

MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS

HEART SAFE LIVONIA

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, recently received the American HeartSaver Award from the American Heart Association for creating the Heart Safe Livonia, an organization that provides public awareness and serves as consultants for automated electronic defibrillators (AEDs) in businesses.



St. Mary Mercy Hospital recently received the HeartSaver Award from the American Heart Association. Pictured, left to right, Marianne Simancek, Ginger Ramsay, Paul Derwich of Livonia Public Schools and Julie Sproul.

Under the direction of Ginger Ramsay, Community Outreach at St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Heart Safe Livonia has been instrumental in placing defibrillators in several

Livonia organizations since its inception in 2000.

Besides St. Mary Mercy Hospital, members include Livonia Public Schools, Livonia Fire and Rescue, the City of Livonia, legislators and other city representatives.

Donations to Heart Safe Livonia are encouraged to assist in the purchase of AEDs for local organizations. To assist, or to receive more information, contact Ginger Ramsay at (734) 655-8947.

HENRY FORD HEALTH SYSTEM

The Hon. James L. Ryan, U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth District, has been appointed to the Community Care Board of Trustees for the Henry Ford Health System. Henry Ford Community Care operates a number of services including senior services, hospice/end-of-life care, occupational health, dialysis, home health care and home products. Ryan lives in Redford.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY AWARD

St. Mary Mercy Hospital Cancer Services has received the first-ever Five Star Community Investor Award from the American Cancer Society (ACS), Great Lakes Division, Inc. This award is given to hospitals that are active in fighting cancer on multiple fronts through the ACS AT Work Program.

The hospital qualified by participating in many facets of the ACS mission, such as offering

low- or no-cost screenings to eligible individuals, hosting the Men's Health Fair, providing cancer support groups, offering classes on smoking cessation and educating youth on the hazards of tobacco use, and participating and sponsoring the Relay For Life fund-raiser.



Dirani



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MEDICAL STAFF OFFICERS

New medical staff officers at St. Mary Mercy Hospital for 2003-2004 include Dr. Prasad Mikkilineni, chief of staff; Dr. Khalil Dirani, chief of staff elects, and Dr. John Ijjas, secretary/treasurer. New members at large include Dr. Jay Desai and Dr. Hector Rodriguez, who will join Dr. Ray Misirliyan and Dr. Gregory Stone.

Mikkilineni of Bloomfield Hills, whose office is in Livonia, has been an internist at St. Mary Mercy since 1992. Dirani of Bloomfield Hills, whose office is in Livonia, was 2002 Chief of Staff and has been with St. Mary Mercy since 1980. He is a board certified anesthesiologist. Ijjas of Novi, whose office is in Livonia, specializes in vascular surgery. He has been with St. Mary Mercy since 1997 and serves as the medical director of the St. Mary Mercy Wound Care Center.

NEW HOSPITAL OFFICERS

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Livonia, has named Julie Moran, St. Clair Shores, as the new director of Information Services. Moran comes to St. Mary Mercy Hospital from Trinity Information Services, Farmington Hills, where she served as System Design Manager since 2000. She has over 20 years of health care management experience.

Moran holds a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism from American University, Wash. DC, and a Master's of Public Administration from the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

The hospital also has named Mike Gusko of Birmingham as vice president and chief financial officer. Gusko worked for Trinity Information Services, Farmington Hills, where he served as vice president, Finance and Administration, since 2000. He has worked for Trinity Health for almost 14 years.

Gusko has been a Certified Public Accountant for 16 years and holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

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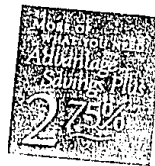
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