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Bob and Lee Woodruff (middle) with David Dunlap, President and CEO of Roper St. Francis Healthcare, Pamela Dunlap (right) and Vic and Kellie Apat (left). Mr. Apat is the President of Complete Building Corporation, the Presenting Sponsor of the 2007 Donor Appreciation Gala.

2007 DONOR APPRECIATION GALA

The Roper St. Francis Foundation, the fundraising arm of Roper St. Francis Healthcare, hosted the 3rd annual *Roper Xavier (Rx) Society Donor Appreciation Gala* on Saturday, January 26, at Charleston Place Hotel. Since its inception in 2005, the members of this annual giving society have raised more than \$13 million to support and enhance healthcare programs and services offered to the community through Roper St. Francis Healthcare. This world-class event, featuring guest speakers Bob and Lee Woodruff, truly was a celebration of the philanthropic support given by members to the Roper St. Francis Foundation.

Bob Woodruff joined ABC News in 1996 and has covered major stories throughout the country and around the world. He was named co-anchor of ABC's *World News Tonight* in December 2005.

On January 29, 2006, while reporting on U.S. and Iraqi security forces, Woodruff was seriously injured by a roadside bomb that struck his vehicle near Taji, Iraq. Mr. Woodruff is currently undergoing outpatient rehabilitation in the New York area and has returned to work at ABC News. Earlier this year, Bob and his wife Lee released *In an Instant: A Family's Journey of Love, Courage, and Healing*, their personal memoir about Woodruff's recovery after his attack in Iraq and the medical and family support that helped him heal.

The presenting sponsor for the 2007 Donor Appreciation Gala was Complete Building Corporation, with gold sponsors including Mr. D. Grant Carwile and Ms. Sharon Watson and Force Protection Industries, Inc; and silver sponsors

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including Mark J. Cumins, Jerry Scheer and TBoyz Restaurant Group.

In 2005, the Society's primary focus was the new Heart & Vascular Tower at Roper Hospital's downtown campus. Through the generosity of *Rx Society* members, the Foundation funded more than \$1.1 million in enhancements to the Tower, including the surgical pavilion named for Julian T. Buxton Jr., MD.

Last year, the *Rx Society* turned its focus to the Roper St. Francis Cancer Center. Funds were raised in support of a beautiful new Breast Care Center, which opened at Roper Hospital in October 2006, and also the Radiation Oncology Department at Roper Hospital. Foundation support has also helped bring CyberKnife and the daVinci robot, the latest advances in the fight against cancer, to our area.

Looking to the future, the *Rx Society* will lend its support to a new outpatient cancer center to be constructed on the St. Francis campus, as well as the new Mount Pleasant Hospital, an 85-bed full-service medical facility set to open in November 2010 in the Carolina Park development adjacent to Wando High School. Other initiatives to be funded through the generosity of 2007 *Rx Society* members include a new cardiac rehab gym at Roper Hospital and nursing scholarships, which provide financial assistance and support for students pursuing a degree in nursing as well as current nurses pursuing advanced degrees.



Vereen Coen, Dr. James Hayes, and Barbara Hayes at the Benefactor's Circle Cocktail Reception.

Members of Fushu Daiko, an authentic Asian drumming group, welcomed guests as they entered the ballroom.



Mark Cumins of TBoyz Restaurant Group, Noula Cumins, Dr. Steven Shapiro, and Katherine Shapiro.

Brian and Lynn Carmody with Toni and OL Thompson. Both Mrs. Carmody and Mrs. Thompson celebrated their third year as members of the Gala Committee.



Bob and Lee Woodruff, honored guests and speakers for the evening, addressed members of the Rx Society. The Woodruffs discussed the vital role quality healthcare played in Mr. Woodruff's recovery from a traumatic brain injury sustained on a trip to the Middle East while reporting for ABC News.

**We Extend Our Gratitude
to Our 2007 Sponsors for Making
the Gala Possible**

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**Thank you and congratulations to the
members of the 2007 Gala Committee!**

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Where There's A Will, *There's A Way*

According to the National Committee on Planned Giving, more than 80 percent of Americans contribute to nonprofit groups of their choice, such as the Roper St. Francis Foundation, during their lifetimes. Yet only eight percent of people chose to continue this support through an estate gift, such as a charitable bequest.

