

#### Our mission.

To excel at the delivery of health care to our community.

#### Our vision.

To become the finest community-based regional medical center in Southern California.







Only a very small percentage of hospitals can be described as being among the best in the nation. Huntington Memorial Hospital is one of the few. Recognition by leading authorities further validates our commitment to quality, our superior medical expertise, and our compassionate, patient-centered approach. Thank you for your support in ensuring the best of care for our region.

#### **Dear friends**

In the pages that follow, you will meet some of the individuals and families who view Huntington Memorial Hospital as an indispensable asset. Donors... guild members...volunteers.... All make a region-wide difference through their involvement here.

The people profiled in these pages exemplify the diverse sources of inspiration for support of the hospital. Many are grateful for the care they and their loved ones have received here, and appreciate the personal touch of our staff. Some are also influenced by the gifts of others, or simply recognize how vital it is to have superior medical care available in our region. Others wish to support the continued excellence they have witnessed here as members of our staff or medical staff.

Huntington Hospital is deeply grateful to all community members — including those featured in this issue of Advocate and many others — who support our work. Your involvement helps sustain high-quality care, provided with compassion.

Philanthropic contributions help enhance every aspect of Huntington Hospital's work. **Essential and ongoing training and education for our nurses**, for example, is funded in large part through generous gifts toward our Institute for Nursing Excellence and Innovation. **State-of-the-art equipment and technology**, purchased with contributed funds, helps the hospital remain at the leading edge of care. **Unrestricted support** helps underwrite essential services and activities that are not covered by traditional reimbursement streams — at the hospital itself and in collaboration with other leading institutions, to strengthen community well-being.

Without the foresight, vision and dedication of our philanthropic partners, Huntington Hospital's special brand of care would not be possible. We truly appreciate your support.

Thank you.

**Stephen A. Ralph**President and CEO



## Leading by example.



#### On our cover:

Huntington Memorial
Hospital's Institute for
Nursing Excellence and
Innovation exemplifies
leadership by example.
The institute's nurse
preceptor program
provides training,
mentorship and coaching
for nurses, helping
further raise the bar
for high-quality care in
our community.

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Opposite: Tom and Julie Condon recently made a significant gift benefiting Huntington Memorial Hospital's Institute for Nursing Excellence and Innovation.

JULIE AND THOMAS CONDON

# Supporting the Very Best Nursing Care

Julie and Thomas Condon are caring community philanthropists who, over the years, have provided generous support to Huntington Memorial Hospital as well as numerous other organizations. Now, they are again making a difference in the health of our community, through a significant gift benefiting the hospital's Institute for Nursing Excellence and Innovation.

he Institute for Nursing Excellence and Innovation is transforming nursing care for our region through activities including new-nurse preparation, advanced nurse education and nurse-led research. Through the institute, scholarships are available to help Huntington Hospital nurses pursue higher levels of collegiate education and obtain or renew specialty care certifications. Overall, this innovative initiative is helping ensure that patients receive the very best of care at Huntington Hospital.



#### Giving at home, giving worldwide

Tom Condon was born in the Chicago area but grew up in Hollywood, California. After graduating from California State University, Los Angeles, he started his career as a stockbroker at Dean Whitter. He went on to other positions in the financial industry, with firms in various locations across the United States. Ultimately, however, the Condons returned to California. Here, Tom joined Provident Investment Counsel. He retired from the firm in 2001.

Following retirement, Tom has remained active in leadership roles with many nonprofit organizations. He serves on the Finance and Investment committees of both Mayfield Senior School of the Holy Child Jesus and of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Tom is also a member of the boards of directors of Chaminade College Preparatory, USC Caruso Catholic Center, and the Institute of Advanced Catholic Studies at the University of Southern California.

Julie, who was raised in Altadena, taught middle school for several years before leaving the workforce to raise the couple's two children. She is also an active community leader — volunteering over the years for organizations including Junior League of Pasadena, Pasadena Showcase House for the Arts (formally Pasadena Showcase House of Design), and Holy Family School. She currently serves on the boards of directors of Catholic Education Foundation and Mayfield Senior School of the Holy Child Jesus. She is also on the board of Holy Family Hospital Foundation, which supports a maternity hospital in Bethlehem, Israel (a project of the Order of Malta), and of The CRUDEM Foundation. The latter, she notes, supports Hôpital Sacré Coeur, a large hospital in Haiti.

"Nursing is a hard job and it's hard to do it well. The nurses at Huntington Hospital are so competent. To be able to make life a little easier for them is important to us."

#### Expanding access to advanced nurse education

The Condons appreciate the care they and their family members have received at Huntington Hospital. Like many parents, they note, they visited the emergency department on more than one occasion while their children were growing up. More recently, both Julie and Tom have been patients — and Tom continues to participate in the hospital's cardiac rehabilitation program. The program provides an array of services that help patients enhance their heart health, following cardiac treatment.

"Tom and I have always had such wonderful experiences at Huntington Hospital," says Julie. "We feel very fortunate that our family has had access to its high-quality care. We're happy to give back and once again support the hospital in its mission to excel at the delivery of health care."

Their most recent gift, the Condons note, is both an expression of gratitude and a recognition of the hospital's highly dedicated nurses. "Nursing is a hard job and it's hard to do it well," Julie says. "The nurses at Huntington Hospital are so competent. To be able to make life a little easier for them is important to us."

She and Tom were moved by a note they recently received from the recipient of an Institute for Nursing Excellence and Innovation scholarship, made possible thanks to their support. Given the high cost of pursuing an advanced nursing degree, and the fact that she is a single mother, "School is a sacrifice to us," the nurse wrote, "and your gift has made it so much easier."

Julie and Tom now hope others will join them in providing support, helping more dedicated nursing professionals enhance their knowledge and skills, and thus in turn strengthening care at the hospital still further. "Nurses are a critical part of the care team across every department of the hospital," says Tom. "We must join together to help ensure they're qualified to provide the very best of care."







"Rather than a bequest, Mary and I decided we wanted to do something now," Randy says, "so we can enjoy doing it right now." Huntington Hospital was foremost in their minds, he adds, "because of the birth of our daughter there and because of the very good care the hospital has provided to us."

He and Mary have been contributing regularly to the hospital over more than a decade, with an emphasis on unrestricted support. "We're confident in the people who are in charge and in their ability to identify the greatest needs," Randy says.

#### Fulfilling lives

Randy was born in Texas and attended The University of Texas, where he earned a degree in chemical engineering. He then moved west, attending Stanford Graduate School of Business and spending several years as a consultant for McKinsey & Company, before purchasing his own first business. He went on to acquire and operate several distinct companies that

manufacture instruments and industrial products. Today, he serves as chairman of Bristolite® Daylighting Systems, a producer of industrial skylights. "I've always enjoyed making things," says Randy, and "I also had a desire to be my own boss. I think I found a good balance of both."

Mary, too, was born in Texas. She obtained a bachelor's degree in speech therapy and education from The University of Texas at Austin, and taught school for several years. She left the workforce to raise the couple's three children — Alison Moller, Wes Heartfield and Laura Holtan — but later returned to work as a substitute teacher. She then continued to educate children as a volunteer docent at the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens. "Teaching was always my passion and my love," she says.

#### Inspired to give

The Heartfields are the proud grandparents of nine grandchildren. They were first introduced to Huntington Hospital when their youngest "Having a son in the medical profession has given us tremendous insight into how hard doctors and nurses work. The team at Huntington Hospital is particularly excellent and we're so appreciative of what they contribute."

daughter, Laura, was born here and received care in our neonatal intensive care unit (NICU). "At that time, the hospital's NICU was at the forefront of the field — and it still is," says Randy. "Thanks to Huntington Hospital, our daughter thrived. Mary and I are so grateful that she received such wonderful care."

Since then, the Heartfields have turned to the hospital on several occasions. "It became very clear to us that Huntington Hospital is our hospital and we needed to step up to the plate and support its work," Randy says.

The couple also point to other sources of inspiration for their involvement. Their son, Wes, they explain, is a surgeon on staff at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles and "Having a son in the medical profession has given us tremendous insight into how hard doctors and nurses work," says Mary. "The team at Huntington Hospital is particularly excellent and we're so appreciative of what they contribute.

"Other community residents have also been an inspiration to us through their contributions

to the hospital," she adds, "and it really touches my heart. We've benefited so much from the hospital's care and we both feel very strongly about supporting its work."

In addition to providing philanthropic support to Huntington Hospital, Mary and Randy also contribute to several other organizations in our area, but "Huntington Hospital has always been a priority," notes Randy. "The hospital has proved its excellence, in the care provided to our family. Recently retired cardiologist Joel Heger provided critical care thirty-five years ago," he adds, by way of example, "and the hospital continues this excellence with dedicated young doctors like Ayman Saad. It serves all kinds of people. Many who walk through its doors can't afford the full cost of the services they receive and we like to think our gifts will help."

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OLGA CASTELLANOS AND MIKE MCGEE

## Committed to High-Quality Stroke Care

Opposite: Huntington Memorial Hospital recently received a generous gift from Olga Castellanos and Mike McGee. The couple, who designated their gift toward stoke care, are pictured with their daughters, Kristen, left, and Katy.

"We believe adventure can be found right outside our back door," says Mike McGee. While he and his wife, Olga Castellanos, like to travel internationally, they are particularly focused on their goal of visiting all 50 states together, in the coming years. "Last year alone, we visited 33 states as a couple," Mike adds, "so we have 17 to go now!"

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he couple's interest in the world just outside their back door also guides their philanthropy — and their support for Huntington Memorial Hospital is a case in point. After Mike was treated at Huntington Hospital's Nan and Howard Schow Emergency & Trauma Center on several occasions in 2014 and 2015, he and Olga decided to say "thank you" by way of charitable contributions. "It's a huge asset to our community to have such exceptional care resources available locally," says Mike.

The couple has designated funds toward Huntington Hospital Stroke Center. In this area, the philanthropic involvement of donors like Olga and Mike is helping to enhance care and support round-the-clock physician response for patients experiencing stroke.

#### Long-term community engagement

Mike, who grew up in Torrance, California, holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Southern California and a Juris Doctor from Southwestern University School of Law. He is also a graduate of the Light Construction and Development Management Program at the University of California, Irvine, and completed the Advanced Management Program at Harvard Business School. Mike's extensive experience in real estate development includes a 30-year tenure with Pardee Homes, where, for more than a decade, he served as the company's chief executive officer and president. Now retired, he remains engaged in the field as a member of the board of directors of PS Business Parks, a full-service real estate company with expertise in leasing, property management, acquisition and development.

Olga is a first-generation American, born to parents from Guayaquil, Ecuador. She attended California State University, Fullerton, earning a bachelor's degree in both communications and Spanish. After completing her undergraduate studies, she traveled extensively in Europe, before completing a master's degree in business administration at the University of California, Los Angeles. Her career included many years of work with International Business Machines Corporation (IBM) and serving as general manager at Rain Bird Corporation.

Mike and Olga are involved members of our community. While their children Katy, now 24,

and Kristen, 21, attended Mayfield Junior and Senior schools, Olga was an active parent board member. She is a former member of National Charity League Juniors of San Marino, a hospital support group, and also served as a member of National Charity League, Inc., San Marino Area Chapter, for more than a decade. Most recently, she joined Christ Child Society of Pasadena, an organization dedicated to improving the lives of low-income children in our community.

