El Camino Health celebrated the ribbon cutting for the Sobrato Pavilion on Sunday, November 17. The seven-story, 257,792 square-foot integrated medical office building is the first high-rise structure on the Mountain View campus. It will house the Taft Center for Clinical Research, Norma Melchor Heart & Vascular Institute, Peter C. Fung, MD Stroke Center, Advanced Care & Diagnostic Center (Women’s Heart and Wellness Center, Cardio-Oncology Center, Secondary Stroke Prevention Center, Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA) Center, and diagnostic imaging services), Breast Health Center, advanced respiratory care services, the Fogarty Institute for Innovation, endoscopy, outpatient laboratory, and physician offices.

John and Sue Sobrato, their family and friends, and major donors who named A Promise Fulfilled

Donors to El Camino Health Foundation’s Fulfilling the Promise fundraising initiative celebrated the Taube Pavilion and Scrivner Center for Mental Health & Addiction Services during grand opening festivities on Thursday, October 24.

“This is truly a historic day as we bring treatment of mental health and addiction conditions into the light with this beautifully constructed building designed and built to promote a safe healing environment,” said El Camino Health CEO Dan Woods as he opened the formal program. He recognized the El Camino Healthcare District and El Camino Hospital Boards of Directors for their commitment to the project and applauded the Foundation’s Philanthropy Council, calling out Chairs Donna and John Shoemaker for their leadership of the fundraising effort.

Tad Taube, who with his wife Dianne made a gift to establish the Tad and Dianne Taube Program for Adolescent Behavioral Health, spoke about the couple’s concern for the overall wellbeing, education, and mental health of young people, and their goal of facilitating collaboration between researchers and philanthropists to address these challenges. “We believe that El Camino Hospital is demonstrating its leadership in adolescent mental health treatment and prevention and in...
Message from the Foundation Chair

It has been an exciting fall at El Camino Health Foundation. In October we celebrated the Taube Pavilion and Scrivner Center for Mental Health & Addiction Services and last month we held the ribbon cutting for the Sobrato Pavilion. These occasions, together with the dedication of the Peter C. Fung, MD Stroke Center last spring, represent significant steps forward for El Camino Health, the foundation, and our community. We are grateful to you, our generous donors, who contributed to strengthen the healthcare services that will be delivered within them and throughout our Mountain View and Los Gatos campuses.

The completion of the Taube Pavilion culminates five years of fundraising to fulfill the promise of better mental health and addiction care for our community. The Philanthropy Council for Mental Health & Addiction Services, chaired by Donna and John Shoemaker, deserves enormous recognition for bringing these conditions into the light and giving our community the courage to openly discuss and support addressing them. We honor the nearly 800 donors who contributed more than $16 million to this cause by listing their names in this newsletter. The impressive new building is an inspiration to us all and a reminder that there are more promises yet to fulfill.

Julia and Dr. Fung’s gift to name the stroke program late last year created an endowment that will provide a perpetual source of financial support for innovation and advancement in stroke care at El Camino Health. The 24th annual El Camino Heritage Golf Tournament, which was held on October 28, raised an additional $200,000 for this purpose.

This busy fall, we also dedicated the lobby of the Mountain View Cancer Center, thanks to a planned gift from Judge Lorraine Kendall. We held a donor appreciation reception and honored Legacy Society members, who, like Judge Kendall, have remembered El Camino Health Foundation in their estate plans. Most recently, Hope to Health capped three years of supporting mental health and addiction services by learning how to make the holiday season a happy, healthy one.

Foundation President Andrew Cope joined the staff in September and we are already appreciating his vision, deep experience, and skills. If you have not yet met him, I hope you will have a chance to do so at one of our upcoming events. Next up are Norma’s Literary Luncheon and the Allied Professionals Seminar.

Thank you for thinking boldly with us in 2019. On behalf of the El Camino Health Foundation Board of Directors and staff, I wish you a joyous holiday season, one filled with gifts and the rewards of giving. We look forward to a new year of partnership with you and bold thinking for our hospitals and community.

Yours truly,

John A. Conover
Chair, El Camino Health Foundation
Board of Directors
JUDGE LORRAINE KENDALL NAMES CANCER CENTER LOBBY

Judge Lorraine Kendall has chosen to remember El Camino Health Foundation in her will with a gift to name the Cancer Center lobby. CEO Dan Woods, Foundation staff, and Cancer Center physicians and staff celebrated her generosity as they joined her to unveil the plaque on November 12. The plaque reads, “In honor of the outstanding medical and nursing staff at the Cancer Center.”

“We are here to celebrate and recognize the Cancer Center’s outstanding care and what a philanthropist can do to make this program even stronger,” Foundation President Andrew Cope said. “Gifts like this elevate all our programs.” He then presented a certificate and Circle of Caring pins for everyone on the cancer care team to convey Judge Kendall’s appreciation for them.

