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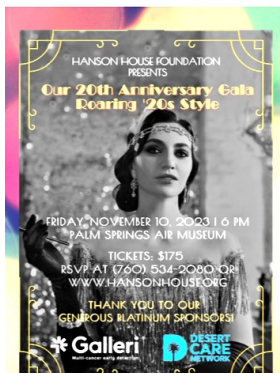
JIM'S GREETINGS

Hello volunteers. I am sharing this note from Ivonne Moreno, Director of the Hanson House. Dear Hanson House Foundation Supporter, Your support has been instrumental in helping Hanson House Foundation serve thousands of Coachella Valley residents and their families. This year's annual event is more significant because our 20th anniversary celebration is on November 10, 2023.

You're invited to be part of this memorable event to help provide funding to revitalize our entire facility and make it more sustainable. The contributions will enable us to enhance our operations, especially the casitas, so visiting families can stay close to their hospitalized loved ones during challenging times. Join our celebration all set in a Roaring Twenties Atmosphere! We invite the ladies to bring out their glitz and glamour with flapper dresses or elegant gowns, while gentlemen can don their dapper suits. It's a chance to step back in time and relish an evening of nostalgia and celebration.

- * Reception Hour
- * Sumptuous 3-course meal catered by Lulu's
- * Specialty Bar
- * Casino Tables
- * Live Entertainment
- * Prizes and Live Auction

Purchase your gala tickets or learn about our custom sponsorship packages today for this momentous occasion. Your continued support means the world to us and we can't wait to celebrate two decades of making a difference in the Coachella Valley with you!



After June and July off, your Auxiliary Board had its first meeting of the new fiscal year on Monday, Sept. 11. We were very excited to have Michele Finney, CEO of DRMC, as our special

PETER'S MESSAGE

guest. She spoke about her experience through the ranks leading to her appointment as CEO of the Desert Health Network (DRMC, JFK Memorial and Hi Desert Medical Center). She is thrilled to have the volunteers back as are the rest of the Staff. Our volunteer roster has risen to 160, but this is far short of the 320 volunteers prior to the Pandemic. Nora Pineda, our Volunteer Coordinator, has done a great job in reaching out to bring more volunteers back to the hospital and we have gotten much support from both Jim Kelley, CHRO, and Debra Gruszecki-Brown, one of our two Marketing Managers. The Pandemic did a number on all of us. My theory is that the habit of volunteering was derailed by the virus and with the two/three year delay, the "habit" of working/volunteering was broken. We still need to add to our ranks so if you know of anyone who might like the opportunity to join us, please have them contact Nora at 760-323-6648. Growing older, as we all seem to be, need not completely alter your opportunities to serve. After 16 years as a volunteer at DRMC and other organizations, working out twice a week, enjoying the free Rekki treatments offered by Rekki Master, Harry Berman, at the CCC, has kept me moving forward mentally and physically. As volunteers, use of the gym in the Stergios Building and the Rekki treatments are FREE so do take advantage of them. I look forward to seeing more of you as we enter the Fall season and want to remind you that we have positions open on the Auxiliary Board which might prove exciting to you. God bless you all and join the Volunteers and Staff as we continue to "team up" for an even better "Hospital You Trust to Care for Those You Love".



HELP WANTED

Your Auxiliary Board is looking for two talented people to fill the positions of Hospitality Chair and Scholarship Chair. If you have experience in planning and/or hosting events or working with young people, please contact me for job descriptions and general information.

Linda Sue Rosefsky
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IN MEMORIAM

David Dickson



COMEDY CORNER

EMBARRASSING MEDICAL EXAMS

At the beginning of my shift, I placed a stethoscope on an elderly and slightly deaf female patient's anterior chest wall. "Big breaths", I instructed. "Yes, they used to be", replied the patient.