Mike's community spirit is perhaps best exemplified by his involvement in the YMCA Indian Princesses program. (The program is designed to promote companionship and understanding between fathers and their young daughters.) He also previously served on the San Marino Design Review Committee.

#### Of family and friends

Mike and Olga note that personal experiences have increased their awareness of stroke — and solidified their decision to contribute to stroke care at Huntington Hospital. Olga's father and Mike's stepfather both suffered a series of strokes. As a result, Mike's stepfather passed away at 90 and Olga's father, now 91, requires home health care. "We've seen first-hand how debilitating this can be and how it impacts not just the patient but the whole family," says Mike. "As a result, enhancing the quality of neurological care for patients in our region is something that's particularly important to us."

The couple notes that their decision to support stroke care at Huntington Hospital has also been influenced by their friends, LeeAnn and Ron Havner. (Mike initially met Ron, and the Havners' daughter, Sarah, through the YMCA Indian Princesses program.) Recently, the Havners created The Havner Fund for Stroke Education at Huntington Hospital, in order to provide stroke-specific training for 600 nurses hospital-wide over the course of five years. "We thought we could add to what the Havners had already contributed toward stroke-care enhancements," says Olga, "and we hope others will also step up to support this lifesaving work."

**Opposite:** Deborah Melahouris — pictured here with her husband, Michael — is grateful for the stroke care she received at Huntington Memorial Hospital. Read more about her story on page 26.





Opposite: David
Lourié, MD, medical
director, minimally
invasive surgery, with
new minimally invasive
surgery technology,
made possible thanks
to significant support
from the Henry L.
Guenther Foundation.

HENRY L. GUENTHER FOUNDATION

# Equipping the Hospital for Continued Excellence

The Henry L. Guenther Foundation is a long-time supporter of Huntington Memorial Hospital. Prior support from the foundation has helped us acquire an advanced robotic surgery system, upgrade our magnetic-resonance imaging capabilities, enhance emergency department technologies, and renovate and expand our catheterization laboratory — all helping to promote the very best of medical care for our region's residents.



The new MIS control systems, acquired with support from the Henry L. Guenther Foundation, include advanced scopes (shown above) that provide unmatched viewing detail to surgeons during each procedure.

enerous renewed support from the Guenther Foundation is now helping to bring the benefits of latest-generation surgical care to regional patients. Specifically, the foundation's trustees designated their most recent grant to Huntington Hospital to be used toward acquisition of new, enhanced control systems for our minimally invasive surgery suites.

#### At the forefront of surgical care

Huntington Hospital has long been a recognized leader in the field of minimally invasive surgery, otherwise known as MIS or laparoscopic surgery, having first introduced the technique here in 1990. Today, many MIS procedures involve just a single small incision. This less invasive approach can help accelerate recovery for eligible patients and may contribute to other

benefits including reduced pain, lower risk of infection and less scarring.

"Minimally invasive surgery is now considered the standard of care for a number of different surgeries," says David Lourié, MD, medical director, minimally invasive surgery. "At Huntington Hospital, we provide minimally invasive care via more than 3,000 procedures annually, including general, gastrointestinal, urologic, gynecologic, bariatric, thoracic, and orthopedic surgeries. The Guenther Foundation's gift is helping to safeguard and enhance access to high-quality surgical care for many local patients."

#### Beneficial advancements

The new MIS control systems, acquired with philanthropic assistance from the Guenther Foundation, replace older systems at the hospital and offer significant advantages. Notable features include larger, high-definition monitors that — along with the system's

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advanced scopes (tiny cameras introduced into the surgical site) — provide unmatched viewing detail to surgeons during each procedure.

Surgeons, other clinical staff, and their patients also benefit from a variety of additional features offered by the new technology. These include the ability to broadcast a presurgical checklist to all monitor screens, and the ability to control multiple operating-room computers from a single touch panel. Such features further enhance efficiency, effectiveness and safety during MIS procedures.

#### Partners in regional health care

The Henry L. Guenther Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that benefit and enrich the lives of California residents, specifically those living in Southern California. The private philanthropic foundation is particularly committed to supporting improvements in — and expansion of — medical care and services. Their support includes

significant grants to meet the medical equipment and technology needs of Southern California organizations.

In addition to their leadership contributions to Huntington Hospital, the foundation has provided funds to Los Angeles Biomedical Research Institute at Harbor–UCLA Medical Center, Glendale Adventist Medical Center, Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital, and St. John's Health Center Foundation, among others.

"We're extremely grateful to the Henry L. Guenther Foundation for its continued partnership with us, and for its most recent support of our work," says Stephen A. Ralph, president and chief executive officer. "By helping to ensure our patients have continued access to the very best of surgical care, the foundation has once again made a meaningful difference in the health of our region." ◆

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GEORGE AND MARCIA GOOD FAMILY FOUNDATION

## Strengthening Nursing Care

Opposite: The George and Marcia Good Family Foundation has provided a significant gift in support of nursing excellence at Huntington Memorial Hospital. Pictured here are members of the Good family (seated, from left), Marcia Good and Kathy Good Podley, and (standing, from left) Gini Good Falconer and Maru Good Lindgren.

George and Marcia Good established a family foundation in 1997, with the goal of supporting organizations in the fields of education, health and the arts. "George and I were motivated to give back to the community through our estate," says Marcia, "and we also felt it was an important way of involving our children in charitable work."

Family Foundation continues. Marcia is joined on the foundation's board of trustees by her three daughters, Mary Good Lindgren, Kathleen (Kathy) Good Podley and Virginia (Gini) Good Falconer.

Each trustee may present proposals for consideration by the board, notes Kathy, who is a board member of Huntington Memorial Hospital, and — with her husband, William Podley — has also provided generous personal support toward our work. In addition, Kathy serves as a mem-

eorge passed away in 2013, but the work of the George and Marcia Good

ber of Huntington Hospital's Patient Education Council, which reviews and provides input regarding educational materials for patients and their families. With her late Labrador Retriever, Tucker, she was a longtime volunteer in our Harvey and "Kitty" Lenkin Pet-Assisted Therapy program.

"The hospital touches the lives of so many residents in the San Gabriel Valley," Kathy says. "By supporting it, we really maximize the reach of our philanthropic investment." Over the years, the Good Family Foundation has supported expansion and reconfiguration of the hospital's Nan and Howard Schow Emergency & Trauma Center, as well as the work of the hospital's neonatal intensive care unit, pediatric art therapy program, and more. Most recently, it provided a significant gift in support of nursing excellence here.

#### In-depth preparation

Gini, who lives in the San Francisco area, notes that, while family-member trustees have things they are individually passionate about, they are also supportive of each other's interests. (Gini herself is particularly concerned about wounded veterans, while Mary is supportive of be group, a nonprofit serving seniors in California.) Mirroring Kathy's extensive participation at Huntington Hospital, each sister dedicates both time and resources to her cause of choice. Rather than simply providing philanthropic support, "We choose to *partner* with organizations to help them fulfill their mission," emphasizes their mother.

At Huntington Hospital, the Good Family Foundation's most recent gift was designated toward our Institute for Nursing Excellence and Innovation — and specifically toward the institute's nurse preceptor program. It has helped provide one-on-one training, in-depth mentoring and coaching, and supervised hands-on experience that further strengthen the quality of nursing care available to regional patients here.

"Most hospitals provide only six to eight weeks of preceptorship preparation for new nurses," says Gloria Sanchez-Rico, chief nurse executive, "but thanks to support from friends like the Good Family Foundation, our program provides far more intensive training. We're really grateful for their involvement."

#### First-hand experience

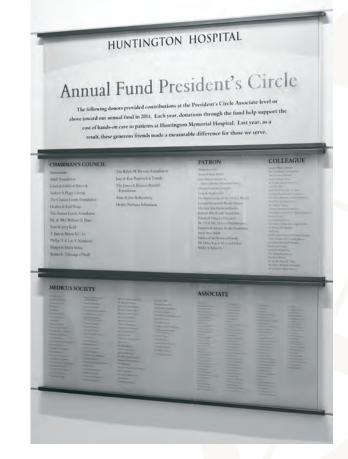
Marcia and George first became acquainted with Huntington Hospital when they moved to Arcadia in the 1950s. Members of their family have received care for various health issues at the hospital over the years, Marcia notes. In addition, their daughter Mary and several of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren were born here.

Mary and her husband, Ken, are Arcadia residents who have also experienced the hospital from a patient's perspective. "We really appreciate the great care and responsiveness of the care team in critical situations," she says, "and we think it's tremendously important for new nurses to have the continued opportunity to be mentored by seasoned nurses."

Adds Marcia, "Hospitals play an important role in every part of your life — from birth to death. That's why our family chooses to support Huntington Hospital. When we need care, we don't want to be treated anywhere else." •

Opposite: By providing support for superior nurse training at Huntington Memorial Hospital, the Good Family Foundation has helped ensure the best of care for patients here.





President's Circle members receive a variety of benefits in gratitude for their generous support. Prominent recognition in the hospital's main lobby is available for President's Circle members at the Associate level and above.

untington Annual Fund is one
of the important ways in which
community members help
Huntington Memorial Hospital
remain responsive to local need.
More than 3,000 annual-fund
donors provide approximately

\$3 million in unrestricted, flexible operating support each year. We are deeply grateful to those who are already involved: Their support helps bridge the gap between available revenue streams and the actual costs of providing care.

Donors to Huntington Annual Fund receive exclusive benefits (see next page), including — for those providing gifts of \$2,000 and above — membership in the President's Circle of Huntington Hospital. President's Circle donors provide approximately 80 percent of annual-fund contributions to the hospital and we are particularly grateful for their generous support.

We encourage you to join President's Circle members and other annual-fund donors today, to ensure the continued availability of high-quality care close to home.

#### Support Wherever the Need is Greatest

## Annual Fund and President's Circle

#### **Annual Fund Benefits**

#### Donor \$1-149

· Receipt of Huntington Hospital publications

#### Partner \$150-499 The above PLUS

· Recognition in the hospital's annual report

#### Advocate \$500-1,999 All of the above PLUS

· Discount at Huntington Hospital's S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop



#### President's Circle Benefits

#### Member \$2,000-4,999 All of the above PLUS

- · Annual complimentary hospital self-parking
- Invitation to annual President's Circle Member Recognition Dinner
- Invitations to Discover Huntington Hospital events
- · Access to complimentary flu shots each fall, as available

#### Associate \$5,000-9,999 All of the above PLUS

- · Annual complimentary valet parking
- Annual recognition on President's Circle donor wall in Huntington Hospital's main lobby
- Invitation to annual private President's Circle Associate dinner seminar with hospital physicians and executive leadership
- · Invitations to Discover Huntington Hospital events

#### Medicus Society \$10,000-24,999 All of the above PLUS

- · Invitation to annual Medicus Society VIP cocktail reception
- Invitations to Discover Huntington Hospital Coffee and Conversation with the CEO
- · Annual stewardship report on use of your funds

#### Colleague \$25,000-49,999 All of the above PLUS

Two complimentary tickets to the Huntington Hospital Fall Food & Wine Festival

#### **Patron \$50,000-99,999** All of the above PLUS

Invitation to a special evening with the president, physicians and trustees of Huntington Hospital

#### Chairman's Council annual gifts of \$100,000 or more All of the above PLUS

- · Permanent recognition on our Chairman's Council Wall, located in the hospital's main lobby
- A Huntington Hospital Gold Card: For benefits associated with the Gold Card, please call the office of philanthropy at (626) 397-3241

For more information about how you can contribute to Huntington Annual Fund or become a President's Circle member, please contact Lia Peterson Miller in the office of philanthropy at (626) 397-3241.

