FORMER DALLAS MAYOR MIKE RAWLINGS TO BE HONORED WITH FOLSOM AWARD
TWO NEW UNITS OPEN WITH FOUNDATION SUPPORT
EAGLE SOCIETY EVENT WELCOMES PRESIDENTIAL HISTORIAN MARK UPDEGROVE
From the President’s Desk

EXCITEMENT FOR METHODIST IS GAINING MOMENTUM

While summer may be winding down, things at Methodist Health System Foundation are gaining speed. I wanted to share with you the latest happenings in the health system, as well as the good works that your support has made possible.

In June, Methodist Dallas Medical Center opened its Simmons Enterprises Geriatric Trauma Unit and John R. Ford Family GI Lab and Advanced Endoscopy Center. These centers have advanced technology and care, qualified specialty staffs, and doctors who have contributed to the standard for health in these fields. They are the ones putting Methodist Dallas on the map and upholding the quality of care that the hospital is known for.

Like in the life of all organizations, management changes occur and the organization moves on. After 13 years of exceptional leadership, growth, and successful results, Stephen L. Mansfield, PhD, FACHE, retired from his position as Methodist Health System president and CEO in May this year. The Methodist Health System Board of Directors quickly elected Jim Scoggin Jr. as our new CEO. Jim has many years of healthcare leadership experience, and we look forward to introducing him to you. Also, in this transition, longtime Methodist Health System Chief Operating Officer Pamela Stoyanoff, MBA, CPA, FACHE, was elected to also serve as president. We are confident about Methodist’s future with these strong leaders at the helm.

I would like to extend a personal thank-you to all those who attended our most recent Eagle Society event in June. The Eagle Society is an exclusive group of our friends, donors, doctors, leaders, and board members whom we consider our “Methodist family.” You can read more about the interesting and entertaining program featuring presidential historian Mark Updegrove on page 6. I know I found the lessons he shared from past U.S. presidents to be inspiring and insightful and hope many of our Eagles did, too.

Lastly, we are thrilled to announce that former Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings will receive the 2019 Robert S. Folsom Leadership Award on Sept. 20, so we hope you will join us for that extraordinary celebration!

Best regards,

James M. Johnston
President, Methodist Health System Foundation

SAVE THE DATE

2019 FOLSOM AWARD TO HONOR FORMER DALLAS MAYOR RAWLINGS

Mark your calendars for Friday, Sept. 20, for a celebration of former Dallas Mayor Michael S. Rawlings. Rawlings has been selected as the recipient of the 2019 Robert S. Folsom Leadership Award. A dinner in his honor will take place from 6:30 to 9 p.m. in the Hilton Anatole Hotel’s Grand Ballroom.

Established in 2003, the award recognizes individuals whose demonstrated commitment and excellence in community leadership emulate the contributions of former Dallas Mayor Robert S. Folsom.

“We feel very strongly that Mayor Rawlings exemplifies the intent and spirit of this special award,” Jim Johnston says. “Like Bob Folsom, Mayor Rawlings’ dynamic leadership as a dedicated public servant has made a lasting impact on our city.”

Rawlings was the 61st mayor of Dallas and the longest-serving mayor in more than 55 years. A strong advocate for the southern sector, he focused on spurring economic development, improving public education, and combating poverty and domestic violence, among other initiatives.

“He has dedicated much of his life to making Dallas an even greater city, and we sincerely appreciate his hard work,” says Pete Schenkel, vice chair of the Methodist Health System Foundation Board of Trustees.

Presenting sponsors of the 2019 Folsom Award are Nancy Ann and Ray Hunt, Carolyn and David B. Miller, and The Lupe Murchison Foundation.

To purchase tickets or tables, please visit MethodistHealthSystem.org/Folsom.

BOARD MEMBERS SECRETLY RAISE $1.69 MILLION TO HONOR DR. STEPHEN MANSFIELD

“Surprise” was the word of the night on May 21. Retiring Methodist Health System President and CEO Stephen L. Mansfield, PhD, FACHE, thought he and his wife, Marilyn, were joining friends for dinner at the City Club in downtown Dallas but quickly learned that was just a ruse. Nearly 150 people arrived early to be in place when the Mansfields walked through the door.

They wanted to show their gratitude for Dr. Mansfield’s nearly 13 years of service to Methodist Health System.

“Steve has made an immeasurable contribution to the health and wellness of the entire Dallas community, especially in the southern sector of Dallas County.”

Julie Yarbrough, Chair
Methodist Health System Board of Directors
Methodist Dallas Medical Center is more than a regional healthcare provider. Patients from across the state and around the country come here to receive specialized care. Several physicians on the medical staff are nationally renowned for advanced procedures and research — and as Methodist Dallas’ reputation grows, its facilities are expanding, too.

In June 2019, Methodist Dallas opened two new units thanks to the generosity of Methodist Health System Foundation’s dedicated supporters. We look forward to seeing the impact of these investments in our community and beyond.

SAMMONS ENTERPRISES GERIATRIC TRAUMA UNIT

As the baby boomer population ages, hospitals across the country are seeing an increase in older trauma patients. These patients are often at greater risk for contracting infectious diseases, such as pneumonia, or suffering additional injuries or falls while in the hospital.

