

# *The* *Foundation*



*Celebrating*  
10 YEARS OF THE GALA



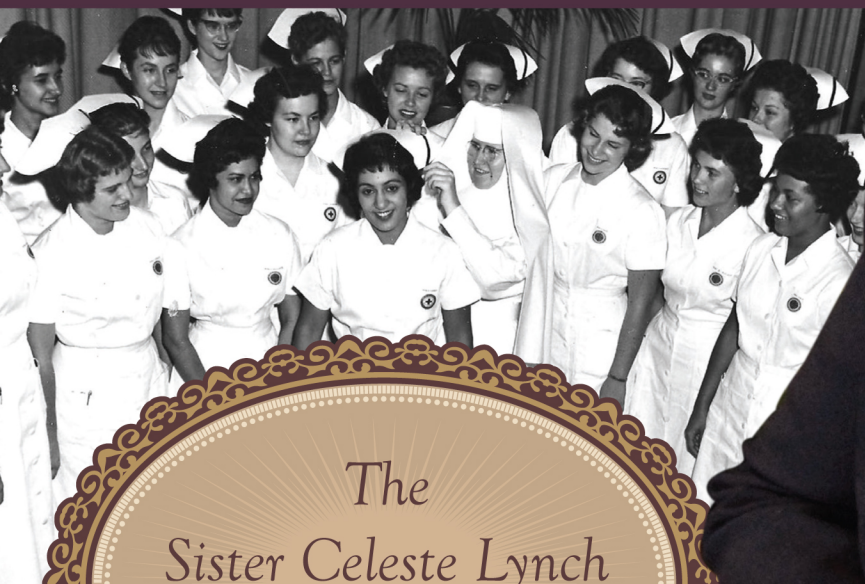


Sister Celeste Lynch, S.A.C. (Mary Lynch) pursued a childhood dream of becoming a nurse. Because of her calling to the Pallottine Sisters, she chose to attend St. Mary's School of Nursing. She was so impressed by the Sisters' work that she entered the Pallottine Order and dedicated her life to Christ in 1947.

Sister Celeste spent her career, until her retirement at age 88, in many roles, all dedicated to the delivery of health care and compassion within the Pallottine Health System. Ultimately, she served as President of Pallottine Health Services, the parent corporation of St. Mary's Medical Center and St. Joseph's Hospital in Buckhannon, WV.

During her tenure she was known for her ability to implement critical decisions that served to keep the nursing program current, resulting in the only hospital-based program in West Virginia still in operation today. Under her leadership, Sr. Celeste was able to personally and professionally assist hundreds of the health care professionals throughout our region. Her legacy will live on through the Sister Celeste Lynch Memorial Scholarship.

*In honor of Sister Celeste Lynch, an endowed nursing scholarship has been established at the St. Mary's School of Nursing to provide recipients the opportunity to advance their education in the field of nursing.*



*The  
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Your contribution to the Sister Celeste Lynch Memorial Scholarship provides a foundation for the endowment of what will be a perpetual scholarship award. Contact the Foundation today to arrange your donation or donate online at [www.st-marysfoundation.org](http://www.st-marysfoundation.org).







## A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

The Foundation has been very blessed by the support of donors, volunteers and friends over the past 10 years. The gifts of time, talent and creative vision will come together again this May for one special evening that will ultimately result in the improved health and education of our community.

The Foundation Gala is unique because it highlights extraordinary places in our community. We are grateful to Mike and Henriella Perry for graciously hosting this year's event at Heritage Farm Museum & Village. We hope you will consider joining us for an evening of fun and fellowship that will culminate in better care for those of our region.

David Sheils | Foundation President



## A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION CHAIRMAN

Welcome to the 10th annual Foundation Gala! We sincerely and deeply appreciate you for your support!

Each year, I wonder how the gala committee can better the previous year. After all, how many places can you ride a roller coaster in a tux; wear jeans and

formal wear and look at Harleys; or go to a luau, complete with a tiki bar in the middle of the water?

Well, they have done it again! To commemorate the 10th anniversary of Huntington's premier event, Foundation President David Sheils and the committee have selected Heritage Farm as the venue for the 2013 event. Also, don't worry about parking. The buses were so popular last year we have arranged for more. Leave the driving to us!

I can't begin to express the excitement around this year's gala. Yes, the food will be second to none thanks to Executive Chef Ugland. But that only begins to explain the events and attractions for this year's festivities. David and our team are taking full advantage of all that Heritage Farm has to offer, so, if you are as excited as I am, see you at the gala!

Bob Welty | Foundation Chairman

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# Why a Foundation?



When Michael Sellards, President and CEO of St. Mary's Medical Center, first came to St. Mary's in August 2000, he discovered something he found interesting—St. Mary's had no separate foundation.

People could donate to St. Mary's since it is a tax exempt organization, but Sellards was looking to form a separate entity with a structure that was more community oriented than the corporate boards of St. Mary's or Pallottine Health Services.

"When we started to look at the desirability of a foundation and the selection of a lay advisory board, which would be very community oriented, it was met with enthusiasm by the Sisters," Sellards said. "It had never been discussed seriously before, and it was something on my agenda that I felt that we needed to really get into to better connect with the community we serve."

Sellards asked Sharon Ambrose, who was a senior vice president and the chief operating officer of St. Mary's, to be the Foundation's first president. "At the time Mr. Sellards came to me, I was really thinking toward retirement," Ambrose said. "I had never done anything like this in my life. I got cold feet, but there were too many good people around here for something like that not to go."

With Ambrose now involved, next came the process of putting together a board to manage the Foundation. "We developed a long list of people who were interested in our faith-based mission," Sellards said. "They didn't necessarily have to be Catholic, but they had to be interested in St. Mary's and our unique mission in the community."