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## Honoring Above-and-Beyond Commitment

untington Memorial
Hospital hosted a cocktail
reception for President's
Circle members at the
Medicus Society level
and above on June 24,
2015. More than 80 guests participated in the
event, held at the Valley Hunt Club. Hospital
board members Allen Mathies, Jr., MD, Louise
Bryson, Armando Gonzalez, Scott Jenkins, and
Lois Matthews — along with Stephen A. Ralph,
Huntington Hospital's president and CEO, and
Jane Haderlein, senior vice president, philanthropy and public relations — enjoyed the opportunity
to thank these generous donors in person.

James Shankwiler, MD, chief of Huntington Hospital's medical staff, delivered the evening's keynote address. Reflecting upon the hospital's vibrant 120-year history, he noted that the hospital has remained at the leading edge of medicine throughout — thanks to our unwavering commitment and to generous community support.

Dr. Shankwiler mentioned some of the latest advances at the hospital, including robotic surgery; fetal surgery; and state-of-the-art imaging,

emergency services, and stroke care. He noted that the very best physicians and nursing professionals are available at the hospital, and have helped us become one of the top-rated medical centers in the nation.

#### How our donors make a difference

Following Dr. Shankwiler's presentation, attendees viewed a powerful video message from Deborah Melahouris and her husband, Michael (pictured on page 15). In 2014, Deborah suffered a near-fatal stroke that left her paralyzed on one side of her body and unable to speak. Thanks to the care she received at the hospital, Deborah is now walking, talking, and gratefully enjoying life with Michael and their three children. (Visit www.HuntingtonHospital.com/beatingtheodds to watch this video.)

Following the video presentation, Steve Ralph emphasized the role of private support in making such above-and-beyond care possible at Huntington Hospital. Before concluding, he once more thanked President's Circle members for their help in providing superior health care for patients region-wide.

President's Circle members enjoy a variety of exclusive benefits. If you are interested in becoming a member of the President's Circle, please contact Lia Peterson Miller, director, annual giving, at (626) 397-3241.













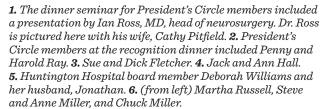
1. James Shankwiler, MD, chief of Huntington Memorial Hospital's medical staff, delivered the keynote address at the June 2015 cocktail reception for President's Circle members at the Medicus Society level and above. 2. Those in attendance included Huntington Hospital board member Lois Matthews (left) and Sherrill Colony.
3. Merle and June Banta. 4. Bill Young and Elizabeth Arnett. 5. Ruth and John Pasqualetto. 6. Tony and Mabell Paine.
7. Jae Townsend, MD, and John Heffernan.

















#### President's Circle Associate Member Dinner

## Gratefully Acknowledging Support for the Best of Care

untington Memorial Hospital hosted its exclusive annual dinner seminar for President's Circle members on September 16, 2015. The intimate event, held at the Valley Hunt Club, offered a special opportunity to thank members who have made contributions at the Associate level and above.

The more than 100 guests in attendance enjoyed an elegant meal and met with hospital board members including Kathleen Good Podley, Rosemary B. Simmons, Lois Matthews, Deborah Williams, Armando Gonzalez, James Buese, MD, and Allen Mathies, Jr., MD. Senior executives Stephen A. Ralph, president and CEO, and Jane Haderlein, senior vice president, philanthropy and public relations, also mingled with guests during the event.

#### World-class stroke care

The evening included an informative keynote address by Ian Ross, MD, head of neurosurgery. Dr. Ross spoke about the quality and breadth of services for patients with neurological conditions at Huntington Hospital. The hospital provides best-practice care as defined by the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association and The Joint Commission. By way of example,

Dr. Ross underscored the importance of our certification as a primary stroke center. He also mentioned our advanced neurointervention services — minimally invasive treatment for such conditions as ischemic stroke and cerebral aneurysm — and described the latest research and treatments available for patients with epilepsy, Alzheimer's disease, multiple sclerosis and other neurological illness.

During his remarks, Dr. Ross also introduced Angelos Konstas, MD, a new member of the neurological services team, who was in attendance at the dinner event.

An expert in the field, Dr. Ross has trained and lectured in North America, Europe and South America. He attended medical school at Queen's University in Canada, before going on to complete residencies in general surgery and neurosurgery at McGill University. He also completed a neuroendovascular fellowship at Fondation Rothschild in Paris, France, and a spinal-cord injury research fellowship at the University of Toronto, Canada.

Following his remarks, Dr. Ross engaged in a lively question-and-answer dialogue with guests regarding the field of neurology and the range of neurological services available at Huntington Hospital.



#### Gloria and Don Pitzer

## Lifetime Patients, Long-Term Supporters

As far as Gloria Pitzer recalls, her first visit to Huntington Memorial Hospital was being "rushed to the emergency department as a young girl because I needed stitches," she says. Over the years, she and husband, Don, have come to rely on the hospital for care. In addition, their son, Ben, was born here and other family members have turned to the hospital at times of medical need.

e consider Huntington Hospital *our* hospital," says Don.

"It's where our family has always gone for care." For more than two decades now, the Pitzers have in turn provided generous philanthropic support to the hospital — and have increased the level of their giving over time, becoming members of the President's Circle of Huntington Hospital.

#### Professional experience

Don, who grew up in Altadena, joined the United States Air Force after high school. He went on to work — through companies contracting with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) — on the Deep Space Network. (He retired in 2013.) The network involves an international

Opposite: Don and Gloria Pitzer provide loyal leadership support to Huntington Memorial Hospital.



Leadership volunteer Gloria Pitzer and her husband, Don, recognize the importance of hospital services such as Huntington Hospital Senior Care Network (above) and, as President's Circle members, the Pitzers help make these services possible.

array of giant radio antennae. It supports interplanetary spacecraft missions and gathers information that improves understanding of both our own solar system and the entire universe.

Gloria, who grew up in Pasadena, attended California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, from which she received a bachelor's degree in political science. After completing her undergraduate studies, she attended Loyola Law School and is today a recognized attorney specializing in the areas of conservatorship, estate planning, probate administration, mediation, and trust administration. She is a partner at Palermo, Barbaro, Chinen & Pitzer, LLP, in Pasadena.

#### $Value-adding\ volunteer is m$

In addition to Gloria and Don's financial support for Huntington Hospital, Gloria is a volunteer here. Her service has included membership on Huntington Hospital Senior Care Network Advisory Council for a number of years, during which she served as chair for a term. She also served on Senior Care Network's Legal Advisory Committee. (Senior Care Network offers a broad range of important services for older adults, adults with disabilities, and their caregivers. It was one of the first hospital-based programs of its kind in the nation.)

Gloria now contributes her expertise in estate planning and trust administration as a member of the hospital's Planned Giving Advisory Council — of which she currently serves as chair. The council provides input to the hospital on issues related to planned giving (that is, a gift, made as part of a donor's financial and/or estate planning). In addition, its members help to plan seminars and events related to gift planning. "Gloria's participation is very important to our success and we're most grateful for her involvement," says Jack Brickson, director, planned giving. "Her leadership and advocacy are enormously valuable to our work."

"I see the impact of Senior Care Network in the community, and it was a bequest gift that helped establish that great service."

Gloria's work on the committee is not unrelated to her commitment to Senior Care Network, she explains. "I see the impact of Senior Care Network in the community, and it was a bequest gift that helped establish that great service," she notes.

Gloria has also served as president of the board of directors of Union Station Homeless Services and of the Hemophilia Foundation of Southern California, and as chair of the Pasadena Community Foundation's board of directors. She currently serves on the boards of the Pasadena Child Health Foundation, Pasadena City College Foundation and Pasadena Bar Association.

#### Touching an entire community

Several years ago, Gloria and Don established the Pitzer Family Endowment Fund at the Pasadena Community Foundation. "We think that giving back makes for a well-rounded life," Gloria says — and, in addition to supporting the work of charitable organizations they believe in, she adds, "We wanted to involve our son in our philanthropic work through participation in decision-making for the fund."

While they support a number of nonprofits, the Pitzers note that helping Huntington Hospital is especially important to them. "There are numerous important organizations in our area," says Don, "and we believe it's important to support the arts and cultural affairs...but not everyone in the community goes to the symphony," he adds. "At one point or another in life, however, we all need access to great health care — and that's why we choose to put Huntington Hospital at the top of our giving list." •

#### PRESIDENT'S CIRCLE

#### Margaret and Ken Blair

## An Abiding Commitment

Margaret Blair served as an occupational therapist at Huntington Memorial Hospital for 32 years. Now retired, Margaret and her husband, Ken, remain passionate about the hospital — and supportive of its work.

Opposite: Ken and Margaret Blair have provided charitable support to Huntington Memorial Hospital over more than two decades.



any donors are initially inspired to give to the hospital in gratitude for care received, Margaret notes. "The care is superb," she adds, "but it wasn't a life-changing care experience at the hospital that led us to provide support. I had the privilege of seeing that high-quality care first-hand, over many years."

The Blairs are Associate-level members of the President's Circle of Huntington Hospital, a group of donors who provide particularly generous annual gifts in support of the hospital's work. They have been contributing to the hospital financially for more than two decades. In some instances, in keeping with Margaret's professional involvement, they have designated their gifts toward rehabilitation services — helping to purchase needed equipment and supporting education and training for therapists, for example. They have also responded to urgent funding needs in other areas, including the recent campaign for expansion of our Emergency & Trauma Center. Most recently, the couple provided unrestricted support, entrusting hospital leadership to put the funds to good use with the greatest impact.



#### **Dedication personified**

Margaret was born in the San Gabriel Valley and raised in San Marino. She attended the University of Puget Sound, where she received a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy. She began her career as an occupational therapist at Glendale Adventist Medical Center, later joining Huntington Hospital's staff.

While an employee here, Margaret worked primarily in our medical and surgical units. Among other achievements, she helped develop a special preoperative class for patients undergoing hip- or knee-replacement surgery. The class provides helpful information to prepare patients for their procedure and enhance their recovery.

"The hospital is always working to identify ways to further improve its already superior performance," she says. "The preoperative class was an example of that, and there have been so many other advances...advanced pain-management techniques that help patients go home from the hospital sooner, and more.

"Becoming a Magnet® hospital raised the bar still further," she adds, referring to the hospital's recognition by the American Nurses Credentialing Center as a Magnet program, the nation's gold standard in nursing.

Following retirement, Margaret has continued her involvement here — providing key support to our staff and helping answer visitors' questions, as a volunteer.

#### To be of service

Born in Pomona, Ken — like his wife — grew up in San Marino. After completing high school, he went on to receive a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of California, San Diego. After graduation, he accepted a position in his father's company, Blair—Martin Co., Inc. "It was supposed to be a temporary job, but my father was glad to have me there and I enjoyed it, and I've worked there ever since," he says. The company is a leading business manufacturer's representative, serving as the exclusive sales, service and engineering representative for several makers of instrumentation and process hardware. Today, Ken is president and owner of the company.

