



Medina Hospital Advocate

A Publication of the Medina Hospital Foundation

Summer 2019



Tim and Cheryl Sneed.

Fundraising Campaign Aims to Expand Oncology Suite and Patient Services

In October 2017, Cheryl Sneed of Brunswick, felt tired and feverish. At first, she thought it was the flu, but when her symptoms persisted, she saw her family doctor, who ordered blood tests and a CT scan. That evening, he called her with the results: She had cancer. He made an appointment for her with Mir Ali, MD, at Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital, whom she saw the next day. He diagnosed urethral cancer.

“It was stage 4 in my left kidney,” she says. Cancer also was found in her bladder, liver and lung.

Despite the shock of her diagnosis, Mrs. Sneed says, her experience with Medina Cancer Services was excellent.

“Dr. Ali is very kind-hearted and explains everything to you,” she says. “He takes the time to answer your questions. And

continued on page 2

David Jones Remembered

Hospital Foundation Leader, Longtime Supporter, Passes Away

Medina Hospital patients lost a good friend and generous benefactor when David Jones, 83, of Hudson and Key Largo, Florida, passed away on March 19.

A founding member of the Medina Hospital Foundation, known for his business acumen and contributions and commitment to the Medina community, Mr. Jones helped launch and influence



David B. Jones

the careers of some of Medina’s most prominent business leaders. In 2000, he also made the largest gift that Medina Hospital had received up until that time,

\$500,000, to build the

Jones Center for breast cancer patients. He made it in memory of his first wife, Dorothy “Dottie” Jones, and his mother, Kathryn Jones, who both passed away from the disease.

The Jones Center “helped put Medina Hospital’s cancer work on the map,” says Ron Paydo, Huntington Bank Community Bank President. “When you look at the hospital, a lot of what you see today

continued on page 3

Memorial Listing

*In memory of
David B. Jones*

Cary & Karen Blair
Mr. & Mrs.
S. Richard Brand
Don P. Brown
Suzanne Brown
Mr. & Mrs.
Christian Callsen
Bill & Elizabeth Coleman
Tad & Jan Coleman
Don & Sandy Gleichauf
Gail T. Guyton
Pat Hofstetter
Tim & Cheryl Hughey
Robert Hummel, MD
Roger & Sarah Jane
Ingraham
Mary Lohman
J Tucker Marston
Kay & Walter Meinhardt
John & Karen Miller
Denny Morgan
Jan Moxley
Andy & Linda Schultz
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Shields
Simmons Brothers
Construction
Thomas Steinke
John & Connie Taylor
Sharon & Bill Wagner
Westfield Insurance
Foundation
Jack Wilham

*In memory of
Ed Moxley*
Jan Moxley

*In memory of
Harold "Bud" Bux*
Dan and Lucy Sondles

Fundraising Campaign

continued from page 1

his nurses are wonderful! Jen, Julie, Trish, Kathy, Bonnie the pharmacist, Erin the nurse-practitioner – everybody there is wonderful.”

She says she appreciates having the high-quality care of Cleveland Clinic's Taussig Cancer Center close to home, and, despite a recent setback, she now is feeling “pretty good” on her current immunotherapy treatment.

Comprehensive care

Medina Cancer Services, a team of physicians, nurses, social workers, pharmacists, dietitians and clergy, offers both inpatient and outpatient treatments, as well as physical and occupational therapy services.

“Ours is a comprehensive oncology program,” says Dr. Ali, who heads Medina Cancer Services. “We treat a wide variety of malignancies covering the entire spectrum, and patients don't have to travel 30 or 40 miles to Cleveland Clinic's main campus. They are treated close to home at the only hospital-affiliated oncology program in Medina County. Our program is a direct extension of the Taussig Cancer Center, and as such, it provides patients access to clinical trials and the same quality of care they would expect to receive at the main campus.”

Adding space and services

Because of the success of Medina Hospital's oncology program, both treatment space and services need to be expanded.

For more information or to make a gift, please contact Randy Fuerst, Executive Director, Medina Hospital Foundation, at 330.721.5940, or fuerstr@ccf.org.

“Right now, sometimes I have to wait for a chair for my treatment because they're so crowded,” Mrs. Sneed says.



Mir Ali, MD

A \$2.9 million expansion of Medina Hospital's Outpatient Oncology Suite is underway. Gifts to Cancer Services will be recognized as part of the renovation and expansion of the sixth-floor suite and may be designated for capital renovations, patient programs, education for patients and families, caregiver continuing education or endowed funds for cancer prevention and treatment. Naming opportunities are available.

“The philanthropic support will extend our ability to help patients who have inadequate prescription drug coverage, and it will help provide communication materials to the community at large in our efforts to increase early detection of cancer through screening programs,” Dr. Ali says. “We also provide free lunches for patients whose treatment requires a protracted period of time.”

In addition, funds raised will support hiring a second full-time oncologist, thereby increasing the number of patients who could be served, he says.

“Medina County has been extremely supportive to us, and we want to continue returning world-class care to them,” Dr. Ali says.



Like us on Facebook

To see the latest, learn the history, read about our supporters, see event photos or make a gift securely online, please visit us at facebook.com/MedinaHospitalFoundation.