Ambrose said no one she approached to be a part of the board said no. "Every single person I asked said they

*"The mission of the Sisters is one that everyone can identify with and one that really resonates with people."*

*- Michael G. Sellards, President and CEO of St. Mary's Medical Center*

were pleased and honored to be asked to be a part of an institution like St. Mary's," she said.

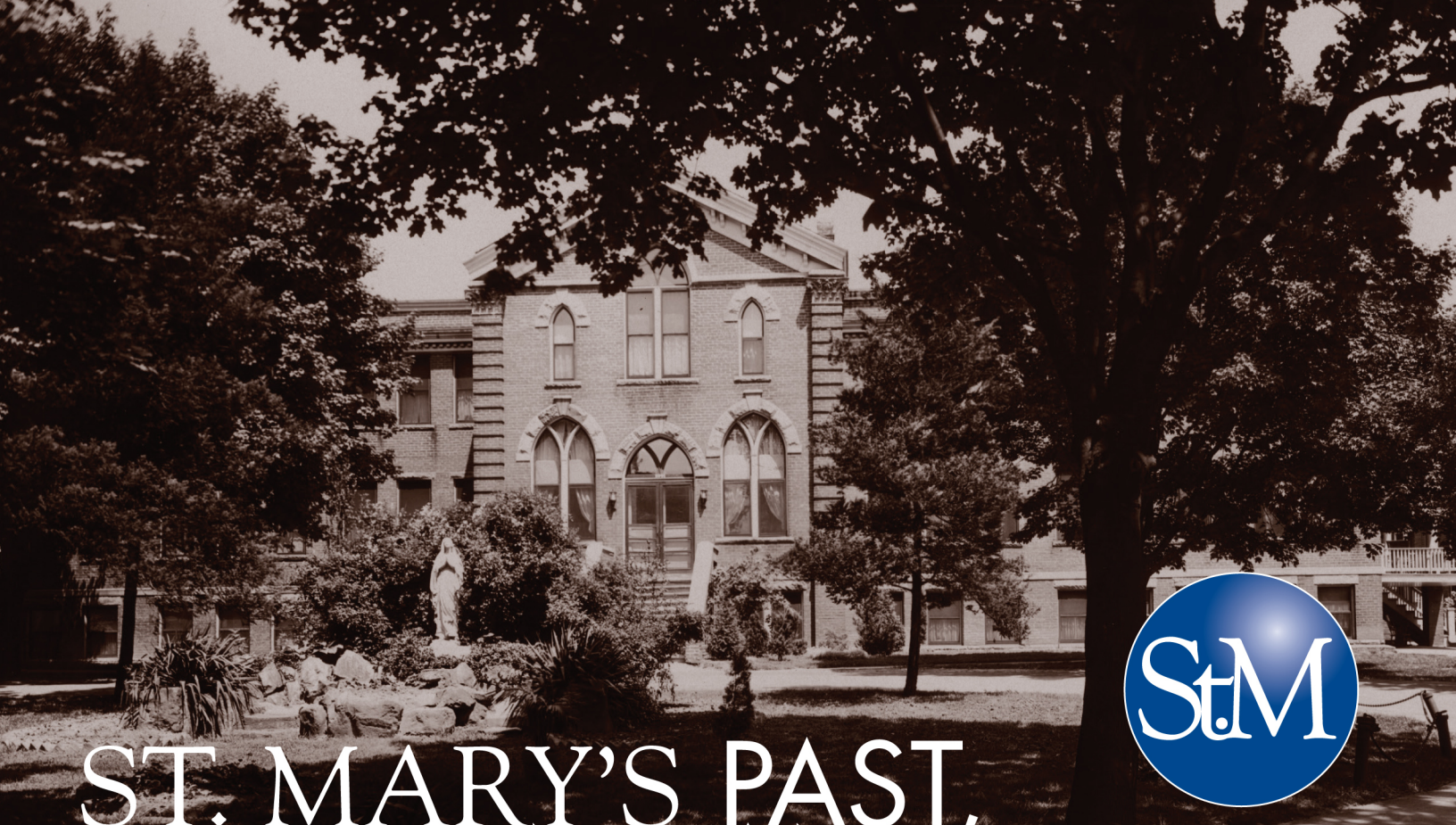
The process of putting together the Foundation took over two years as the management structure was built and the board was selected. Ambrose served as the president for the first two years, and then, David Sheils took over the position.

"I'm proud of what the Foundation has been able to accomplish these past 10 years," Sheils said. "As we continue to identify unmet needs we can address over the next 10 years and beyond, we hope our efforts will provide a future of improved health and education for many in our region."

"The Foundation has done some wonderful things," Ambrose said. "With the folks involved, I would expect nothing less."

Among the programs the Foundation supports are the Center for Education, which houses the St. Mary's School of Nursing, the St. Mary's School of Respiratory Care and the St. Mary's School of Medical Imaging; the Mileage Club, which focuses on childhood fitness; the Transportation Injury Prevention and Safety Program, which provides transportation safety training to people of all ages, and the Pink Ribbon Fund, which provides mammograms for uninsured and underinsured women.





# ST. MARY'S PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE



As we prepare to enjoy the evening at the 10th Annual Black Tie Gala, we feel it is relevant to borrow a view from our host, Heritage Farm Museum and Village, about where St. Mary's Medical Center has been and is going. The theme at Heritage Farm is "Experience the past. Appreciate the present. Dream and plan for the future." We feel it's important to do the same in relation to St. Mary's – the leading provider of health care in our region. Throughout the next few pages, we present a retrospective look at many of the services offered through the Medical Center and a look forward at where we're headed.





## CARDIOLOGY

In September 1979, J.D. Harrah, MD, performed the Tri-State's first open-heart surgery at what was then St. Mary's Hospital.

