

WOMEN OF ST. ROSE

LOCAL LEGACY 2000

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Women of St. Rose, project begun by the Women's Committee: St. Rose Dominican Hospital, is a valuable contribution to the Local Legacy 2000, Bicentennial Program, sponsored by the Library of Congress, since it represents a collection of taped and transcribed interviews and conversations, children booklets and an annual event celebrating a community heritage, albeit a brief one.

The local legacy takes root in an area not far from the fame, glamour and lights of The Las Vegas Strip as it focuses on capturing the voices of women and documenting their spirit. Some of these women are mentioned in this report, most are not but all are contributors to the Women of St. Rose Legacy. From an historical perspective, the seed is planted when a pioneering group of Adrian Dominican Sisters journey to a small town out west and assume ownership of a hospital.

The picture unfolds as World War II starts and the United States government mounts emergency war efforts throughout the nation. On parched, barren wasteland in the Mohave Desert, Basic Magnesium Plant, a magnesium processing factory, is built. **(Exhibit 1)** The Defense Plant Corporation constructs a small hospital, Basic Magnesium Hospital, adjacent to this industrial site. **(Exhibit 2 and refer to Photo #2)** For wartime security reasons, when the hospital is built, an underground tunnel, no longer in service, linked it with the industrial site.

The following material, from *THE BIG JOB, Basic Magnesium News Letter*, November 12, 1942, hails the opening of the new hospital. **(Exhibit 3 and refer to Photo # 6, 7, 8, 9, 10)**

“The big and important thing about the new hospital is that it represents something relatively new in American industry. Embodied in its physical structure and the apparatus and equipment which it houses, the hospital is a monument to the insistence of modern industry that the health and safety of employees is of vital importance.”

When peace is declared, wartime preparations end. The government finds a buyer for its hospital. A Catholic Religious Order from Michigan becomes the new owners and, in June 1947, a handful of sisters in full

religious habit, affectionately known as the pioneering seven, journey across country by train to take responsibility for their hospital. **(Exhibit 4 and refer to Photo # 3)** Records show that the Adrian Dominican Sisters purchase the hospital from the War Assets Administration for \$1.00 and guarantees to continue its operation for a minimum of 25 years. A local legacy takes shape at this time as a unique, historical relationship between this small town hospital and a desolate area evolve together.

As the group settles into their new location, Sister Mary Carolyn Harrison, O.P., first religious administrator, receives a telegram from the Motherhouse in Adrian, Michigan. Mother Gerald Barry, O.P., Mother General, sends the following instructions.

“I don’t want you to be floorwalkers - as though you were in Marshall Fields of Chicago . . . I expect the sisters to do the nursing and the work that is to be done there . . . taking hold of the various duties in the manner that will give glory to our Father Who is in Heaven.”

With these words, the Catholic sisters carry on their mission as a great deal of work needs to be done. A grounds keeper during those early years says, “My vision . . . my understanding of sisters is they walk in the garden with their Prayer Book but I haven’t seen that yet.” Sister Veronica Gonthier, O.P., former Director of the Pastoral Care Department, personally knew several members from the original group. Sister Veronica recalls, “We sent the best we had . . . they didn’t have the money to hire people . . . it was rough going at first, very rough going . . . the sisters worked as professionals during the day, but at night they were all housekeepers and dishwashers.”

Bettylou Anderson, original employee with Basic Magnesium Hospital, becomes the first office worker hired by the new owners. She says she was “admitting clerk and switchboard operator . . . jack of all trades.” Before Anderson formally retires, she serves as friend and advisor to the hospital having worked along side the first five administrators, all religious sisters, Sisters Carolyn Harrison, Felicia Haidysz, Helen Margaret McGinley, Georganne Duggan, and Maureen Comer. **(Exhibit #5)** These women represent some of the many individuals who make up the Women of St. Rose Legacy.

Anderson, quick to mention she was not a Catholic and never met a Catholic sister before the Adrian Order took over the hospital, claims she was won over by their personal examples and values. An early incident remains vivid in her memories. At the time when the sisters took over the hospital, the community was segregated having certain areas designated for 'whites' while others, most notably, Carver Park, designated for 'blacks.' Since the community was segregated, it seemed natural to follow the same practice in the hospital setting. Anderson explains, "We were used to being very careful with not putting blacks with whites in the same wards, and so then when Sister Carolyn took over, I was having this problem as to where to put this black patient one day. Sister came over and said, 'Well, you know you don't segregate.' I was amazed."

Over time the hospital's name changes on four occasions. Anderson starts working under its original name, Basic Magnesium Hospital. It becomes Rose de Lima when the sisters take it over and, shortly thereafter, the word 'Saint' is added, making it St. Rose De Lima. (Exhibit 6) Another name change is made in 1989 when it becomes St. Rose Dominican Hospital in honor of the founding sisters. Many older residents still refer to it as Rose de Lima, the name they affectionately prefer.

Nurse Clara 'Buckie' McCoig first knew the hospital as Rose de Lima when she started working there. (Exhibit 7) Buckie refers to herself as ". . . the first nurse anesthetist in the southern Nevada area" and remembers the hospital as "a small hospital but a very friendly hospital. All the departments worked together. It was a nice place to work."

During McCoig's time as a nurse anesthetist, the hospital receives many 'first' in the area. In 1955 the hospital becomes the first hospital in southern Nevada to be accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals. A year later, in 1956, it becomes the first medical facility in the area to obtain a radioisotope (nuclear medicine) laboratory and the first fully accredited cancer treatment center. In 1961 a new 20-bed neuro-psychiatric unit is established and the hospital becomes the first private hospital in the area to have a contract with State Mental Health.

The hospital continues to be a nice place for McCoig who is retired. She works in the Volunteer Department having donated over 2500 hours of service to the hospital. Buckie McCoig, as a medical professional and

volunteer, exemplifies the spirit celebrated annually by the Women's Committee of St. Rose.

Peggy Vaughn, another volunteer with close to 3000 hours of service, tells an interesting story relating to the early years of the hospital. In 1947, as a student at Siena Heights College, a facility sharing grounds with the Motherhouse of the Adrian Dominican Sisters in Michigan, Vaughn recalls seeing a notice posted on the chapel door. It read, "Will you please pray for Mother Gerald? She is going to Nevada to investigate the Adrian Dominicans setting up a mission in a hospital."

