



Steve Velick Named NCC Chairman

The NCC Board of Directors has elected Steven H. Velick Chairman of the New Center Council. He has served as an NCC board member since 1992, and as Secretary of the Executive Committee since 1995.

Velick brings a long history of service and leadership to both the Henry Ford Health System and New Center to his new role as Chairman. He is Group Vice President for Henry Ford Health System (HFHS) and Chief Executive Officer of Henry Ford Hospital. In his tenure with HFHS, he led the transition to Total Quality Management, provided the direction resulting in a major financial turnaround in the Hospital, restructured the organization into product lines/clinical clusters, guided a major change in the care delivery model to patient focused care, and managed a major building program.

Former NCC Chairman Tom McNulty Honored

Outgoing NCC Chairman Tom McNulty was recently honored and thanked for his leadership and vision by NCC President Michael Solaka. McNulty, who served as NCC Chairman since 1997, has guided the Council through the many transitions and challenges that have faced the organization in recent years. He is enjoying new business ventures and semi-retirement after serving as Henry Ford Health System's Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer.

Thekra Romaya Steps Down As Board Member

Research Federal Credit Union Manager Thekra Romaya, resigned from the New Center Council Board of Directors in April. Ms. Romaya has relocated to the credit union's headquarters in Warren. Her many years of efforts on behalf of New Center and the Comerica Michigan TasteFest are greatly appreciated.

New Member Welcome

The Board of Directors and staff of the New Center Council are pleased to welcome the following new and returning member companies:

Detroit Gallery of Contemporary Crafts – A New Center treasure, this gallery is nationally recognized for its outstanding (and ever-changing) collection of handmade crafts and jewelry. Owner Judith Primak's discerning eye brings the finest home accessories, furniture and lighting, clothing, jewelry and gifts to the Fisher Building each season.

Dopar Support Systems – A full service computer hardware, software, furnishings and service firm based in the Fisher Building, which specializes in system integration, technical support, software training, and web design and development. www.dopar.com

ERA New Center Realty, Inc. – A full service real estate firm located on East Grand Boulevard at John R. www.ERAonline.com

Jenkins Construction, Inc. - Founded in 1989 and headquartered in the Fisher Building, the full-service company has played major roles in high visibility construction projects, including renovations at Detroit City Airport and the construction of the Museum of African American History and Ford Field, new home of the Detroit Lions.

Joslyn Keydel & Wallace, LLP – Established in 1925, the firm's practice is concentrated in estate planning, trust and estate administration,

taxation, closely held businesses, and real estate. The firm, which is located in the Albert Kahn Building, is led by partners Frederick R. Keydel, and Harvey B. Wallace, II.

Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council – The fourth largest council in the country, the Michigan Metro Council serves 41,000 girls and 13,000 adult volunteers in Wayne and Oakland counties. www.mmgsc.org

Seward Garden Apartments – Constructed in 1926, this historic rental apartment building is located on Seward between Third and the Lodge.

Torre & Bruglio, Inc. – This national award-winning landscape construction and maintenance firm provides a wide range of horticultural, arbor care, holiday lighting and streetscape maintenance services in New Center and throughout Greater Downtown.

White Construction Co., Inc. – A construction management and general contracting firm specializing in commercial, industrial, and restoration construction Founded in 1989 by W. Bernard White, P.E., the company is based in its headquarters building at 1120 West Baltimore. www.whitecon.com

Zachary & Associates, Inc. - A Detroit-based firm specializing in all phases of economic development with specific expertise in housing development, market research, historic preservation, commercial revitalization, public/private liaison, community planning, business plan preparation, economic impact analysis, project feasibility and financial packaging.