Submitted by Dr. Richard Byrnes, Seattle, WA

As a new, young MD doing his residency on OB, I was quite embarrassed when performing female pelvic exams. To cover my embarrassment, I had unconsciously formed a habit of whistling softly. The middle-aged lady upon whom I was performing the exam suddenly burst out laughing and further embarrassing me. I looked up from my work and sheepishly said, "I'm sorry. Was I tickling you"? She replied with tears running down her cheeks from laughing so hard, "No, doctor, but the song you were whistling was "Oh I wish I was an Oscar Mayer Weiner!"

the doctor would not submit his name



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| Oct. 4 | Yom Kippur begins at sundown |
| Oct. 10 | Indigenous People Day |
| Oct. 24 | Diwali |
| Oct. 31 | Halloween |
| Nov. 6 | Daylight savings time ends |
| Nov. 8 | Election Day |
| Nov. 11 | Veterans Day |
| Nov. 24 | Thanksgiving |
| Ded. 18 | Hanukkah begins at sundown |
| Dec. 21 | First day of winter |
| Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve |
| Dec. 25 | Christmas |
| Dec. 26 | Kwanza begins |
| Dec. 31 | New Year's Eve |

BREAKFAST CLUB

The breakfast club started in 2007 when Frank Trujillo was president of the Auxiliary. He was also the chair person of E&E, so most of the participants worked in E&E. Eventually, volunteers from other departments joined. LeRoy King was one of the original members and he is the one who dubbed it "the breakfast club".

It is a nice way to socialize with other volunteers whom you might not get a chance to see.

It meets the last Saturday of the month at various restaurants. If you would like to join us, please contact Barbara Eves at evesdrop62@gmail.com or 760-567-7266.



BREAKFAST AT DON AND SWEET SUE'S CAFE

SEEN AROUND THE HOSPITAL



JOANNE SMITH

Joanne was born and attended schools in Inglewood, CA, the “City of Champions”.

(Many Olympic medal winners came from Inglewood.) She graduated from Washington High School in Los Angeles. When she was in elementary school, she lived across the street from the Hollywood Race Track and learned to ride her bicycle and fly kites in the parking lot of the Race Track (which is now the So-Fi Stadium). She has one daughter, Elena, and four grandchildren. Two grandchildren have recently married, one in April and the other in September. In the mid-70s, Joanne and her husband, Paul, owned and operated a famous nightclub in Los Angeles. Lou Rawls and Tina Turner were two of the headliners who performed there. Joanne and Paul moved to Torrance, CA in the late 70s and remained there until 1986. While living there, she received her license in manicure/nail service and worked at a nail salon. During those years, she also worked at the Velvet Turtle Restaurant. In 1986 they moved to the Coachella Valley. Paul was a general contractor and built many residential and commercial buildings. He also remodeled and/or built homes for some well-known celebrities and Joanne worked alongside him in the business. When Joanne’s mother was hospitalized at DRMC she decided she wanted to become a volunteer here. She has been a volunteer at Errand and Escort for the past nine years and said, “I really enjoy working and walking all over the hospital. I particularly like to help the patients and their families.” Before her husband’s passing in 2020, they thoroughly loved to travel and going to the movies.

By Barbara Eves



Jennifer was born in Santa Ana, CA, but as the only



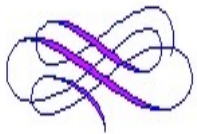
JENNIFER KLEIN

PHLEBOTOMIST

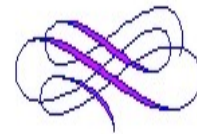
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child of a military family, she was raised in many places across the U.S. She graduated from high school in Riverside, CA and, for the next 10 years, worked for the Riverside Press Enterprise as a Customer Service Rep. At the age of 29, she joined the U.S. Army. Unfortunately this lasted for less than one year due to a medical discharge. Following her discharge, Jen studied phlebotomy at the Wagner Institute Trade School in Redlands, CA. Subsequently, she attended Ashford College in Georgia and Mount San Antonio College in Pomona, CA., receiving degrees in Science and Psychology. She joined DRMC nine years ago where she works as a phlebotomist at the CCC. In addition to her busy schedule at DRMC, Jen is an on-line student at Arizona State University and will receive a PhD in one more year. She is also a part time rescue scuba diver in the Caribbean and other areas. Jennifer and her husband, Jason, a Regional Manager in the air conditioning field, will soon be celebrating their one year anniversary. She has one son, Maxwell, who is a senior at Orange Vista High School in Perris, CA. He is a former DRMC VolunTeen. Jennifer enjoys reading and many Disneyland visits. Although she has not reached her dream of becoming a Marine Biologist, she is very proud of her accomplishments to date. (Who knows, with her penchant for educational advancement, perhaps that dream might be fulfilled!)

