



**MACKINAC STRAITS
HEALTH FOUNDATION**
BRIDGING DREAMS TO REALITY

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NEWSLETTER

Mackinac Straits Health System Purchases Spinal Surgery Robot

Mackinac Straits Health System (MSHS) became a leader in the field of robotic guidance and navigation through the purchase of ExcelsiusGPS. This platform technology is designed by Globus Medical, Inc. to improve safety and accuracy within the operating room.

Anthony Bozzio, MD is leading the spinal surgery program at Mackinac Straits. He is a board certified orthopedic spine surgeon with an extensive background in robotic surgery.

“I am so proud to help bring this technology into the list of surgical services offered in St. Ignace, and am especially excited for our patients,” said Dr. Bozzio.

“We plan to use the system for a variety of procedures, ranging from all types of minimally invasive fusions to more complex revision surgery. I look forward to promoting less invasive procedures through this technology. This will be the only facility to offer this type of robotic surgery in the region.”

“This system provides improved visualization of patient anatomy through the procedure to help optimize patient treatment,” Bozzio added. “The system is designed to streamline the surgical workflow and reduce radiation exposure to surgeons and staff. This revolutionary robotic navigation platform is the world’s first technology to combine a rigid robotic arm and full navigation capabilities into one adaptable platform for accurate trajectory alignment in spine surgery.”

“At Mackinac Straits, we are committed to providing the highest quality of care for our patients and staff, and look forward to the exciting opportunities and undoubtable impact this technology will bring to the field of spine surgery,” said Karen Cheeseman, MSHS president and chief executive officer.

MSH Foundation has purchased several pieces of equipment for use in surgical cases, including robotic spine surgery, thanks to donor support.



Dr. Bozzio and surgical staff with the new spinal surgery robot.

The 20th **Jewel** at Mackinac
GOLF TOURNAMENT
Thursday, August 25, 2022

Honorary
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Carol & Doug
Rearick



The Rearicks have been longtime supporters of the Mackinac Island community and the Straits area, including the Mackinac Straits Health Foundation. After visiting Mackinac for decades, Carol's parents bought a home on the Island in 1966. Tim and Anna Timmons developed a wonderful legacy of contributing to many local projects and appreciated the value of quality health care. The Timmons also served as co-chairs of The Jewel back in 2013.

Professionally, both Doug and Carol were educators prior to retirement. Doug is a former high school principal and Carol was a middle school media specialist. They have adapted well to the Island lifestyle. They have built countless friendships and have become involved with several organizations, including the Mackinac Island Community Foundation, Little Stone Church, Wawashkamo Golf Club, and Star Line Mackinac Island Ferry Company. Plus, they just became grandparents last year! They have enjoyed being part of The Jewel Golf Outing each year - Doug hits the links with his foursome dressed in those traditional knickers and Carol volunteers, usually wearing a unique costume each year!

The Rearicks have always valued kindness, caring and generosity with both time and gifts. Giving back to the community has always been a priority. Carol continues to serve as a member of the Mackinac Island Medical Center board.



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Many will remember Victor Callewaert as a hard working business entrepreneur, dedicated family man, and a tireless promoter of Mackinac Island. Many current community leaders and business owners credit Vic with being a mentor. He was famous for his pink shirts and a warm smile. Earlier this year, he shared some reflections about his efforts on Mackinac. They appreciated his advice and guidance, while admiring his example of community support over many decades. Vic served as member of the Mackinac Island Medical Center board.

Supporting Health Care. “Having access to quality care is critical for all of us. On Mackinac, we need to care for those traveling, our employees and the year-round residents. I am so pleased to see how the Medical Center and the St. Ignace Hospital have advanced to provide needed services, year round.”



Vic Callewaert

Keys to Family Success as Mackinac Business Entrepreneurs. “Hard work and dedication. You can have all of the ideas in the world and the resources to back them up, but without hard work and dedication those ideas do not amount to much. Ours is a family that appreciates hard work. Whether it's the Island House, Starbucks, Ryba's Fudge Shops, or our many restaurants, members of the family are there from before the doors open until they close at the end of October. Long hours and hard work demand dedication. In our case, it's dedication to our customers, our guests, and the people who visit Mackinac.”

The King of Raffle Tickets. “The first raffle tickets I recall selling supported the Lilac Festival decades ago. Then came fundraisers for St. Anne's Church and the Medical Center raffle, which was part of the annual Auction held in late August. Because the Medical Center was so important to me and my family, and such a necessary resource for the Island, I was happy to help out by selling raffle tickets. In all honesty, selling tickets was fun. I met so many people and it brought a smile to my face when someone I sold a ticket to turned out to be a winner. Supporting community projects like the Lilac Festival and the Medical Center Auction was the least I could do.”

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- Healthy Partners Luncheon, Grand Hotel July 6, 2022
- Run for the Health of It 5K/10K, St. Ignace August 20, 2022
- Jewel at Mackinac Golf Tournament, Mackinac Island August 25, 2022
- Mackinac Island Medical Center Auction, Grand Hotel..... October 1, 2022

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