

Darrell Stremler Dedication

Mark Daniel's Remarks

Judy, Mr. Farrell Stremler, Ann Brune, David, Annika, Jeanette, Julianna and Jonathan, honored guests, shareholders and staff; I want to welcome all of you all to the dedication of the atrium in the DMG Glen Ellyn site in honor of Darrell Stremler. We are here tonight to commemorate Darrell's life and achievements with his DuPage Medical Group family and to pay tribute to his enormous contribution to making this the best place for physicians to practice and where a quarter of all DuPage County residents receive health care services.

I would like to read you the inscription on the plaque which says,

Dedicated to the memory of Darrell J Stremler

1959-2005

Our leader, our inspiration, our friend.

Good leaders have the courage to be hopeful, the vision to see the possibilities in life and the integrity to follow a path that benefits mankind.

Darrell once said, "The 1990's infused our culture with the belief that within each challenge lies an opportunity. The success of DuPage Medical Group can be attributed to capitalizing on those opportunities while at all times continuing to provide quality care to our patients." I think that those of you who were here during the time that we formed the group would agree that sometimes the reality in those early days wasn't very inspiring. We sometimes became discouraged about reaching the goal of bringing very independent physicians together. But this was Darrell's gift to us, this vision of what was possible and what we could become. He kept moving us forward toward the idea that physicians coming together with one goal, to take care of the patient, could develop into a thriving independent medical group. And now, some nine years later, DuPage Medical Group is a place where:

- Over 500 of DuPage County's working poor have a medical home and many more receive specialty services because taking care of the patient means serving all of the people in our communities.
- Where physicians formed a clinical research department and now patients have access to over 20 clinical research projects because taking care of the patient means providing nothing less than university-level health care.
- Where physicians have joined together to provide better care for diabetic patients, to initiate a coumadin clinic, to implement cutting edge medical technology including an electronic medical record and now to identify and treat pediatric obesity because taking care of the patient means providing the best care we are capable of.

The concept behind DuPage Medical Group has urged us on and propelled us to where we are today and made us better than we thought we could be, just as Darrell's influence and guidance always did. This is why the atrium space is more than just a beautiful area in honor of Darrell. It embodies the spirit of what Darrell helped us to achieve and what he hoped we would become.

In the end the most fitting tribute to Darrell is more than just the dedication of this physical space. It is the continued reaching forward to fulfill the vision of our group. To continue to be all that we are capable of and to see the potential of DMG in the future. Each day we do the right thing for our patients; when we provide exceptional medical care in the communities we serve; when we strive to become all that Darrell hoped; this is our living tribute to our great friend and colleague. Thank you. And now Ed Carne, our CEO is going to say a few words, Ed.