Fast forward 40 years when, in 1987, Peggy Vaughn and her husband move from the East retiring to Henderson. One day while driving around her new location, she hears a spot on the radio mentioning the name of the local hospital, St. Rose Dominican. She immediately checks it out and discovers this is the same hospital she and her classmates had prayed for while at college. Obviously, their prayers were answered for the hospital still is standing and busy administering to the health needs of the community recently given the title of being "the fastest growing city in the United States with a population of over 100,000."

From a ghost town to a city on the move, the community witnesses dramatic growth but it has a few false starts. In 1938, one source has the population of Las Vegas at 5,165 with no mention of a city called Henderson. Prior to World War II, few endeavors produce lasting results in an area so barren and desolate. For example, in 1917 three men from Las Vegas come into the area and locate a manganese deposit. These men, R.H. Edwards, B. R. Jefferson, and F. F. Marrs, dub their discovery the "Three Kids Mine" which eventually fails.

In April 1964, author Mary Ellen Sadovich compiles a brief historical sketch of the area appearing in a brochure, *Henderson Industrial Days*. According to Savovich, Jefferson has a ranch and calls it "Jericho." Savoich further explains that Jefferson, one of the miners, subdivides his ranch "to create the little town Jericho Heights, the real beginning of the present Henderson." Still nothing much inhabits the area but sagebrush, cactus and dust devils.

Later on, prospector Harry Springer, locates a huge deposit of brucite and a large deposit of magnesite. Sadovich writes the following, "Even Harry Springer knew that from brucite and magnesite a metal, magnesium, could be manufactured along with several other metallic products. But in 1935 'who wanted magnesium?'"

Nobody is willing to invest in magnesium until 1939 when our nation is pulled into World War II. German troops invade Poland and England and France declares war on Germany. The United States becomes an active player overseas as the production of magnesium becomes an important, vital commodity to our national defense. The government gives assurance that a magnesium plant would be constructed in Nevada "in the uninhabited desert below Black Mountain." Thus, the Henderson area becomes the site for Basic Magnesium Incorporated, BMI, which, in turn, offers an economic base to the community.

For the pioneering group of sisters who take charge of the hospital in 1947, there is a different look, feel and sound about their new surroundings. Some winding and dead ends streets are named for states, others for locally mined metals: *Zinc, Lead, Iron, Tungsten, Copper and Silver*. According to Sister Veronica, "It was like the sisters had come to a foreign land. It was hot, oven hot. Most of them were either from Michigan or Ohio or from around those places . . . some of them related how they had landed in a foreign land."

Dr. Harold Miller comes into the area in 1953 and begins practice with local physicians, Dr. Lorne Phillips and Dr. George Miners. Upon his retirement, Dr. Miller is asked by his church in Henderson, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, to write of his early medical days. His writing contains many interesting reflections including the following.

"Initially we dreaded every summer. We knew that we would have several cases of poliomyelitis; with the spinal taps, the "iron lungs" . . . We dreaded the ravages of rheumatic fever . . . worried about the meningitis in the babies . . . sick children with whooping cough, and H. Influenza croup that did not respond to penicillin. However, we did not have the excess of youthful drug addicts, the drive-by shootings, and only a small amount of physical or child abuse, and no one with "AIDS".

Sister Felicia Haidysz, O.P., and Sister Anne Wasco, O.P., are among the original pioneering group and already in the hospital setting when Dr. Miller arrives. In its early days, Sister Anne is known as Sister Angelita, the name she chose upon becoming a religious sister. As she explains, "Shortly after Vatican II, in the 1970's, sisters had the choice to go back to their baptismal name" and that is what sister decides to do.

Sister Felicia and Sister Anne are retired but played a significant role in the "Angel Bread Story," part of the folklore of the hospital. This story begins in the late 1950's when Sister Felicia is the hospital's second administrator and Sister Angelita the dietitian. In an interview Sister Felicia says, "In the early months, we lived from payday to payday. We always prayed, and God was good to us." **(Exhibit 8)** God is good to the sisters and so is patient Al Freeman, a war hero who is recuperating from a war related illness. Freeman has difficulty keeping down his food. One day he smells the aroma of freshly baked bread from the hospital's kitchen and starts eating it morning, noon, and night. Freeman claims the bread saves his life and names it "Angel Bread," after the one who bakes it, Sister Angelita.

Freeman vows to repay the sisters for their care and consideration by promoting and selling loaves of Angel Bread on a national level. Profits, three cents a loaf, are ear marked for the financially struggling hospital. Initially, to get the project off the ground, Freeman, publicist at the Sands Hotel in Las Vegas, receives financial backing from his boss, Jack Entratter, and establishes the Angel Bread Foundation, first financial enterprise to benefit the expanding needs of the hospital. **(Exhibit 9)** Members of board include Senator Alan Bible, Dr. Reuben Lockitch, Head of Surgery, Msgr. John Moran, St. Peter's Church, and Al Cahlan, Publisher of the Las Vegas Review Journal.

Due to Freeman's association with the Sands Hotel, he gathers support from many celebrities, some of whom are performing on The Strip at the time. Freeman passes away in 1972, but when the Sands Hotel and Casino recently is imploded, many of its files and memorabilia are donated to the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Special Collection Section. In Al Freeman's ANGEL BREAD files, a photo of Dean Martin holding up a model of the hospital's addition is found. **(Exhibit 10)**

The Angel Bread phenomenon is short lived having started in the late 1950's and carried over to 1961, but it is through the baking of bread, modest as it may seem in comparison to contemporary fundraising campaigns, that keeps a financially struggling hospital afloat. The story is remembered in a June 25, 1967 article appearing in the *NEVADA REGISTER*.

“Often when people left the hospital, they wrote back asking for loaves of the bread to be sent to them, to be mailed to them in Henderson, in Las Vegas, in Albuquerque, in Chicago, and St. Louis and Philadelphia – for this was a bread that people just had to remember.”