He and Margaret credit their parents with first inspiring them to give back. "Our parents were very active in the community," says Ken, "and supported many organizations over the years. Margaret and I are very proud to follow in their footsteps."

In addition to Huntington Hospital, the Blairs — who have two daughters, Karen and Janice — also support organizations including the South Pasadena San Marino YMCA. "Following in my father's footsteps, I was in a lot of YMCA programs growing up," says Ken. "They started having a Christmas tree sale in 1967 and I've been involved since that first year up until now. Giving back is fulfilling for us," he adds. The couple also support the Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist through both time and resources. Margaret is involved in the church's Health Ministries Cabinet, for example. Several years ago, the Blairs were excited to participate, with fellow choir members from the church, in a performance of Fauré's "Requiem" at Carnegie Hall.

"In particular," adds Margaret, "we're proud to give back to the hospital. It's a first-class hospital. It's such an important part of our lives — and so important to our community. If you believe in something as strongly as we believe in Huntington Hospital and its work, then providing support is what you do."  $\, igoplus \,$ 

Opposite: Margaret Blair worked as an occupational therapist at Huntington Memorial Hospital for 32 years, helping patients regain function after surgery or illness.



#### Michael Missakian, MD



# Steadfast Support for Premier Care

Retired radiologist Michael Missakian, MD, moved to La Cañada in 1999. "T've had several admissions to Huntington Memorial Hospital," he says. "It's been my hospital of choice." Dr. Missakian's late wife, Betty, hailed from South Pasadena and the couple's two daughters were both born at Huntington Hospital.

hile Dr. Missakian himself was born in Syria, his family had

previously lived in the United States. "My father was an American citizen who came to this country from Syria in 1919," he says. "He became a citizen and was a member of the U.S. Marine Corps from 1921 to 1924." In fact, before passing away in 2000 at the age of 106, Dr. Missakian's father was recognized as the oldest living U.S. Marine.

Following national service, his father — at the recommendation of his healthcare team — traveled to Syria for medical treatment. He subsequently married and started a family there. When World War II ended, he was able to return with his family to the United States.

The young Dr. Missakian, who had begun his high-school studies in Syria, continued his education in the Los Angeles area. Following high school, he pursued a bachelor's degree from the University of California, Los Angeles, and it was during his undergraduate years that he also joined the California Army National Guard. (His unit was activated for service when the Korean War broke out, and he was stationed in Japan for two years before returning home to finish his degree.)

He then completed a medical degree at the University of Southern California College of Medicine (now the Keck School of Medicine of USC) and completed a fellowship in radiology at the Mayo Clinic. Dr. Missakian joined the medical staff at San Antonio Regional Hospital in Upland, and maintained a private practice in general radiology for most of his career — as well as conducting research that was published in several leading medical journals.

#### Our hospital of choice

Dr. Missakian wed Betty Tangairian in 1957. She attended Occidental College and was trained as an educator. Following the couple's marriage, Betty stayed home to raise the couple's daughters, Maylene Glidewell, MD, and Marylisa Boghosian. Like their

father, both are graduates of USC.

In addition to the birth of their children at Huntington Hospital, Dr. Missakian notes that he and his family have relied on this hospital for care for more than 50 years — since long before his move to La Cañada. "This has been our hospital of choice," he says "and it remains so today."

As a result, Dr. Missakian adds, "It's my pleasure to provide philanthropic support to the hospital." He is a member of the President's Circle of Huntington Hospital at the Medicus Society level.

#### At the highest level

"Working in hospitals as I have over the years," Dr. Missakian says, "I know how important it is to keep at the leading edge of innovation when it comes to equipment, facilities, provider training, diagnostics and care. As a radiologist," he adds, "I'm also very familiar with how expensive medical technologies can be. Reimbursements certainly don't cover the costs of the highly specialized equipment that's necessary.

"Community members, of course, expect that when they go to the hospital, they're going to get the best health care that's available," he says, "and to achieve that, community hospitals need the support of the community!"

In addition to supporting Huntington Hospital, Dr. Missakian continues to contribute to his church, as well as to other community-based organizations. He is a long-time active member of the United Armenian Congregational Church, where Betty was also involved as an organist, and where the couple both taught Sunday school for many years. In addition, Dr. Missakian is a 20-year member of the Rotary Club of Rancho Cucamonga.

Given his experience in medicine, he feels it is *particularly* important to support the hospital's work. "People are not only satisfied, but proud to be associated with Huntington Hospital," he says. "I think everyone can be one hundred-percent sure that the care that's available there is the very best in the area and I'll always do my best to support it." •

Opposite: President's Circle member Michael Missakian, MD — here with his beloved grandchildren — has provided generous support to Huntington Memorial Hospital over the years.



#### Alice and Joe Coulombe

# Faithful Service and Support

Opposite: Joe Coulombe is a volunteer in the hospital's S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop. Joe and his wife, Alice, are generous members of the President's Circle of Huntington Hospital.

Trader Joe's dedication to customer service is part of the legacy of its founder, Joe Coulombe — the "original Trader Joe." Joe sold Trader Joe's and is retired, but his legendary commitment to excellent customer service can still be experienced as he volunteers at Huntington Memorial Hospital's S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop. Joe and his wife, Alice, also provide annual philanthropic support to the hospital.

look forward to volunteering in the gift shop every Wednesday morning, as well as a couple of Thursdays every month," says Joe. "Since I'm retired, this gives structure to my routine, and I'm happy to help the gift shop in support of Huntington Hospital."

#### Vision and success

Joe, who was born in San Diego, attended the Stanford Graduate School of Business, where he received a master's degree in business administration. After his graduation, he and Alice moved to Los Angeles, where Joe began his career researching convenience stores for drugstore chain Rexall. In 1957, he helped launch Pronto Markets, which he eventually acquired.

A decade later, having further refined his business strategy, Joe renamed the company Trader Joe's, and led the company to enormous success. He later sold Trader Joe's, but remained on as chief executive officer until 1988. (He notes that Trader Joe's has had only three CEOs in its history.) Following retirement, he went on to consult with a variety of retail enterprises.

Alice grew up in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and — like Joe — attended Stanford University, earning a bachelor's degree in humanities and a master's degree in education. It was while at Stanford that she and Joe met and married. The couple recently celebrated 62 years of marriage.

Following graduation, Alice taught for several years, before leaving the workforce to raise the couple's three children. The Coulombe's youngest child, Madeleine, was born at Huntington Hospital.

#### Steadfast community engagement

The Coulombes are actively engaged citizens: Alice was the founding president of the Music Center Opera League, and serves as a life trustee of the Los Angeles Opera Company, which she also helped establish. "Opera is my lifelong passion," she says, "and I'm pleased to have had the opportunity to share it with so many others." She also serves on the board of directors for the Colburn School and she is president of Metropolitan Associates, a local nonprofit organization she and Joe established to support arts education for children.

Joe is a longtime member of the board of overseers at The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens and is a passionate advocate for Huntington Medical Research Institutes, which conducts biomedical research and develops new technology related to the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease.

The Coulombes are members of the President's Circle of Huntington Hospital at the Medicus Society level and have been faithful supporters for many years. Generous President's Circle donors together provide approximately 80 percent of annual funds contributed to the hospital. Their donations are unrestricted, allowing the hospital to allocate funds where they are needed most. Notes Alice, "We believe in giving unrestricted support to help ensure the hospital can continue to provide excellent care for our family, and for families in our region."  $\spadesuit$ 

#### LEGACY GIFT SOCIETY

# Make a Difference for Tomorrow, Today

Huntington Memorial Hospital's Legacy Gift Society recognizes those who have expressed their intent to provide for the hospital through an estate-related gift. Such thoughtful and foresighted philanthropy helps sustain excellent care for future generations of residents in our region.

A variety of planned giving vehicles are available, including but not limited to bequest gifts made through a will or living trust; gift annuities; distribution of retirement plan funds; and charitable remainder trusts. In many instances, such planned gifts not only make a difference at our region's leading medical center, but also provide important income and/or tax benefits to the donor. Some even generate a reliable stream of income for the lifetime of a donor or loved one.

Huntington Hospital is pleased to recognize Legacy Gift Society members in a variety of ways (see below). We invite you to join other members of the Legacy Gift Society in providing for the future of care at Huntington Hospital.

#### Legacy Gift Society Benefits

- · Invitation to annual Legacy Gift Society appreciation luncheon
- · Complimentary self-parking at the hospital
- Discount at Huntington Hospital's S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop
- · Complimentary annual flu shot
- Counsel from Huntington Hospital's director of planned giving, as needed
- · Recognition in Huntington Hospital's annual report
- · Receipt of Huntington Hospital publications

Legacy Gift Society members who have made irrevocable planned gifts with a present value of \$100,000 also enjoy:

- Permanent recognition on the Legacy Wall of Honor, located at the hospital's main entrance
- A Huntington Hospital Gold Card: For benefits associated with the Gold Card, please call the office of philanthropy at (626) 397-3241
- Complimentary valet parking at the hospital (in addition to the complimentary self-parking available to all Legacy Gift Society members)
- Invitation to an annual private dinner seminar, featuring physician experts from the hospital

Please visit www.HuntingtonHospital.com/giftplanning to learn more.





Huntington Memorial Hospital will host an exclusive luncheon for Legacy Gift Society members on December 1, 2015, at the Valley Hunt Club in Pasadena. Guests will have the opportunity to learn about key hospital initiatives — and meet hospital leaders. For more information, please contact Jack Brickson, director, planned giving, at (626) 397-3241, or via email at jack.brickson@huntingtonhospital.com.

#### LEGACY GIFT SOCIETY







When Lois Di Santo passed away in 2014, proceeds from the sale of her Pasadena home established a generous endowment at Huntington Memorial Hospital. Clockwise from far left: Lois with her longtime partner Martha Hackman (left); Lois as a baby; Lois and Martha.

## Supporting Care, Independence

LOIS DI SANTO

Lois Di Santo's approach to the challenges of aging mirrored her approach to every other challenge she had encountered in life. "Even when she was becoming increasingly frail," says Louanna Law Bickham, a longtime friend, "I always admired her fierceness and determination to live her life on her own terms." iven this determination, Lois chose not to retain full-time in-home care, even after suffering vision loss and other health issues. When she realized she needed more help, however, she contacted Huntington Hospital Senior Care Network, which provides specialized services, support and resources for older adults and their families. Licensed Clinical Social Worker Chris Garcia, clinical supervisor, offered Lois support and served as an important advocate to ensure her needs were met.

In particular, Chris helped Lois to create a personal care team that helped maintain her cherished independence. "Lois had many people who were willing to help," says Louanna, "but we weren't all connected. She needed a good care team in place that could meet her needs while respecting her desire to live independently." Chris introduced the idea of organizing Lois' friends and helpers into a team. Knowing about each other, they could coordinate efforts and help Lois get back on her feet. "As a result," Louanna says, "she was more independent — and that's what she wanted."

Six weeks before Lois passed away, adds Louanna, "She had the great idea of bringing all these people together. She didn't say anything or look any different, but I think she was aware she was getting weaker," Louanna adds.

"Some of us had never met before, but we were her family and she wanted us to come together. It was a typical gesture for Lois," says Louanna. Lois had invitations printed and mailed. She joyfully welcomed the group, and served sandwiches, dessert and coffee. "She was happy to be surrounded by the people who cared for her and who were responsible for helping her to continue to live the life she wanted to live," Louanna recalls.

