

Scholarship honors Botsford doctor

Botsford General Hospital, a nonprofit community health care facility, and its physicians together have endowed a minority scholarship fund at the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MSU-COM).

This scholarship fund was named to honor the commitment of Botsford's board chairman, Edward N. Hodges, III, J.D., to the profession of osteopathic medicine. The scholarship fund will annually assist three minority students at MSU to pursue their dreams of becoming physicians.

In fact, the endowment drive has been so successful that students should begin benefiting from this scholarship money during the current academic year.

MSUCOM is one of the top ten medical colleges in the U.S. for primary care training according to the U.S. News & World Report in its guide "Best Graduate Schools."

"I shall enjoy seeing minority medical students achieve their goals through the financial support of this scholarship. And even after I am long gone, I will still be watching over them and encouraging them in their medical careers," Hodges beamed at the reception ceremony to dedicate the scholarship fund.

Botsford president Gerson Cooper extolled Hodges' accomplishments and contributions and celebrated his many years of cherished friendship. "Ed's commitment to Botsford, his collaborative approach to leadership, and his deep sense of community values have contributed immeasurably to the field of osteopathic medicine and to the success of our organization."

Hodges' personal story highlights how education has evolved since he was a college freshman in the late 1930s and had to live in a "Negroes-only" basement dormitory room. He dropped out to enter the military and through dogged persistence and

the faithful support of his loving wife, Beatrice, he earned a law degree on the GI Bill.

Hodges' service to osteopathic medicine has included these professional affiliations: Botsford General Hospital board member since 1973, serving as chairman since 1983; Michigan Hospital Association chairman of the Council on Hospital Governance (1986-1988); American Hospital Association Michigan delegate to the Congress of Trustees, which he ultimately chaired; and American Osteopathic Hospital Association trustee and Council of Hospital Trustees chairman.

Hodges also served on the board of directors at the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan for ten years and was vice-president of the United Foundation in the 1970s.

Today, he serves on the Farmington Hills Multicultural/Multiracial Committee. Retired from Michigan Bell since 1983, Hodges is listed in Who's Who Among Black Americans and is a life member of the NAACP.



Honored: Botsford General Hospital board chairman Edward N. Hodges, III, J.D. (foreground), spoke at the reception ceremony at which a minority scholarship fund was named in his honor. Michigan State University College of Medicine Dean Allen W. Jacobs, D.O., Ph.D. (left), and Botsford President and CEO Gerson I. Cooper (center) look on.

Coffee shop next step for North alum

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Deborah Lutz's adult life seems to revolve around her business.

That was literally the case when she opened her hair salon, The Works, in Walled Lake in 1988.

"When I opened my 800-square-foot salon, I slept on the floor," Lutz said. "For six months, I couldn't afford an apartment and a business, so I lived in the salon."

Her sacrifices have paid off and things have improved dramatically for the entrepreneur since then.

After moving her hair salon and massage spa into a 1,800-square-foot building in 1992, the Commerce Township resident's conglomeration of businesses grew again last month. She added a coffee shop — Cafe Travail — and a tuxedo and dress rental business at West Maple Plaza.

Her endeavors combine Lutz's business training and experience in cosmetology, massage therapy, hair styling, restaurant management and retailing.

"At the salon and spa, we have a lot of professionals who don't have much time after work," said Lutz, a North Farmington High School graduate. "This way, they can grab a bite to eat from our coffee shop while they get their hair done. We have some moms who leave their kids at day care for two hours while they go and do something for themselves. They can do a lot in two hours here."

The coffee business — which includes lunch, breakfast and snack menus — evolved from her friendship with Susan Vert, who had extensive experience preparing all kinds of coffee drinks.

The fact that Walled Lake did not have a coffee shop was another incentive.

Lutz said offering a flexible menu, friendly service and specialty coffee drinks will give her shop an advantage when Tim Horton's, a coffee shop-type restaurant, is built across Maple Road later this year.

Lutz can be contacted at (248) 689-3130.

RECREATION NEWS

ADULT SOFTBALL

New team registration for men, women and co-ed softball is now being taken. For more information, call 473-8578.

EUCHRE PARTY

Get your partner and register for euchre from 7-10 p.m. Friday, April 20. The cost is \$6 per person, and advance registration is required.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Beginning at 8:30 a.m. Monday, April 2, the recreation division will be accepting registration for its scheduled summer leisure programs. Residents should receive their summer program brochure in the mail prior to the registration date. The recreation office is at 31555 W. 11 Mile and is open from 9:40 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Call 473-9570.

SPRING SALE

Sign up now for the spring clean-up sale being held Saturday, April 28, at Heritage Park Day Camp Building. For more information, call the recreation division at 473-9570.

PAINTBALL

The Mayor's Youth Council, the Fishin' Guys, and the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services will host a paintball trip for Farmington and Farmington Hills high school students Saturday, April 28, at the Paintball Fields in Pinckney.

The cost for the trip is \$42 and includes three hours of play. The trip departs from the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills at 12:30 p.m. and returns at 8 p.m.

To register for the trip, sign up at a Mayors Youth Council event or at the Department of Special Services by April 9. Call 473-9592.

EASTER EGGS TRAVAGANZA

Join the Panda, the lovable mascot of the recreation division, invites children to join him at the Heritage Park Day Camp Building on Saturday, April 7, for an Easter Eggstravaganza. Program for children 3-5 years old will be 10-11:30 a.m., and children ages 6-10 from 12:30-2 p.m. The activities include snacks, games, arts and crafts, and Easter Egg Hunt and story

telling. Programs are for children only. Parents are welcome to wait in the lobby. Advance registration is required.

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The Recreation Division offers two different camps during spring break. Kids ages 6-12 can choose from day camp at Heritage Park or kids ages 7-11 can enjoy the Tours Camp which schedules a different destination each day. Both camps run April 16-20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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