

SCBH Swift County-Benson Hospital

Grand Opening a Huge Success



About 400 persons attended the SCBH Open House and Ribbon Cutting for the new surgery center.



Frank Lawatsch, SCBH CEO, greeted guests and thanked them for their continuing support for the hospital throughout the years.



Governing Board Chair, Jill Hedman, cut the ribbon and officially opened the surgical center to the public.



Auxiliary Board Chair, Avis Bryduck, commented that the Auxiliary was proud to support the \$6 M project and pleased with the results. Other speakers reiterated her pride in SCBH.



The outside entry opens to the new lobby area where the patient can be admitted to the hospital in a private registration area.



A special "Thank You" to the SCBH employees who gave the funds to build the beautiful fireplace that stands in the center of the lobby area.



SCBH employees greeted guests and explained the way patients would use the rooms and new equipment.



OR Supervisor, Helen Claussen, RN, explains the uses of one of the new rooms for patient procedures and care.



The nurses station is designed on a curve so the patients can be monitored and easily checked before and after surgery.



State-of-the-Art equipment and lighting are used throughout the new surgical center.



Dr. Michael Holte, Orthopedic Surgeon and Dr. Steven Kidd, General Surgeon, were on hand to greet visitors and answer questions.



Endoscopy procedures will be performed in a separate room.



The Recovery Room is directly across from the Nurse's Station for quick and easy monitoring.



The new surgery center was planned by the Surgical Staff and the designing Architect - HDR/ Jordan.



Thank you to everyone from the SCBH communities who helped make this new addition a reality in accordance with our mission to provide "Healthcare Close to Home".

Hospital Bulletin Board

Quilt Raffle

Each year Inga Long donates a quilt to the Swift County-Hospital Auxiliary and during the year, raffle tickets are sold in various locations throughout the Benson community. All proceeds for the quilt this year will go to buy equipment for the new Surgical Center. To buy a raffle ticket, or a packet of ten or twenty, check with an Auxiliary Member or the hospital switchboard.



10th Annual Golf Outing

Sign up early for the 10th Annual SCBH Golf Outing scheduled for Sunday, August 10th. Registration begins at noon with shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. Entry fee is \$65.00 which includes dinner and other golf goodies. The SCBH Auxiliary hosts this sellout event which is held at the Benson Golf Club. All proceeds will go to the SCBH Foundation Capital Campaign for the oncology suite remodel and the auxiliary coffee shop. To sign up or for more information contact Deb Connolly at 320-567-2130 or call the Benson Golf Club at 320-843-7901. Join us for a beautiful day of golfing with friends while supporting SCBH.



Welcome to Dr. Alex Lebrija



Dr. Alex Lebrija, MD, Podiatrist, APMC

Dr. Lebrija has joined the medical and surgical staff at SCBH. He received his medical school training at Barry University in Miami, Florida. He completed his residency in Internal Medicine at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Boston, MA, and earned a fellowship from the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgery. He has certifications in foot, rear foot, and ankle surgery. Dr. Lebrija is a member of the American Podiatric Medical Association. His special interests are in wound care, limb salvage and foot and ankle trauma.

"I am originally from a small farming town in Tennessee. My wife and I have three children: Aidan, Olivia and Ethan. I am interested in hunting and fishing, and I am the defensive coordinator for the Morris Area High School Football Team."

From the Administrator

Thank you to all the area residents who were able to attend the open house for our new surgical suite. We estimated that there were over 400 persons in attendance. We appreciate all of the positive comments we've received about the addition. I want to thank our SCBH employees for their donation of the fireplace for the family lounge.

We certainly feel that the surgical suite will enable us to provide excellent surgical services now and well into the future. Our goal is to provide state-of-the-art surgical services available locally to eliminate your need for travel out of the community. We have an excellent surgical staff and experienced consultant surgeons; we are always looking for opportunities to expand our service capability. We regret the loss of urology services by Drs. Uke and Zhang in June, but we are close to securing replacement urology services and hope to make an announcement regarding those services soon.



Frank Lawatsch

Our renovation project is still in process. As previously mentioned, new restrooms are being constructed off our main hallway and a coffee shop, to be operated by the SCBH Auxiliary, is being constructed adjacent to the lobby. A privacy hallway to facilitate the transport of surgical inpatients is being constructed through our old OR area. In addition, that area will include a new, enlarged oncology suite, a new mammography suite and a new pharmacy department. Rooms currently being used for oncology and pharmacy services will be converted back to patient rooms.

I want to remind you that the SCBH Auxiliary Golf Outing will be taking place on Sunday, August 10. This is the tenth anniversary of an event that has turned out to be a very successful fundraiser for the Auxiliary. This year, the proceeds will be contributed to the SCBH Foundation Capital Campaign for the oncology suite remodel and the auxiliary coffee shop. In addition, the Auxiliary contributed the funding for landscaping around the new surgical suite. We appreciate all of their efforts!

The SCBH Foundation Capital Campaign to raise \$650,000 for equipment for the new surgical suite is progressing very well. According to Tom Connolly and Jerry Peterson, the campaign co-chairs, the campaign is nearing completion. Our thanks to the SCBH Foundation for its support of SCBH.

And to you area residents, we appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the Benson community. Your trust and support of our organization has enabled us to continually improve our facility and our services. We look forward to serving you in the future.

Frank Lawatsch, CEO
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The Mission of Swift County- Benson Hospital

*"Swift County-
Benson Hospital will
provide quality
personalized health
care, locally
accessible and
responsive to
community needs."*



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