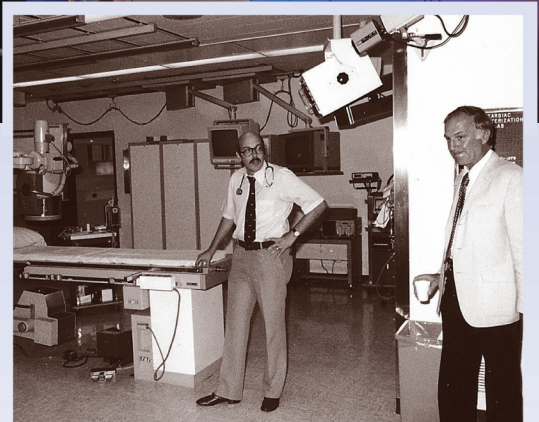
Now, almost 34 years later, the St. Mary's Regional Heart Institute is still the most experienced and advanced cardiac program in the region.

In addition to traditional open-heart bypass surgeries, St. Mary's now offers minimally invasive surgery, which allows patients to recover much more quickly. A patient's sternum does not have to be opened, and the hospital stay can be as little as four days.

St. Mary's is the only hospital in Huntington accredited as a Chest Pain Center with the Society of Cardiovascular Patient Care. This accreditation shows St. Mary's commitment to cardiac care.

As part of that commitment, St. Mary's is the first medical center in the Tri-State to institute a Heart Valve Clinic. The clinic combines the expertise of its cardiovascular and thoracic surgeons and cardiologists, which streamlines the treatment process.

Both the minimally invasive procedures and the Valve Clinic are normally found only in hospitals in larger cities, so the Regional Heart Institute is proud to be able to bring these techniques to the Tri-State.



The St. Mary's Regional Heart Institute opened in October of 2006. Since that time, the facility has become the cornerstone of strong cardiac health in our region.



# ONCOLOGY

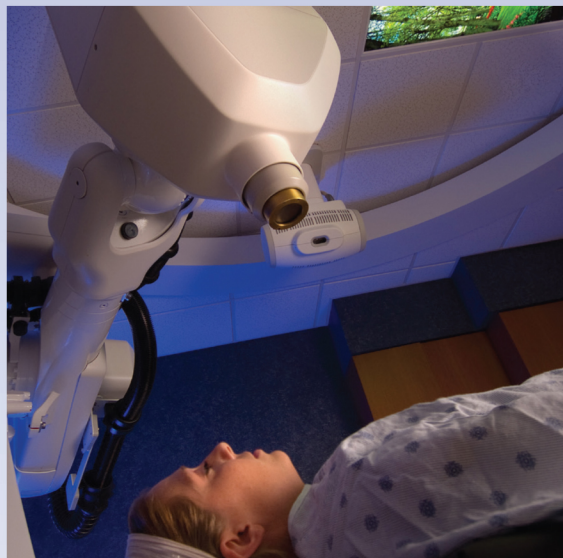
By staying on the leading edge of technology, St. Mary's Medical Center continues to offer the very latest in advanced cancer care.

St. Mary's began its radiation cancer treatment program in 1965 with the installation of the region's first cobalt unit. In 1979, St. Mary's added a \$1 million linear accelerator, which offered patients and doctors a tool unavailable anywhere else within a 125-mile radius. In 1999, St. Mary's dedicated its new Radiation Oncology Center.

But the advances haven't stopped there. St. Mary's is the area's exclusive home for CyberKnife. CyberKnife is a non-invasive alternative to surgery for the treatment of both cancerous and non-cancerous tumors anywhere in the body, including the head, spine, lung, prostate, liver and pancreas. It uses a very focused beam of radiation to obliterate tumors. Because it is so precise, large doses of radiation are able to be used, which substantially cuts back the number of treatments necessary. And best of all for patients, CyberKnife has minimal side effects.

The St. Mary's Breast Center was the first in the Tri-State to offer 3-D mammography or digital tomosynthesis. It uses high-powered computing to convert digital breast images into very thin slices, creating a 3-D mammogram. The 3-D technology allows the radiologists to see breast tissue—especially dense breast tissue—in much clearer detail.

In its first week of use, St. Mary's radiologists discovered a cancer that otherwise would not have been detected. "Technology wise, this is the most innovative development that I've seen in breast imaging in 22 years," said Hans G. Dransfeld, MD, Chief of Radiology at St. Mary's Medical Center. "It's just amazing."



The treatment of cancer has evolved immensely throughout the existence of the Medical Center. The addition of the CyberKnife Robotic Radiosurgery System in 2007 was a great step forward for the treatment of cancer patients in our area.







## NEUROSCIENCE

Once again, St. Mary's was at the forefront of medical innovation when in 1948, Thomas Holbrook, MD, first introduced neurosurgery to the Tri-State area.

In the 1960s, Dr. Holbrook was joined by Jaldir Lobo, MD, and Hossein Sakhai, MD. The three men performed surgeries for congenital anomalies in children, brain tumors, spinal cord tumors and a variety of spinal surgeries and trauma cases. Dr. Sakhai brought microsurgery to Huntington and the three also brought electroencephalography (EEG) to St. Mary's.

Now, nearly 65 years after Dr. Holbrook began his work, the St. Mary's Regional Neuroscience Center is building on that legacy. The center offers a wide variety of treatment options for patients suffering from disorders of the brain and spine. A state-of-the-art neurophysiology lab allows doctors to monitor the brain and spinal cord minute by minute.

The latest technology can also be found in the St. Mary's Regional Stroke Center. The RP-7 Remote Presence Robot allows neurologists at St. Mary's to interact with stroke patients at rural hospitals without ever leaving Huntington.

St. Mary's was the first in the area to institute a stroke alert system. The stroke alert allows certain doctors to be notified ahead of time so that certain equipment, such as CT scanners, can be cleared and care can be expedited. St. Mary's has also been instrumental in educating EMS workers about how to recognize a stroke in order to expedite treatment.