#### A SPECIAL LEGACY

When Lois passed away in 2014, at age 96, she created a lasting legacy at Huntington Memorial Hospital through her estate. Proceeds from the sale of her Pasadena home established the Margaret Carolyn Di Santo Endowment here. The endowment, named in honor of Lois' mother, will help support the work of Senior Care Network and of the Nan and Howard Schow Emergency & Trauma Center at Huntington Hospital.

In addition, Lois bequeathed much of her personal property, including her car, to the Huntington Collection. This upscale resale shop provides shoppers with high-quality vintage and designer goods at attractive prices, with sales proceeds benefiting Senior Care Network.

"Lois loved Huntington Hospital," says Louanna. "She was treated in the hospital's emergency department on many occasions and she also felt particularly indebted to Senior Care Network for its role in helping her to maintain her independence, even as her needs increased."

#### SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

Lois, who was of Italian heritage, attended The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minnesota, before going on to receive a master's degree in library science from Columbia University. After graduating, she worked as a librarian — retiring in her 70s. After that, she remained active and engaged. "When she was in her 80s," says Louanna, by way of example, "she taught herself how to use a computer so she could browse the internet and send emails."

Throughout her life, Lois was passionate about social issues including women's rights and homelessness. She actively participated in and supported numerous service organizations, including the American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voters — and she contributed to the Southern Poverty Law Center and Southern California Public Radio.

While she valued independence, Lois also recognized the importance of the care and support provided by Huntington Hospital. "Lois felt strongly that the hospital was a wonderful place," says Louanna, "and, through her estate gift, she wanted to help others to experience its high-quality care in the future."

#### LEGACY GIFT SOCIETY

Cindy and Scott Jenkins help Huntington Memorial Hospital in numerous ways. Scott is a partner and former managing partner of Pasadena law firm Hahn & Hahn, LLP. Through his work with the firm, he helped develop a farreaching facilities master plan for the hospital in the late 1980s. More recently, he was named to Huntington Hospital's board of directors and has also joined the hospital's Planned Giving Advisory Council. In addition, Scott and his wife, Cindy, are generous donors to the hospital. They have provided unrestricted support over the past several years and recently extended their involvement, becoming members of the hospital's Legacy Gift Society. The society is a group of donors who have expressed their intent to support the hospital through an estate-related gift.

## A Far-Reaching Impact

CINDY AND SCOTT JENKINS

indy and I are proud to help provide for Huntington Hospital through our revocable living trust," says Scott. "There are many planned-giving vehicles available," he adds, "some of which are more complicated than others. Including a bequest to a charitable organization in a will or living trust is a very easy thing to do."



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Generous supporters Scott and Cindy Jenkins have included Huntington Memorial Hospital in their estate plan.

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"We're very fortunate to have access to the hospital's high-quality care," says Cindy, "and we feel it's our responsibility to help sustain such excellent care for future generations of local residents."

#### TALENTS SHARED

Having grown up in the San Gabriel Valley, Cindy attended the University of Southern California, where she obtained a bachelor's degree in psychology and paralegal studies. Following graduation, she joined the law firm Tuttle & Taylor as a paralegal.

It was there that she and Scott met and fell in love. After they decided to marry and start a family, Cindy left the workforce to raise the couple's two daughters, Courtney and Lindsay. "I enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom and having the opportunity to volunteer for organizations doing important work in the community," she says. An accomplished vocalist, Cindy also appreciated having time to study voice. "I found it was something I wanted to pursue further," she says. Her recordings — featuring songs based on the poems of A. A. Milne — are available for purchase on Amazon.

In addition to his work with Hahn & Hahn, Scott has provided volunteer leadership to the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association since 1982, serving as a board member and chairing numerous committees for that organization over the years. He was president of the organization for the 125th Rose Parade and 100th Rose Bowl Game, in 2014. Currently, he is serving a five-year term as chairman of the Rose Bowl Management Committee, which encompasses the Tournament of Roses, the Pac-12 Conference, and the Big Ten Conference. "I work with the commissioners and athletic directors of our two partner conferences, as well as with the presidents of participating schools," he says. "I find it very rewarding."

To mention but a few of the other organizations that have benefited from his leadership, Scott is the immediate past president of the Foundation of San Marino Community Church and has served as president of the San Marino Unified School District Board of Education, the San Marino Schools Foundation, and the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. He is a director of Forest Lawn Memorial-Parks & Mortuaries and serves as general counsel for the Western Justice Center Foundation.

Cindy is a past president of National Charity League of San Marino, which supports local organizations including Huntington Hospital, and serves on the board of directors of the Pasadena Guild of Children's Hospital "As our nation continues to wrestle with the challenges of providing affordable, high-quality health care, philanthropy is allowing Huntington Hospital to succeed."

Los Angeles. She formerly served on the board of directors of San Marino Community Church Nursery School and of the San Marino Junior Alliance, supporting Casa de las Amigas, among other organizations.

#### A SENSE OF ADVENTURE

Just as Cindy and Scott are energetic in their support for our community, they are also energetic in their other pursuits. The couple regularly travels to Malawi to engage in missionary work — and, on one flight across Africa, Scott looked out at Mount Kilimanjaro and said to himself, "I want to climb that!" Gathering together a group of friends and engaging a trainer, he and Cindy did just that. "We were ten for ten in summiting, and I'm very proud of that," he says. (In general, only 40 percent of those who start out actually reach the summit.) "It was a lot of fun and I see it as one of our life's accomplishments."

The couple's sense of adventure remains strong: A few years ago, Scott surprised Cindy by offering to take her to "Paris" for her birthday. She soon learned, however, that the trip actually involved skydiving in Perris, California!

#### MAKING ALL THE DIFFERENCE

Scott was born at Huntington Hospital, as were both the Jenkinses' daughters, Courtney and

Lindsay. Both girls were raised with the understanding that "Giving to local charities is what we do in our family," says Scott. "We were raised that way ourselves and we try to give what we can on an annual basis. As we made our estate plan, we also wanted to include a charitable component."

He and Cindy recognize that the need for philanthropic support is particularly urgent in the current healthcare environment. "Hospitals in surrounding communities continue to close their doors," says Scott, "and philanthropic support makes all the difference in the world. There are three types of funding available to hospitals: reimbursements, government funds and philanthropy," he adds. "It's the last of these that makes Huntington Hospital special...that makes the whole thing work. As our nation continues to wrestle with the challenges of providing affordable, high-quality health care, philanthropy is allowing Huntington Hospital to succeed."

"You don't have to wait until after you've experienced the hospital's compassionate care and superior care environment," adds Cindy. "It's important to give now so that, when you need care, it's available."

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**FORMED IN 2005, SCRUBS** engages next-generation community philanthropists in the work of Huntington Memorial Hospital. Members of this dynamic group make annual contributions that help sustain and enhance high-quality care for our community.

Most recently, SCRUBS completed a \$1.8-million fundraising effort in support of the Campaign for Pediatrics at Huntington Hospital. This philanthropic commitment helped underwrite the renovation and refurbishment of the hospital's pediatric department and pediatric intensive care unit (PICU), ensuring that children in our region continue to receive the very best of care in the very best of medical facilities. We are deeply grateful for SCRUBS members' support.

In 2015, SCRUBS is celebrating a historic milestone: 10 years of fun and fundraising in support of Huntington Hospital. We look forward to celebrating the group's next extraordinary decade of success.

#### SCRUBS Benefits

Membership in SCRUBS is available via annual contributions starting at \$300. SCRUBS members enjoy the following benefits:

- Invitations to interact with physicians, hospital administrators and other SCRUBS members at twice-yearly Let's Get Personal events
- · Recognition in the hospital's annual report

#### SCRUBS Partner Benefits

In addition to regular membership benefits, SCRUBS Partners — those who make a gift of \$1,000 or more — are invited to a special dinner event at Gale's Restaurant in the fall

#### SCRUBS Society Benefits

SCRUBS members who give \$10,000 or more qualify for membership in the SCRUBS Society. These leading SCRUBS supporters receive the following, in addition to regular membership benefits:

- Special recognition on Huntington Hospital's campus
- · Access to exclusive receptions and tours
- · Annual complimentary hospital valet parking

Those making cumulative gifts totaling \$100,000 or more receive all of the above benefits, plus:

- A Huntington Hospital Gold Card: For benefits associated with the Gold Card, please call the office of philanthropy at (626) 397-3241
- Permanent recognition on our Chairman's Council Wall, located in the hospital's main lobby

For more information regarding SCRUBS membership, please contact Lia Peterson Miller, director, annual giving, at (626) 397-3241. For information regarding SCRUBS Society membership, contact Tracy Smith, director, major gifts, at (626) 397-3241.





## SCRUBS Membership Committee

aving celebrated the successful conclusion of its fundraising efforts on behalf of Huntington Memorial Hospital's Campaign for Pediatrics, SCRUBS is now turning its attention to a new goal. In 2015, this group of enthusiastic next-generation philanthropists is raising unrestricted support toward the hospital's most pressing operating needs.

Flexible, unrestricted support helps Huntington Hospital provide high-quality healthcare services throughout the year. Funds help bridge the gap between available revenue streams and the actual costs of care. "Unrestricted dollars are important in sustaining the hospital's work," says Stephen A. Ralph, Huntington Hospital's president and CEO. "They allow us to meet pressing needs as they arise and to remain nimble in times of continued change."

In support of SCRUBS' ongoing fundraising on behalf of the hospital, the group has formed a Membership Committee, with a two-fold mission: to identify and recruit additional, likeminded members — and to educate current and prospective members about the important role unrestricted support plays at the hospital. Pictured above are Membership Committee members (from left) Megan Foker, Jennifer Allen, Angela Marchetti, Debbie Hoffman, Ruth Pasqualetto, Una Battaglia, Courtney Hotchkis, and Michele Esbenshade. (Membership Committee members Pam Johnson and Alison Molinelli are not pictured.) Huntington Hospital is deeply grateful to these individuals — and to all SCRUBS members — for their help in supporting high-quality, lifesaving care for our region.











1. SCRUBS members who participated in SCRUBS Unleashed included, from left, Kristin and Tim Smith, Fred Johnson, and Tricia and Mike Fink. 2. Among the SCRUBS members who attended the special 10-year anniversary event were, from left, Juliet Cullen, Jeanne Cheung, Patricia O'Brien, and Georgia Miller. 3. Also in attendance were, from left, Una Battaglia, Kathy and David Gould, and Steve Battaglia. 4. From left, Alison and Greg Molinelli, Brad and Ashley Barrett, and Marisa and Ezra Callahan at the event. 5. From left, Steve Usher, Mitzi Austern, Bea Usher, Julie Wu, Tracy Smith, Anna-Christine Rising, and Anne Goodwin also enjoyed the evening. Please visit www.Facebook.com/HMHSCRUBS to see more photos from this event.

### **SCRUBS**



## SCRUBS UNLEASHED!

ow that was a party! From 8 p.m. on Saturday, September 26, 2015, to 1 a.m. the following morning, SCRUBS members danced the night away at SCRUBS Unleashed. Supporting the hospital while having fun is a recognized SCRUBS tradition and on this occasion, members had two strong reasons to celebrate: the successful conclusion of their fundraising efforts on behalf of Huntington Memorial Hospital's Campaign for Pediatrics — and the 10th anniversary of SCRUBS' founding.

