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**D**ear Friends of the Foundation:

It is a pleasure to present this first issue of “People: Aiding. Caring. Giving.,” an apt statement of the work of the Saint Francis Foundation in support of Saint Francis Memorial Hospital.

Our goal for this twice-yearly newsletter is to keep our Foundation and Hospital community informed about the good works of the talented and committed people of Saint Francis, and to educate and motivate others to join us in supporting vital Hospital and community-based programs and services.

This year alone, the Foundation has been responsible for funding new imaging equipment that will put Saint Francis on par with the finest teaching hospitals in the country. Our nationally—and internationally—renowned Bothin Burn Center will be able to accommodate an additional six patients, thanks to the support of generous donors. And, the Hospital’s new state-of-the-art operating rooms, the most advanced in San Francisco, now have the latest in anesthesia equipment, because of Foundation support.

None of this would be possible without the commitment of our Foundation Board of Directors, business and community leaders who give so generously of their time, talents and dollars. They, along with our other donors, exemplify the premise that all lives are enriched by helping others. Together, we share a common goal of aiding, caring and giving to enhance the lives of Saint Francis patients and families.

To those of you who are already part of our Foundation, thank you for your support and confidence in our mission. To those who would like to learn more, I invite you to visit us at [www.saintfrancisfoundation.org](http://www.saintfrancisfoundation.org), or to call our office to arrange a tour and discuss how you may become involved.

Janis MacKenzie, CHAIR, BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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# People

## *Saint Francis’ Guardian Angels*

“Forever in gratitude to what you did for me,” writes a former patient of the Radiation Oncology Department.

“Just to say, what a wonderful staff in the Emergency Room,” says another in a note to the ER.

Sentiments like these are received every day from patients grateful for the care they received at Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, says Robert Dureault, President, Saint Francis Foundation.

“Their outpouring of appreciation doesn’t surprise me,” says Dureault, “because I’ve watched our staff work with great skill and compassion to diagnose and treat illnesses and injuries, relieve suffering, and save lives.”

*The Foundation’s Guardian Angel program gives patients and their families a way to say “thank you” to a doctor, nurse or other caregiver whose caring and compassion has touched their lives.*

In July, the Foundation is hosting a reception to celebrate its Guardian Angels. (For time and date, check the website [www.saintfrancisfoundation.org](http://www.saintfrancisfoundation.org).) With a tax-deductible donation to the Foundation, donors can name their own Saint Francis Guardian Angel, while also giving much needed support to Saint Francis’ life-saving work.

“Your contribution will help ensure that Saint Francis’ world-class physicians and staff are working in state-of-the art facilities with the finest medical equipment available,” says Dureault. “And it will assist in the challenge of continuing to care for the poor and most vulnerable among us, whom we choose not to turn away.”

*For information, or to nominate an Angel, contact Bridgett Hart at 415-353-6679 or [bridgett.hart002@chw.edu](mailto:bridgett.hart002@chw.edu).*

## **Celebrating a Life: Bob Scherer**

This spring, Saint Francis Hospital and Foundation lost a treasured member of the family with the passing of dedicated volunteer and beloved friend, Bob Scherer.

The many friends Bob made in his years as a Saint Francis ambassador will remember him as the friendly face who greeted them on entering the Saint Francis lobby. His warmth and helpfulness were greatly appreciated by the families and visitors to the Hospital.

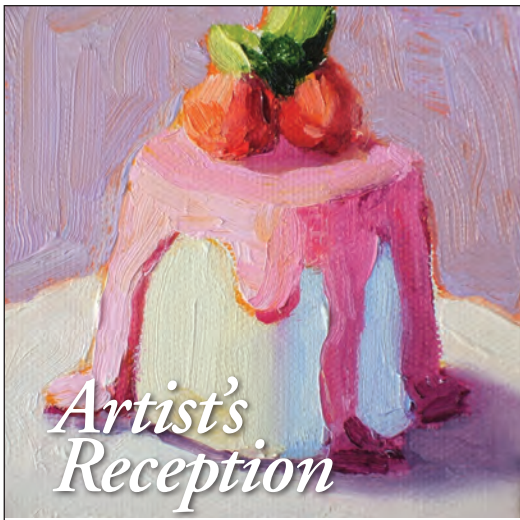
But Bob’s service extended to almost every department in the Hospital, wherever the need arose. In 2004, he became the first male President elected to the SFMH Auxiliary. In total, Bob volunteered for more than 20,000 hours at the Hospital.