St. Mary's Regional Stroke Center has been recognized for its commitment to stroke care with both the Joint Commission Gold Seal of Approval and the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association Get With the Guidelines-Stroke Gold Plus Quality Achievement Award.

*A continued commitment and focus on neuroscience at St. Mary's has led to many advances in the treatment of stroke patients.*





St. Mary's has always made a significant investment in the needed resources, both human and physical, for orthopedic treatment and rehabilitation.

## ORTHOPEDICS

St. Mary's Medical Center has a long tradition of providing comprehensive orthopedic care to the region.

In 1933, Francis A. Scott, MD, an orthopedic surgeon, opened a Crippled Children's Clinic at St. Mary's, where he cared for hundreds of children at no charge.

Today, people of all ages receive treatment and care at St. Mary's for joint replacement needs. In 2008, St. Mary's and Scott Orthopedic Center joined forces to start the Regional Joint Replacement Center. The program emphasizes wellness and a healing environment while



keeping a patient's family members involved throughout the treatment process. A multidisciplinary team of experts, including physicians, nurses and occupational and physical therapists, provides care and education.

Each member of the team is specially trained to care for patients having joint replacement surgery. The education and care provided by them is unmatched in the region.

St. Mary's orthopedic care has earned the Gold Seal of Approval™ for health care quality from the Joint Commission.







## EDUCATION

As the number of patients at St. Mary's Hospital began to grow, the Pallottine Missionary Sisters realized the nursing staff needed to increase. So, in 1926, the St. Mary's School of Nursing was opened.

For decades, students from the Nursing School, as well as the St. Mary's schools of Respiratory Care and Medical Imaging shared one, eight-bed skills lab and a limited medical library in a facility built in 1947. But now, all three schools are housed in the St. Mary's Center for Education.

Dedicated in 2009, the \$10 million facility features state-of-the-art technology for students preparing to enter the health care profession. The two labs feature high-fidelity mannequins, which simulate various medical scenarios. Faculty can transmit their own voices through the mannequins to respond to students' questions. There is also a birthing mannequin to simulate the birthing experience for students.

All three schools are fully accredited in conjunction with Marshall University, and graduates are highly coveted, with 93 percent of them gaining a job in the area after graduation.

The Center for Education was truly a community effort as it was made possible in large part through thousands of donations to the St. Mary's Foundation.



The St. Mary's Center for Education, dedicated in 2009, allows students in many health care disciplines to become practicing professionals at every health care facility in our region.





# The Gala

## OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS

What began as a delightful evening on the banks of the Ohio at the Sakhai home has evolved into the premier social and fundraising event in Huntington every year. Since 2003, the Foundation of St. Mary's has taken on the monumental task of "outdoing" last year every time and has been wildly successful at each attempt.

Every black tie gala has had a theme, and that theme has been complemented by the location, the menu and the attire. Who will ever forget the fun that was had by all at Camden Park, complete with roller coaster rides and funnel cakes. Or the Black and Blue Gala held amongst the thundering steel of Charlie's Harley Davidson. Speaking of thunder, mingling with all the NFL superstars at the Joan C. Edwards Stadium was quite a night! More important than all of the fun, the incredible culinary delights and the fellowship is the fact that the Foundation has been able to raise over \$800,000 that has been invested directly into the health, well-being and sustainability of our region. It is a testament to the giving nature of our many friends that we have been able to make such a positive impact.

"The first one was and always will be unique simply because it was the first one. It was held in a very private setting—Dr. Hossein Sakhai's house. It's a beautiful home. His house kind of takes me back to an earlier era in Huntington. A house built in the 1920s has a certain style and ambience to it that is absolutely unique. And Dr. Sakhai was such a gracious host to us."

- Michael G. Sellards, President and CEO of St. Mary's Medical Center





"The Gala is an event that I look forward to each year. Just when you think they have reached the top of their game, the event gets even better next year with an exciting change of venue thanks to the ongoing, hard work of the gala committee. This is a gathering that supports a great cause - you don't want to miss it."

- Joe Letnaunchyn,  
West Virginia Hospital Association



"Camden Park was the perfect venue for the gala. The food, weather and entertainment were absolutely perfect. I thought the mime at the event was a statue until it moved!"

- Judge Dan O'Hanlon



"The St. Mary's Gala is the most impressive, creative and enjoyable event we have encountered anywhere we have lived and among the many first class events we have attended in our 30 years in health care. The experience the committee has created in each new setting and which caters quality to a large audience is nonpareil."

- Floyd Metzger,  
Huntington Internal Medicine Group



"The atmosphere and ingenuity of how Guyan Country Club was transformed into a "luau" was amazing. We're very appreciative of the support we receive from the community."

- Sr. Mary Grace Barile, S.A.C.



"Every year is a highlight and it's always exciting to see what David, Robin and E.B. have conjured. While it's always fun, you will never have a better meal every year than the one that is crafted by Chef Ugland and his talented crew. Tiffany and I look forward to it every year."

- Chris Michael  
Vice Chairman, Foundation  
Bulldog Creative Services



"Every year my wife Johnna and I look forward to the St. Mary's Gala. It is always exciting to see how they have transformed a unique venue to provide an elegant gala experience. One of my favorites was the beach party at the Guyan pool. The tiki bar in the center of the pool was a creative masterpiece. We look forward to many more fun times at future galas."

- Randy Cheetham, CSX Transportation

"The afternoon of the first gala, it rained and rained and rained. Just as we started welcoming everyone, the sun and a huge rainbow came out. It was something else. Everyone said that was an omen. Or the sisters did it."

- Sharon Ambrose, former President of  
the Foundation



"I love attending the St. Mary's Foundation Gala! The Foundation always finds a way to make it a unique experience, almost like I was on a one night vacation to a different place. It's great I can support the Foundation and have a great time doing it!"