Fund raising efforts assist the hospital to expand their base of operation and make additions to the original structure. That the original hospital building is a functional one and over 50 years old suggests an interesting local phenomenon. By some standards, history pertaining to the Las Vegas Valley is registered on a relatively short time line. For many residents in southern Nevada, fifty years can capture a significant period of historical happenings but historical buildings are in short supply. Frequently televised casino implosions give credence to the adage “out with the old . . . in with the new.” An implosion gets rid of more than concrete and mortar. Observable clues linking citizens with an historical and cultural context are eliminated.

The presence of St. Rose Dominican Hospital represents a visible anchor connecting residents with their community heritage. It serves as a place of reference, an image of stability. (**Exhibit 11**) Nonetheless, drama and the true grit of life exist within the walls of the hospital. Sister Mary Assenmacher, O.P., Chaplain, recalls her tenure as being one with many twists and turns. Sister says, “All I can say is that St. Rose has been like a roller coaster ride . . . I do like roller coaster rides, but I never thought I'd live on one.”

During the late 50's and early 60's, the community is small, removed from the neon lights of the Las Vegas Strip and not growing. In an interview with Dorothy Vanderbrink, former Henderson City Clerk, she states that “Henderson wasn't really a bustling place at that time . . . nothing was happening . . . developers and Las Vegans had this vision of Henderson as a place with a cloud over it – Hicksville.”

Hank Greenspun is a visionary. Greenspun and his wife, Barbara, believe in and invest in the area. Greenspun dies in 1989 but leaves a legacy of his own. Greenspun, founder and publisher of the *Las Vegas Sun* and remembered as an active crusader throughout his life, is among the group that purchases the first television station in Southern Nevada, establishes Green Valley, a 4,500 acre planned community located inside the City of Henderson, and is listed in the newly published book, *The First 100 Years*, honoring men and women who left their mark in Southern Nevada.

Barbara Greenspun now carries on as publisher of the *Las Vegas Sun*. During an interview with Barbara Greenspun, she acknowledges their early and active affiliation with the hospital. Greenspun says, "We were very instrumental in helping them get off the ground, getting started. We wanted to help the sisters. They were great. We were very close to them out there." Barbara Greenspun, supporter and contributor, represents the spirit of Women of St. Rose Legacy.

In addition to the Greenspuns, the hospital is known for developing long standing associations with a number of notable Nevadans. This relationship begins shortly after World War II as the government seeks a buyer for the hospital. At this time Senator Pat McCarran, United States Senator from Nevada, Bishop Thomas K. Gorman, Diocese of Reno, Nevada, and Father Peter Moran, Pastor of St. Peter's Church in Henderson, work with Mother Gerald Barry in obtaining the facility.

A steady flow of friends and supporters continue to see the hospital through good and bad times. Some have passed away while others remain active. Names include *Gorman, McCarran, Greenspun, O' Callaghan, Bartlett, Smith, La Porta, Van Betten, Foley, Harmon, Stepmann, Gibson, Boyd*. Two become publishers of newspapers, an airport is named in honor of one, other names appear on a federal building, streets, commercial enterprises and schools throughout the Las Vegas Valley.

As a result of the original Angel Bread enterprise, fund raising activities change and become broader in scope. The hospital puts on their annual MARDI GRAS BALL, attracting a variety of men and women involved with the State of Nevada from all walks of life. Barbara Greenspun recalls, "Everyone in town got behind them . . . the entertainers especially." Greenspun says that one year Frank Sinatra showed up

during the MARDI GRAS Ball and one year actor Chuck Norris was the King when she served as the Queen. **(Refer to Photo #14)**

In 1972 the hospital celebrates its 25th anniversary. It is now a 100-bed facility with intensive care, physical therapy, inhalation therapy, and diagnostic x-ray units. At this time, Governor Mike O'Callahan works on the Mardi Gras Ball with Sister Georganne Duggan, fourth administrator of the hospital, and Sister Marie Brigid MacDonald, both women remembered for their outgoing and warm personalities. **(Exhibit 12)** The Ball is held at the Sahara Hotel Space Center and opened to the public.

Various Las Vegas Strip locations are used as sites for the Mardi Gras Balls. During one Mardi Gras Ball when Frank Sinatra walks on stage towards the honorees, Sister Georganne, spotting Sinatra a few feet away, exclaims, "They really are blue!" The microphone is on and the crowd roars. **(Refer to Photo # 13)**

During their interview for this project, the sisters explain the process in which sisters received notification from the Motherhouse about their new mission assignment. "In those days we had an annual appointment we received in August and it told you where you'd be." Asked their reaction to being sent to Henderson, Sister Brigid jokingly says, "Sister Georganne fell on the floor!" Sister Georganne is quick to respond that she has fond memories of her mission at St. Rose, a relatively long tenure serving from 1965 to 1978. When the sisters do receive an appointment sending them on to a different mission, Henderson residents are saddened.

It is during this time period that Sister Brigid and Bettylou Anderson share an unusual experience while traveling to a medical conference. Their plane is skyjacked and all 67 passengers and 4 crew members are allowed to debark while the skyjacker continues on with his escape route. According to a *Las Vegas Sun* article of January 21, 1972, pilots from the Nellis Air Force Base, outside of Las Vegas, save the day. **(Exhibit #14)** The article begins:

"Two Air Force F-111 swept-wing fighter-bombers trailed the Hughes Airwest Hijacked jetliner to Colorado and were on its tail when its rear ramp door opened and the hijacker parachuted out."

The story goes on to explain that, unfortunately for the skyjacker, he is arrested, dragging his right ankle that was sprained in his jump.

Srs. Georganne and Brigid, who personally knew Mother Gerald, reflect upon her personality. First they laugh as they explain that Mother Gerald was Irish with an Irish temperament. They go on to say, "She was great for education. You couldn't go into a job unless you were educated. Most of our sisters have Master's Degrees, many Doctorates, and that was her thing."

Mother Gerald Barry, one of the founders of Barry College located in Miami, Florida, served as its president from 1940 – 1961. In 1981, it is elevated to university status, a proud day for Mother Barry if she were still alive.

Lorraine Erling is hired in 1967 as Admitting Clerk when Sister Georganne is Administrator, Sister Ellen Stephanie in Surgery, Sister Marie Daniel in charge of the Labor and Delivery, and Sister Dolores Dolan as head of the Laboratory. Erling says her family moved to Henderson in 1966 "when it was less than 18,000 people and the hospital was small and we grew together." Erling, who retired in 1985 having moved up the ranks and promoted to Office Supervisor, claims, "It was really hard to leave. I'll always remember the years at St. Rose as the best years of my life."

