

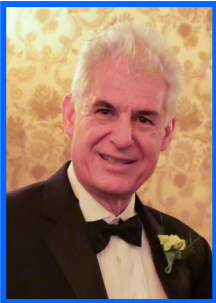
Friends of Mercy Hospital



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**First Quarter 2024
June - December 2023 Recap**

MEET OUR NEW PRESIDENT



We are delighted to share the exciting news of Dr. Xenophon P. Xenophontos, taking the helm as the new President of the Friends of Mercy. Dr. Xenophontos, a trusted Friend for 14 years, brings an extraordinary wealth of experience and commitment to his new role.

Dr. Xenophontos has an impressive career spanning over 29 years as a distinguished vascular surgeon at Mercy Hospital. His deep-rooted connection to Mercy Hospital and its mission, combined with a genuine passion for philanthropy with the Friends of Mercy, makes him the perfect fit for our esteemed organization dedicated to supporting Mercy Hospital. Dr. Xenophontos and his wife Androula are the proud parents of four daughters, two of whom have participated in the Honor Guard, with their last daughter joining this year.

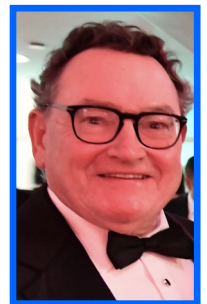
Together, we look forward to advancing the Friends mission and further enhancing our support to Mercy Hospital and our community. Here's to a future filled with compassion, collaboration, and positive change under the leadership of Dr. Xenophontos. Welcome Dr. Xenophontos!

A NEW SECRETARY

We are thrilled to introduce Michael Rabus, Esq., a valued FOM member since 2014. Over the years, Mike has been an active participant in various FOM initiatives, notably contributing to the success of the Gentlemen's St. Patrick's Dinner. We are honored to have Mike step into the role of Secretary, following in the footsteps of the esteemed Steve McLoughlin.

Mike, along with his wife Bernadette, have been an integral part of the Rockville Centre community for an impressive 30 years. Their daughter, Catherine, was an Honor Guard member, as well as added a touch of magic to the Mercy Ball in 2016, gracing us with her beautiful rendition of the National Anthem, showcasing the true spirit of the Mercy family.

Mike's dedication, coupled with the rich history of being a past President of the St. Agnes Cathedral School assures us that the FOM is in capable hands.



PINT FOR PINT



The Friends are introducing a fresh addition to their spring lineup with a **Pint for Pint Campaign** on **May 14th**. Blood donors will gather at

the St. Agnes Parish Center from 3:00pm to 7:30pm to contribute. As part of this initiative, all blood donors will receive a voucher for a complimentary beverage at The Tap Room in Rockville Centre to be redeemed on May 16th.

This campaign aims to encourage blood donations during the summer months, as these months create challenges for blood supply

due to school closures and family vacations.

Currently, the blood supply remains at a 3-4-day level, with a particular need for **Type O negative (O-)**. While some causes demand sweat and tears, **Pint for Pint** is one the Friends of Mercy are willing to **bleed** for because the New York Blood Center is undeniably saving lives.

MERCY RECEIVES \$360,000 FROM THE FRIENDS

The FOM are proud to have given Mercy Hospital \$360,000 in 2023. Funds raised from 2023 events went to a Nursing Education Grant, purchase of Magseed technology (helps identify precise area for surgery), and the upcoming Women's Imaging Center renovation.

Photo:
Past-President Michael Boranian, Esq., current President Dr. Xenophontos & Vice President TJ Murray present Mercy Hospital President, Joseph Manopella with the check.



LEAPING SHAMROCKS

The Friends of Mercy dove headfirst into mischief a tad early as they marked their 56th Annual St. Patrick's Dinner on February 29, 2024 embracing Leap Day with a sham-rocking celebration. Held once again at The Garden City Hotel, over 200 attendees convened for an evening brimming with corned beef and cabbage, Irish melodies, bagpipes, and good old-fashioned camaraderie. During the dinner, we paid tribute to Marty Lyons, former NY Jets icon and founder of the Marty Lyons Foundation. Marty graced us with his presence alongside his football comrade Kenny Schroy, regaling the audience with captivating gridiron tales from their shared past.

Guests reveled in auction offerings and the convivial atmosphere. The room buzzed with enthusiasm and warmth as attendees reconnected and exchanged stories. The night's entertainment lineup didn't disappoint. The festivities kicked off with the traditional bagpipe welcome courtesy of the Nassau County Police Dept. Pipe & Drums, enchanting all with their melodious tunes and setting the tone for the evening.