- Gary Sims, Advanced Technical Solutions





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- David Sheils, President of the St. Mary's Medical Center Foundation

## EVERY GOOD EVENT NEEDS A GOOD LEADER

Planning the St. Mary's Gala is truly a team effort. But every team needs a good leader and the St. Mary's Gala Committee has two—Gala Co-Chairs Robin Rowe and E.B. Jenkins.

"Robin and E.B. have done a great job leading the charge," said David Sheils, President of the St. Mary's Medical Center Foundation. "They provide the creativity of the whole thing."

Rowe chaired the first three galas by herself, but as soon as Jenkins joined the Foundation board, Rowe and Sheils asked her to be a co-chair of the gala.

"I've known E.B. almost 30 years," Rowe said. "E.B. and I have very different talents but work as a team better than I've ever worked with anyone else. We both have the same visions for quality and share the greatest desires to have people with a certain level of experience."

"I really feel Robin's the chair, and I'm her wingman," Jenkins said. "Robin is such a visionary, and I always feel like I am a worker bee. I feel like we make a great team, because she has the vision. Not that I never add to the vision, but I'm always so enamored with how she comes up with ideas and how fast she comes up with ideas, and how calm she is with our plan Bs—because there are a lot of plan Bs. Then she makes plan B seem like it was better than plan A was in the first place."

The co-chairs said they are looking forward to what people will see at this year's gala at Heritage Farm Museum and Village. "I love the fact that people are asking, 'How are you going to pull this off?'" Jenkins said. "I'm just excited."

Both Rowe and Jenkins have been associated with St. Mary's for a long time. Jenkins was a RN at St. Mary's for several years and had three children there. Rowe attended St. Mary's School of Medical Imaging and is currently the Director of Patient Experience at St. Mary's.

Robin Rowe and E.B. Jenkins are St. Mary's Gala Co-Chairs.



Their love of St Mary's is a big reason they keep coming back to chair each year.

"I feel like St. Mary's is my family," Jenkins said. "When I walk through those front doors, I always feel like I'm just coming home."

"I love the idea that we're creating something that helps people view St. Mary's in the way that I see St. Mary's," Rowe said.

Of course, the personal satisfaction they receive by helping the community is a big reason for their participation as well.

"We don't feel like we're helping St. Mary's," Jenkins said. "I think we all feel like St. Mary's is helping us."

## CHEF UGLAND TO FEATURE APPALACHIAN COOKING AT GALA

One of the biggest highlights of the past nine years of St. Mary's galas is the food provided by Chef Jamison Ugland and his Food and Nutrition Services staff.

As Gala Co-Chair, Robin Rowe, said, "If Chef was the only person on the committee, people would come have dinner and pay the money."

But Chef Ugland is quick to give the credit to the entire gala committee. "They all have a job to do, and they come in and put it together almost flawlessly," he said. "Everyone on the committee has things that they're very good at, and they all work hard and donate their time. They use their gifts to make it the premier event in Huntington – probably the premier event in West Virginia."



Chef Ugland also gives a huge amount of credit to his staff. He said the gala requires thousands of hours of work every year, and he noted that the whole team comes together to make each year extra special.

In planning the menu, there are two things Chef Ugland considers: theme and location. He said that you need to challenge yourself, but not make it so difficult that you can't pull it off. This year's location, Heritage Farm Museum & Village, has Chef Ugland especially excited, because it will allow him to feature Appalachian foods. "There's a lot of local history that we can put into this year's menu," he said. "Appalachian cooking is special and simple. A lot of people don't realize how unique it is because they grew up eating it, but it's kind of our hidden little gem."

Quality ingredients are also very important to the menu, and Chef Ugland does his best to bring in the best food, like the seafood that is brought in from Boston. "We start with quality ingredients—the very best quality and freshest ingredients—and we prepare them properly," he said. "A lot of care goes into the preparation and the seasoning, not undercooking or overcooking. We make sure it's done just right."

The hard work has definitely been noticed over the years. "I believe—and I've been involved in a lot of events in Huntington over the years—there's nothing that tops the food at these galas," said E.B. Jenkins, Gala Co-Chair.

Chef Ugland said he's enjoyed all of the galas for a variety of reasons. "They're all just so different and so unique," he said. "It makes it fun and challenging, because any time you do an off-site event like this, there are all sorts of logistical problems. You never know what curveball you're going to get thrown," Ugland said.

"Each St. Mary's Gala is a once-in-a-lifetime event, and if you miss it, we never do the same one twice," he said. "That's what I probably enjoy most about the gala. A lot of events are the same every single year, but not our gala."



Chef Jamison Ugland has been at St. Mary's for over 10 years. He was previously the Director of Food and Beverage at Wetherington Golf and Country Club, one of Cincinnati's most prestigious private clubs. Ugland is happy to be at St. Mary's because of the difference in who he's serving.

*"Here, you're cooking for the whole community, not just the private membership. It's actually more rewarding. And the people here show their appreciation."*

- Chef Jamison Ugland, St. Mary's Medical Center







## A Shindig AT THE FARM

There may be no more perfect place for the St. Mary's Medical Center Foundation to celebrate its 10th anniversary than at Heritage Farm Museum and Village. That's because just like the Foundation, the Farm honors the past while looking toward creating a better future.

Heritage Farm, located at 3300 Harvey Road in Huntington, came to be when Mike and Henriella Perry decided to sell their Southside home in 1973 and move their family to a rural farm in Wayne County and remodel the dilapidated log building that sat on the property and was damaged by a recent fire. They also began growing food and raising livestock. Years later, Perry decided to use the property to form a museum of Appalachian history.



Today, the Farm features museums on heritage, progress, transportation and industry. There's also a blacksmith shop, sawmill, pottery kiln, one-room schoolhouse, chapel, petting zoo, children's hands-on museum, bed-and-breakfast inns, reception halls and more.