#### Celebrating a decade of success

During the decade since SCRUBS' inception, the group's stellar fundraising efforts have generated \$7 million toward expansion and reconfiguration of the hospital's Nan and Howard Schow Emergency & Trauma Center and the renovation and refurbishment of our pediatric department and pediatric intensive care unit. The dynamic group, founded in 2005, promotes involvement of the next generation of community philanthropists, at Huntington Hospital.

The special 10-year anniversary event was held in the exclusive penthouse suite of The Hollywood Roosevelt hotel — with rooftop access offering stunning 360-degree views of the Hollywood Hills and Los Angeles basin.

Approximately 200 SCRUBS members attended the *SCRUBS Unleashed* event. In addition to two full bars, guests enjoyed such delectable treats as black truffle "mac" and cheese, gourmet sliders, and sushi, as well as Middle Eastern fare and a variety of late-night bites. Whiskey tastings, a cigar-rolling station and a rooftop dance floor with a professional DJ all added to the fun, and gave the event the feel of an upscale awards-show after-party.

During the event, guests also had the opportunity to meet members of Huntington Hospital's medical staff, including Steven Battaglia, MD, Gabriel Akopian, MD, Jane van Dis, MD, and Ben Pradhan, MD. We are deeply grateful to SCRUBS members for their generous commitment over the last decade and look forward to their exciting future.  $\spadesuit$ 

For more information about SCRUBS membership, please contact the Huntington Hospital office of philanthropy at (626) 397-3241.



a fantastic experience that I didn't want to leave!" she laughs.

#### **SCRUBS**

he Risings' twin daughters, Annelise and Arianne, had been born at another hospital. "Comparing the quality of care I received made us even more appreciative of the great care that's available at Huntington Hospital," Anna-Christine notes.

When the Risings learned about the hospital's SCRUBS support group, they readily agreed to participate — most recently providing generous support toward the SCRUBS Campaign for Pediatrics. (Through this three-year campaign, concluded in December 2014, SCRUBS helped cover the cost of important improvements to the hospital's pediatric and pediatric intensive care facilities.) The couple's involvement included membership in the Pacesetters, a group of 11 families who provided special leadership gifts: By collectively matching campaign contributions up to a total of \$250,000, their gifts also helped encourage others to participate.

#### Becoming a family

Anna-Christine grew up in Surrey, England. After completing high school, she studied interior design in London and began her career with an architectural firm. She later joined Hirsch Bedner Associates, and this leading international hospitality design firm transferred her to its headquarters in Santa Monica, California. Anna-Christine served as corporate director of the firm for 19 years. Since subsequently leaving to raise the couple's children, she has also continued to work as an independent consultant on a variety of hospitality and corporate design projects.

Chris is a native of Glendale, and moved to La Cañada Flintridge with his family when he was a teenager. He attended Duke University on a football scholarship, obtaining a bachelor's degree in history and political science, before teaching for two years at Loyola High School. He then attended Loyola Law School and, after receiving his Juris Doctor, worked at Pillsbury Madison & Sutro (now Pillsbury Winthrop), and then, for several years, at Cushman Realty Corporation. In 2003, he established The Rising Real Estate Group (a real estate investment and brokerage company). He is now working in partnership with his father, Nelson Rising, in Rising Realty Partners. The firm focuses on property investments and development projects within California.

Chris and Anna-Christine met during the grand opening party for a Los Angeles spa. Anna-Christine provided interior design services for the new facility, and Chris' family were investors in the company. They have been together ever since. Engaged within six months of meeting, they married six months after that.

The couple lead an active life: They love to ski, and they and their children are avid tennis players. (Arianne and Annelise also play lacrosse, while John-Carl plays baseball and golf.)

#### High-quality medicine with a personal touch

The Risings are active in their support for services that impact quality of life in our region. In addition to involvement in SCRUBS, Chris is a regent of Loyola High School in Los Angeles, a member of the board of overseers for Loyola Law School, a board member of the LA River Revitalization Corporation and a member of the St. Andrew Parish finance council. He previously chaired the board of directors at the Chandler School in Pasadena, which the Risings' children attend. "Both my mother and father have been extraordinarily involved in local organizations," says Chris, "and Anna-Christine and I in turn are concerned about supporting our community."

Anna-Christine previously served on the board of Good Shepherd Center for Homeless Women & Children. She remains engaged in the Rising children's schools. The couple contributes to several other local organizations — and they underscore the special importance of supporting the community's hospital. "Huntington Hospital combines impressive medicine with a personal touch," says Chris. "It's a place that everyone in this community will use at least once, if not more often — and being members of this community, with children here and with roots here, we feel it's a responsibility to give back."

Opposite: SCRUBS
members AnnaChristine and Chris
Rising provide
generous philanthropic
support to Huntington
Memorial Hospital.
They are pictured here
with their children,
from left, Annelise,
John-Carl and Arianne.



#### **SCRUBS**

aised in Los Gatos, California, Dr. Hult went on to attend the University of California, Los Angeles, where he received a bachelor's degree in microbiology and molecular genetics. He then pursued a medical degree at the University of California, Davis. While in medical school, he once more traveled to Latin America as a volunteer, this time serving at a women's clinic in Nayarit, Mexico. He has also volunteered as part of a Medical Missions for Children team in Ecuador, providing surgeries to repair cleft palates and cleft lips.

Following medical school, Dr. Hult did his internship with the Graduate Medical Education program in internal medicine at Huntington Memorial Hospital. It was during his time in the program that he and Katie married. The couple then moved to Northern California — where Dr. Hult completed a residency in anesthesia at Stanford University Medical Center — followed by a return to the San Gabriel Valley, where they have lived since. Dr. Hult practices anesthesiology and is a member of Huntington Hospital's medical staff.

#### Exceptional skill

Katie Galbraith Hult grew up in San Marino, where the Hult family now resides. She completed her undergraduate studies at Stanford University and obtained a law degree from the University of Southern California School of Law (now the USC Gould School of Law.) After practicing trust and estate law for a decade, she left work to raise the Hults' sons, Chase, age 13, and Ridley, age 10, and to devote more time to her volunteer work.

Katie volunteered at Huntington Hospital as a teenager and returned as a neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) volunteer during Dr. Hult's internship. More recently, she has volunteered in the hospital's Harvey and "Kitty" Lenkin Pet-Assisted Therapy (PAT) program, with family dogs, Tessa and Tucker. "I've had the pleasure of witnessing many success stories," she says. In particular, she mentions the benefits of the program for patients in the hospital's pediatric department. "Children just light up when they see the dogs," she notes. "The PAT visits really comfort young patients and help distract them from any anxiety or pain they might be feeling."

In addition to their work and volunteer involvement, the Hults support the hospital via

financial contributions: They are enthusiastic members of SCRUBS, a group of next-generation community philanthropists who make annual contributions in support of the hospital. They have also extended their support as President's Circle members.

"Huntington Hospital is an amazing institution and the staff is truly wonderful," says Dr. Hult. "I spend much of my time in the operating room, where I see the exceptional skill of the hospital's doctors, nurses and techs first-hand. We're proud to provide support."

#### Access and excellence

"It's very exciting to be part of a hospital that's continuing to innovate and improve," Katie adds. By way of example, Dr. Hult points to the collaboration between the hospital's anesthesia and orthopedics programs. In 2014, he notes, successful review by The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations led to the hospital's recertification as a Center of Excellence for Hip and Knee Replacement. He is especially pleased about advanced pain-control techniques for orthopedic patients at the hospital. "With the new nerve-block technique," he adds, "patients can get up and walk on the same day as their surgery."

Dr. Hult goes on to mention other recent advancements at the hospital, including fetal surgery and transcatheter aortic valve replacement (TAVR). "These are great examples of how Huntington Hospital is at the leading-edge of care," he says.

The Hults both emphasize that community philanthropy not only helps Huntington Hospital continue to provide high-quality care; it also has a real impact on the lives of individual patients. "We both feel a sense of responsibility to support the community where we live and want to set that example for our boys," Katie says. "A gift to the hospital ensures that others in the community have access to the very best of care, no matter what their financial or insurance status is."

"The hospital is a great place to give," adds Dr. Hult. "It has a strong infrastructure and it has people with the ability to do pretty much anything that's out there in medicine.... I'm excited about the work that's being done at the hospital, and I'm excited about the future."

Opposite: Katie and Kjell Hult, MD, are enthusiastic supporters of SCRUBS. They are pictured here with their sons, from left, Chase and Ridley, and their beloved Cavalier King Charles Spaniels, Tessa and Tucker.

## Guild and Support Group Directory









#### Altadena Guild

Marie Darr, president www.AltadenaGuild.org

#### Fall Food & Wine Festival

Jamie Simpson, office of philanthropy (626) 397-3241 www.FallFoodandWine.com

#### Flintridge La Cañada Guild

Jenny Stern, president P.O. Box 563, La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91012 www.JumpFlintridge.com

#### **HEART**

Tracy Smith, office of philanthropy (626) 397-3241

#### National Charity League Juniors of San Marino

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#### San Marino Guild

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#### Women's Auxiliary

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#### Huntington Collection

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#### S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop

Geri Hamane, manager (626) 397-5208 Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday noon to 4 p.m.

## Volunteer Leadership Council

#### Celebrating Outstanding Young Volunteers

untington Memorial Hospital's Volunteer Leadership Council
— which includes current and immediate past presidents of the hospital's support groups — not only helps to coordinate a variety of fundraising efforts, but also oversees an annual scholarship program. Each year, the council awards scholarships to one or more of the hospital's most dedicated student volunteers.

Prospective scholarship recipients have completed a minimum of 40 hours of service at the hospital and are committed to pursuing a healthcare-related career. On May 28, 2015, the Volunteer Leadership Council awarded scholarships to Alexandra Tango, Angelica Cortez-Gutierrez and Gianna Villaluna.

**Alexandra:** A humanitarian at heart. Alexandra, who recently graduated from La Salle High School in Pasadena, has volunteered at Huntington Hospital since 2013. She has contributed more than 150 hours of service, working at the front desk and in departments including errand and escort, and hospitality. Her goal is to be a pediatrician — and she is also committed to continue volunteer service, through a humanitarian organization such as Doctors Without Borders.

"I see the importance of volunteering and what it means to volunteer — to improve the lives of others," Alexandra says. In pursuit of her goals, she is enrolled at Azusa Pacific University this fall, where she is majoring in biology.

Angelica: Blazing a trail. Angelica is a recent graduate of Pasadena's John Muir High School. She has logged approximately 150 hours since she began volunteering in Huntington Hospital's pediatric department in 2013. She helped in various ways as needed, but particularly remembers Valentine's Day 2015, when she was assigned to deliver a balloon to each young patient. "The most rewarding feeling was seeing how joyful the patients got," Angelica says. She credits her volunteerism with making her realize "I want to help people for the rest of my life."

Angelica wants to pursue a four-year college degree and become a nurse with a specialty in neonatal care. As she enters the nursing program at Pasadena City College this fall, she will be taking the next important step toward her goals.

