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Judge De Furia Donates Clown Statue to Hospital

SARASOTA – On July 28, 2008, a dedication ceremony was held for Judge Rick De Furia’s donation of the “When Pigs Fly” clown statue by artist Robert Lovejoy to Sarasota Memorial Healthcare Foundation, Inc. for display at Sarasota Memorial Health Care System (SMHCS). Located in the hospital’s main corridor on the first floor, the colorful and humorous artwork enhances the waiting area near the C and D elevators.

Judge DeFuria donated this artwork in memory of his close friend, James Evans Slater, Esq., who passed away in 2005. “The perfect tribute to Jim’s life would be a smile from those who see this clown. Jim would have loved “When Pigs Fly,” stated Judge De Furia for the inscription on the plaque.

Healthcare Foundation President and CEO Alexandra Quarles, CFRE; SMHCS President and CEO Gwen MacKenzie; several Sarasota County Public Hospital Board members and hospital administration staff members; as well as many of Judge De Furia’s friends were present to share in the dedication. Ms. Quarles presented Judge De Furia with a miniature replica of the life-size clown statue, as a remembrance.

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