"You study the past to gain an appreciation of the present and dream about a different and brighter tomorrow," said Mike Perry. "It's a wonderful analogy with our friends at St. Mary's. Even in their wildest imagination, I seriously doubt that even the most visionary of those wonderful Sisters when they came here 100 years ago envisioned anything remotely similar to what we see at St. Mary's today or the significant changes in medicine that have occurred during the last ten years alone."

Robin Rowe, Co-Chair of the St. Mary's Foundation Gala, said she loves the juxtaposition of the old and the new and the idea of celebrating the past, present and future.

"There are so many parallels between St. Mary's and what they're doing at the Farm," Rowe said. "St. Mary's is from humble beginnings. The people who came to Appalachia came into these mountains for refuge, much like St. Mary's is a refuge."

Perry has been associated with St. Mary's for many years and is excited and honored to be hosting the gala. "I





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- Mike Perry, Heritage Farm Museum & Village

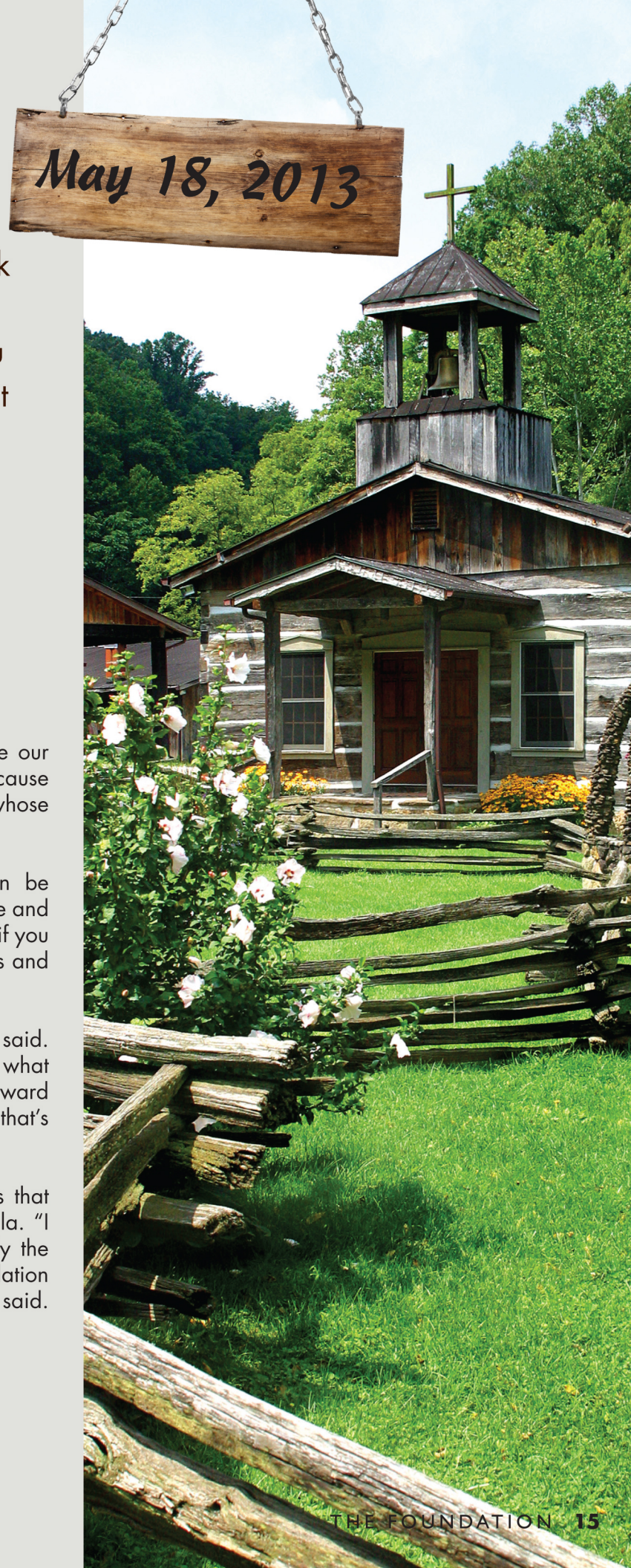


really believe it's a wonderful opportunity to showcase our proud past and celebrate what's been accomplished because of the hard work of those who went before us – those whose shoulders we stand on," he said.

"The Sisters are a marvelous example of what can be accomplished if you're willing to work hard and sacrifice and not worry about who gets the credit," Perry said. "And if you have a dream in life, accomplishing it is worth the trials and tribulations as well as sacrifices involved."

"At Heritage Farm, they're honoring our past," Rowe said. "They're being present in the current time and loving what it brings us," Rowe said. "But they are also looking forward to and dreaming about what the future will bring. And that's exactly what St. Mary's does."

David Sheils, President of the Foundation, also agrees that Heritage Farm is the perfect location for this year's gala. "I don't think there's a better place to showcase not only the history of St. Mary's and our brief history of the Foundation and the gala, but also the history of our region," Sheils said. "I think it's going to be the best gala yet."