Marty Lyons delivered a poignant speech that held the audience spellbound, rendering the room silent with his compelling words. The evening culminated on a high note with a

spirited performance by the Diddley Idols Irish band, leaving spirits soaring.

The Friends of Mercy extend heartfelt gratitude to our guests, chairmen Jeff Mulhall & TJ Murray, and Marty Lyons for their unwavering support, making it a truly unforgettable night!



Front: Dr. Sal Palazzolo, Ralph Rospide, Robert Barr & Dave Blyth.
Back: Joe Caban, Joe Finnerty, Tim Lindsay, & Mike Rabus



Christian McGuire, Joe Manopella & Rich Brown



Dr. Sanjay Shetty, Dr. Robert Bramante, & Louis Calderon

ST. PAT'S DINNER PHOTOS



Kenny Schroy, Peter Lennon, Marty Lyons & Dean Gregory



Joe Manopella, Dr. Xenophontos, Dennis Kelly, Kevin Mulry, Jack Clark & TJ Murray



Andrew Giordano, John Coghlan, John F. Coghlan, & Kevin Coghlan



William Fassuliotis, Esq., Dr. Xenophontos, Mike Boranian, Esq. & TJ Murray



Joe Finnerty, Vinny Connors, Tom O'Hanlon & Dave Leboff



Greg Smith, Msgr. Caldwell & Pat Giordano



Jack Clark, John DeBenedettes, Brian Joesten, & Dr. Sal Palazzolo



Ed Thompson, Jeff Mulhall & Joe Tedesco

PROCEEDS FOR 2024

For 2024, the FOM agreed to support the Women's Imaging Center, along with special high priority projects on the horizon. The Women's Imaging Center requires a minor facelift to create a warm and inviting environment for its visitors. Plans include redesigning the waiting room with carefully selected decor to provide a comforting atmosphere. Renovations are scheduled to commence in 2024.

This project will signify a commitment to redefining the healthcare experience for women. The center's aesthetics will be elevated, featuring an enclosed waiting room that will boast

thoughtfully chosen decor, ensuring a soothing and pleasant environment for women during a potentially angst driven time. Each examination room will be renovated offering new furnishings with a spa like atmosphere. Every corner has been meticulously designed to create a space that radiates peace, promoting a tranquil setting for our valued patients at Mercy Hospital.

Behind every successful healthcare journey are our stellar medical professionals and cutting edge technology both contributing to the highest

standard of care, ensuring an exceptional patient experience.

We hold the belief that every woman coming to The Women's Imaging Center should receive more than just medical care; she deserves an encounter that is hopeful and encouraging. A beautiful environment will contribute to a positive state of mind.

MERCY BALL NEW LOCATION

After enjoying 11 wonderful years at the Crest Hollow Country Club, the Friends of Mercy board collectively agreed it was time for a change in venue. With great excitement, the Friends of Mercy announce that the upcoming Mercy Ball will take place at The Lannin, located in East Meadow, NY. Previously named Carltun on the Park, this elegant venue has undergone a change in ownership and has been meticulously renovated with lavish attention to detail.

Due to availability constraints for this year only, the Mercy Ball will be held on the first Friday night in December instead of its traditional date, the first Saturday night in December. The Friends eagerly anticipate creating new memories at The Lannin.

Save The Date:

88th Annual Mercy Ball
Friday, December 6, 2024
The Lannin



*"A kind gesture can reach a wound
that only compassion can heal"*

~ STEVE MARABOLI ~

2023 - A YEAR IN REVIEW

SUNSET BLISS AND LUAU DELIGHT HONORING ANDY HEALEY'S MEMORY

This past summer, the Friends of Mercy hosted once again a magical Luau at the stunning Ocean Club nestled on the beach of the Great South Bay. Over 250 guests gathered to bask in the warmth of the summer evening.

Guests were treated as always to a feast for the senses- Lobster and shrimp from Jordan's Lobsters graced the tables, offering a taste of seaside luxury while sipping magical drinks. The night came alive with rhythmic beats that drove guests to the dance floor.

