

Men diagnosed with high prostate cancer rate

It is estimated that one man in eight will be diagnosed with prostate cancer sometime in his lifetime.

To focus greater attention on this disease, Health Development Network, a department of Botsford General Hospital, is conducting the fourth annual Prostate Health Awareness Program in May.

Prostate Health Awareness is a comprehensive, free lecture and

screening program aimed at giving men the information they need to understand prostate cancer and prostate disease.

It includes free lectures conducted by board-certified urologist Dr. Steven Roth. Following the lectures, men over 40 can schedule free digital rectal exams and Prostate-specific Antigen (PSA) blood tests.

"Digital rectal exams and PSA blood tests are the best way to de-

tect prostate cancer," said Roth, director of the urology residency program at Botsford General Hospital.

More than 1,200 men have participated in the screening and education offered by the Prostate Health Awareness Program in the past three years. Prostate cancer has been discovered in about 10 percent of the men.

Abnormal prostates have been discovered in about 25 percent of

the participants.

Lectures on prostate cancer/disease are scheduled for 1:30-3:30 p.m. May 16 at the Schmidt Auditorium in the Clarenceville High school and 7-9 p.m. May 18 in the Community Room at Botsford Hospital.

The lectures are mandatory for men interested in getting the free screening, which will be conducted noon to 6:30 p.m. May 23 and May 25 at Health Development

Network in Novi.

"We want to educate men about prostate health and reinforce that early detection is the key to fighting prostate cancer," said Donna Rich, a wellness program coordinator at Health Development Network.

Symptoms of prostate cancer include difficulty and/or painful urination, start-stop and frequent urination, and persistent pain in the back, hips, pelvis or thighs.

A family history of prostate cancer may increase the odds that a man will get the disease. Dr. Roth will describe the risk factors, signs and symptoms, diagnostic techniques and treatment options in detail in the lectures and there will be plenty of opportunity to ask questions.

Advance registration is required. To register or for more information, call Health Development Network at 477-6100.

Farmington Hills native lands top theme park stage job



Shawn P. Kelly

Shawn P. Kelly, a native of Farmington Hills, is a stage manager for "Rockin' at Rockville High," a Fiesta Texas musical theme park production that was rated the number-one theme park show in America for two years running by the readers of "Inside Track" magazine.

He was recruited during Fiesta Texas' annual Auditions USA tour, which stopped in more than 40 cities nationwide last October and November. Kelly graduated from Eisenhower High School and attended Riverside City College. He is the son of Patrick R. Kelly and Karen B. Gongaware.

"Rockin' at Rockville High," located in the San Antonio theme park's rock 'n' roll area, features a

pep rally, a sock hop, and a top-40 dance show.

Fiesta Texas features seven theaters. The musical atmosphere is helping the park shape up to be a new center for Texas music.

The musical styles featured at Fiesta Texas echo the theming in four areas — Los Festivales, a Hispanic village; Crackle Canyon, an early western area; Spassburg, a German area; and Rockville, the park's nostalgia and rock 'n' roll area.

Guests in each of the miniature villages are treated to an authentic sampling of culture through sights, sounds, smells and tastes. Each area has two theaters, except Spassburg, which has the Sangerfest Halle, a theater and dining area.

Guests sample from 60 entertainment performances daily during the summer season, and each day concludes with a laser and fireworks show, the "Lone Star Spectacular."

A sophisticated combination of animation, pyrotechnics, projections and music all set against a 100-foot canyon wall backdrop, the "Lone Star Spectacular" is a journey through the history and culture of Texas.

In addition to the various musical shows, Fiesta Texas offers activities ranging from the Ol' Waterin' Hole, a water park area for those who want to beat the heat, to the play area for youngsters, to the Rattler Roller Coaster and other rides for thrill-seek-

ers. New to the host of attractions that appeal to the whole family at the park is the "Fiesta Bay Boardwalk," which debuts late this spring.

The \$7-million addition, which sits on a 4.05 acres adjacent to the park's Rockville area, is a '50s-themed seaside boardwalk complete with a 90-foot Ferris wheel, an activity pavilion with roller skating, an 18-hole miniature golf course, a wading pool, paddle boats, a spinning gondola ride for children, a swinging lifeboat, and a wipe-out ride.

The park is located at the intersection of Loop 1604 and I-10 West in San Antonio. For more information, call 1-800-473-4378.

Correction Singles work on benefit benefit

Joe Derek, who said he was an ace speller in school, did not misspell "through" in a recent guest column. It was an editing error.

Area singles groups are joining hands in a benefit for Children's Hospital of Michigan.

The Single Coalition Benefit Dance is 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, May 20, at the Marriott Hotel in Livonia on Six Mile east of I-275 in the Laurel Park Mall. Admission is \$12 in advance. Of that money, \$7 is tax deduct-

ible. The cost at the door will be \$15, of which \$10 is tax deductible. The fee includes music and hors d'oeuvres. A cash bar also will be available.

The attire is dressy. Men must wear a coat and tie. Farmington Single Professionals, First Society of Detroit, Ford

Singles, Selective Singles, Metropolitan Single Professionals, Westlake Singles and many more groups will be involved in this fund-raiser.

For information call Dave Hurlbert, event chairperson, of the Farmington Single Professionals at (810)478-4919.

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