

Two Don't Miss Summer Events

Golf Classic "fore" Diabetes

The year's all-day Golf Classic "fore" Diabetes will feature golf, food and fun in support of diabetes research at the University of Minnesota's Diabetes Institute for Immunology and Transplantation and Spring Point Project.

Come enjoy breakfast, lunch, dinner, a silent and live auction and Jeff's Derby—a special round of golf honoring the memory of our good friend Jeff Dobbs who passed away unexpectedly in October. Tee time for this round is at 7:45 am.

For more information or to purchase tickets, go to www.mmf.umn.edu/events/diitgolffclassic, or call Katrina Roth at 612-625-0336.

Date: Monday, June 16, 2008
Tee Times: 7:45 am and 12:45 pm
Location: Town and Country Club
300 Mississippi River Blvd.
St. Paul, MN

Chill at the Pool

Join us poolside as we celebrate the latest achievements in Diabetes Research. Enjoy great food. Kick back to the music of Honey and the Locusts. Bid on some terrific silent auction items. Hear about the latest breakthroughs in diabetes research from: Dr. David Sutherland and Dr. Bernhard J. Hering from the University of Minnesota Diabetes Institute for Immunology and Transplantation, as well as Spring Point Project's CEO Henk-Jan Schuurman.

Event hosted by: Connie & Lin Branson, Ellie & Dan Cadmus, Susan & Jake Flagler, Karen & George Hanson, Donna & John Hill, Janet Martin and Deborah Weston.

All proceeds go to Spring Point Project, working with the University of Minnesota Diabetes Institute for Immunology and Transplantation, to find a cure for diabetes by providing a source of pig islet cells suitable for human clinical trials beginning in 2009.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, call Karen Hanson 612-920-2966.

Date: Sunday, June 29, 2008
Time: 4-8 pm
Location: The home of Darlene & Dick Carroll
4887 East Lake Harriet Blvd.
Minneapolis, MN
Cost: \$125 per person or
groups of 10 at \$100 per person.
RSVP: Please RSVP by June 20.

Annual Meeting Report

The Spring Point Project annual meeting of the board of directors took place on February 13, 2008. The board took a moment of silence to remember Jeff Dobbs, a board member who passed away suddenly in October 2007.

Highlights

- The resignations of founding board members James "Cub" Olson (treasurer) and Elizabeth Burns were accepted, and their contributions were gratefully acknowledged.
- Current directors were reelected and new members Mack Traynor (treasurer-elect) and Tim Clark were welcomed to the board.
- Staff updated the board on the status of operations, pig production and veterinary care.
- Erik J. Thurman, a representative from the Minnesota Medical Foundation, presented a progress update on the "Driven to Discover" fundraising campaign of which Spring Point Project is a participant.
- Larson, Allen, Weishair & Co., LLP, Spring Point's auditors, presented the results of the annual audit. The financial statements were offered with a clean opinion—with 82 percent of 2007 expenses

- allocated to program and a \$2.9-million increase in net assets.
- The 2008 budget was approved.
 - A Diabetes Institute for Immunology and Transplantation (DIIT) update was presented:
 - Dr. Bernhard Hering presented information on current successes in preclinical studies with a focus on the pig-to-monkey protocols underway, as well as exciting research avenues for the future.
 - Dr. David Sutherland provided background on the DIIT's Human Islet Transplant Program, concentrating on the clinical autotransplantation program. This program offers a solution to patients suffering from chronic pancreatitis or pancreatic cancer to have their own islets replaced following removal of the diseased pancreas, thus avoiding diabetes. The Human Islet Transplant Program is a world-renowned center for such transplants.
 - Goals and committee/subcommittee structures were aligned with an emphasis on preparing a long-range production strategic plan.

A Story About 15 Minutes of Fame

Last September, Tom Cartier, Spring Point Project chairman, was awarded an Eleven Who Care Award from KARE 11 TV in Minneapolis. The show was broadcast live in the Twin Cities and replayed during the course of several months on television stations throughout the upper Midwest. It was during one of those rebroadcasts that Todd McCabe of Sioux City, Iowa caught the story about Tom and Spring Point's path to a cure. As fate would have it, Todd is a member of Cosmopolitan International, a chartered nonprofit civic service organization.

Cosmopolitan International was founded in 1918 and consists of 70 clubs located throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico. Its mission is to contribute to community well-being through charitable donations and volunteer service with special emphasis on support efforts to prevent and find a cure for diabetes. The club has funded millions of dollars in research projects aimed at finding a cure for diabetes.

Todd contacted Tom Cartier, who put him in touch with Henk Schuurman, CEO Spring Point Project and Mack Traynor, Spring Point's CFO/treasurer. Long story short—Henk was given the honor of presenting the Spring Point story to the Cosmopolitan International Club's banquet in Sioux City, Iowa and at the annual

meeting of the Cosmopolitan International Club's Cornbelt Federation in Omaha, Nebraska.

"During the meeting in Nebraska, I was able to present to the Club's Federation Trustee Board," said Henk. "It was quite impressive and stimulating to receive so much enthusiasm and endorsement from the Club for our work and for the partnership between Spring Point Project and the Diabetes Institute. We look forward to building on these first contacts."



