

COMMISSIONERS - GOOD EVENING AND  
THANK YOU FOR THE TIME TO TELL  
MY STORY ABOUT STROGER HOSP.  
MY NAME IS JOHN BARR. MY WIFE  
GINNA AND I HAVE LIVED IN EVANSTON  
FOR OVER 30 YEARS. WE RAISE 3  
BAMBOO KIDS HERE. THEY ALL WENT  
TO STA GRADE SCHOOL AND LOYOL  
ACADEMY. THIS IS ABOUT MY YOUNGEST  
AND ONLY DAUGHTER KEELEY. SHE  
HAS BEEN THE PRE SCHOOL TEACHER  
AT STA FOR THE PAST 3 YEARS.  
SHE IS ALIVE - WELL - AND  
TEACHING YOUNG CHILDREN. IN  
THANKS LARGE PART TO THE  
EFFORTS OF STROGER HOSP.

ON APRIL 14TH OF LAST YEAR - 2016 -  
KEELEY WENT TO THE CUBS GAME  
WITH SOME FAMILY MEMBER & FRIENDS.  
AT THE TIME SHE WAS LIVING IN  
LAKEVIEW AREA WITH HER  
GRADE SCHOOL FRIEND GRACE.  
AFTER THE GAME AND SOME TIME  
IN THE WRIGLEYVILLE THE 2 OF THEM  
AND 2 YOUNG MEN THEY KNEW  
WENT BACK TO THE ~~THEIR~~ ~~APART~~ KEELEY'S  
APARTMENT. AT ABOUT 1AM A FIRE



BROKE OUT AND SPREAD VERY QUICKLY. BY THE TIME THE FIREMEN ARRIVED 2 HAD GOTTEN OUT THRU WINDOWS ANY BUT KEELEY AND A YOUNG MAN HAD BEEN OVERTAKEN BY THE SMOKE. 4 BRAVE FIREMEN SAVED THEM FROM THE 3RD FLOOR APT. EMS STABILIZED THEM AND GOT THEM TO THE HOSPITAL. KEELEY WAS TAKEN TO ILL. MASONIC. IT WAS A SHORT STOP. THEY SAID YOU HAVE GOT TO GET THIS GIRL TO STROVER.

AS WE ALL ARRIVED AROUND 5-AM I HAD TO GO INTO THE ER AND IDENTIFY MY DAUGHTER. TOUGH STUFF. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER DR DENNIS IN TRAMA SAYING "HERE VITAL SIGNS ARE ROCK SOLID. WE WILL KEEP HER ALIVE AND THEY DID.

SHE WAS THEN TRANSFERRED TO THE BURN UNIT. WHERE WE MET STATHIS POKIKIDIAS - DR P. - HE IS OUR MIRACLE MAN - I CAN NEVER ADEQUATELY DESCRIBE OUR FEELINGS TOWARD HIM AND HIS ENTIRE STAFF ESPECIALLY THE NURSES.



KEELEY SPENT 7 WEEKS IN AN  
INDUCED COMMA. SHE SPENT 6  
DAYS IN THE BURN UNIT AND  
HAD 6 SURGERIES. WE THEN WENT  
TO RIC FOR A MONTH.

SATURDAY WILL BE HER 26<sup>TH</sup>  
BIRTHDAY. THANK YOU STROGER!