Sister Dolores, also retired from her full-time professional duties, is remembered for holding several distinctions during her active tenure. Sister Dolores becomes the first Director of Laboratory Services as well as being elected President of the Nevada State Society of Medical Technologists. In addition, she was a fan of Wayne Newton, Las Vegas legend. Some residents jokingly refer to Sister Dolores as being the local "President of the Wayne Newton's Fan Club."

During Sister Georganne's administration, the hospital experiences grave financial issues. As Sr. Bridgid tells it, at one time they toyed with the idea of closing it down. Asked why they didn't, Sister replies, "Well, we said, give it another chance. We always felt that Henderson some day would move. And we got a lot of that courage and stamina from Selma Bartlett. She was our strong rod and she knew that the community needed

a hospital. She was like the dog with the bone and she was not going to let us give in."

Selma Bartlett, leader in the banking industry and long time resident of Henderson, has served on the hospital's board and assisted the sisters and the hospital on a number of occasions. In Henderson the Selma Bartlett School is named in her honor.

About the problems facing the hospital, Sister Brigid says, "There were hard times, but we didn't have the things that hospital administrators have now. . . In many ways we were blessed and didn't know it . . . We were fortunate to be in the hospital business when we were." According to Louis F. La Porta, former hospital board member and community leader whose son is the first baby born at the hospital, ". . . the hospital delivery system changed and so did we." La Porta continues to say that with the dawning of the Medicare system, "There was more to it than just having some doors and doctors around, it became a real cost factor."

In 1978 Sister Maureen Comer succeeds Sister Georganne becoming the last Adrian Dominican to date to hold the position of Administrator. Compassionate care plus cost control becomes one of Sister Maureen's major challenges. Material from the hospital's correspondence reassures the community that they plan to maintain their past reputation by administering compassionate care while at the same time tackling its financial responsibilities.

Peggy Vaughn, volunteer, sums it up this way, "Nuns are regarded as being pious, sweet women. That's only half the story." Vaughn continues, "They are very competent . . . Before lay people took over the hospital, they made multimillion dollar decisions and that takes a lot of experience. That takes a lot of expertise."

A supportive alliance begins in 1988, when the Adrian Dominican Sisters affiliate their hospital with Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), a system of hospitals, ancillary facilities, home care and physician organization throughout California, Arizona and Nevada.

A year before this alliance and during the 1987 Mardi Gras Ball, special recognition is given to Hank and Barbara Greenspun for their continual support. The sisters, thanking them especially for their practice of

donating the new car awarded at the Mardi Gras Ball, take this opportunity to say, "We are extremely grateful to them for it is only with such assistance that we are able to realize our goals." (Refer to Photo #15 and #16)

Support from the Greenspun family continues. In 1998 the hospital opens the Barbara Greenspun WomensCare Center of Excellence which is committed to the women of southern Nevada by providing "continuum of care" healthcare services, life skills education, and a lending library. (Exhibit 15)

In 1988 the hospital celebrates its 31st annual Mardi Gras Ball at Caesars Palace. Honorary Chairman for the celebration is his Excellency Richard Bryan, then Governor of the State of Nevada. Currently Bryan serves as a United States Senator. At the time Governor Bryan gives tribute to the hospital's auxiliary group. Bryan writes:

"The commitment and dedicated efforts given so generously over the years by the members of the auxiliary have helped enable Rose de Lima to continue to provide excellent medical care and vital service to the citizens of Southern Nevada."

At the same time, James H. Bilbray, member of Congress in 1988, and Mardi Gras Grand Chairman, acknowledges both volunteer and auxiliary members. Bilbray writes:

"Welcome to the 31st annual Mardi Gras Ball. I take great pride in being a part of this annual celebration, and we all owe a great debt of gratitude to the volunteers and auxiliary members, who are a shining example of the spirit of service to the community."

Women of St. Rose Legacy includes members of the staff, volunteers and auxiliary. One of the former auxiliary presidents is Florianne Bartholomew whose family planted two trees at the hospital in memory of their daughters, Kristi and Karen. Both died of cancer at the hospital. Bartholomew says, "These living symbols not only represent the spirits of two beautiful young women, but they represent the spirit of a loving and dedicated group of people who were always there and are still there for the people of this community."

The mission of the hospital is to be there for the people of the community and people of the community, in turn, have been there for the hospital. A notable list of '*Dinner Committee*' members supports the 1988 annual MARDI GRAS BALL. They include:

Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Hoke, Frema and Marvin Rose, **Senator James Gibson, Senator Chic Hecht**, Mr. and Mrs. John Knight, Toni Hart, Carl Apple, **Carolyn and Mike O'Callaghan, Hank and Barbara Greenspun, Judge Donald M. Mosley, Justice and Mrs. Mowbray**, Jeff and Laura Clontz, Patricia March, **Judge John and Nancy McGroarty**, Susan Chenin, Elma Leeland, **Mark Fine, Dora Liberace**, Mary Ann and Lydia Hantout, **Justice and Mrs. Cliff Young**, Mr. and Mrs. Art Esponza, Ken O'Connell, Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Chenin, **Sheriff John and Goldie Moran, Dr. and Mrs. Robert C. Maxson**, Jim and Jo Abraham, Herb and Irene Kaufman, **Mayor Ron and Beverly Lurie, Selma Bartlett**, Susie Perine, Irene Lin, **Frank Fertitta**, John Holman, **Congressman Barbara Vucanovich**, Dr. Martin and Phyllis Schwartz, Nancy Burdick, **Mayor Lorna and Robert Kesterson**, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Eliades, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Wilden, General and Mrs. Zack Taylor, **Fred and Shelley Berkeley**, Leonard Gang, Denny Weddle

Friends and supporters have seen the hospital celebrate its many milestones. Some of these occasions include the following:

- 1955 First hospital in southern Nevada to be accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals.
- 1956 First medical facility in the area to obtain a radioisotope (nuclear medicine) laboratory and the first fully accredited cancer treatment center.
- 1960 The hospital opens a new three-story patient wing along with the new emergency room, surgical suites and obstetrics unit.
- 1961 A new 20-bed neuro-psychiatric unit is established and the hospital becomes the first private hospital in the area to have a contract with State Mental Health.
- 1972 The hospital celebrates its 25th anniversary; is now a 100-bed facility with intensive care, physical therapy, inhalation therapy, and diagnostic x-ray units.
- 1988 The hospital joins in co-sponsorship with Catholic Healthcare West, the largest Catholic health care organization in the West.
- 1989 The hospital changes its name to St. Rose Dominican Hospital in honor of the founding sisters.
- 1992 The hospital becomes the first hospital in the United States to install the GE

Vectra 1.5T MR breast coil which tests the viability of silicon breast implants and questionable lumps found by mammograms.