**Gianna: Pursuing a lifelong dream.** Gianna, who graduated this spring from Mayfield Senior School of the Holy Child Jesus in Pasadena, has known for most of her life that she wants to be a physician. Volunteering at Huntington Hospital further strengthened that resolve, she says. During her 220 hours of volunteer service here, she has worked in such diverse areas as errand and escort and preoperative registration, and she has gained valuable insights along the way. Amongst other things, "This experience...showed me that patient care extends not just to concern for the person's health, but [to] other personal needs" that impact overall well-being, she says.

This fall, Gianna is enrolled as a premed major at the University of California, Los Angeles, bringing her another step closer to her dream of a career in medicine.



Mary Jane Johnstone, student volunteer supervisor (center), with Volunteer Leadership Council scholarship recipients Alexanda Tango (left) and Gianna Villaluna.



Ginny Lechler, scholarship chair, Volunteer Leadership Council, with scholarship recipient Angelica Cortez-Gutierrez (right).

## Altadena Guild



Ashlie Brevard is this year's recipient of the Altadena Guild Community Service Scholarship. She is pictured here with her son, Julian, who was born at Huntington Memorial Hospital in August 2015.

#### Recognizing Service, Fulfilling Dreams

he Altadena Guild of Huntington Memorial Hospital annually awards scholarship funds to a deserving employee at Huntington Hospital, to help offset the costs of continuing education. By supporting employee learning in this way, the Altadena Guild Community Service Scholarship promotes continuous quality improvement.

Ashlie Brevard, an emergency room technician in our Nan and Howard Schow Emergency & Trauma Center, was the 2015 recipient of the Altadena Guild Community Service Scholarship. She is using her scholarship toward the cost of pursuing an associate degree in nursing at Glendale Community College. "Funds from the Altadena Guild are helping me achieve my lifelong goal of becoming a nurse," says Ashlie. (Her goal was inspired, in part, by a trip to South Africa, where she worked with children living with HIV/AIDS.) "I'm grateful they've chosen to help hospital employees pursue higher education."

Altadena Guild scholarship recipients are selected based on rigorous criteria, including demonstrated excellence in community service and in health care. In addition to her work at the hospital, Ashlie is active with several community organizations. She co-founded ONE HEART, a nonprofit organization that connects volunteers with organizations that need their talents. She supports the Pediatric AIDS Coalition and AIDS Walk Los Angeles and volunteers with the Southern California chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. ("The disease runs in my family," says Ashlie, "and I'm passionate about helping to fund research to find a cure.")

"It's such an honor to be recognized for making a difference in the community," Ashlie says of her scholarship award. "I couldn't be more thrilled to be chosen as this year's recipient."

On Sunday, May 3, 2015, the Altadena Guild hosted Bellissmo! — its 64th annual Home Tour. Proceeds from the event benefited Huntington Hospital's Constance G. Zahorik Appearance Center and the Altadena Guild Community Service Scholarship, as well as Huntington Medical Research Institutes (HMRI).

In addition to featuring homes of architectural and historical interest, the event also included a drawing for a special quilt (below), made by guild member Nancy Antone. Featuring a beautiful vineyard scene, the quilt's design was inspired by this year's event theme.

Nancy joined the Altadena Guild to help her remain active and engaged after her husband passed away in 2014. Through membership in the guild and her volunteer involvement at Huntington Hospital, she enjoys giving back to the community and the hospital, she says.



## Fall Food & Wine Festival



Members of the 2015 Fall Food & Wine Committee are (front row, from left) Blair Johnson, Pinky Farnum, and Brian Birnie; (middle row, from left) Michael Demoratz, Ave Bortz, John Ferdenzi, Anne Irvine, Caroline Birnie, Cathy Simms, Will Bortz, Yafa Minazad, DO, Chad Brunochelli, Lee Mothershead, Trish Callaghan, Lynn De Groot, Linda Barker, Michele Thompson (event co-chair), Greg Thompson (event co-chair), Theresé Mothershead, Corey Marshall, Carter Donaldson, Brittany Thompson, and Nick Salata; and (back row, from left) Rachel Barker, Garret Bell, Janet Mayeda, Jamie Simpson, Lindburgh McPherson, and Karen Billman.

#### Support for Lifesaving Care

n Sunday, October 25, 2015, Huntington Memorial Hospital and the Parkway Grill hosted the 31st annual Fall Food & Wine Festival. Held on the grounds between Parkway Grill and Arroyo Chop House in Pasadena, the event featured a kaleidoscope-of-colors theme. Illuminated by orbs of light, approximately 1,800 guests sampled gourmet food selections and tasted wines ranging from the subtle to the bold. As they did so, their involvement was helping to save lives.

The 2015 Fall Food & Wine Festival raised funds toward the important work of Huntington Hospital Trauma Center. Since its inception three decades ago, the festival has generated approximately \$3.7 million in support of trauma care at the hospital.

#### Expanded and ready to serve

First established in 1983, Huntington Hospital Trauma Center provides immediate, essential care to victims of serious injury. Experts across many specialties are on call 24 hours a day and the center's state-of-the-art diagnostic and treatment technologies further enhance care when time is of the essence. In fact, care may begin even before patients arrive at the trauma center, thanks to the work of our mobile intensive care nurses, who provide medical input to paramedics en route to the hospital.

In 2014, the center was re-designated by the American College of Surgeons as a level-II trauma center. The designation recognizes our ongoing excellence in caring for patients with life-threatening injuries.

"In recent years," says Susan
Thompson, RN, manager, trauma
& disaster services, "we've seen a
dramatic increase in the number of
patients arriving at the trauma center
for care." In response, she notes,
"We've expanded our capacity to treat
patients with the most urgent care
needs, such as those who have been
involved in motorcycle, bicycle or car
accidents, or suffered major falls or
other serious injuries."

Essential care provided through Huntington Hospital Trauma Center would not be possible without contributions from our community, including those who sponsor and/or attend our *Fall Food & Wine Festival*. We are sincerely grateful.

## Flintridge La Cañada Guild



Sherlyn Claridge (left) and her daughter, Jenny Stern, are dedicated members of the Flintridge La Cañada Guild. They are pictured at Jenny's retail store, J. Stern Home and Garden, located in La Cañada Flintridge.



Exciting plans are in development for the Flintridge La Cañada Guild's 95th annual Flintridge Horse Show, scheduled for spring 2016. Proceeds from the event will support Huntington Hospital Stroke Center.

#### Multigenerational Philanthropy

herlyn Claridge joined the Flintridge La Cañada Guild in 1986. She was attracted by the idea of supporting Huntington Memorial Hospital through guild work. "It makes me feel great to help sustain an organization that's so important to the community," she says.

During her 29 years of membership, Sherlyn has held a variety of leadership positions, including secretary, treasurer and sponsors chair. Her daughter, Jenny Stern — who joined the guild after college — is also strongly committed to the group. A member for 18 years, she describes herself as a "lifer"!

Both mother and daughter are grateful for the personal care they have received from Huntington Hospital. Sherlyn, who was recently admitted to the hospital for an infection, describes the care as "incredible." Jenny, whose daughter was born at the hospital, agrees — "They treat you like a human," as opposed to just a medical problem, she says.

#### Service with an impact

In addition to supporting the hospital they care about, the two women cite Flintridge La Cañada Guild's signature fundraising event — the *Flintridge Horse Show* — as one of the reasons they remain involved. "I love having a big event to focus our energy on," says Sherlyn, "and the horse show is held in such a beautiful, historic setting."

Jenny's memories of volunteering at the horse show go back to her teen years, when she helped her mother. Since she joined the guild, she has held various leadership positions herself, including serving seven terms as horse show chairman.

At Huntington Hospital, "Everyone from the CEO to the folks who staff the volunteer office are incredibly gracious," says Jenny. As a result, giving back to the hospital is easy, mother and daughter agree.

Most important of all to them, they say, is the hospital care made possible through the guild's efforts. Both Jenny and Sherlyn feel particularly strongly about the guild's recent vote to support stroke care at Huntington Hospital — seeing this as important for people across both their generations.

"Stroke is affecting people in my age group," says Jenny, "and it's important for us to help ensure that care in our community is of the highest quality."

"As my peers and I age," adds Sherlyn, "it's comforting to know the hospital is there."

### HEART

#### Exercising Philanthropy

Memorial Hospital's cardiac rehabilitation program for 25 years, Jason Chau has come to view his diagnosis with heart disease as a blessing. In 1990, doctors discovered a blocked artery in Jason's heart. He underwent a procedure called an angioplasty to clear the blockage and joined cardiac rehabilitation here shortly thereafter. "Before my angioplasty, I was inactive and had poor nutrition habits," he says. "Joining cardiac rehab and starting to exercise improved my overall health."

fter participating in Huntington

Although a mechanical engineer by training, Jason worked in finance and real estate. Then, for the 16 years prior to his retirement, he owned and operated a car dealership in Alhambra. Despite his busy work schedule, Jason faithfully participated in cardiac rehabilitation twice a week. After retiring, he took advantage of his extra time by adding an additional day to his exercise routine.

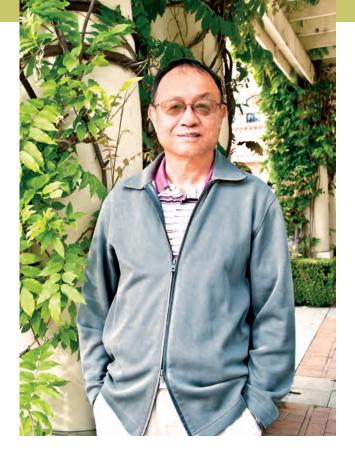
"I fell in love with cardiac rehab," Jason explains. "By exercising together in a group, with other people who also have heart problems, you get stronger. You encourage each other and enjoy a sense of camaraderie."

#### Reaping the rewards

Cardiovascular exercise "gets your heart rate up and makes your heart muscle stronger," Jason notes — and the program also yields other benefits. "When you get stronger, you feel less afraid about recurrence of your heart problem," he says. "You grow your knowledge base and learn you can do more than you thought was possible."

As an added bonus, Jason explains, activity begets activity. "When you're not doing anything, you get lazy," he says. "But when you're active two or three times a week, that makes you want to stay active the other days, as well." In addition to his participation in the program, Jason has added golf and regular walks in the park to his exercise regimen.

Jason and his wife, Eva, have also taken advantage of lectures offered by Huntington Hospital's cardiac rehabilitation program to improve their nutrition. The program has inspired them to "eat healthy to stay healthy" by eating more vegetables, reducing the amount of meat they consume, and keeping track of their carbohydrate and calorie intake.



Jason Chau participates in Huntington Memorial Hospital's cardiac rehabilitation program — and, by giving to the hospital through HEART, helps support care for cardiac patients here.

#### Investing in HEART health

Jason considers himself lucky to live close to a medical facility that offers cardiac rehabilitation services for its patients. In gratitude for care received — and to pay it forward — he and Eva have provided charitable support to the hospital through HEART (Heart Education Association for Rehabilitation and Treatment). This group has been generating funds toward cardiac rehabilitation and other heart-care services at the hospital for more than 20 years.

Heart disease impacts many people, and "I want to help someone else in my shoes to have the same experience I had with cardiac rehab," Jason says.

"Don't wait until you reach old age and have heart problems," he adds. "Young people should also get involved and learn more. It's an investment in your future."