## *Through Your Contributions*

The Foundation of St. Mary's provides support and assistance to many worthwhile and beneficial projects in our community. Your support of the Foundation ensures that these projects can be successful and sustained. Just a sampling of the many impacts we've made include:

- Paying for mammograms for uninsured and underinsured women in our community, potentially detecting cancer at an early stage and saving lives
- Equipping local EMS ambulances with 12 lead EKGs to expedite cardiac care when they arrive at the Medical Center, potentially saving heart muscles and lives
- Purchasing and distributing 100 Automated External Defibrillators (AED) throughout Cabell, Lincoln and Wayne Counties
- Offering specialized physician care (robotically) to hospitals in rural areas, improving care and potentially saving lives
- Offering financial assistance to discharged patients with little means or access to medications and medical equipment at home
- Educating kids with high risk factors for heart disease through a program of diet and exercise that has not only improved their health, but also their self-esteem
- Offering free helmets to kids, and educating them on the importance of wearing helmets when riding a bike, ATV, skateboard and/or motorcycle
- Educating parents on how to properly install infant child seats to reduce the risk of injury or fatality in an accident
- Improving the education of student nurses and other health professionals (most of which find employment within a 50-mile radius of Huntington) with a state-of-the-art school and simulation laboratories
- Providing scholarships for students entering the nursing field
- Encouraging high school students to consider a career in health care with a summer camp
- Offering pediatric patients home-like surroundings, including access to video gaming systems to divert their attention from their hospital stay
- Offering families of critical-care patients a warm, comforting environment during their stressful stay at the hospital
- Offering many other programs and services to support the health and education of our region





# Legends Over Time

St. Mary's Medical Center has been a cornerstone of the region for over 85 years. In that time, hundreds of talented, compassionate and dedicated professionals have made significant impacts to the improvement of health and well-being in the communities we serve.

We do our best to recognize many of them through the St. Mary's Wall of Fame. Their contributions cannot be repaid, and we cannot give them enough appreciation. The following pages present those individuals that have been enshrined.

## 2012



**SISTER CELESTE LYNCH**

Sister Celeste graduated from St. Mary's School of Nursing in 1950. She was the director of the school from 1959-1976. She served as the President of Pallottine Health Services, the parent corporation of St. Mary's and St. Joseph's Hospital in Buckhannon, WV, from 1995 until her retirement in 2012 at the age of 88. Sister Celeste passed away in December 2012.



**HOSSEIN SAKHAI, MD, FAANS, FACS**

Dr. Sakhai practiced neurosurgery at St. Mary's from 1965 until 2000. He was a member of Huntington's first neurosurgical practice. Dr. Sakhai served as St. Mary's Chief of Surgery from 1983-1987 and its Chief of Neurosurgery from 1975 to 1976 and again from 1982 until 1992. At St. Mary's, he was the first neurosurgeon to introduce and perform many new surgeries and techniques. In 1989, he invented a technique to





better control bleeding during scalp incisions that is still used by physicians today.



**CHARLES E. TURNER, MD**

Dr. Turner has practiced medicine at St. Mary's for more than 40 years. With certifications in both gastroenterology and internal medicine, Dr. Turner served as St. Mary's Chief of Medicine from 1973 to 1982, President of the Medical Staff from 1993 to 1995 and as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1993 to 1999. Today, he continues to serve as a courtesy staff member and as a personal physician to the Pallottine Sisters.

a full-time mom. Twenty years later, after her children were grown, Reger returned to St. Mary's to become an emergency room nurse. She passed away in June 1992.



**RICHARD E. TYSON, ESQ.**

Tyson was the "house attorney" for St. Mary's for 35 years. He was instrumental in bringing about the successful expansion of St. Mary's during the 1960s, which required the rerouting of First Avenue. Tyson also served on the Advisory Board of the St. Mary's School of Nursing.

## 2011



**SISTER M. MADELEINE LOPEZ, S.A.C.**

Sister Madeleine served as the comptroller at St. Mary's for 43 years. Her financial acumen steered St. Mary's Hospital through the turbulent 1940s. After her retirement in 1983, she served as the Director of Volunteer Services for eight years. For 66 years, from 1938 until 2004, Sister Madeleine served as the Provincial Treasurer for the Pallottine Missionary Sisters. She died in March 2011 at the age of 100.



**MARY CATHERINE CASEY REGER, RN**

Reger was the first student to graduate with a Diploma in Nursing from St. Mary's School of Nursing in 1927. She was a surgical nurse for five years at St. Mary's before leaving to become



**ROWLAND H. BURNS, MD**

Dr. Burns helped establish the first intensive care units at St. Mary's Hospital. He also developed advanced training and education for nurses and physicians at St. Mary's that helped maintain a high quality of care for patients. He joined with three other physicians in 1969 to form a group physician practice that would later become the largest private physician group in the state of West Virginia—a group that would eventually be known as Huntington Internal Medicine Group (HIMG). Dr. Burns died in April 1978.



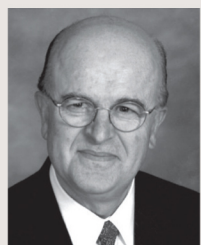
**SISTER M. MONICA CRNKOVICH, S.A.C.**

Sister Monica spent more than 60 years in the health care ministry, tending to both the physical and spiritual needs of patients. She served as Chief Administrator for St. Mary's Hospital





from 1959 until 1966. She also started the pastoral care program at St. Mary's and helped establish the first cancer program in the Tri-State at St. Mary's in 1965. Sister Monica died in July 2007 at the age of 88.



**DR. JOSEPH B. TOUMA, MD**

Dr. Touma performed more than 7,000 surgeries as an ear and hearing specialist at St. Mary's Hospital. Dr. Touma patented 15 different medical instruments and pieces of equipment used in ear surgeries. All were considered improvements in existing technology now widely used by surgeons across the United States. As Chairman of the Credentials Committee at St. Mary's for more than 25 years, Dr. Touma helped ensure the hospital had quality physicians in every specialty. He also served as President of the Medical Staff from 1988 through 1990. In addition to his work as a physician, Dr. Touma is credited with helping lead a revitalization of downtown Huntington.

## 2009



**J. D. HARRAH, MD**

Dr. Harrah founded the cardiac surgery program at St. Mary's Hospital and was a key figure in the program for more than 20 years. Today's highly successful heart program at St. Mary's is, in a very real sense, his legacy to the hospital and to the community. On September 27, 1979, Dr. Harrah performed the first open-heart surgery in the Tri-State area. By 1999, a total of 7,000 heart surgeries had been performed at St. Mary's with Dr. Harrah involved in 4,000 of them – a truly remarkable record.