- 1994-95 The hospital expands existing cardiology services to include a cardiac catheterization laboratory. The Wiegand Cardiac Rehabilitation Center is opened.
- 1998 Ground is broken and blessed for a St. Rose Dominican Hospital, Siena Campus.
- 1998 The hospital opens the \$17 million Parkway Medical Plaza, a three-story medical complex dedicated to ambulatory care, which includes The Barbara Greenspun WomensCare Center of Excellence and the hospital's first St. Rose *UrgentCare*.
- 1999 The hospital opens the Hartwell Medical Center which serves residents of southeast Las Vegas and Henderson with an array of physician's offices, a diagnostic imaging center and a new St. Rose *UrgentCare* center.

In the summer of 2000, Catholic Health West plans to open its second healthcare facility in Henderson, the Siena Campus. (Exhibit 16) Hospital President and CEO, Rod A. Davis, recently is quoted as saying, "Sometimes we're all maxed out . . . the health-care system here needs to expand further." Davis describes the new facility as "designed not only for the growing community, but to reflect the general trends in healthcare toward more outpatient and preventive services."

A surge in population currently is experienced throughout the southern Nevada region, known as Clark County, as sage brush and cactus make way for new and bigger homes, churches, schools, playgrounds, recreational centers, hospitals, libraries. According to Manuel J. Cortez, President and CEO, Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority, "Las Vegas has grown and changed dramatically in recent years." The face and facade of the famous Las Vegas Strip changes with regularity.

One of the most famous and oldest casinos is the Flamingo Casino, made famous by Bugsy Siegel. Some historians credit Bugsy as putting The Strip on the map. In 1997 the Flamingo Casino prepares for its 50th anniversary. During the same year, two other significant institutions located in the Las Vegas Valley, likewise, focus on their 50th anniversary, St. Rose Dominican Hospital to the southeast and Nellis Air Force Base, *Home of the Fighter Pilot*, on the northeast side.

Nellis Air Force Base plays host to the Golden Air Tattoo International Air Show and receives numerous letters of congratulations during their celebrations. Bob Miller, then Governor of the State of Nevada, writes,

"It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to "Air Force FIFTY," the celebration of fifty years of service by the United States Air Force. . . our men and women in blue are hard at work all around the globe everyday and we owe them our deepest thanks for their service and sacrifice.

At the time, Mayor of Las Vegas, Jan Laverty Jones, welcomes friends and relatives of the Air Force Association with the following, "I invite you to discover another side of Las Vegas. . . . beyond its fame and glamour and lights is a dynamic, family-oriented community."

Beyond the neon, in the family-oriented community of Henderson, the Women's Committee of St. Rose begins work on their first annual community celebration, coinciding with the hospital's 50th year anniversary. They collect archival materials, tape and transcribe interviews and conversations in preparation for March, International History Month of Women. This collection of materials lays down the foundation for the Women of St. Rose Local Legacy 2000 project.

For their first celebration, committee member Jean Byrd, designs over 50 historical booklets which are on display as is a three-dimensional pictorial exhibit consisting of four columns of photographs, designed by Carol Bower to capture fifty years of history. (Exhibit 17) Jane Holliman is in charge of the day's activities while Sister Virginia Corley, O.P., assists with the program design. She includes the poem, SEASONS OF A WOMAN'S LIFE, written by a fellow Adrian Dominican Sister Nancyann Turner. In her poem, Sr. Nancyann writes 'each new life grows and flowers in the soil of past experiences', an appropriate reflection to honor women, past, present, future, for the International History Month of Women.

Throughout 1997, St. Rose is busy celebrating their 50th anniversary. One activity is the burial of a time capsule to be unearthed in 2022, the hospital's 75th anniversary. (Exhibit 18) The Women's Committee submits a copy of

their first annual report, including photographs from James Beebe, committee member, for inclusion in the time capsule.

Selected interviews assembled into the annual report contain transcribed conversations with Sister Veronica Gonthier, recalling her work in the Pastoral Care Department, Sister Robert Joseph Bailey, one of the longest residing Dominican Sisters at the hospital who remembers Angel Bread being baked in the hospital's kitchen and former patient, Anne Rosenzweig reflecting upon the kindness of the sisters during her stay in the late '50's. This report is buried along with an assortment of messages, memorabilia and artifacts from various hospital departments. (Exhibit 19)

Sister Margaret 'Marge' Mehigan, O.P., Office of Sponsorship and Mission Effectiveness from the Adrian Dominican Sisters Motherhouse, in Michigan, writes a letter of appreciation to the Women's Committee. Sister Marge writes, "We support your collaborative process that is providing a wonderful collection of oral history to highlight the significant contributions made by women through St. Rose to the Henderson community." The spirit of these women give dimension to a city's recorded history.

The challenge facing the Women's Committee is gathering, compiling and storing historical data as they need to build upon past contributions in order to proceed to the present and beyond. Women providing the framework for the project include members from the religious community, auxiliary, medical profession, staff, volunteers, former patients, celebrities, supporters, contributors, politicians, business and community leaders, as well as, the everyday working resident. They provide the voices and spirit for the Women of St. Rose Legacy.

From their primary research, the committee discovers interesting stories, records memories and documents folk lore. Interesting themes continue to emerge among which include reflections upon the hospital's pioneering and ecumenical spirit, myths and mythology surrounding the religious, a number of firsts occurring in the valley, making of folk lore, evolution of the health care services and providers, significance of pastoral care, celebrations from the past, joyful and solemn experiences.

Each year the annual community event grows as the committee extends their activities to writing and publishing children booklets. A story, written by Carol Bower, member and Nevada artist, is designed into a booklets which contains drawings from third grade students. whose work also is on display at the hospital throughout the month of March.