By Ken Leitner



CHAPLAINS CORNER



Scripture tells us that it is appointed one time for man (humans) to die. Then what? Isaiah 35:8 gives a beautiful answer to those who have been redeemed. Preceding this verse, it talks about a transformation in the desert, “streams will gush forth”. There will be a great transformation, the desert will burst forth into bloom. In the meantime, the Highway of Holiness (some translations say the Way of Holiness) will be available for those who are redeemed to walk on as they transition to heaven. “The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go on it. No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast, they will not be found there.” “Only the redeemed will walk there, and those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them and sorrow and sighing will flee away.” What a beautiful picture. This highway will not be traveled by everyone. For some, there will be a detour and road block signs. They will not make the journey to heaven on the Highway of Holiness.

Don't miss access to this divine Highway.



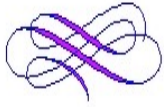
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GIFT SHOP UPDATE

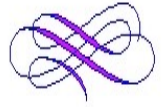
The Gift Shop is undergoing some changes. Like many businesses, the Gift Shop experienced a decline in sales during the pandemic. However, we have now recovered to pre-pandemic sales levels and are in a position to implement changes that were put on hold during the downturn. The first change will involve installing a new credit card terminal in the Gift Shop. This installation will be completed by October 10. We have planned to carry out this change while the Gift Shop is closed, ensuring that our normal hours will remain unaffected. One of the reasons for this upgrade is to enable us to accept a wider range of credit cards and touchless payments such as Apple Pay. This change is just the first step in a larger plan to replace the current point of sale (POS) system. The new system we are evaluating promises to be much faster and far more reliable. Additionally, it includes an advanced feature that allows it to process credit and debit card sales even when online banking services are unavailable. Furthermore, the new system will come with a portable register, enabling us to extend the Gift Shop's full checkout process to other locations for events such as those held in the lobby, the cafeteria or the Sinatra Education Center. Once again, Eddie has brought some amazing merchandise into the Gift Shop. Stop in and check it out or just stop by to say hello!



RON CALLAHAN AUXILIARY VP
GIFT SHOP OPERATIONS



NEW GENERAL SURGERY RESIDENCY PROGRAM



Desert Regional Medical Center (DRMC), the only Level 1 Trauma Center in the Desert, is home to a dedicated staff and an administration which supports medical education and affords its residents with research and much more. On July 1, DRMC instituted its new General Surgery Residency Program. This new Graduate Medical Education (GME) joins the fellowship and residency programs already in place. Under the guidance of Program Director, Daniel Ludi, M.D., the program welcomed six new residents, three as first year students and three as second year students: Lauren Anderson, M.D., Jeremy Miller, M.D., Sebastian Shu-Yip, M.D., Danielle Azani, M.D., Austin Henker, D.O., Daniel Margain, M.D. Four are from the U.S. and one each from Canada and Mexico. Hospital staff, especially the nurses, are very excited. Dr. Ludi commented, "We are exceeding our expectations and the opportunity to impact our communities in a positive way." Dr. Ludi, originally from Argentina, has many years of teaching experience and has taught much of the GME faculty at DRMC. "I am very excited to bring this program here to the desert and create a culture that is about the community," he said. The program is designed to include additional residents over the next two years to reach a total of 15. Because of the diversity of our patients and the opportunity to work at a Level 1 Trauma Center, DRMC provides a unique and appealing experience which has made it a top destination for many young physicians during their residencies. It is exciting to witness the birth of this special program and to be a part of the elevated degree of regional care that only DRMC, the "Center of Excellence" in the Coachella Valley can offer.