**DR. THOMAS J. HOLBROOK**

Dr. Holbrook pioneered neuroscience in Huntington, establishing the city's first neurosurgical practice and serving as Chief of Neurology and Neurosurgery at St. Mary's Hospital from 1961 to 1970. He established the hospital's original unit in electroencephalography in 1951 and was President of the Medical Staff in 1964. Dr. Holbrook died in January 2004.



**DR. W. CARL KAPPES**

A remarkably talented plastic surgeon, Dr. Kappes literally changed the lives of countless children and their families in the Tri-State area. For many years, he was the only surgeon in the community who performed corrective surgery on children with cleft palates and harelips. The families of many of his young surgery patients couldn't afford to pay, but he performed the corrective surgery anyway. On the medical charts for his free patients, he would carefully write the letters "AMDG" – short for "Ad maiorem Dei gloriam," which is Latin for "To the Greater Glory of God." He died in December 1979.

## 2008



**DR. HARRY E. BEARD**

In June 1927, Dr. Beard became the first intern at St. Mary's Hospital. As the hospital's only intern, he had to work both day and night. He insisted on being called for every emergency and didn't like it when the Sisters didn't call. After serving in World War II, he returned to St. Mary's, where he was Chief of Staff in 1952. In 1947, he became Medical Director of the St. Mary's School of Nursing—a position he served in until his death in 1963.



**HERMAN M. BROWN**

For more than 25 years, Brown was a major figure in Huntington's growth and development and was one of the best friends St. Mary's was ever fortunate enough to have. He held a number of increasingly important posts at the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway before being named Superintendent of the C&O shops in Huntington. In 1920, he left C&O to work at the new International Nickel Co. plant. From 1944 until his retirement in 1952, Brown was the plant's general manager. When St. Mary's named its



first Lay Advisory Board, Brown became its chairman—a post he held until his death in 1955.



#### DR. THOMAS CONATY

St. Mary's owes Dr. Conaty a debt that can never be repaid – a debt of gratitude for the key role he played in establishing the hospital's reputation for quality, family-centered maternity care. Dr. Conaty rose to become Chief of Obstetrics and Gynecology at St. Mary's. At one point, when other doctors had left the hospital to practice elsewhere, he held the hospital's obstetrics and gynecology department together as a one-man operation, working around the clock until new doctors could be recruited. Dr. Conaty also gave his time every Wednesday for 40 years at the hospital's indigent clinic for OB/GYN patients. Dr. Conaty died in 1999.



#### HANS W. DRANSFELD, M.D.

Upon becoming St. Mary's Chief of Radiology in 1964, one of Dr. Dransfeld's first initiatives was the formation of the St. Mary's School of Radiologic Technology. Dr. Dransfeld's vision was for St. Mary's to be the first in the area to have the latest innovations in radiology, so he brought to Huntington CT (computed tomography), MRI (magnetic resonance imaging), radiation therapy, ultrasound and mammography. He served as St. Mary's Chief of Radiology until his retirement in 1996. Dr. Dransfeld passed away in 2006.



#### PIONEER SISTERS OF ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL

When the Pallottine Missionary Sisters acquired the former St. Edwards' Preparatory School for Boys to house their new hospital, the property was in deplorable shape. Because the Sisters had little money, they did much of the cleaning and repairs themselves, assisted by volunteers from St. Joseph's Parish. Once the hospital was ready for its first patients, the eight pioneer Sisters who opened St. Mary's Hospital divided up their duties, with each taking on multiple tasks. Sister Carola Jehle became the hospital's administrator, as well as overseeing the operating room with Sister Damiana Quack as her assistant. Sister Pia Polke became the general housekeeper, as well as

office manager and chief accountant. Sister Anastasia Raker worked tirelessly as general floor nurse and took care of the boiler room. Sister Amalia Bauer took care of the laboratory and assisted in the operating room when needed. Sister Valeria Frengel oversaw the x-ray department and was a general floor nurse. Sister Laurentia Kuhn was also a general floor nurse and took care of the hospital laundry. Sister Gerarda Mueller became the hospital's cook.



#### DR. FRANCIS A. SCOTT

In 1933, Dr. Scott opened a Crippled Children's Clinic at St. Mary's Hospital, where he cared for hundreds of children at no charge. Not confining his efforts to the clinic, he packed his medical kit in his car and set off on frequent visits to nearby rural areas to care for poor children in need. In 1941, Dr. Scott served as Chief of Staff at St. Mary's. After serving in World War II, he returned to Huntington to reestablish his orthopedic practice. He served as Chief of Orthopedics at St. Mary's from 1955-1956 and again in 1961. He retired from practice in 1967 and died in 1974.



#### STEVEN J. SOLTIS

Soltis was St. Mary's first lay administrator—a post he held from 1964 until his retirement in 1989. It was the first time in West Virginia that a layman had been appointed chief executive officer of a Catholic hospital and one of the very few instances of such departure from tradition in the United States. Under Soltis' leadership, St. Mary's grew from a modest-sized community hospital into a regional health care giant. Soltis passed away in December 2012.



#### BISHOP JOHN J. SWINT

Until his death in 1962, St. Mary's had no greater friend and supporter than Bishop Swint of Wheeling. In June 1923, Bishop Swint invited the Pallottine Missionary Sisters to open a hospital in Huntington. When the hospital opened November 6, 1924, Bishop Swint blessed the building and placed it under the protection of Mary, the Mother of God. From that moment, the institution was known as St. Mary's Hospital. On the 50th anniversary of his ordination, Pope Pius XII conferred on Bishop Swint the title of Archbishop. The title is traditionally conferred on Bishops whose Dioceses have been declared an Archdiocese, and it is highly unusual for a Bishop of a Diocese to receive the honor.



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