Or visit us on Instagram at instagram.com/medina.hospital.foundation.

Board Membership Changes

At the April meeting of the Foundation Board of Directors, Board President Ellen Hunter thanked outgoing members Lisa Dunn, Frank Carrino, and Kathleen Mau, DNP, APRN, for their service to Medina Hospital. The board also unanimously elected new member Donielle Finding, MSN, MBA, to a three-year term starting June 1.

Event Dates Set

The Medina Hospital Foundation is pleased to share the following dates of our 2019 fundraising events for projects at Medina Hospital. We hope that you will join the fun while supporting our hospital:

Raising Hope Wine Tasting for Cancer Services

Sept. 22
The Corkscrew Saloon



Oct. 19
Weymouth Country Club

Jones

continued from page 1

is because of him. He was always challenging us, and saying, ‘Why can’t we do more?’ The services offered and the space grew exponentially because of his vision. He poured his heart and soul into the hospital, and he was a pillar of the community. I tell people all the time that if there were a Mount Rushmore for Medina leaders, he’d be on there.”

A life of service

Born and raised in Medina, Mr. Jones served as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Navy before embarking on a banking career. He started at the U.S. Federal Board of Bank Examiners, and after a few years, he went to Old Phoenix Bank as comptroller, eventually rising to the level of CEO and President. Like his father and grandfather before him.

“He was always challenging us, and saying, ‘Why can’t we do more?’”

— Ron Paydo

In addition to serving as the first President of Medina Hospital Foundation’s Board of Directors, he also volunteered his time as President of the Medina Chamber of Commerce and was on the boards of the Westfield Companies, Westfield Bank, Old Phoenix National Bank, FirstBancorporation of Ohio, the Ohio Bankers Association and Western Reserve Academy’s Board of Visitors.

A talent for spotting talent

Robert Bux, former Chairman of the Medina Hospital Foundation and a partner with Williams and Batchelder LLP, remembers Mr. Jones for his civic-mindedness and uncanny ability to spot talent and leadership ability in people even before they saw it in themselves.

Jeffrey Palker, who worked with Mr. Jones at the bank for over 30 years, concurs. “He had a tremendous sense of judgment about people’s strengths. He picked the right people for both the hospital board and the hospital foundation.”

A tribute to his wife and mother

It was not long after Dottie died in 2000 that Mr. Jones approached Mr. Bux, his estate lawyer and also then Chairman of the Medina Hospital Board, and said “he wanted to do something big in recognition of his mother and wife,” Mr. Bux recalls. “The Jones Center was designed to be more like a living room than a hospital room, with overstuffed chairs, soft lighting and subdued colors. That was all David’s concept.

He thought that patients ought to be able to wear soft, luxurious robes, sit in comfortable chairs, and be in a room separate from the radiation area, a special place.”

In the Jones Center, a wall plaque honors Kathryn and Dottie Jones, but it makes no mention of their son and husband, whose gift put it there. That, too, is how Mr. Bux remembers Mr. Jones, as service-minded and humble.

“It’s a perfect tribute to his generosity and leadership,” he says. “How many people, on hearing that he passed, have related stories of this same nature. He touched hundreds, or maybe thousands, of lives in Medina County.”



Medina Hospital Foundation

1000 East Washington St.
 Medina OH 44256

medinahospitalfoundation.org

Medina Hospital Foundation realizes that individuals would like to learn more about its particular programs, services or developments. However, if you do not wish to receive information relating to your philanthropic objectives at this time, please call the Medina Hospital Foundation at 330.721.5941 or send an email to kern@ccf.org.



Write a Will Day Thanks

In May, five local attorneys volunteered their services to create simple wills for 18 Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital caregivers as part of the hospital's celebration of Hospital Week. We thank Stuart Horwitz and Jason Damicone of Horwitz & Damicone, LLC, William F. Hutson, Attorney, Ann Salek of Critchfield, Critchfield and Johnston Attorneys and Ashley Sorgen of Marie Mirro Edmonds Co., LPA.

\$50,000 in Scholarships Awarded

Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital, the medical staff and the Medina Hospital Foundation recently awarded \$50,000 to Medina County high school graduates who plan to pursue a course of study in the medical field during the 2019-20 academic year.

Collectively, the hospital, staff and foundation have given more than \$630,000 in the annual scholarship program over the hospital's 75-year history.

Medina Hospital Foundation Board

- | | | |
|---|------------------------|---|
| Ellen Hunter
<i>President</i> | Russ Corwin | Lifetime/Honorary
Member |
| Bill Hutson
<i>Vice President</i> | Ron Falconi | Edward A. Hall |
| Donielle Finding MSN, MBA
<i>Secretary</i> | Terry Grice | Foundation Staff |
| Ron Plazek
<i>Treasurer</i> | Jarrod Long | Randy Fuerst
<i>Executive Director</i> |
| | Don Milksch | Linda Kern
<i>Foundation Assistant</i> |
| | Vicky Nann | |
| | Ann Salek | |
| | Catherine Sheridan, MD | |
| | Vicky Snyder, CFO/COO | |

Presorted Standard
 U.S. Postage
PAID
 Cleveland, OH
 Permit No. 3630
