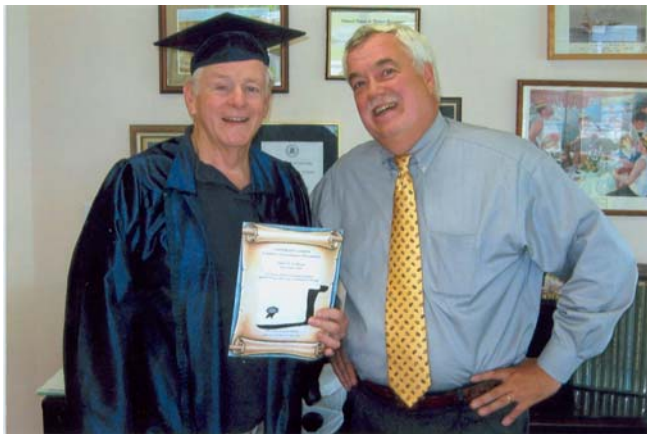


## Patient Testimonial – James Colleran South Suburban Oncology

### “Side By Side”

Jim Colleran is a man of action, wisdom and humor. He has been diligent for the past 15 years with getting annual PSA exams to watch over his prostate health. During his last exam, his doctor noted that his PSA was creeping up and suggested that he see a urologist. His urologist recommended getting a biopsy. When cancer cells were discovered, Jim like many men was initially offered the option of “watchful waiting”. It didn’t take long for Jim to decide that “watchful waiting” clearly wasn’t an option for him. Jim is very active, strategic and he has always been proactive. Jim made it his mission to learn about all his options and spoke to friends and neighbors about finding a team that would provide the most effective treatment in a compassionate setting. A neighbor and his physician recommended South Suburban Oncology Center (SSOC) in Quincy. After meeting with Dr. Joe Barthold, Jim was relieved to know that Dr. Barthold could offer a very effective treatment for Jim’s prostate cancer. In addition to state of the art treatment, Jim also noted that the staff was warm, attentive and provided him with a sense of dignity.



At the time of Jim’s diagnosis he was within months of celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. He was also looking forward to the annual tradition of celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday at a beach house in Stone Harbor N.J with his 4 children and 8 grandchildren. The time spent at the beach is all about family sharing, caring and spending time together, all 19 of them. The family is spread all over the country and getting together every year is a part of the treasured glue that keeps the family close and connected.

In working with the staff at SSOC arrangements were made to have Jim finish his treatments in advance of his family reunion. His grandchildren range in age from 2- 24 and they all knew that their grandfather would address this chapter like he always has, by taking action with a plan and commitment. Jim has “graduated” and completed his treatment as you can see in the accompanying photo. He is looking forward to many chapters that involve travel, writing and most important of all, spending time with family. Jim tells us, that there is nothing better than a day at the beach with 19 beach chairs lined side by side. “Overall, on a scale of 1-10 my experience at SSOC was an 11” shares Jim. We are pleased to be part of Jim’s team in providing his treatment and working with Jim to partake in the activities that bring him and his family continued happiness and joy.