Therapy
- \$2,931
Melanoma Fund for Integrative Medicine and Education
- \$1,557
McAuley Inpatient Program for art supplies and point store
- \$800
Clinical Trials for Patients in Need

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St. Mary's Ortho Research Open House



Photography Sean Cope

Committed to your active and energetic lifestyle...Though they are not found in your yoga studio, basketball court, or leading your walk through Yosemite, our orthopaedic surgeons and engineers are dedicated to making your life better.

On October 30th from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. Dr. William McGann, Chair of the Orthopaedic Department, and the Taylor Collaboration Research Program will host a reception that will open the doors to a world of fascinating research and technology. It is an opportunity to highlight St. Mary's success in our treatments, education, and research.

Dr. McGann and the ortho surgeons, residents, and bio-engineers are true innovators - ideas are developed into real instruments and practices, tested and studied, and eventually used in surgery and post-surgical care. A few examples of their work:

- New 3-D imaging software to assist with spine mapping for pre-surgery planning and navigating bone density.
- Designing new instruments and devices for patient products. Five are in pre-FDA approval phases. •

Please call the Foundation at (415) 750-5790 for more information about our work to improve orthopaedics, and our efforts to build upon the current successes that will be highlighted at the October Open House.

Women's Center Update

We have some exciting news to share about The Sister Diane Grassilli Center for Women's Health. Just last month the Tomosynthesis machine was installed and together with the Automated Whole Breast Ultrasound (ABUS) St. Mary's will offer the most advanced Women's Imaging Center in the Bay Area and we will be among only a few in California.

In addition, St. Mary's Medical Center Radiology Department now offers 3 types of breast biopsies: Stereotactic-guided, Ultrasound-guided, and MRI-guided. We also offer wire-localizations for guidance to aid our breast surgeons with breast biopsies performed in the Operating Room.

We are very grateful to our many donors, without whom these exciting advancements would not have been possible. •



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Stop by the Foundation office during your next visit to St. Mary's. Meet our staff and let us thank you in person!

During your visit, as a small token of our appreciation for Foundation donors let us validate your parking!