Bob, who was 88, began his more than 24-year commitment to Saint Francis in 1986 following his retirement from Chevron. He had also served in the U.S. Navy.

“We will always remember his dancing blue eyes, his warm smile and affection,” says Veronica LaBeau, Saint Francis Foundation Director of Stewardship & Special Projects.

Memorial donations may be made to the Saint Francis Foundation, 900 Hyde Street, Suite 1208, San Francisco, CA 94109.





## Artist's Reception

Friends of Saint Francis Hospital and Foundation are invited to join Pat Doherty for an artist's reception, Wednesday, July 27, 6–8pm, at the Shenson Memorial Art Gallery in the Pierotti Pavilion, 900 Hyde Street in San Francisco. Doherty's work will be exhibited from July 1–August 31.

The Shenson Gallery exhibits the works of notable Bay Area artists, building upon the legacy of longtime Foundation and Hospital friends and donors Drs. Jess and Ben Shenson. Their appreciation and support of the arts in San Francisco is a gift in and of itself. It is fitting that the Shenson Gallery is located within the Pierotti Pavilion, which was made possible through the generosity of the Foundation's first chair, Roland Pierotti, and wife, Alice.

Bring your sweet tooth and savor Doherty's desserts and still lifes.

## Safe Haven for Children at Risk

When families go through the pain of separation or divorce, there is an increased possibility of children being at risk of emotional or physical harm.

"Saint Francis Hospital's Rally Family Visitation Services provides these at-risk children with a safe, positive environment and supervised family visits,"

says Executive Director Sonia Melara.

A national model for family visitation, Rally serves some 200 families annually in San Francisco and Marin with mental health professionals fluent in several languages.



The program was implemented by San Francisco's family court in 1991, and adopted by SFMH in 1997. Most of Rally's clients are court-referred, with funding coming from a variety of private and public sources. Volunteers and interns also provide thousands of hours to the program. The Foundation serves as Rally's fiscal agent.

Services include: Monitored Exchanges that allow for the safe transfer of kids; On-site Supervised Visitations that allow non-custodial parents to visit their children in the presence of a neutral third party; Off-site Supervised Visitations that allow for longer visits; and Facilitated Supervised Visitations that support parents and children through coaching and developmentally appropriate activities.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact Rally Family Visitation Services at 415-353-6595.

## \$1.3 Million for New ORs

When Saint Francis Memorial Hospital opened its newly re-modeled state-of-the-art operating rooms (ORs), the Foundation made grants totaling \$1.3 million to provide the newest in anesthesia and surgical equipment.

"The grants enabled the Hospital to set the pace for the latest trends in surgical procedures," says Foundation Chair Janis MacKenzie.



The new surgical unit includes three over-sized operating suites, complete with light booms and computerized imaging. The over-sized rooms allow for additional equipment as needed, such as CT, special instrumentation and computerized navigational equipment.

## Saint Francis Associates: Delivering Gifts of Energy & Hope

The Associates is a network of young professionals who support Saint Francis Memorial Hospital, the Foundation and the community by promoting awareness, fundraising and volunteering.

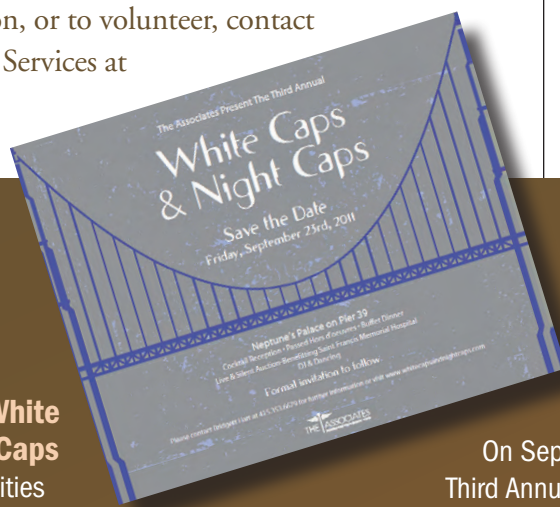
"Joining the Associates is a fun way to get involved," says Kate Smith, Associates board chair. Smith was recruited three years ago, along with Johnny Boynton, membership chair, to reinvigorate the program.