Special emphasis is placed on participation by the young students who take front and center stage during the celebration. They leave knowing they made a cultural and historical contribution to archival materials about a hospital in their community, the place they call *home*. The committee donates copies to the hospital's Pediatric Unit, various community agencies, schools and libraries within Clark County.

The first booklet written by Bower and illustrated by students is titled *Sister Angelita's Bread*, part of the hospital's folk lore. (Exhibit 20) Sister Anne, now residing outside of Nevada, flies in for the March, 1998 celebration and is seated in the audience as Bower reads her story and student artists hold up their drawings at the appropriate time. When the reading and their participation is completed, students clamor around to have Sister Anne autograph their booklet. The local newspaper, *Henderson Home News*, provides coverage of the event. (Exhibit 21)

The committee nominates Sr. Anne Wasco and the story of *Sister Angelita's Angel Bread* to the Las Vegas Review Journal (RJ) newspaper, where it receives 'honorary' mention in the book, **The First 100 Years**, published in 1999.

Sister Marie Daniel Lundy, former Director of Nurses in charge of Maternal Child Care Unit, who passed away in 1995, provides the theme for the 3rd annual Women's Committee celebration, March 6, 1999. Once again while the story, *A Special Lady in White*, is read by Carol Bower, its author, third grade student artists from various elementary schools throughout the area, hold up their original interpretative drawings. (Exhibit 22)

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The late Sister Marie Daniel Lundy worked at St. Rose almost continuously from 1947 - 1993. Sister Marie Daniel was in charge of the Maternal Child Care Unit and, according to Sister Dolores Marie Dolan, 'when babies were sick, she would get up in the middle of the night to take care of them. Sister Marie Daniel has been characterized as compassionate but firm . . . highly respected by both doctors and staff.' St. Rose's Emergency Towers is dedicated in her memory.

As the Women's Committee prepares for its 2000 March celebration, students have submitted their illustrations for a third booklet, *Bucky's Busy Day*, based upon Buckie McCoy, first nurse anesthetist in the southern Nevada area. It will be the longest of all the children's booklets published by the committee. Carol Bower is in the process of assembling the book for publication and again, copies will be donated to various locations.

Women of St. Rose, always focusing on identifying the spirit of women who sustain the hospital throughout the years, is a project with as many facets as there are women involved with the hospital. St. Rose prides itself on implementing five special values - *dignity, collaboration, justice, stewardship, excellence*. Each value is reflected in a variety of ways as the hospital pays tribute to employees who reflect them. Many of these recipients are women who continue to do the work that has to be done. Their legacy remains part of the shared history with the City of Henderson.

In 1997 Sr. Victoria 'Vicki' Dalesandro, O.P., is the recipient of the hospital's prestigious **Philosophy In Action Award** based on the value of *Collaboration*. The year before, in 1996, Ann Barron, then Chairperson of the Board of Directors of St. Rose Dominican Hospital and Economic Development Director of the City of Henderson, is the recipient on the **Philosophy In Action Award** for the value of *Justice*. A member of the religious community, a member of the community at large, they represent the women of St. Rose.

Two years later, Sister Victoria Dalesandro, becomes one of the recipients of the **1999 Nevada Women's Role Model Award** presented by the Office of Frankie Sue Del Papa, Attorney General, State of Nevada. The award ceremony is held at Cashman Field. (Exhibit 23) From an article appearing in the *Henderson Home News*, Tuesday, May 4, 1999, staff writer Kevin Ferguson writes:

"Sister Vicki was nominated by Sister Virginia Corley, who was unable to attend the presentation, but left these words: 'Her gentle but influential approach has obviously made a difference, providing services and guidance to enhance the lives of her St. Rose neighbors, and to the larger community to which she has become a resource.'"

St. Rose Dominican Hospital remains the only non-profit, non-tax supported and religiously affiliated hospital in southern Nevada. When the hospital becomes a participant with Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), several community pilot programs are put into place, some of which remain active. Some have expanded their base of operations, additional ones have been created, and many listed in the brochure *REDISCOVER ST. ROSE DOMINICAN HOSPITAL*. The Positive Impact Program is one example of the programs started as a new and innovative program designed to provide medical services to Henderson's school-age children who otherwise would not receive them.' (Exhibit 24)

Many programs are placed under the guidance of the Mission Services Committee when Sister Veronica Gonthier, holds its leadership position. Sister Victoria follows Sr. Veronica and is steward to a growing number of community related subcommittees and services. These include:

Clinic on Wheels, Cultural Diversity Committee, Positive Improvement On Reading, Mercy Housing, Henderson Teen Task Force, Parish Nurse Training, Health Center, Thanksgiving/Christmas Projects, Outreach, Community Education, Women's Committee, Spiritual Care, Physician Services, Family to Family, Nevada Physicians' Choice, Mission Services, Home Health, Helping Hands/Lifeline, Family to Family, Health Foundation.

Women chair many of these programs and their stories, yet to be told, are part of the legacy called Women of St. Rose.

In the meantime, the committee has several works in progress. One of their original goals, writing a Readers Theater production, has yet to be realized. Another work has advanced through its Phase I stage with a rough draft of a script for an audio/visual production completed. (**Exhibit 25**) The small Ad Hoc Committee is spearheaded by Sister Molly Nicholson, O.P.

The importance of the Legacy 2000 project, Women Of St. Rose, holds its value in the nature of its mission - collecting, preserving, celebrating and passing on a community heritage. It has been said that when a person dies without their story being told, a whole library is lost and buried. The hospital of St. Rose Dominican, City of Henderson, Clark County of Southern Nevada, State of Nevada, Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters in Adrian, Michigan all benefit when history is reflected as a composite picture including women's voices and capturing their spirit.

