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Member spotlight: McQuade benefits enhance the Fowler family's hospital experience

As someone who's had multiple surgeries for various ailments over the past few years, Joyce Fowler understands the inconveniences of time spent in waiting rooms and the lack of privacy in a shared hospital room.

All of that changed when she and her husband Jack joined the McQuade Society.

"McQuade membership makes a huge difference," said Joyce, a retired attorney and former nurse. "Once we joined, a private room was always ready for me during a hospital stay. A McQuade representative also checks in with you each day to see if you need anything. I've always received excellent medical care at Ascension St. John Hospital. It became even better after joining the society."

The Fowlers, who live in Grosse Pointe Woods, joined the society after learning about it from a friend who is a member. With their membership gift, the Fowlers chose to support heart and vascular services provided by the Ascension Mobile Health Center. The unit provides essential health screenings to underserved people within the metro Detroit area, and helps eliminate barriers to care, such as transportation, access and costs.



As McQuade Society members, the Fowler family supports heart and vascular services and pet therapy at Ascension St. John Hospital. Pictured from left, are Joyce, Chip and Jack Fowler, with Chip's dog, Kona.

Supporting heart health is important to the Fowlers. Jack, a retired corporate and estate planning attorney, underwent an aortic valve replacement in early 2018, before joining the society.

"Joyce and I were very impressed by the great number of areas to choose from to support with our gift," Jack said. "We've enjoyed our membership very much. It's reassuring to know we'll have expedited medical care when needed."

"Beth Carter has been super," Joyce added. "She's always arranged our hospital visits in a very speedy manner."

Besides supporting Ascension St. John for many years as members of THE GUILD, the Fowlers also give generously to other area organizations. Among them are the Detroit Institute of Arts, Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Toys for Tots, VFW and American Legion. Another that is perhaps most dear to Jack and Joyce is the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society.

"We're animal lovers — particularly dogs," Joyce said. "When Jack was president of the Lockmoor Club, he and

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In memory of a dedicated McQuade member

Ascension St. John Hospital lost a longtime friend and generous supporter — Robert G. Liggett Jr., who passed away on July 12 after battling pancreatic cancer.

Bob and his wife Victoria founded the Liggett Breast Center in the Van Elslander Cancer Center at Ascension St. John Hospital. The Liggetts were concerned about the high rate of breast cancer and wanted to do something to help. Their generous donation for the center has allowed thousands of women to receive care.

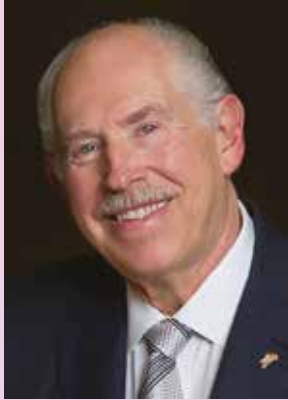
After Bob graduated from Wayne State University Law School in 1969, he practiced law briefly and chose instead to continue in the radio business he loved. In 1970, Bob founded Liggett Broadcast Group, which owned up to 29 stations in five states before he sold the company in 2000. Upon his death, he still owned five radio stations.

Bob was owner and chairman of Big Boy Restaurants International, 2000-2018, and owner and publisher of *The Grosse Pointe News*, 2007-2017. He also founded two providers of wireless high-speed modem services.

Civic-minded and charitable, Bob gave his time and resources to many organizations and causes. He was on several boards, including the St. John Hospital Foundation Board, Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan, Detroit Historical Society, Detroit Public TV and Focus: HOPE.

At Ascension St. John Hospital, Bob and Vicki also generously supported the Joan Gehrke Endowed Oncology Fund, The Holley Institute, THE GUILD and Fontbonne Auxiliary.

Bob's impact on his family, the hospital and community will long be remembered.



Bob Liggett

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the board of directors selected the Grosse Pointe Animal Adoption Society to be the charity beneficiary for the club's big fundraising dinner."

The Fowlers also instilled a love of dogs in their son Chip, who is in the insurance business. He adopted a black lab-boxer mix named Kona. Chip recently came to appreciate firsthand the advantages of McQuade Society membership during a medical emergency.

"Chip was in a lot of abdominal pain and I took him to the ER at Ascension St. John," Joyce said. "The doctors assessed him and sent him to the waiting area because a room wasn't ready. Due to the urgent situation, I called Beth Carter and asked if she could help. Within five minutes, Chip had a hospital bed. I was very impressed by Beth's ability to handle the situation so quickly."

Chip, 37, recovered from his ailment and, recognizing the benefit of McQuade services, he quickly became a McQuade member himself. With his gift to join the McQuade Society, he supported Ascension St. John's Therapy Dog program. The program features eight lovable pets that bring comfort and cheer to patients, visitors and staff at Ascension Southeast Michigan hospitals.

