CLARK PROMOTED TO PRESIDENT OF SSM DEPAUL HEALTH CENTER

Melinda Clark, president and CEO of SSM Rehab in St. Louis, has been named president of SSM DePaul Health Center in Bridgeton. Clark replaces Robert Porter who was promoted to Executive Vice President—Strategy & Business Development for SSM Health Care—St. Louis last June after serving as DePaul’s president for seven years. Clark joined SSM Health Care in 1994 as Vice President of Operations for SSM Rehab. Before that she served as administrative director for Tampa General Healthcare, a 1,000-bed public teaching hospital.

Under Clark’s leadership for the past six years, SSM Rehab has achieved unprecedented growth in both inpatient and outpatient services, and has added specialized services including sports medicine, amputee support programs, and wellness clinics for women with disabilities. SSM Rehab is the only not-for-profit acute rehabilitation hospital in St. Louis, with 15 outpatient locations throughout the area.

EMILY RAUH PULITZER RECEIVES ST. LOUIS AWARD
Citing her “outstanding contributions to the St. Louis arts community,” the St. Louis Award committee named Emily Rauh Pulitzer as recipient of their annual honor for 2002. The award was presented earlier this year.

Pulitzer is the 75th person to receive the award since it was established by philanthropist David Wohl in 1931. Wohl’s vision for the award is for “the resident of metropolitan St. Louis, who during the preceding year, has contributed the most outstanding service for its development...or performed such service as to bring greatest honor to the community.”

With the opening of the Ando-designed Pulitzer Foundation for the Arts, Emily Pulitzer created an institution to serve artists, architects, scholars, students and the general public. The facility not only displays works from the collection she built with her late husband Joseph Pulitzer Jr., but also encourages understanding of the relationship between art and architecture. The stunning design has been lauded nationally and internationally by arts and architectural critics. She is a long-time supporter of the Grand Center and other area arts programs and organizations.

WIMAN JOINS WEBSTER UNIVERSITY AS VICE PRESIDENT

Webster University has welcomed award-winning broadcast journalist Al Wiman as vice president for university communications. He leads the departments responsible for media relations, publications, the Web site, videography, graphic design, sports information and the Webster University film series.

Wiman brings more than 25 years of experience in broadcasting, most recently as medicine and science reporter at KSDK-TV and previously with KMOV-TV, both in St. Louis. He also has served with radio and television stations in Los Angeles and Tallahassee, Fla. Wiman’s career honors and awards include three Emmy Awards from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences and two Golden Globe awards from the Southern California Radio/TV News Association.

SISTERS OF MERCY HEALTH SYSTEM NAMES FREEMAN REGIONAL CIO

DeWey Freeman
Dewey Freeman has been named regional chief information officer of the Sisters of Mercy Health System and chief information officer for St. John’s Mercy Health Care in St. Louis. Freeman has been in the health care field for 21 years and brings 17 years of experience in information technology to his new position at Sisters of Mercy. He has spent the last three years in the resort industry, and prior to that Freeman was vice president of information services at Baptist Health in Little Rock, Ark.

KEENA NAMED NEW GM AT HARRAH’S ST. LOUIS

Harrah’s Entertainment Inc. has announced a new senior vice president and general manager at its gaming property in St. Louis. Bill Keena joined Harrah’s in 1988 at its Las Vegas property as an internal auditor. Prior to coming to St. Louis, Keena served as GM at Harrah’s Laughlin, Nev., property.

Keenan replaces Vern Jennings, who has assumed a position in government relations based at the company’s corporate headquarters in Las Vegas.

In addition to responsibility for operations of the two casinos, hotel and meeting facilities at Harrah’s St. Louis, Keenan will be overseeing the construction of an additional 309-room, all-suite hotel and expanding two of the property’s restaurants. The $75 million expansion is scheduled for completion around the end of 2004.

ACADEMY OF SCIENCE ANNOUNCES 2003 OUTSTANDING ST. LOUIS SCIENTISTS

The Academy of Science of St. Louis has announced the names of the women and men who will be honored at the 2003 Outstanding St. Louis Scientists Awards Dinner on April 2 at the Sheraton City Center.