Dust devil . . . sage brush . . . a township . . . a hospital . . . seven pioneering women . . . a legacy . . . Women of St. Rose, a contribution to the Local Legacy 2000, Bicentennial Program, Library of Congress Project

LEGACY 2000 PROJECT – Women of St. Rose

List of Exhibits: Addendum to Written Report

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- Exhibit #7 Clara ‘Buckie’ McCoig, first nurse anesthetist in southern Nevada area
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LEGACY 2000

Women of St. Rose

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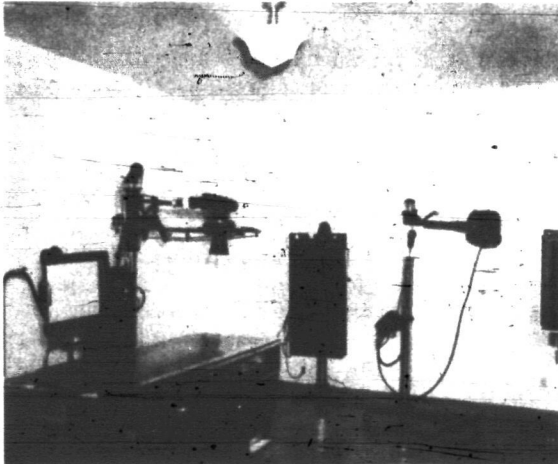
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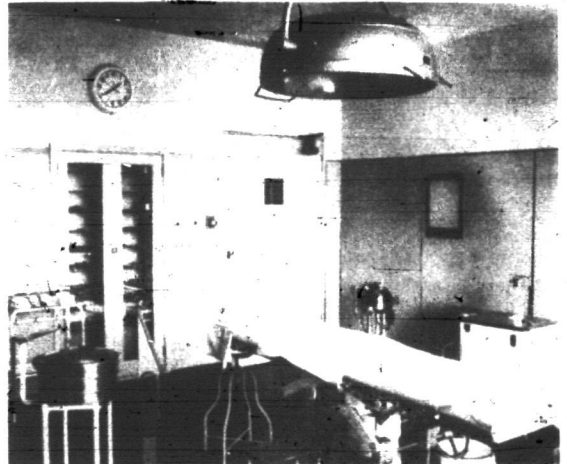
BASIC MAGNESIUM, INCORPORATED, Las Vegas, Nevada

NOVEMBER 12, 1942

HOSPITAL OPENS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE



The X-ray room at the BMI Hospital is equipped with the most modern apparatus available anywhere.



This is one of the two operating rooms at the new BMI Hospital. An auxiliary lighting system is installed in case of power shutoff. Equipment is the last word.

To Give to Its Patients the Best Medical Care;

To Do Everything Which Will Return the Patient to Health with the Utmost Expedition;

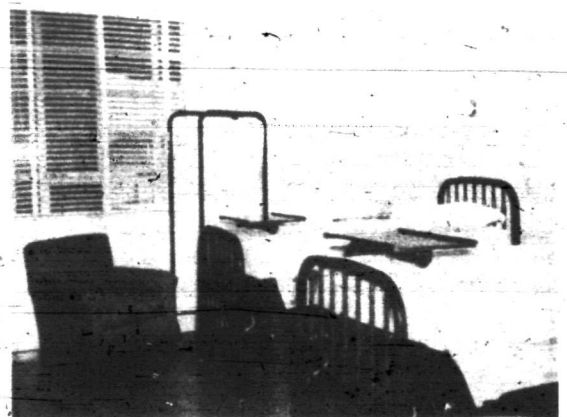
To Do These Things in the Spirit of Kindly, Wholehearted Personal Service.

With these words emblazoned on a plaque, the new BMI Hospital has been opened for service Sunday after a dedication ceremony in which patriotism, medical ethics, and the concern of modern industry for the welfare of its employees featured a simple, impressive ceremony.

The new hospital, though erected primarily to take care of accidents to employees and provide medical service for them, will also be open to families of project employees when need arises and, of course, only when space is available. Charges for these services will be commensurate with services performed, and will conform to rates prevailing in this locality. Physicians on the staff, making calls on patients, will also charge in accordance with rates governing in this area.

RELATIVELY NEW IN INDUSTRY

The big and important thing about the new hospital is that it represents something relatively new in American industry. Embodied in its physical structure and the



Here is one of the cheerful, tastefully decorated two-bed wards. Beds and mattresses are the best money could buy.

apparatus and equipment which it houses, the hospital is a monument to the insistence of modern industry that the health and safety of employees is of vital importance.

EQUIPMENT THE LATEST

No industrial hospital in the world is better equipped to give high type hospital and medical service. In all departments the very latest equipment evolved by medical science has been installed. No pains and no money has been spared to guarantee that men and women on this project will have the best.

THE BIG JOB — BASIC MAGNESIUM NEWS-LETTER

FIRE-PROOF CONSTRUCTION

With a capacity of 50 beds, the new hospital is completely fire-proof with a Universal sprinkling system added as an additional protection. An air-cooling system and hot air heating plant have been installed. Four wings, radiating from a central lobby, contain two and four bedroom wards, lavatories, X-ray rooms, fracture room, delivery room, two operating rooms, and a section for out-patients.

ROOMS ATTRACTIVE

The wards are furnished with the most up-to-date hospital beds and mattresses purchasable. The rooms are bright, airy, and tastefully decorated. Between each two rooms is a spacious utility room for nurses and attendants with shower bath and lavatory for patients.

The X-ray room contains the finest scientific apparatus manufactured.

The operating rooms are the very last word as far as facilities are concerned. They include apparatus for every recognized emergency or need. They are completely electrically equipped. An ultra-modern out-patient department is equipped with apparatus for various types of light treatment and hot water treatment.

FOR PATIENTS' FOOD

The hospital kitchen would bring a glitter to the eyes of any housewife. Dishwashers, mixing and peeling machines, ranges, and large and small refrigerators all run by electricity. The laundry, in which the hospital will do all of its own washing and ironing, features the latest available electrical machinery.

SPLENDID HOME FOR NURSES

Built to accommodate 24, the nurses' home has been built adjacent to the hospital. It is a comfortable and attractively furnished residence.

Ambulance and first aid service will be available 24 hours a day.

SPECIALIST IN CHARGE

Dr. F. E. Clough, BMI Chief Surgeon, has been busy as a tail gunner for months checking details of construction and expediting delivery of technical apparatus. One report has it that he shot down 17 priorities. Dr. Clough knows industrial hospitals. In South Dakota, as Chief Surgeon of the Homestake Mining Company, he pioneered in the field of industrial medicine. He is widely recognized in this field as well as in bone and joint surgery.

