

# Roads to recovery: Woman believes in miracles

Donna Navetta believes she has been touched by two miracles. Her husband, Mike, and father, Michael Yurich, at different times, were critically ill and not expected to recover. After trying medicines, both, however, are doing well. And Navetta counts her blessings.

The ordeal for her husband began a week before last Christmas. Mike, 63, was admitted to Bots-

ford Continuing Health Center in Farmington Hills. He had suffered a massive stroke and had been released from Botsford General Hospital.

He was completely paralyzed on his right side, couldn't speak, and didn't recognize anyone. She was told by his physician that he probably had two weeks to live.

"I was quite upset that they would tell a family that someone

only had a few weeks to live," Navetta said. "When I brought him to Botsford Continuing Health Center, one of the nurses said, 'This man isn't going to die and they started to work with him.'"

She credits that nurse along with a nurse's aide and a speech therapist with giving him what he needed to begin his recovery. She said if they had brought him home, she wouldn't have been

able to give him the care he needed.

"He has a long way to go, because it was a massive stroke," she said. "But I can get him in and out of a wheelchair. He's standing with assistance and he's going to outpatient therapy. He knows what's going on. He can't verbally respond to us, yet, but that takes a long time. They say he has potential to walk."

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Similarly, two years ago, Navetta's father, Michael Yurich, was admitted to BCHC in roughly the same condition. He had undergone two cancer operations and suffered a stroke.

Navetta says her father, now 88, is living comfortably at BCHC. He uses a wheelchair and is able to walk with assistance. He also participates in recreational programs.

## Mystery dinner adds dash of art

Mix mystery with a dash of art and a sprinkle of gourmet food and serve up a night at The Community Center of Farmington-Farmington Hills.

"A Mystery at Margoloh Gallery," will be 7 p.m., Saturday, April 16. The center is in the Longacre mansion, 24705 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills.

The event will begin with drinks and appetizers at 7 p.m. and dinner will be served at 8 p.m.

"This is a fresh and innovative approach to dinner theater," said Jo Schirtzinger, TCC program coordinator.

"It will be a unique evening you will never forget."

Nick C. Kaine Productions will perform an original drama that incorporates mystery, suspense and a love story. The Longacre mansion will be transformed into the "Margoloh Gallery" for the opening of a special exhibit, hosted by a European count.


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Highlighting the exhibit will be three dimensional photographs. Works by local artists also be displayed throughout the mansion for public viewing and sale.

The dinner will feature cherry chicken, rice pilaf, mandarin tossed salad, and chocolate mousse torte. Catering by Susan Baker will provide the gourmet cooking. A cash bar also will be available before and during dinner.

Tickets are \$29 per person including the photodrama mystery to solve, dinner and prizes. For reservations call The Community Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday at 477-8404.



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