A longtime donor to the Foundation, Judge Kendall last year made a gift to name the medical office of her oncologist, Dr. Jiali Li. At the time, she said, “I have been treated at several hospitals in the Bay Area and I can say categorically that the care at El Camino Hospital is extraordinary.” With this latest act of generosity, Judge Kendall is helping to ensure the Cancer Center will be able to provide the expert, compassionate patient care she appreciates to countless others in the years to come.

Legacy gifts like Judge Kendall’s secure the future of our hospitals while allowing donors to meet their current income needs and take advantage of tax incentives. If you are interested in making a legacy gift or have already remembered El Camino Health in your estate plan but have not informed the foundation, please contact Senior Philanthropy Officer Lindsay Ehrman at lindsay_ehrman@elcaminohealth.org or 650-988-7849.

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ALLIED PROFESSIONALS SEMINAR

Wednesday, February 12, 2020
7:30 – 10 a.m.
Palo Alto Hills Golf & Country Club

Featuring
Christopher Hoyt,
Professor of Law
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Planning for the End of the Inherited Stretch IRA
Professor Hoyt will explain in detail the income tax planning opportunities and tax rules that currently apply to retirement accounts. He will then summarize the provisions of the SECURE Act, which passed the House by a vote of 417 to three and is likely to be enacted in the near future. The Act would generally require inherited retirement accounts to be liquidated within just 10 years. What will be the best family and charitable planning strategies to reduce income taxes under the new rules?

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programs in the building gathered for a private lunch in the board room on the pavilion’s ground floor. El Camino Health Foundation President Andrew Cope toasted the couple and El Camino Hospital Board Secretary Julia Miller presented them with an original work of art representing the many Bay Area organizations the Sobrato family has supported with buildings that bear their name.

At 1 p.m. community members gathered outside the main entrance for the formal program and ribbon cutting. “The Sobrato Pavilion represents a bright future for El Camino Health – one that includes a center of advanced medicine,” CEO Dan Woods told the crowd, as he described the leading-edge outpatient programs it will house.

Julia Miller introduced the main honoree. “When John Sobrato recognizes a need he takes action,” she said, noting “he has earned the number one spot for charitable giving for seven years by the Silicon Valley Business Journal.”

Sobrato spoke about his family’s commitment to provide opportunity to more local residents through philanthropic support for social service agencies, educational facilities, and hospitals. “By supporting the development of El Camino Health’s Mountain View campus, we are helping this hospital provide outstanding medical services to the residents of Silicon Valley, which in turn will help to build a healthier community for the long term. Sue and I are grateful to have been given the opportunity to provide the cornerstone gift for this wonderful new facility and we hope to encourage others in our community to fully support this wonderful institution.”

- JOHN SOBRATO

Kalbach, Julia Miller and John Zoglin, Mountain View Mayor Lisa Matichak, and CEO Dan Woods cut the ribbon with a flourish. Then the crowd streamed into the impressive building for self-guided tours.
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- CEO DAN WOODS
A Promise Fulfilled: Taube Pavilion Celebration

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so doing has become an important collaborative partner for our philanthropy’s commitment to youngsters in the Bay Area and beyond,” he said. “Dianne and I are grateful for the opportunity to support an incredible hospital like El Camino. We are extraordinarily proud of this beautiful new pavilion.”

The Taube Pavilion, which is centrally sited on El Camino Health’s Mountain View campus, will be the location for the Scrivner Center’s adult inpatient and outpatient mental health programs and adult outpatient addiction program.

“These services address some of the most urgent and intractable problems facing our community and our nation,” said Doug Scrivner, who with his wife Mary established the Mary and Doug Scrivner Endowment for Adolescent Mental Health Innovation. “Our gift is an expression of our confidence in El Camino and our faith in our young people and hope for their future, and is an investment in our community.” Mary added, “Thanks to all who gave to this effort … and let’s all of us acknowledge that we can come together as a community. Today is a day of gratitude and celebration for El Camino Health.”

The Shoemakers, Taubes and Scrivners joined CEO Dan Woods, El Camino Health Foundation President Andrew Cope, district, hospital and foundation board members, mental health and addiction services leadership, and public officials for the formal ribbon cutting. Then the doors to the building opened and donors got their first look at the light, airy, art-filled, 56,000 square foot space.

Docents led tours highlighting the subtle safety features, flexible configuration, private patient rooms, and specialty women’s unit on the first floor, noting the open nurses’ stations, inviting courtyards, and group spaces designed to facilitate conversation and engagement. The donors also toured the second floor, where the focus turned to the outpatient programs, which include addiction services, dual diagnosis, adult mood, continuing care, and older adult transition services.

Physicians, employees, representatives from partner organizations, public officials, and community residents were invited to open houses for the Taube Pavilion on the following two days. The building is scheduled to open for patient care in early January.