"Whether we're serving meals at Glide Memorial, painting a room or hosting a fundraiser, the Associates give back in so many ways," says Smith. "It's not just the money, it's the time and energy we put into making things better for Saint Francis' patients."

### Third Annual White Caps & Night Caps

Associates' activities are supported by local sponsors, and provide members opportunities to network and interact with patients. Events have ranged from An Evening with Olympic Gold Medalist Jonny Moseley to the Escape from the Rock Triathlon to monthly Bingo nights with recovering stroke and trauma patients.

"Bingo nights are a special favorite," says Smith. "You can see the patients' faces light up. There's more chatter and interaction when the volunteers are there."



On September 23, the Associates will host the Third Annual White Caps & Night Caps fundraiser at Neptune's on Pier 39. For details, please visit [www.whitecapsandnightcaps.com](http://www.whitecapsandnightcaps.com).



**Join In & Get Involved**  
Over the past two years, the Associates raised more than \$45,000 in cash for the Bothin Burn Center, and \$80,000 in in-kind gifts. This year's focus is the Critical Care unit.

"We also raised awareness in the community and the spirits of numerous patients and hospital staff," says Smith, "and this is just the beginning."

Annual membership is \$80. This summer, the Associates will host a series of Lunch & Learn meetings at downtown businesses, including Google, Salesforce.com, Shorestein Co., Access Communications, Union Square Advisors and others to promote the benefits of membership, including discounts on Associates' events, the San Francisco Ballet and other theatrical performances.

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**Established in 1967, the Bothin Burn Center is the largest tertiary service, acute burn care facility in the Bay Area and the only dedicated burn center in San Francisco.**

Last September 9, 19-year-old Joseph Ruigomez suffered burns over 50 percent of his body when his San Bruno neighborhood exploded in flames.

Ruigomez, along with three other fire victims, was taken to the Bothin Burn Center at Saint Francis Hospital, where a team of physicians and nurses worked throughout the night to save their lives.

After five months in the Hospital, Ruigomez still returns for outpatient treatments.

“Things won’t be back to normalcy for five or six years,” he recently told a reporter from KTVU. “Every day’s a struggle.”



### **Holistic Team Treatment**

A major burn causes stress to the entire body, affecting every organ as well as the patient’s ability to function physically and socially.

“A burn patient has had a horrific situation happen to them,” explains Paula Fillari, RN CCRN, and director of the burn unit. “They are unprepared for such a life-altering event.”

Fortunately for Ruigomez and other victims, “the Burn Center is prepared to attend to patients’ critical care needs as well as their surgical and psychological and social needs,” says Jeffrey DeWeese, M.D., the unit’s attending surgeon.

Because a stay in the burn unit can be fairly long term, caretakers also have to be responsive to families who are distressed and require emotional support.

Lisa Nash, who was badly burned in an explosion on Kearny St. in 2005, had injuries so severe, she had to learn to walk and talk all over again. After more than two months in the Burn Center, and two more years of outpatient physical therapy, Nash looks virtually unscathed.

“They treated us as a family, not just me as a patient. They involved my husband in every decision, and kept me informed,” says Nash,

“But the magic of the place is the nurses,” she says. “They knew when I was scared, when I was in pain and they adapted what they needed to do to accommodate me.”

Nash and Ruigomez are just two examples of the rewards of working in the Burn Center.



## **Campaign to Expand Bothin Burn Center**

“It’s tremendously gratifying to see a patient who may have been literally unidentifiable when he or she was first brought in survive and fully recover,” says DeWeese.

### **Investing in New Facilities and Technologies**

Established in 1967, the Bothin Burn Center is the largest tertiary service, acute burn care facility in the Bay Area and the only dedicated burn center in San Francisco. The center serves more than 250 in-patients and some 300 outpatients each year from the nine Bay Area counties and north to the Oregon border.

Data collected by the National Burn Information Exchange underscores the importance of hospitalization in specialized facilities with multidisciplinary care and the need for comprehensive burn care in a self-contained, aseptically controlled facility staffed by burn experts.