Think of it: if 20 percent of Americans left a charitable bequest, the number of charitable bequests would more than double. Now imagine what the impact would be if the 80 percent of Americans who give during their lifetime also made a charitable gift through their estate plans. Gifts large and small are important. Planned giving is not only for the wealthy!

A common reason that donors may be reluctant to include a charity when making bequests is that they want relatives to inherit their entire estate. You should consult with a financial advisor or attorney to learn how a charitable bequest might actually benefit your family. Depending on current tax laws, remembering your favorite charity in your will could reduce the estate tax burden on your heirs. Demonstrating your continuing interest in charitable giving can also create a philanthropic tradition for your family.

Bequests are the simplest way to remember a charity. They can be:

- Handled with a codicil (supplement) to the main will
- Expressed as a specific, residual, contingent or restricted portion of your estate
- Revoked, in case circumstances change

Your bequest can memorialize a loved one or an honored colleague. Your bequest can establish a legacy fund that will provide support for a program that is dear to you. Your bequest can continue to make an important difference in your community and carry on the generous giving that is meaningful to you. And if you tell us now about your bequest, we can celebrate it ... together.

For more information on planned giving or to let us know that you have remembered Roper St. Francis Foundation in your estate plans, contact Glenda McGann in the Foundation office at (843) 720-1216.

Sample Bequest Language

I give, devise and bequeath to the Roper St. Francis Foundation, a not-for-profit organization, Tax ID number 57-1068509, located at 125 Doughty Street, Suite 790, Charleston, SC 29403-5736, the (sum or percentage of, or description of the specific asset), to be held, administered and used by the Board of Trustees for (purpose goes here) _____

2007 Physician Champion: Patrick J. Kelly, MD, FACEP



Dr. Patrick Kelly accepts the 2007 Physician Champion Award. Frank Spencer, President and CEO of Cogdell Spencer, presented the award

Dr. Patrick J. Kelly is a tireless advocate for the Roper St. Francis Foundation in support of the projects and initiatives of Roper St. Francis Healthcare. His leadership has made a positive impact by helping to raise physician interest and support of the Foundation, as well as advocacy in the community. Much of his work is accomplished one-on-one behind the scenes. He is a foot soldier who leads by example, truly a Physician Champion for the Foundation.

Dr. Kelly graduated from the University of South Carolina and the Medical University of South Carolina, completing his residency in Emergency Medicine at the University of Illinois. He joined the medical staff of Roper

St. Francis Healthcare in 1991 where he has served as medical director of the Emergency Departments for both Roper and Berkeley Hospitals.

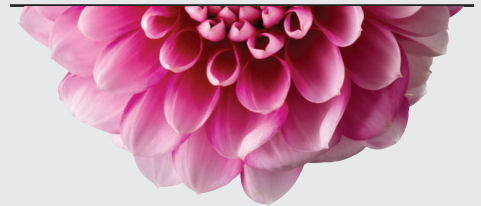
As a past member of the Board of Directors of Roper St. Francis Healthcare and Roper Hospital, as well as the current secretary/treasurer of the Medical Society of South Carolina and co-chair of Foundation's Physician Partners committee, Dr. Kelly's influence and participation has been integral in the growth and evolution of the Roper St. Francis Healthcare system. A leader in the South Carolina medical community, Dr. Kelly has served as president of the South Carolina College of Emergency Physicians and the Charleston County Medical Society, and vice speaker of the South Carolina Medical Association.

Dr. Kelly has lived the majority of his life in the Lowcountry, having grown up in Georgetown, SC. He is married to Carol Aronson Kelly, and they have two sons, Michael, a freshman at the University of Georgia, and Thomas, a sophomore at Porter-Gaud School.

Welcome to New Staff

Join the Roper St. Francis Foundation in welcoming a new staff member to our team!

Anne Weston Sass has joined the Roper St. Francis Foundation as grants development officer. In this role, she will be responsible for coordinating the Foundation's efforts to acquire financial support from external granting agencies. She has a wide range of experience in non-profit fundraising, including major gift development positions at Riverbanks Zoo and Garden, the University of South Carolina, the College of Charleston, and the Gibbes Museum of Art. Most recently, she served as director of Donor Services at The Citadel Foundation.



SAVE THE DATE

St. Francis Celebration

*Saturday, May 3, 5 - 8pm
Bon Secours St. Francis Hospital
Under the Grand Oaks
Live music, Lowcountry Boil
Adults only event.*

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