By Peter Richardson

L to R: DR. LAUREN ANDERSON, DR. DANIEL MARGAIN,
DR. DANIEL LUDI



HANSON HOUSE MINI FUNDRAISER

In conjunction with the big Hanson House Gala, a smaller fund raiser will be held at Chipotle on October 28th. Our NICU families often are blessed by staying at the Hanson House. It is their 20th anniversary and, besides the gala, they are doing smaller fundraisers as they look to refurbish rooms/facilities and provide discounts to families in need. Mark your calendars and eat our while supporting Hanson House.

By Nancy Swandlund



SPOTLIGHT ON.....

COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER



The Comprehensive Cancer Center, located in the El Mirador Building on the DRMC campus is indeed “comprehensive”. With over 60,000 sq.ft. of space, the Center, accredited by the American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer, provides programs and services for the detection, diagnosis, treatment, support and follow-up care for people with cancer. The Center features advanced technology in a patient friendly environment and includes a multidisciplinary award-winning team of physicians, nurses, technologists and support staff. The CCC opened at the DAP building in 1990. Two



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**L to R; DR ELBER CAMANCHO,
DR. AMIR LAVAF,
DR. JUDY JACKSON**

years later, ground was broken at the El Mirador Medical Plaza on the campus of DRMC. Additionally, in 1994, the Center opened the Valley's first Comprehensive Breast Center. One year later, the Valley's first Surgical Oncology program was established. The Center celebrated its first phase opening in the new \$28 million facility in 1998. Fast forward to 2008 and the Center received the Commission on Cancer Outstanding Achievement Award. Only 19% of 478 cancer programs achieve that recognition. In 2011, a new 6,000 sq. ft. satellite office was opened in La Quinta to afford the East Valley many of the same disciplines available at DRMC. Finally, in 2015, an additional 2,000 sq ft. extension to the La Quinta facility was opened. In 2016, the Valley's first TrueBeam linear accelerator for radiation therapy was added at the CCC. 2020 saw a 30-years of service to the community celebration. As if all available



CCC STAFF

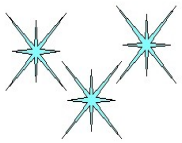
cancer options was not enough, 13 additional support programs are now available from Advanced Wound Healing to Yoga, Art Therapy, Tai Chi. Reiki, a wig boutique (wigs are free of charge to patients), Pet and Music Therapy, plus more. Under the direction of Executive Director Teresa Whipple, CCC truly represents the best and most comprehensive center of its kind in the Valley. Thank you to its outstanding staff!