The Bothin Burn Center team includes attending plastic surgeons, physicians, registered nurses, physical and occupational therapists, respiratory therapists, dietitians, psychiatrists, case managers, pharmacists and recreational therapists. All personnel are highly trained to meet the complex needs of burn patients from critical care through rehabilitation.

The Saint Francis Foundation has a campaign underway to raise \$4.5 million to expand the existing Burn Center to occupy the entire 5th floor of the Hospital, including six additional patient beds, for a total of 16 beds. There will be 10 private rooms, two semi-private rooms, a negative pressure isolation room, patient lifts, two nursing stations, two hydrotherapy rooms with ceiling-supported patient lifts in each, one procedure room with ceiling-supported patient lift, staff support areas, a therapy gym and a Day Room for both patients’ and their families’ use.

“Over the years, we’ve improved equipment and new technologies within the Burn Center,” says Markham Miller, Foundation Vice President. “Now, in order to continue to provide excellent care in the future, it’s urgent that we expand and upgrade the Bothin Burn Center to meet our patients’ needs.”

For information on how you can contribute, contact Markham Miller at 415-353-6650 or [Markham.Miller@chw.edu](mailto:Markham.Miller@chw.edu).



# Coming Events

Please join us at these upcoming events designed to bring together the Saint Francis Foundation family for sharing, fun and a festive way of giving back. For more information on these events, please contact Bridgett Hart at 415-353-6679 or Bridgett.Hart002@chw.edu.

## July

**Thursday, July 7, 6pm**

Associates Bingo Night, 7th Floor

**Sunday, July 24, 8am**

Associates Escape from the Rock Triathlon  
Crissy Field Aquatic Park

**Wednesday, July 27, 6-8pm**

Patricia Doherty Artist Reception  
Pierotti Pavilion

## TBD

Guardian Angels Reception & Celebration  
Saint Francis Hospital Pavilion

## August

**Thursday, August 4, 6pm**

Associates Bingo Night, 7th Floor

**Thursday, August 4, 8pm**

Foundation Night at the Theatre:  
Billy Elliott; Orpheum Theatre

## September

**Thursday, September 1, 6pm**

Associates Bingo Night, 7th Floor

**Thursday, September 23, 7-12pm**

Associates Third Annual White Caps &  
Night Caps Event  
Neptunes Restaurant, Pier 39

## October

**Thursday, October 6, 6pm**

Associates Bingo Night, 7th Floor

## November

**Thursday, November 3, 6pm**

Associates Bingo Night, 7th Floor

## December

**Friday, December 2, 6pm**

Holiday Hob Nob on the Hill®  
Fairmont Hotel

## Saint Francis A Hospital in History.

In 2005, Saint Francis Memorial Hospital celebrated the start of its second century as it lived its first—as the model for how great, personalized, patient-centered medicine can, and should, be practiced.

Saint Francis melds the comfort of individual rooms, restaurant-quality meals and a hotel-like ambience with the medically advanced technology identified with major teaching hospitals.

The Hospital's patient-focused culture is a legacy of its founders, who vowed to create what would be a "doctor's hospital" where the one-to-one relationship between healers and the sick would not be obstructed by bureaucracy. To this day, a majority of Saint Francis' board members are physicians.

This patient-focus permeates Saint Francis, from primary care facilities to the emergency room; from



## Memorial: A Hospital for the Community.

the burn and orthopedic centers to the outpatient community health and wellness programs that have helped root Saint Francis deeply into its richly diverse community.

The Hospital's proximity to downtown makes the new 19-bed Emergency Department the "destination of first resort" for emergencies that occur in the city's busy central core, as well as for the urgent health care needs of San Francisco's most ethnically diverse and densely populated neighborhoods.

Saint Francis Foundation is dedicated to the development of Saint Francis Memorial Hospital. The Foundation is the steward of more than \$80 million in endowment funds, representing the generosity of more than 10,000 donors.

In these pages, you will find a cross section of who we are, what we do and how you can become part of this vital community service.

Robert Dureault, PRESIDENT, SAINT FRANCIS FOUNDATION

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Since 1979, the Saint Francis Foundation has worked to raise funds and cultivate other resources to support the life-saving programs of Saint Francis Memorial Hospital. Through ongoing annual appeals, campaigns, special events and generous unsolicited contributions, the Foundation is able to fund programs, equipment and construction projects throughout the hospital.

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