The Mercy Luau holds special significance as it is a tribute to the late Andy Healey, a cherished member of the Friends of Mercy and our Rockville Centre community, who held a special place in his heart for this annual event. As we danced, laughed, and created new memories, we also took a moment to reflect on Andy's love for the Luau, ensuring his spirit was woven into the fabric of the night. Save the Date: Mercy Luau, Thursday, June 20, 2024, The Ocean Club



2023 - A YEAR IN REVIEW

THE GIVING GARDEN SOWS SEEDS OF HOPE

For the fourth consecutive summer, the Friends of Mercy proudly supported Mercy Hospital's vegetable garden, situated on the hospital grounds. With assistance from Keith Linsalata at Art Flower & Gift Shoppe, all the necessary vegetable plants were successfully ordered.

Dubbed the "Giving Garden" by the Friends, its mission is to cultivate vegetables aimed at providing nourishing fresh meals for families, individuals, and the elderly who may lack access to such resources. Recognizing the local community's need for affordable and nutritious food, the FOM initiated this project. The Friend's commitment to donating fresh produce to local food pantries sets a commendable example of

community service. Additionally, the garden provided weekly vegetables to the Nursing Sisters of the Sick Poor on Mercy's campus.

Throughout the growing season, the vegetable garden was tended to by Gloria DiSciullo and a team of seven Mercy Hospital employees. They diligently planted, nurtured, and harvested various vegetables including tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplant, peppers, squash, and zucchini. The garden yielded a substantial harvest, totaling several hundred pounds of fresh produce. This initiative underscores how small efforts can lead to significant improvements in the lives of those in need.

The Friends are seeking volunteers, particularly FOM members or their spouses, to assist in maintaining the

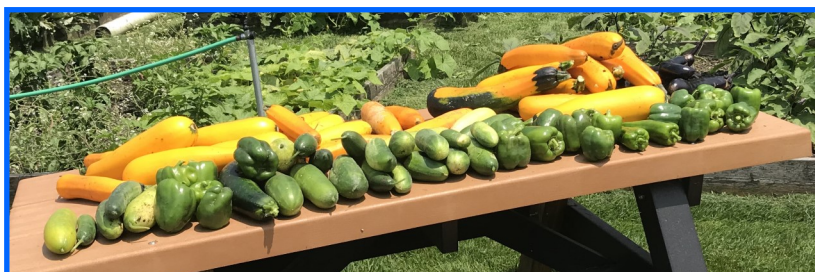
Giving Garden this summer. Volunteers will be assigned to a rotation schedule, requiring just one hour per week, once a month, to tend to the garden. Interested individuals are encouraged to contact Gloria DiSciullo at 516-705-2618.



From This



To This



2023 - A YEAR IN REVIEW

A SWINGING SUCCESS AT FRIENDS GOLF CLASSIC!

In a picturesque setting at the Rockaway Hunting Club, the Friends of Mercy Golf Classic took place on Thursday, September 21, creating a day filled with camaraderie, friendly competition, and charitable spirit. Mother Nature smiled upon us, gracing the event with beautiful weather. Nearly 200 golfers took part in two shotgun starts, setting the stage for an unforgettable day on the greens.

Golfers were treated to a day full of excitement, with various contests adding an extra layer of fun to the tournament. From longest drive to closest-to-the-pin challenges, the golf course was alive with friendly competition and good-natured banter. Participants had the chance to take home incredible prizes through an array of raffle baskets and auction items. The generosity of donors and the enthusiasm of bidders contributed to the event's overall success, with funds raised supporting the noble cause of Mercy Hospital.

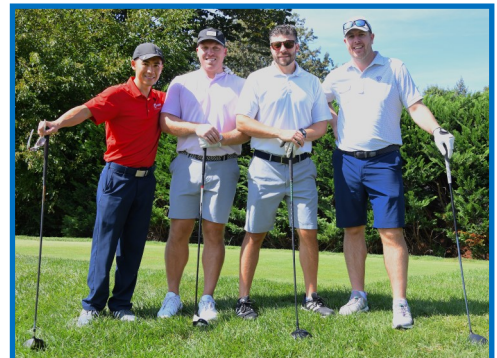
The spotlight shined brightly on Brian Croutier, this year's honoree. Recognizing his outstanding contributions to Mercy, the event celebrated Brian's dedication and

commitment. It was a heartfelt moment that added a special touch to the day.

The Friends of Mercy extends heartfelt thanks to all the participants, and sponsors who made this day possible. An extra special thank you to Jeff Mulhall and Kevin Coghlan, this year's golf chairs for their help in creating a great day of golf. Until next year's swing, thank you for making the Friends of Mercy 42nd Annual Golf Classic a truly memorable event!