Will Carpenter, Ph.D., developer of Monsanto’s Roundup and national leader in the fight to pass the Chemical Weapons Convention, will receive the Trustee’s Award for his dedication to science and persistent efforts to see the use of chemical weapons banned worldwide.

Peter H. Raven Lifetime Awards will go to Ira Hirsch, Ph.D., world-leader in audiology at Central Institute for the Deaf and Mallinckrodt Distinguished Professor of Psychology at Washington University, and Nobuo Suga, Ph.D., professor of biology at Washington University, whose studies on bat echolocation have advanced the understanding of human hearing. This prestigious award is presented to established scientists for a distinguished career of service in science.

Named to receive the Fellows Award are world pioneer in nerve transplants, Susan Mackinnon, M.D., Shoenberg Professor and chief of plastic surgery at Washington University School of Medicine and Barnes-Jewish Hospital, and Raymond Slavin, M.D., Saint Louis University School of Medicine, leading spokesperson and researcher for allergy and asthma. The Fellows Award honors active scientists who excel in communicating to colleagues, future scientists and the general public.

The founder and former director of McDonnell Douglas Research Laboratories and current president of Fluotech, Donald Ames, Ph.D.,
Two scientists under age 40 at the forefront of scientific innovation will be recognized: Phyllis Hanson, M.D., Ph.D., assistant professor of cell biology and physiology at Washington University School of Medicine, for advancing the understanding of synaptic nerve function; and James McCarter, M.D., Ph.D., president and chief scientific officer of Divergence Inc.

“The accomplishments of St. Louisans such as these make our community a world leader in many areas of science,” says Thomas Woolsey, M.D., Academy president. “Each of them has received national and often international recognition for the new technologies and treatments made possible by their work—now we here in St. Louis celebrate the global significance of their contributions.”

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- Tom Hegger to vice president, commercial/institutional operations

SPIRIT OF CHESTERFIELD AWARD GOES TO LOUIS SACHS

Louis Sachs, chairman of Sachs Properties, received the 2003 "Spirit of Chesterfield" award, presented annually by the Chesterfield Chamber of Commerce (CCC).

"As the quiet genius behind Chesterfield Village, the first master-planned community ever developed in the St. Louis region, Louis Sachs has been defining the very core of Chesterfield since 1967," said Joan Schmelig, CCC executive director.

Centered by Highway 40 and Clarkson/Olive Road, the 1,500-acre Chesterfield Village development includes Chesterfield Mall as well as adjoining office and residential neighborhoods and retail shops. Sachs has helped create many of the city’s cultural assets including the Butterfly House and Carousel Building at Faust Park, the JCCA and the YMCA Community Theatre. Most recently, he was the prime benefactor in the establishment of the newest branch of the St. Louis County Library—The Samuel C. Sachs Library, named for his father.

AGC OF ST. LOUIS INSTALLS OFFICERS

The Associated General Contractors of St. Louis (AGC) has named officers for 2003. Kevin Kuntz, senior vice president of McCarthy Building Companies Inc. was installed as chairman of the AGC board earlier this year. He succeeds James Frey of Alberici Constructors who remains on the AGC board of directors.

Other AGC officers are:
- Patrick Kozeny of Kozeny-Wagner Inc., senior vice chairman of the board;
- David Volk Jr. of Volk Construction Co., vice chairman of the board;
- Thomas Heeger of Acme Erectors Inc., treasurer; and
- Thomas Barta of Fred Weber Inc., secretary.

RIVERBOAT GAMING ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS

The Missouri Riverboat Gaming Association (MRGA) has announced the election of its officers for 2003:
NEW OFFICERS ASSUME DUTIES FOR ST. LOUIS CHAPTER OF AIA

Vernon Remiger, principal and chief operating officer at Arcturis, has been installed as 2003 president of the St. Louis Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA).

Other officers supporting the local AIA include: Lou Saur, FAIA of Saur Associates as president-elect and Robert Barringer of HOK Inc. as treasurer. New directors are: John Berendzen of Fox Architects, Erik Kocher of Hastings and Chivetra Architects, Sue Pruchnicki of Bond + Wolfe Architects, J.C. Rearden of Jacobs, Mary Hueslmann of St. Louis Community College at Meramec, and Laura LeFevre of Dickinson Hussman Architects.
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