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- DOUG SCRIVNER

Tad and Dianne Taube, Mary and Doug Scrivner

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Taube Pavilion main lobby

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24TH ANNUAL EL CAMINO HERITAGE GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES $200,000 FOR STROKE PROGRAM

One hundred twenty golfers enjoyed a taste of Hawaii on October 28 as they teed up at Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club to support El Camino Health’s Peter C. Fung, MD Stroke Center. The benefit raised more than $200,000 for the program.

Golfers shopped in the Nike store, vied in the putting contest, and practiced on the driving range before the plaintive tones of the bagpipe signaled it was time to head to their starting tees. Raffle ticket sales were brisk and cell phones pinged throughout the day with updates from the silent auction. The foursomes returned to the club before sundown for the reception, Pau Hana celebration luau dinner, and live auction. More than 60 El Camino Health Foundation supporters joined them for the end-of-day festivities.

Dr. Fung, who was unable to attend the tournament, welcomed the guests by video. “There are approximately 800,000 strokes each year in this country. Every four minutes, someone dies from stroke,” he said. “More importantly, stroke is still the leading cause of long-term disability. Imagine yourself being unable to talk, to walk, or with half of the body paralyzed.” He noted, however, that 80 percent of strokes are preventable and doctors are able to reverse the most devastating consequences if patients arrive at the hospital early.

Dr. Arash Padidar, a fellowship trained neurointerventional radiologist and surgeon, described some of the advanced technologies he and his team deploy at our hospital’s thrombectomy capable stroke center. “We need to be equipped to treat stroke quickly and in our own neighborhood. This requires expensive toys,” he said as he set the stage for the fund-in-need appeal.

Golfers and guests responded generously. Dessert was served and the celebratory feast concluded with the presentation of trophies and a video that joyfully recapped the highlights of the beautiful day.
Happy, Healthy, Holidays from Hope to Health

Hope to Health (H2H) members and their guests received tips on how to minimize the stresses of the holiday season during a special event at Los Altos Golf & Country Club on November 14.

Under the tutelage of Michelle Greenebaum, founder of Together in the Kitchen, they prepared simple, elegant, festive and nutritious dishes at five food stations. Michelle provided the recipes and prepared ingredients as well as healthy doses of good-humored advice and encouragement. When the food was ready, the cooks platted their creations and showed them off at the buffet. Then everyone helped themselves to the gourmet dinner of roasted garlic tomato and goat cheese crostini, smoked salmon with herbed cream cheese and cucumber rounds, deviled eggs, two fall salads, antipasti skewers, chocolate covered strawberries, and roasted maple pear parfaits.

Bri Baker, Scrivner Center for Mental Health & Addiction Services adult outpatient manager, and Jennifer Jaber, senior program therapist, spoke about how better sleep hygiene can help reduce stress. The two licensed marriage and family therapists offered a dozen suggestions, including following a consistent sleep schedule, minimizing exposure to blue light, and avoiding “catastrophizing.” They led everyone through a calming progressive muscle relaxation exercise.

Foundation President Andrew Cope closed by thanking Hope to Health for their dedication to philanthropy and making the lives of others better, noting the impact of their generosity on so many programs throughout El Camino Health. “In the spirit of this Thanksgiving season, I thank you,” he said.

Hope to Health is a philanthropic council of individuals who pool their donations annually and choose the program at El Camino Health they wish to support. The more members, the greater their impact and new members are always welcome. Contact Kirsten Kirmsley, manager of special events, at kirsten_kirmsley@elcaminohealth.org or 650-988-4189 if you would like to learn more.
Please join us for Norma’s Literary Luncheon, which will be held at Sharon Heights Golf & Country Club on Thursday, February 6, from 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. The annual tribute to Norma Melchor, a book lover and devoted benefactor of our hospitals, supports healthcare services for women and families at El Camino Health. This year’s featured speaker is novelist Lisa See.

Ms. See’s books brilliantly illuminate the strong bonds between women and are celebrated for their authentic, deeply researched, lyrical stories about Chinese characters and cultures. They include New York Times bestsellers Snow Flower and the Secret Fan, The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane, Peony in Love, Shanghai Girls, Dreams of Joy, and China Dolls. Her first book, On Gold Mountain: The One Hundred Year Odyssey of My Chinese-American Family, tells the story of her great-grandfather, who became the 100-year-old godfather of Los Angeles’s Chinatown and was a New York Times Notable Book. Ms. See’s latest novel, The Island of Sea Women, is about the free-diving women of South Korea’s Jeju Island.

Norma’s Literary Luncheon is being planned by Judie Wolken, Betsy Dawes, and Mary Scrivner, and is graciously underwritten by the Melchor family. For more information about the event, sponsorship opportunities or individual ticket sales, please contact Kirsten Krimsley, manager of special events, at 650-988-4189 or kirsten_krimsley@elcaminohealth.org.

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Season’s Greetings
Warm wishes for a joyous holiday season and healthy, happy 2020