Save the Date:

Thursday, September 19, 2024
Rockaway Hunting Club



2023 - A YEAR IN REVIEW

OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

In November, the Friends hosted a lively cocktail gathering, welcoming guests to learn about the Friends of Mercy organization. More than 30 individuals, including current and interested members, gathered at Monaghan's where they enjoyed food, drink, and joviality. Conversations flourished, highlighting the impactful contributions the Friends of Mercy have on both Mercy Hospital and the surrounding communities. Excitingly, the event saw the addition of 8 new members to the Friends. Let's extend a warm welcome to our newest members:

Kevin Boranian
Matthew Boranian
Nils Bosch

Robert Bramante, MD
Tom Bucaria
Rajesh Kakani, MD

Peter Knowles
Brian Leach



Kevin Boranian
Kevin Coghlan
TJ Murray
Matthew Boranian



Brian Croutier
Frank Keating
Nils Bosch
Jack Clark



Greg Shaughnessy
Mike Boranian, Esq.



Dr. Marc DiSciullo
Jeff Mulhall

Austin Carter
Erich Stumpel
Tom Alexanderson
Brian Joesten



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



What a fantastic evening commemorating Msgr. Caldwell's birthday. The Friends of Mercy seized the opportunity to join in the celebration with Msgr. The board convened for a meeting, coinciding with Msgr.'s special day.

**"BE THE BLESSING THAT
OTHERS NEED"**

2023 - A YEAR IN REVIEW

MERCY BALL: A NIGHT OF ELEGANCE AND HONOR

The Christmas spirit came alive on December 2nd as the 87th Annual Mercy Ball unfolded at the beautiful Crest Hollow Country Club, marking the beginning of the holiday season. This year's event was particularly special, as three outstanding Friends of Mercy members were recognized for their exceptional contributions.

The Mercy Ball bestowed honors upon three remarkable individuals, each celebrated for their distinct achievements. John J. Joyce received the prestigious Theodore Roosevelt Award for Outstanding Service; Frank Keating was honored with the Bishop John R. McGann Lifetime Achievement Award; and Joseph Lanzetta from Mercy Hospital was presented with the Sr. Marcy Nadine Casey CIJ Award. The selection of these recipients added an extra layer of significance to the event, emphasizing the close-knit bond within the Mercy community.

The evening was graced by the presence of Bishop Coyle, who welcomed the Honor Guard Class of 2023 with warmth. His attendance added a spiritual element to the event, reinforcing the values of compassion and community that Mercy Hospital stands for.

Adding to the thrill of the night, the Friends of Mercy raffled off a glittering prize – a diamond Movado watch valued at \$1,995. The lucky winner turned out to be none other than Sonia Schwartz, the wife of our esteemed Rabbi Schwartz, bringing an extra touch of joy to the festivities.

As an early Christmas surprise, three Honor Guard members were selected to receive \$200 gift certificates, enhancing the festive spirit and spreading holiday cheer among the attendees.

Furthermore, the music by Current Affair was exceptional. Throughout the night, guests danced enthusiastically, particularly captivated by the vocals of one of the band's singers, whose rendition of some songs, especially Whitney Houston's closely mirrored the original artist's, creating an unforgettable experience on the dance floor.

The 87th Annual Mercy Ball was a resounding success, blending elegance with a strong sense of community. The recognition of John, Frank, and Joe underscored the importance of celebrating individuals whose contributions make a lasting impact at Mercy Hospital.

The Friends are very excited to announce a new venue for this year's Mercy Ball. Additionally, just for this year the Mercy Ball will be held on a Friday night. More info found on page 4.

Mercy Ball Save the Date:

Friday, December 6, 2024

The Lannin, East Meadow, NY



Mike Boranian, Esq., Dr. Xenophontos, & Joseph Manopella



Honorees: Joseph Lanzetta, John Joyce, & Frank Keating



Mike Boranian, Gloria DiSciullo & Mayor Murray with Honor Guard gift card winners



Some Friends of Mercy members:

Marc DiSciullo, MD
Don Regan
Mike Boranian, Esq.
Jeffrey Mulhall
Stephen McLoughlin
John J. Joyce
Frank Keating
Msgr. Frank Caldwell
Mayor Fran Murray
Rabbi Barry Dov Schwartz

2023 - A YEAR IN REVIEW

ANNUAL DINNER

The Friends Annual Dinner was held at Frank's Steaks for our traditional pre-Christmas gathering, offering a heartfelt opportunity to express gratitude to our members and provide updates on the activities of the Friends organization. Here are some key highlights from the evening:

- The Friends of Mercy voted on the bylaws, appointing a new President and other board positions. Approved slate of officers is shown on the back page of this newsletter.
- Dr. Shan Ahmed, Chief Medical Officer at Mercy Hospital, expressed gratitude to the board for their continuous efforts in fundraising for Mercy Hospital over the years. Currently, Mercy is undergoing renovations in the Emergency Department, with Phase 1 focusing on enhancing aesthetics and patient flow.
- A review was conducted on how the funds raised by the Friends in 2023 are being utilized at Mercy Hospital, including:
 - *Renovation of the employee cafeteria
 - *Nursing Education Grant (matched by the Mother Cabrini Foundation)
 - *Implementation of Magseed technology to aid in precise surgery localization
 - *Renovation of the Women's Imaging Center
- A detailed overview of each event held in 2023 can be read in this newsletter.

Looking ahead, the focus of the FOM is attracting younger members to join the Friends of Mercy, ensuring the continued support and growth of the organization.

FRIENDS CORNER

MEDAL FOR LIFETIME OF PRIESTLY COMMITMENT AND FIDELITY



Congratulations to Rev. Msgr. Frank J. Caldwell, '81, for receiving the Immaculate Conception Medal this past November. The medal is presented to a priest who has exemplified the qualities of commitment and fidelity over a lifetime of priestly service. Hooray for our very own Msgr. Caldwell!

FIRST TIME GRANDPA

Congratulations to our member Joe Finnerty for becoming a first time grandpa to his beautiful healthy granddaughter Maeve Rose Finnerty, born on September 20, 2023. When you see Joe, remember to ask the story behind his new nickname, "Beans".



MESSAGE FROM JOSEPH MANOPELLA

President, Mercy Hospital



As the President of Mercy Hospital, it gives me great pleasure to extend my deepest appreciation to the Friends of Mercy for your unwavering support and tireless fundraising efforts. Your dedication and generosity continue to make a profound impact on our hospital and the patients we serve.

I am excited to share some exciting updates regarding the advancements and improvements taking place at Mercy Hospital. One significant milestone is the opening of our new Pre-Surgical Testing Center located in the

Ryan Building this spring. This state-of-the-art facility will streamline the preoperative process for our patients and prevent them from having to undergo tests at the hospital. The primary goal is to provide patients with convenience and simplify the process for them.

Additionally, I am delighted to announce the ongoing renovation and expansion of our Emergency Room. Serving as the front door to Mercy Hospital, our Emergency Room is often the first point of contact for patients in need of urgent medical attention. With your continued support, we are enhancing this vital space to provide even better care and comfort to those who rely on us during critical moments.

I am also pleased to inform you of our investment in a new cardiology

suite headed by our own Thierry Duchatellier, MD. The suite will feature expanded square footage, aesthetically pleasing enhancements, and state-of-the-art technology. Through our continued dedication to providing top-rated quality care at the St. Francis Heart Center at Mercy Hospital, this cardiology suite showcases our commitment to delivering exceptional healthcare to our community.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for your continued partnership and support. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of countless individuals and families in our community. I look forward to sharing more exciting updates with you in the future.

**For up-to-date information & events at Mercy Hospital, please visit:
<https://www.catholichealthli.org/mercy-hospital>**

IN REMEMBRANCE

Dennis Farrell, Jr.— Son of our longtime active esteemed member Dennis Farrell, Sr. and brother of our FOM member John Farrell, Dennis Jr. packed several lifetimes of living and joy into his short 47 years. His life was filled with travel and adventure. Recognized as an accomplished professional chef, he trained in Europe and worked in the Bahamas, throughout the Caribbean, on the East End of Long Island and in New York City and New Orleans. His dedication and commitment to excellence guided him throughout his outstanding professional career.

Most importantly, Dennis touched so many lives in a positive way, and provided great happiness throughout his lifetime. He will be missed by his loving family and his legion of friends. He leaves behind a legacy of kindness, generosity, and love and will live on in the hearts of all his loved ones, who are comforted by the knowledge that he is at peace with the angels.

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2024 EVENTS

St. Patrick's Dinner
Thursday, February 29, 2024
The Garden City Hotel

PINT FOR PINT
Tuesday, May 14, 2024
St. Agnes Parish Center

LUAU
Thursday, June 20, 2024
The Ocean Club

Golf Outing
Thursday, September 19, 2024
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