After his presentation in Sioux City, Henk Schuurman posed with Terry Sanford, Cornbelt Federation governor (left) and Matt Chilton, Cornbelt Federation governor-elect (right).

Lions and Lionesses Roar for Spring Point

After telling Spring Point Project's story to a number of local Lions Clubs and during Midwinter Conventions of Districts in Minnesota, Ontario and Wisconsin, Mack Traynor, Spring Point's CFO/treasurer and



Lion Allen Bailey hands a check from the 5M-8 Foundation to Henk Schuurman at the Multiple 5M District Convention.

Henk Schuurman, CEO Spring Point Project were invited to present our story on May 2 at the multiple 5M Districts Convention in Mahanomen, Minnesota.

This convention brought some great news for Spring Point.

- A check from the 5M-8 District Foundation was donated, bringing donations from various Lions Clubs and Districts to more than \$50,000.
- During the business meeting, two proposals were approved: Spring Point Project was approved as a project of the multiple 5M Districts, and a Diabetes Foundation was established to help support the Diabetes Institute and Spring Point.

"Many Diabetes Chairs, as well as Lions and Lionesses have worked hard in their local clubs and districts to get this done," said Henk. "We are so grateful. It is fantastic to see the interest in our work grow. We have already received invitations to speak at upcoming meetings and conventions."

Pathways

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Special Delivery

first piglets for human trial born April 28, 2008

The first members of the generation of pigs that will be used in human clinical trials have been born and we couldn't be more excited. On Monday, April 28, Dr. Mike Martin, Dr. Adrienne Schucker, and the staff at the Diabetes Research and Wellness Foundation Islet Resource Facility, home of Spring Point Project, supported our sows as they delivered these groundbreaking little animals.

"The entire Spring Point family is extremely excited about the birth of these special piglets," said Henk-Jan Schuurman, Spring Point Project CEO. "They mark a major milestone in the history of Spring Point Project and in the search for a cure for diabetes."

The new arrivals are the second generation of pigs to be born in Spring Point's highly biosecure Islet Resource Facility, making them the first to have islet cells suitable for human transplantation.

"These pigs will usher in a new way of life for people with diabetes," said Tom Cartier, Spring Point Project chairman. "In the coming years, we expect people with diabetes to be able to lead lives free of insulin injections."



History-making pigs born at Islet Resource Facility at three weeks of age.

Meet Laura Klein

As Spring Point Project's veterinary technician, Laura Klein makes sure our pigs are healthy and happy. She recently assisted with the first piglet deliveries at the Islet Resource Facility and enjoys each of the animal's distinct, amusing personalities.

With a husband, a four-year-old, eight horses, two dogs and a baby on the way, to say Laura Klein's life is full is an understatement. During her free time, Laura enjoys canoeing down the St. Croix River and getting outdoors. A quiet day out with her family and animals is priceless.

Laura's favorite things:

- Food:** Pizza and Mexican
- Color:** Teal
- Authors:** John Grisham and Stephen King
- Sport:** Viking Sundays, with the Packers coming in as a close runner-up



Laura Klein
Spring Point Project's
veterinary technician

Pig Postings

from the Diabetes Research and Wellness Foundation Islet Resource Facility, home of Spring Point Project

- First second-generation piglets born April 28, 2008
- Eight sows are pregnant
- Three sows are expected to deliver in mid-June. Five are expected to deliver late July/early August.
- Thanks to the hard work of our staff, we are on our way to producing the animals needed for clinical trials which start in 2009.

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Spreading the Word

On May 1, 2008, West Bend Mutual Insurance Company graciously hosted Spring Point chairman Tom Cartier and Dr. Bernhard Hering, scientific director of the Diabetes Institute for Immunology and Transplantation. Besides being Spring Point chairman, Tom is the owner of Cartier Insurance Agency, one of West Bend's agency partners.

Jim Schwalen, West Bend Mutual Insurance vice president and Spring Point director, invited the pair to West Bend, Wisconsin to give an hour-long presentation to West Bend associates.

Tom spoke about Spring Point and its mission, and shared information about diabetes and its effect on individuals and society. Bernhard spoke about the strides he, his medical associates and researchers have made in finding a cure for diabetes.

"Like any parent of a child with diabetes, I hope that some day he may not have to deal with it anymore," said Jim. "I have confidence that day is coming."

Jim's 12-year-old son Danny has lived with diabetes since he was an infant and is the main reason Jim became so involved with Spring Point.

More than 100 West Bend associates heard Tom and Bernhard's message. Nearly everyone in the audience knew someone who had diabetes and welcomed their message of hope.