"We've enjoyed being McQuade members and will continue to enjoy it," Jack said. "But Chip will benefit from McQuade for many more years."

"Ascension St. John has been our local hospital for decades," Joyce added. "It's always good to support your local healthcare provider — and Ascension St. John in particular because of the high level of care they offer. A McQuade membership is a bonus because it adds value and eases the burden of the emergency care experience when needed."

You can make a difference in the health of those in your community, leave a legacy and even achieve tax savings by making a planned gift. If you have included, or would like to include, an Ascension Southeast Michigan hospital or program in your estate plan, or wish to learn more, please call 313-343-7480 or 248-465-5000.

Event honors McQuade Society members

The annual McQuade Society Reception is a chance to pay tribute to you, our most loyal supporters. Nearly 100 members attended this year's event, held on Sept. 26 at the Country Club of Detroit.

After welcoming and thanking members for their generosity, Bob Hoban spoke about leadership changes, including his new position as President, Ascension Michigan Foundations. He then introduced Kevin Grady, MD, who was recently named President of Ascension St. John Hospital.

Dr. Grady extended his gratitude for the support of society members and emphasized how important Ascension St. John is to the community. He cited the clinical excellence and comprehensive services the hospital offers, including a Level 1 Trauma Center, Comprehensive Stroke Center, well-recognized cardiology program, comprehensive OB and pediatrics programs, and much more.

Dr. Grady also touched on new endeavors, including the Surgical and Pediatric

Services Expansion project underway to help meet the growing needs of patients and better serve the community with state-of-the-art facilities and technology.

These accomplishments are not possible without the support of friends like you. Thank you!

Here is a sampling of event photos. For more photos, visit: [flickr.com/photos/sjfoundations/albums/](https://www.flickr.com/photos/sjfoundations/albums/) and look for the 2019 McQuade Society Reception album.



Dr. Kevin Grady, Brant Russell and Alex Lucido



Deborah Champion and Kris Mestdagh



Molly and David Tindall



Dr. William and Anne Jennings



Eric and Bernadette Lindquist, Anthony and Grace Torre, Allison and Andrew Cracchiolo, Melissa and Gregory M. DeMars, Mark Cracchiolo, David and Molly Tindall, Chelsea and Michael Tindall, and Phyllis and Gregory J. DeMars



William and Deborah Champion



Sue Vititoe, Camille DeMario and Margaret Grady



Bob Hoban



Dr. Kevin Grady



Drs. Virginia and William Rice

New McQuade Society members

Please welcome the following new members to the McQuade Society. They joined our exclusive group of loyal benefactors between Jan. 1 and Oct. 15, 2019.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Agnone	David and Mary Pat Lawrence
Mr. and Mrs. Brian D. Blatt	Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Mabarak
Mr. and Mrs. Lucas Bogard	Mr. and Mrs. Alex Matus
William and Joanne Dennis	Ms. Kathryn Poirier
Mr. and Mrs. Ben Fischer	Julie and James Secord
Ms. Leona Forbes	Mr. and Mrs. David A. Tindall
John R. Fowler III	Michael Tindall Jr. and Chelsea Tindall
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Glenn	Mr. and Mrs. Brian T. Vandenberghe
Dr. Michael Harrison and Ms. Sara DeMars	Mr. and Mrs. Scott J. Vandenberghe
Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Jensen	

In memory of

The following McQuade members passed away (Jan. 1-Oct. 15, 2019). With deepest sympathy, we remember:

Dr. Jacob Briski	Robert G. Liggett Jr.
Donald Caulfield	John L. LoVasco
Elizabeth Hosea	John B. Renick

Please note: If you know of a member who passed away, please contact us at 313-343-7480 so we can update our records. We may not hear of a loss firsthand or see the death notice.



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Membership reminder

Membership in the McQuade Society is available to our most loyal supporters to thank you for your generous commitment to Ascension St. John Hospital. Beth Carter and Michele Harding are available to members to help you navigate your health services to ensure your complete satisfaction when using the hospital.

Please remember services are for members only. You may refer friends to us for membership if they wish to enjoy member privileges.

Memberships can also be gifted to others, such as your adult children or friends. Please ask us how!

Thanks to your assistance, McQuade membership has grown. When you refer your friends and family, it is the highest compliment. To make it easier to share information about how to qualify for membership, details are located at stjohnprovfoundations.org/mcquade-society; or request a brochure by calling 313-343-7480.



Michele Harding and Beth Carter, of the Ascension St. John Foundation, are always available to answer questions or provide member services to McQuade Society members.