## National Charity League Juniors of San Marino







On March 12, 2016, NCL
Juniors will host their
annual gala, The Midnight
Masquerade, at The Jonathan
Club, in downtown Los
Angeles. Funds raised will
be directed toward the Helen
Hancock Advanced Nursing
Degree Scholarship, and
toward the lifesaving work
of Huntington Hospital's
neonatal and pediatric
intensive care units. Visit
www.NCLJrsofSanMarino.org
for complete event details.

#### Advancing Knowledge, Strengthening Leadership

or nearly four decades,
National Charity
League (NCL) Juniors
of San Marino has
provided important
support toward Huntington Memorial
Hospital's pediatric and pediatric
intensive care units, as well as our
neonatal intensive care unit. The
group's involvement has helped ensure
high-quality women's and children's
services for our region.

The NCL Juniors also provides support toward the Helen
Hancock Advanced Nursing Degree
Scholarship program at Huntington
Hospital. Scholarship funds help offset
the costs of continuing education for
a deserving member of Huntington
Hospital's nursing staff each year —
further strengthening excellence in
care and nurse leadership.

Gloria Tango, RN, is the 2015 recipient of the Helen Hancock Advanced Nursing Degree Scholarship. Gloria began her career at Huntington Hospital as an oncology nurse. She later served as a nurse manager on the oncology unit for 18 years. Recently, she was promoted to the role of director, medical/surgical and respiratory services.

Thanks in part to her scholarship, Gloria received her master's degree in business administration with a concentration in healthcare management from Western Governors University in September 2015. The knowledge gained through the program has helped her become an even more effective leader: "The MBA curriculum included courses in organizational management, financial analysis, organizational development, and more,"

Gloria says, "All of these topics are important for a leader to understand.

"Funds from NCL Juniors helped me pursue my MBA," adds Gloria. "I'm so grateful to be chosen as this year's scholarship recipient, and to have the opportunity to put the skills and knowledge I've learned into practice, in support of continuous quality improvement," she adds.

"Gloria is very deserving of this scholarship," says Gloria Sanchez-Rico, vice president and chief nurse executive, "and these funds make a difference not just to the recipient but to everyone the recipient works with or cares for. There's an important ripple effect on quality and we're very grateful to NCL Juniors members for that."

## San Marino Guild

#### Tays Bogue: Honoring 50 Years of Service

ne Monday morning in the 1960s, Tays Bogue looked out the window of her new San Marino home and saw a bumper-to-bumper line of cars approaching her next-door neighbor's house. She discovered, upon inquiry, that the cars belonged to members of the San Marino Guild — which had been founded in 1951 by Edessa Rose to raise funds on behalf of Huntington Memorial Hospital.

Invited and sponsored by her neighbor, as well as by two other friends, Tays joined the ranks of the San Marino Guild in 1965. The guild's longest-serving member, she this year celebrates 50 years of involvement.

Tays and her family, who were then living in Los Angeles, had first become acquainted with Huntington Hospital in 1952, when her daughter, Betsy, developed

complications from croup and required hospital care. "Our pediatrician suggested Huntington Hospital," Tays says, "and the rest is history." (Carrying on the family tradition of philanthropy, Betsy now serves as a member of the San Marino Guild alongside her mother.)

The decision to join the guild came easily for Tays: "It was a chance to work with a group of women I admired and to help others at the same time," she explains, "and I already considered Huntington Hospital our hospital."

#### Cherished memories

Over the years, Tays has held nearly every leadership position within the San Marino Guild, including serving as president for four years. She has been chairman of the group's popular Celebrity Series five times and treasurer 12 times! Among her fondest memories of her involvement in the group is a presentation by admired Celebrity Series speaker, Elliot Engel, PhD, featuring Margaret Mitchell, author of "Gone with the Wind."

Members of the San Marino
Guild are committed to
the continued availability
of high-quality women's
and children's services
at Huntington Memorial
Hospital. The guild organizes
a variety of entertaining and
educational events throughout
the year — including its
beloved Celebrity Series — to
raise funds in support of these
important care services.



The San Marino Guild's longest-serving member, Tays Bogue, celebrates 50 years of involvement in 2015.

With her charming Southern drawl, she began the special introduction to Dr. Engel that year. "You may find it hard to believe from the way I speak today that I was born in the South," she said — and the audience erupted in laughter. She continued, "This has all brought back fond memories of growing up in Atlanta. I was a teenager in 1936 when the book was published and was still in Atlanta when the movie premiered in 1939."

Tays, who celebrated her 91st birthday in June also recalls the splendid balls held by the San Marino Guild for 44 years at the Huntington Hotel. "I'm so proud to be part of a dedicated group that has raised nearly two million dollars for Huntington Hospital," she says.

# **Huntington Collection**



 $Ted\ Wiersema\ provides\ valuable\ services\ as\ a\ volunteer\ in\ the\ Huntington\ Collection's\ art\ department.$ 



Make a difference while you shop. Visit the Huntington Collection, located at 766 South Fair Oaks Avenue, Pasadena, CA 91105, at the corner of Fillmore Street. The Collection is open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., except Thursdays, when hours are from noon to 6 p.m. Visit www.HuntingtonCollection.com to learn more.

#### Ted Wiersema: Valued Volunteer

he Huntington Collection is well-known for its selection of high-quality goods — includ-

ing vintage and designer items and more — at attractive prices. Since 1984, all proceeds from the Collection have been designated toward Huntington Hospital Senior Care Network. The upscale resale store is staffed by knowledgeable and friendly Huntington Memorial Hospital employees, along with more than 80 volunteers, who serve on a rotating schedule.

Ted Wiersema is one of the Collection's dedicated volunteers. Ted has worked in the Collection's art department since 2014. He helps appraise donated artworks, spending numerous hours in research and sometimes working at the Collection several days a week.

In addition, as part of the Collection's end-of-the-month sales, Ted creates displays that highlight specific artists. (The sales are held the last Thursday of every month (except holidays), from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.) For a recent Thursday sale, for example, Ted organized the sale of paintings by well-known artist Ettore DeGrazia.

"Ted does such a fantastic job," says Betty MacInnes, assistant manager, Huntington Collection, "and we're really grateful. He pours such energy into the Collection."

#### A personal connection

Ted was first introduced to the store through his wife, Marja, who has volunteered in the hospital's S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop for many years. "Marja would ask me to help set up Christmas decorations at the gift shop every year," says Ted, "which I always enjoyed doing. Eventually, someone recommended that I join the advisory board of the Huntington Collection so I could get more involved." (Today, he continues to serve on the Collection's advisory board, in addition to his other volunteerism.)

Prior to his retirement, Ted worked in the hospitality industry for most of his career. His leisure activities include playing tennis and sailing, but he is especially fond of volunteering at the Collection, he says. In addition to helping Senior Care Network, Ted enjoys the work itself. "It just seems like the right thing to do," he says. "It's part of me."

## S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra **Gift Shop**

#### Kathy Bergen: Active and Engaged

n 1984, Kathy Bergen had just moved back to La Cañada with her family after seven years in Connecticut, where her husband had been transferred for work. She began reconnecting with old friends, many of whom, she learned, had become members of the Flintridge La Cañada Guild.

"It was such a dynamic group of women," Kathy says of the guild. "We were in our 40s at the time and had kids who were the same age. I thought this would be a great way of getting back into the swing of things, and giving back to the community I love."

Kathy joined the Flintridge La Cañada Guild in 1985. A busy mom of five, she nonetheless found time to participate in guild activities — including volunteering regularly at Huntington Memorial Hospital's gift shop. (Part of the guild's membership commitment at the time included helping staff the S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop each Wednesday.)

Today, Kathy continues her loyal involvement with the gift shop, volunteering here each Friday. In 2015, she celebrates 30 years of service at Huntington Hospital.

#### Family, community, care

Other pursuits also keep Kathy active. She and her husband, Bert, travel the world competing in track-and-field senior games. At 75, she holds world records in her age group for events including the 100 and 200 meter and the high jump, both indoor and outdoor.

Going further and higher might also be her motto at Huntington Hospital! "I like working hard for something that's so important," she says, adding that she is inspired by the gift shop's manager, Geri Hamane. "Geri is a truly dedicated employee," Kathy explains. "She also has magnificent taste, brings in fabulous merchandise and does her absolute best for the hospital.

"I find the atmosphere at Huntington Hospital to be helpful and efficient, like a family," she continues, "with everyone working together." This sense of family is a special strength of our community, she feels: "I grew up in Brooklyn in a very impersonal apartment house and moving to La Cañada was eye-opening. You know your neighbors. You care what happens to them. You want the schools to be the best. And, with five kids, you want to be near a great hospital!"



Record-breaking athlete Kathy Bergen has been a loyal volunteer with Huntington Memorial Hospital's S. Robert and Denise Zeilstra Gift Shop for 30 years.

#### James F. Rothenberg | 1946-2015 In Memoriam

During his 20 years of service as director, trustee and chairman of Huntington Memorial Hospital, Jim Rothenberg strongly embodied the hospital's values: excellence, integrity, stewardship and respect. His bold leadership, clear vision and thoughtful generosity touched the lives of many.

On July 21, 2015, Jim passed away suddenly of a heart attack while traveling. He had served as chairman of the hospital's board of directors since 2009. We are deeply saddened by the loss of this community titan, who was also our dear friend and advocate.

Says hospital President and CEO Stephen A. Ralph: "As a steadfast champion and supporter of Huntington Hospital for many years, Jim made a tremendous impact here. He helped shape the hospital as we know it today, and his commitment to our community will continue to make a difference for generations to come."

Born in Pennsylvania in 1946, Jim became a San Gabriel Valley resident in 1978. He was chairman of Capital Group Companies, an investment firm headquartered in Los Angeles, and recently celebrated 45 years with the firm. Jim joined the board of Huntington Hospital in 1995, and was named a lifetime trustee in 2001.

Jim served as a board member or trustee for many other prominent institutions during his career, including Harvard University, where he served as treasurer from 2004 to 2014; Caltech and the RAND Corporation, for both of which he served as a trustee; and Investment Company Institute, on whose board of governors he served.

#### Leading by example

Jim and his wife, Anne, helped set the philanthropic pace for a variety of capital and other projects at Huntington Hospital. Their most recent generous gift helped create the hospital's pioneering Institute for Nursing Excellence and Innovation. "Jim always committed to leading by way of example," says Steve Ralph. "His vision and judgment were an inspiration to us all. He will truly be missed."

In addition to his wife, Anne, Jim is survived by the couple's three children, Catherine Rothenberg Wei, Erin Rothenberg Baker, and Daniel H. Rothenberg; and six grandchildren.





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Huntington Memorial Hospital's Phil Simon Clinic was founded and is directed by Kimberly Shriner, MD (pictured above left). This outpatient clinic is dedicated to serving patients with HIV and provides valuable experience to the hospital's medical residents. In 2001, Dr. Shriner also established The Phil Simon Clinic Tanzania Project, an innovative outreach program offering free medical, surgical, social work and educational services for patients living with AIDS in rural Northern Tanzania.

On April 12, 2015, The Phil Simon Clinic Tanzania Project held a special fundraising event at The Raymond Restaurant in Pasadena. The event — An Afternoon in Africa — raised more than \$28,000 to help construct a new clinic in Kisongo (near Arusha), Tanzania. More reliable power and water, as well as easier access, are some of the benefits the new site will bring as it serves patients living in extreme poverty. Visit www.PhilSimonClinic.org to learn more.