Addison Elementary School students with piggy banks they donated to West Bend Mutual for "Gettin' Piggy With It" fundraiser. Photo courtesy Daily News, West Bend, WI



Brent Hendrickson, an Addison Elementary School student, waits to hand his paper mache pig to Tim Wiedmeyer, West Bend Mutual assistant vice president of claims. Photo courtesy Daily News, West Bend, WI

At the end of the presentation, West Bend associates introduced "Gettin' Piggy With It," a company-wide fundraising effort for Spring Point. Associates were invited to participate by:

- Dropping donations in one of 15 handmade piggy banks created by local elementary students that are now on display in the company's dining area. Each pig is designated with the name of a West Bend officer. Donations will be counted each week and tracked on a "piggy" poster so associates can see which officers are getting the most donations. The three officers with the most donations in their piggy banks will kiss a real pig at the company's summer picnic held at the county fair in late July.
- Making a donation directly to Spring Point. Those who donate at least \$25 receive a Spring Point/West Bend piggy bank.

Because West Bend associates have a reputation for embracing opportunities to help others, Jim feels confident "Gettin' Piggy With It" will be a fun, successful way to help raise funds so Spring Point can continue its mission to find a cure for diabetes.



Ellen, Mack and Anne Traynor model "Got Islets?" T-shirts designed by Anne Ryan. Shirts were worn by a group of walkers participating in the January 2008 Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) Walk to Cure Diabetes at the Mall of America and at a St. Thomas-sponsored walk with proceeds benefiting the American Diabetes Association (ADA).

Off and Running to Cure Diabetes

with sponsor *New LIFEabetes*

On April 19, 2008, the second annual race for a cure was held at Anytime Fitness in Albertville, Minnesota.

"We were very happy with the turnout of runners, volunteers and support from the community and local business owners," said race founders Tim and Gretchen Sass.

Tim has been a type 1 diabetic for 22 years and said he and Gretchen were tired of not having any races in the northwest corridor of the Twin Cities benefiting diabetes research. So they decided to enlist the help of family and friends and do something about it.

"This year we were lucky enough to recruit the help of New LIFEabetes, an organization dedicated to helping Spring Point Project in its fight for a cure," said Tim.

With New LIFEabetes help, Tim and Gretchen were able to recruit over 40 volunteers for fundraising, race preparation, advertising and race-day help.

"After only two years, this race is starting to gain popularity from St. Cloud to Stillwater and down to Mankato," said Tim. "We had over 100 children and adults show up to race, and we surpassed our fundraising goals by quite a bit for the second year in a row. We couldn't have done it without the help of New LIFEabetes and Spring Point Project."



It's all in the family for these happy runners.

New LIFEabetes would like to thank their corporate sponsors:

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Race founders Tim and Gretchen Sass.

Welcome New Board Members

We would like to welcome three new board members: Timothy Scott Clark, Mack Traynor and Steven D. Murphy.



Timothy Scott Clark

Timothy Scott Clark—Elected 2/13/08

Timothy Scott Clark is a senior partner with CarVal Investors in Minnetonka, Minnesota and is responsible for the firm's North American real estate business, overall operations of funds and capital markets activities. CarVal Investors began as an organic development of Cargill and has expanded its product offering to include a series of worldwide businesses. Clark has been with Cargill since 1992, and has extensive experience investing in a wide variety of asset classes including commercial real estate loans, single-family mortgages, business loans and consumer debt. He received an MBA, with specialization in finance from the University of Chicago, and a BA in economics and psychology from DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana.



Mack Traynor

Mack Traynor—Elected 2/13/08

For over 20 years, Mack Traynor has served on the board of directors of 18 separate public and private companies, as well as five nonprofit organizations. During the same time, he was also president of seven different corporations, helping each tackle the challenges presented by turnaround situations. Mack Traynor is passionate about Spring Point Project's mission, to bring a cure for diabetes to the marketplace in the shortest time possible, because one of his daughters suffers from the disease. He currently serves as CFO and treasurer of Spring Point Project.



Steven D. Murphy

Steven D. Murphy—Elected 4/9/08

Steven D. Murphy is chief executive officer for the National Pork Board. He is responsible for the development and implementation of promotion, research and consumer information initiatives strategically directed toward the issues most critical to the United States pork industry. Murphy was selected as the National Pork Board's first CEO in 2001. His staff oversees 43 state pork associations. Prior to joining the National Pork Board, Murphy was instrumental in leading the creation of three start-up companies centered around leading-edge technologies and information management strategies.

"Tim, Mack and Steve's diverse areas of expertise will add great value to our board and to Spring Point Project," says Tom Cartier, chairman of the Spring Point Project board.

"Tim and Mack's experience in finance and business and Steve's knowledge of the pork and biotech industries will be valuable in providing direction for daily operation and in furthering the development of pig islets to a clinical entity."

News from DIIT (Diabetes Institute for Immunology and Transplantation)

The researchers at DIIT, led by Dr. Bernhard Hering:

- Continue to make significant progress with preclinical studies on immunosuppression to prevent rejection of pig islet grafts in diabetic monkeys, a model closest to patients with diabetes. The immunosuppressive drug combinations being tested include drugs that are currently approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), thereby removing some of the regulatory obstacles that may be associated in making the future transition to the clinic.
- Are making progress in optimizing islet isolation by testing novel reagents in isolation fluids, and changing other parameters as well.
- Are developing genetic tools to identify pigs that are optimal islet donors. This program will greatly improve our ability to select pigs for the islet isolation and transplant studies.