“The percentage of trauma patients over age 65 at Methodist Dallas has tripled in the last 20 years,” says J. Darryl Amos, MD, FACS, CPE, executive medical director of trauma centers for Methodist Charlton, Methodist Dallas, and Methodist Mansfield Medical Centers. “The Sammons Geriatric Unit gives these patients a specifically designed space tailored to their needs.”

Unit features include:
• Specialized nursing staff
• Slip-resistant floors
• Beds that are lower to the ground for safety
• Large windows
• Decreased noise and activity levels
• Reduced exposure to infectious diseases.

Sammons Enterprises is the primary supporter for the Sammons Geriatric Unit. “As a Level I Trauma Center, Methodist Dallas is positioned to address the unique needs of older trauma patients,” says Christine Anderson, director of corporate communications for Sammons Corporation. “By funding the Sammons Geriatric Unit, we will make a true difference for the Dallas community.”

JOHN R. FORD FAMILY GI LABORATORY AND ADVANCED ENDOSCOPY CENTER

Gastrointestinal (GI) diseases have a substantial impact on patients — and the healthcare system. Each year, $35.9 billion is spent on GI treatments, greater than the amounts spent on heart disease, trauma-related disorders, and mental disorders. The patient base for Methodist Digestive Institute (MDI) has been growing for years — and with this growth came the need for expanded facilities.

The new GI center boasts advanced imaging and endoscopic equipment for diagnosing and treating GI conditions and cancers. It also includes spacious reception, procedure, and recovery areas.

“These facilities are a complete transformation and will make our staff and patients much more comfortable,” says Paul Tarnasky, MD, FACG, medical director for MDI.

The new space would not be possible without the generous support of the Foundation and its donors, including John and Nita Ford. “I’m very proud of Methodist, and after the friendships and excellent care we’ve enjoyed over the years, we continue to want to give back,” John Ford says. “What a pleasure to support this new facility, which will bring even more specialized care to our community.”

Unit features include:
• 4 special endoscopic procedure rooms with anesthesia machines
• 2 advanced procedure rooms with fluoroscopy machines
• 10 private preoperative rooms with private bathrooms and flat-screen TVs
• 3 separate rooms for scope decontamination, processing, and storage.

“As technology advances, it is important that we continue to advance our services to improve all aspects of care at Methodist Dallas,” says John Phillips, FACHE, Methodist Dallas president. “The new Methodist Dallas GI lab and Sammons Geriatric Unit will help our hospital continue to improve and save lives by providing high-quality, compassionate healthcare.”

Help Methodist bring lifesaving care to our community

Lend your support to new equipment and programs at Methodist Health System.

Learn more about giving at MethodistHealthSystem.org/Foundation.
Methodist Health System Foundation’s Eagle Society members were seeing stars and stripes for the second annual Eagle Society dinner and program on June 18 at the Dallas Country Club. This was the third gathering for the Eagle Society, made up of the Methodist Health System family: board members, Robert S. Folsom Leadership Award winners, leaders, doctors, donors, and friends.

The event kicked off with patriotic music performed by the Levee Singers, followed by an invocation by the Rev. Linda Roby. Methodist Foundation President Jim Johnston detailed the purpose and importance of the Eagle Society, and new Methodist CEO Jim Scoggin Jr. shared what brought him to the job and what he believes is so special about the organization.

After dinner, the featured speaker, Mark Updegrove, presidential historian and president and CEO of the LBJ Foundation, inspired the group with “Lessons in Leadership From U.S. Presidents.” He highlighted each recent president’s leadership style using stories, photos, and video clips — Gerald Ford on the platform of “doing right” after the Watergate scandal, Jimmy Carter’s mantra of “doing good,” Ronald Reagan’s “optimism” about a growing America, and Bill Clinton’s “resilience.”

One clip showed George H. W. Bush’s “humility” as he welcomed Dana Carvey to the White House to do an impersonation of him. “The way to do the president is to start off with Mr. Rogers, and then you add a little John Wayne,” Carvey said. “You put them together, and you have George Herbert Walker Bush.” The evening came to a close with a clip of Barack Obama personifying “grace” as he sang “Amazing Grace” in the Emanuel AME Church after the church shootings in Charleston, South Carolina.

It truly was a night of laughs and smiles and a walk down memory lane. The next Eagle Society event is planned for January 2020 with another inspiring and interesting program.

During the speeches, board members John Collins and Brenda Jackson announced the naming of the Marilyn and Dr. Stephen Mansfield Oncology Unit at Methodist Charlton Medical Center. Julie Yarbrough, chair of the Methodist Health System Board of Directors, as well as Collins and Jackson initiated a quiet effort to fund the naming opportunity of the new unit, and within three weeks raised $1.69 million toward the goal.

The new unit will include 12 patient rooms and have the capacity to serve more than 700 patients annually with advanced and specialized lifesaving treatments.

Thank you, Dr. Mansfield, for your tireless dedication to the Methodist Health System mission of providing compassionate, quality healthcare!