

Anhut honored for work on Botsford board

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To John Anhut, Botsford General Hospital has been much more than a medical institution.

Anhut, 73, owned the Botsford Inn next to the hospital on Grand River for more than 40 years before selling to Creon Smith in 1993.

"I sold that land to the hospital," Anhut said. "I've been a trustee starting with the first shovel in the ground."

Anhut's 25 years of service as a Botsford Board trustee was recognized by the Michigan Health and Hospital Association with an MHA Governance Award.

The award was announced by the association on Sept. 19. It recognizes trustees whose work "has strengthened the quality of service provided by the institutions they represent."

Anhut and Ellwood A. Mattson, a trustee at Marquette General Hospital, were the two

award winners for 1996.

Zieger Health Care Corporation bought the land from the Anhut family. Anhut's involvement with the community and perspective as a local business owner were contributing factors to his recognition.

Anhut has developed a familiarity with the hospital administration, board, and community leadership that has given him a special perspective on the area's economic, social and health issues.

As chairman of the hospital's capital campaign to support extensive hospital renovation and expansion, Anhut helped

develop a blueprint for the effort that raised \$6 million between 1990 and 1995. Anhut serves as a member of the board's finance committee.

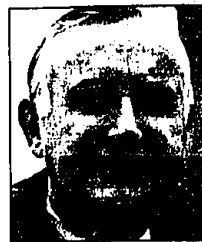
"I've known John since the early 60s," said Botsford CEO Gerson Cooper. "He has been invaluable to us because of his networking and many community contacts. The hospital is a member of the community and we need its support. John has been a wonderful ambassador for us."

Anhut's commitment to the community was recently recognized with awards for the Grand River Corridor Improvement

Program that has brought in new business, and improved the lighting, streetscape and landscaping of the avenue in the southeast part of the city.

The Grand River project and Botsford are not only a natural geographical fit, but go together in the city's future development.

"It's going to be tough for us in the future," Anhut said of the hospital's future in a competitive health care environment. "The big boys are getting bigger. But with (CEO) Gerson Cooper, we've had excellent leadership."



John Anhut

Grand River Corridor group honored 3 times

The Grand River Corridor Improvement Project has won three state level awards, including one through Keep Michigan Beautiful.

The Michigan Chapter of the American Planning Association and the Michigan Society of Planning Officials had already named the project as the 1996 Outstanding Planning Project Award winner. The award will

be presented at the MAPA/MSPPO conference today.

Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc., will present Farmington Hills with a 1996 Michigan plaque at its annual conference awards luncheon Oct. 11. Keep Michigan Beautiful recognized communities for outstanding efforts at community beautification.

The September/October issue of the Michi-

gan Municipal Review will highlight the project in its list of 1996 Certificate of Achievement award winners. The Review is a publication of the Michigan Municipal League.

The Farmington Hills City Council call-in program and the Shiawassee Park Fishing Derby, which is cosponsored by the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills, also earned Certificates of Achievement.

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