

Northland Physical Therapy ... Strengthening the Northland for Over 40 Years



Frank Ferrantelle and daughter Kathryn

Franks Ferrantelle was involved in competitive sports throughout grade school, high school and early college. Those years, including his freshman season at Eastern Illinois University came with a painful price. Repeated knee injuries and subsequent rehab with physical therapists set the stage for future college studies and a successful career in healthcare.

Ferrantelle graduated from the University of Missouri School of Physical Therapy in 1977.

For over 20 years he has been owner and President of Northland Physical Therapy.

The company, under his direction and that of his wife Debra, has grown from one location to three and from three employees to nearly 20.

Northland Physical Therapy (NPT) is the most established privately owned outpatient physical therapy organization in Missouri and Kansas. In fact, with over 1,000 companies nominated, NPT was honored in 2011 as one of the 25 best small companies in the Metro area. Northland Physical Therapy is the only private outpatient facility north of the River possessing an on-site pool/aquatic program. In fact, the company has two pools; one at their I-29 and Barry Road location and a second at the Liberty site.

The benefits of pool therapy are well documented. The buoyancy of water relieves stress on joints and provides a pain free medium to exercise, particularly for the low back, hips, knees and ankles. Post-operative therapy for ligament reconstructions or total joint replacements proceeds with an unparalleled degree of reduced pain and ease of mobility.

The largest percentage of patients at Northland Physical Therapy come because of injuries or surgeries to the neck, low back, shoulders and lower extremities.

Ferrantelle is an expert clinician in the rehabilitation of craniofacial or temporomandibular (TMJ) joint diseases. He is a guest lecturer at the UMKC School of Dentistry and KU School of Physical Therapy on this topic.

Frank and his wife of 36 years have been blessed with three wonderful daughters. Kathryn, the youngest, is a graduate of Kansas University as well as Rockhurst University and recently completed her Doctorate in Physical Therapy. She practices at the company's NKC and Liberty facilities. Asked what the secret of her father's strategy for propelling Northland Physical Therapy to the top of its profession, Kathryn smiled. "It's simple, the best and brightest staff, wonderfully equipped facilities, and most importantly, a strong Italian heritage lending itself to hard work, dedication and a patient centered philosophy," she said.

(Further information regarding Northland Physical Therapy, its locations, staff and aquatic programs can be found at: www.northlandpt.com)

Holy Rosary and United Catholic Credit Unions Merge

Two of the Kansas City area's three Catholic credit unions have merged. United Catholic Credit Union and Holy Rosary Credit Union became Holy Rosary Credit Union effective February 1. According to Carole Wight, president of Holy Rosary Credit Union, the merger creates a larger and stronger credit union serving its members. Both credit unions have long histories of service in their communities.

In 1943 Holy Rosary Parish in the old Northeast area of Kansas City founded Holy Rosary Credit Union. Dubbed the "melting pot" credit union, its focus was helping the first generation Italian community. Holy Rosary was founded and chartered in the basement of the church. As the original Italian immigrant members achieved higher incomes and wealth, they moved to other neighborhoods, enabling new immigrant groups to settle in the community. The credit union operated out of the church basement until 1999 when it moved into the former convent at 533 Campbell Street.

As members moved to other neighborhoods, they were encouraged to keep their membership at Holy Rosary Credit Union, in fact its motto maintained that "Once a member always a member". As time went by, it served six more parishes.

In 2011 Holy Rosary Credit Union was awarded a national Catholic Campaign for Human Development grant.

Holy Rosary is a larger, well financed, faith-based credit union, with about 2,800 members and more than \$10 million in assets. Don Good, the former president of United Catholic Credit Union was hired by Holy Rosary, and the board of directors was increased by two members from United Catholic.

The combined credit union now has two branches, one at Holy Rosary and the other at our Lady of Lourdes, serving more than 4,500 members from 24 parishes and on-book assets of more than \$16 million. Holy Rosary offers products and services including checking and savings accounts, term deposits, online banking, first and second mortgages, loans and debit cards, VISA credit cards, free online bill pay, financial education and "fresh start products" to help struggling members get back on their feet and make a fresh start.

Staff members speak English, Spanish and Vietnamese. We have programs for financial education and micro-business start ups, free checking, and our web site is in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.



**Carol Wight
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