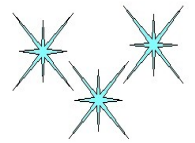
REVIEWING IMAGES



By Peter Richardson

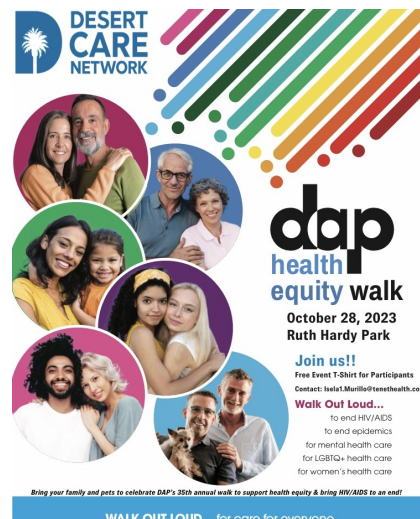


DAP HEALTH EQUITY WALK



DAP Health is working to protect and expand access to health care in all it entails, whether that be primary care, women's health, mental health, LGBTQ+ and gender-affirming care, or HIV prevention and treatment... to name just a half dozen. The AIDS Walk has changed its name to Health Equity Walk giving participants the opportunity to walk on behalf of whichever cause is nearest and dearest to their heart. It will be at Palm Springs Ruth Hardy Park on Saturday, October 28. The walk will begin at 9 a.m. and registration will begin at 7. Ending epidemics has forever been DAP's superpower. Thanks to their nearly 40 years of experience and proven success in the field of HIV/AIDS, they have swiftly and successfully addressed a number of community health crises in recent years. Their Palm Springs COVID-19 clinic was the first one to open in the Coachella Valley in 2020. This fall, as always, they will mount a robust strategy to tackle the possible tripledemic presented by COVID-19, flu and RSV because keeping every one of their friends and neighbors safe and healthy is what they are all about. If anyone is interested in participating with DRMC in the DAP Health Equity Walk, please contact Isela1.Murillo@tenethealth.com. Or, if you want to walk on your own, contact jlindquist@daphealth.org at DAP Health.

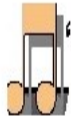
By Linda Sue Rosefsky and DAP Health



FLU SHOT CLINIC DATES

The hospital will be giving flu shots to all volunteers and staff in the Sinatra Education Center. This year, senior flu shots (for those 65+) will be offered. Unfortunately, the new COVID booster will not be offered. Following are the clinic dates: (The hours for all dates are 7am to 1pm.)

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| October 2 | October 17 |
| October 3 | October 19 |
| October 5 | October 20 |
| October 6 | October 25 |
| October 11 | October 26 |
| October 12 | October 27 |
| October 13 | October 30 |
| October 16 | October 31 |



"Long, Long Time Ago,... I can still REMEMBER WHEN...."

EL MIRADOR HOTEL OLYMPIC SIZE SWIMMING POOL

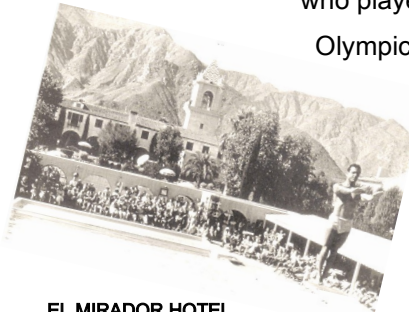
From 1927, when the El Mirador Hotel was built, until the 1950's, the Hotel was the playground for many Hollywood celebrities. It was a sand and water oasis for Hollywood "Stars". Bette Davis could be seen walking her dog and Lana Turner could be seen riding her bicycle on Palm Canyon Drive. The Hotel boasted an Olympic size swimming pool with five diving boards, an underwater window for use by photographers and a pool observation platform. Charlie Farrell, Mary Pickford, Lionel Barrymore, Gilbert Roland, Cary Grant, Monty Montana, Charlie Chaplin, Gary Cooper, Lucille Ball, Ralph Bellamy, Spencer Tracy, Salvador Dali, John Wayne, H.G. Wells, Ava Gardner and Frank Sinatra were some of the guests who played in the "Hotel's Sandbox" and swam in the famous Olympic size swimming pool. Johnny Weissmuller (Tarzan of the Jungle), who won the Olympic gold medal for swimming in 1932, stayed at the Hotel and practiced in the pool. Olympic medal diver, Schultz Smith also swam in the Hotel's pool. Actors Jackie Cooper and Bonita Granville were seen kissing at the bottom of the Hotel's pool. (Remember there was an underwater window!) The Hotel and pool truly earned its title of "Sandbox and Playground of the Stars"!



**SCHULTZ SMITH
OLYMPIC MEDAL
WINNER
1932**



**EL MIRADOR HOTEL
1950s**



**EL MIRADOR HOTEL
1940**



**EL MIRADOR HOTEL POOL
1950s**



**EL MIRADOR
HOTEL
SWIMMING POOL
1950s**

Epilogue: When the Hotel was no longer in use and became the grounds for our hospital, the pool was filled in and is now the grassy area between the hospital and the Stergios Building.



LA OLYMPIC SWIM TEAM

By Barbara Eves

