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**Winery Owner Inducted into Inventors Hall of Fame**

**Woodside, California (September 17, 2001)** — Internationally recognized heart surgeon, inventor, winery owner, Stanford professor and entrepreneur Dr. Thomas J. Fogarty has been inducted into the National Inventors Hall of Fame (NIHF) for his 1969 patent of the embolectomy catheter. Dr. Fogarty will be honored in a permanent exhibit along with 158 previous and nine other 2001 inductees at the not-for-profit's museum in Akron, Ohio.

Designed to bring public recognition to the role of inventors, the NIHF was founded in 1973 by the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office and the National Council of Intellectual Property Law Associates.

Inventors can be nominated by anyone but must hold a U.S. patent. Their invention must also have contributed to the welfare of humanity and have promoted the progress of science or the useful arts. "Dr. Fogarty's long, productive career provides an inspirational example to all of us who value creativity," said David Fink, president and CEO of the NIHF. "He deserves great credit for creating breakthrough techniques used every day in operating suites around the world." Alexander Graham Bell, Luther Burbank, George Washington Carver, Walt Disney, Henry Ford, Louis Pasteur, Steve Wozniak and the Wright Brothers are among the NIHF's most notable members.

Inserted into an artery, inflated and withdrawn to remove blood clots, the Fogarty® Balloon Embolectomy Catheter represented the first "less-invasive" medical technology, making operations safer, less traumatic and often less expensive. The procedure is done with one small incision using a local anesthetic.

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Since inventing the embolectomy catheter, Dr. Fogarty has patented 65 other surgical devices that have revolutionized modern medical technology including an entire line of vascular clips and clamps. Often called "the Thomas Edison of Medicine", he is president of Fogarty Engineering, the laboratory from which many of his start-up products originate. "The most important thing is to distinguish between an idea and an invention," says Dr. Fogarty. "A lot of people have ideas. An invention is implementation of an idea to the point where you can use it or test it."

On April 27, 2000, Dr. Fogarty received the \$500,000 Lemelson-MIT Prize, the world's largest single cash award for invention and innovation. The award, given annually since 1994, recognizes the nation's most talented inventors. Dr. Fogarty used the money to establish The Fogarty Medical Foundation, an organization that presents grants to young doctors with the passion for creating similar less-invasive surgical equipment.

Dr. Fogarty founded Thomas Fogarty Winery in 1981 after years of making wine as a hobby in a mountain cabin. He and Winemaker Michael Martella have been instrumental in bringing the Santa Cruz Mountains Appellation to national prominence and helping pioneer dry-style California gewurztraminer. In 1978, Dr. Fogarty was the first to plant on the region's Skyline Ridge, some 2,000 feet above sea level.

Dr. Fogarty is an authoritative voice on the subject of moderate wine consumption and its association with good health.

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