Three doctors will assist the Chief Surgeon. They are Doctors Chauncey Baird, A. F. O'Connor, and Ned D. Miller. Mrs. Josephine

Lacy is Superintendent. Eventually there will be 25 nurses and a total of 50 persons on the staff.

AND THIS IS GOOD ADVICE

There isn't a better industrial hospital in the world, but as Safety Engineer Ed Green, in agreement with Dr. Clough, says, "It's better to be safe than saved."

INTER-DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH

Long awaited, widely demanded, an Inter-denomination Church was organized in Basic Townsite last Sunday. Nearly 100 persons attended an organization meeting in the School Auditorium and heard the results of a religious preference survey conducted by the Federal Council of Churches, voted to ask the Council to organize services and a congregation here. Result: Rev. Ray C. Crouch, representing the Council, declared The Community Church organized; officers were elected, an advisory council chosen, one representing each sect; services arranged for next Sunday as follows: Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Services, 11 a.m. Evening Services, 7:30 p.m.

WHAT'S COOKIN' AT BMI

(Recreational Events at Basic School, unless otherwise specified, are open to all project employees and their families. This includes employees of Basic, and all contractors and sub-contractors. Recreation programs are conducted by the U.S.O. in cooperation with BMI Section of Employee Activities. Sponsorship by other organizations is indicated in the following calendar of events.)

THURSDAY, NOV. 12, School Auditorium. Movies at 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Adults 25 cents. Children under twelve, 10 cents.

FRIDAY, NOV. 13, School Aud.: High School Dance, 8 to 12 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOV. 14, School Auditorium, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Movies for children of school age. Admission 10 cents. No adults.

MONDAY, NOV. 16 School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Progressive Bridge party; prizes in Defense Stamps; Admission, 25 cents; Pinochle, Cribbage, Chess, Checkers, Dominoes. Free. Same Event Each Monday, except second Monday of Month.

TUESDAY, NOV. 17. School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Badminton. Admission, 25 cents. No hard soled shoes. Adults only. Badminton every Wednesday night.

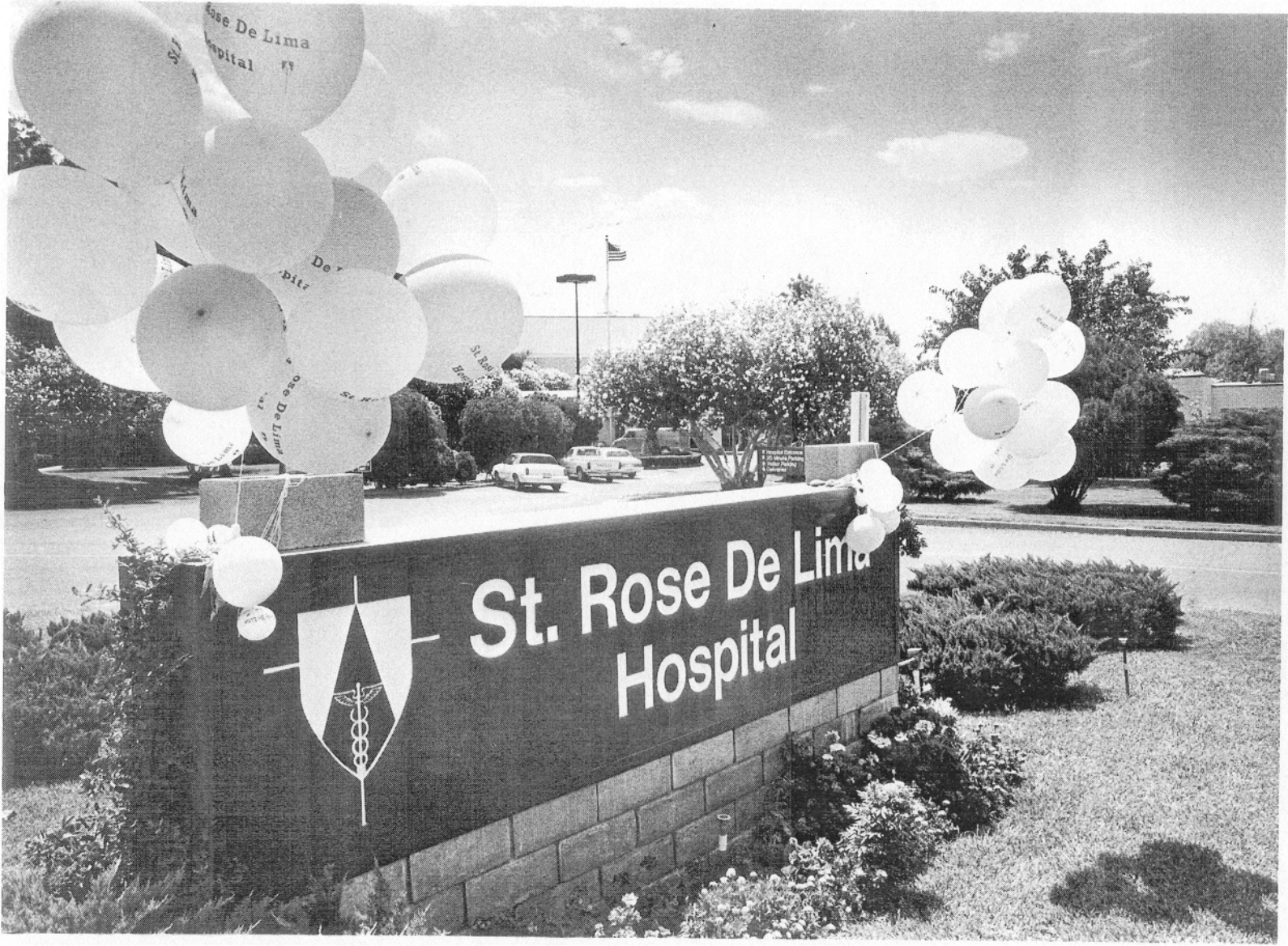
THURSDAY, NOV. 19. School Auditorium, 7 and 9 p.m. Moving Pictures. Adults, 25 cents; children under 12, 25 cents. Movies every Thursday night.

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In Washington They're telling this one. A telegram messenger went into the big new War Department building to deliver a message. He got lost, and came out ten days later a Lieutenant-colonel in the Air Corps.



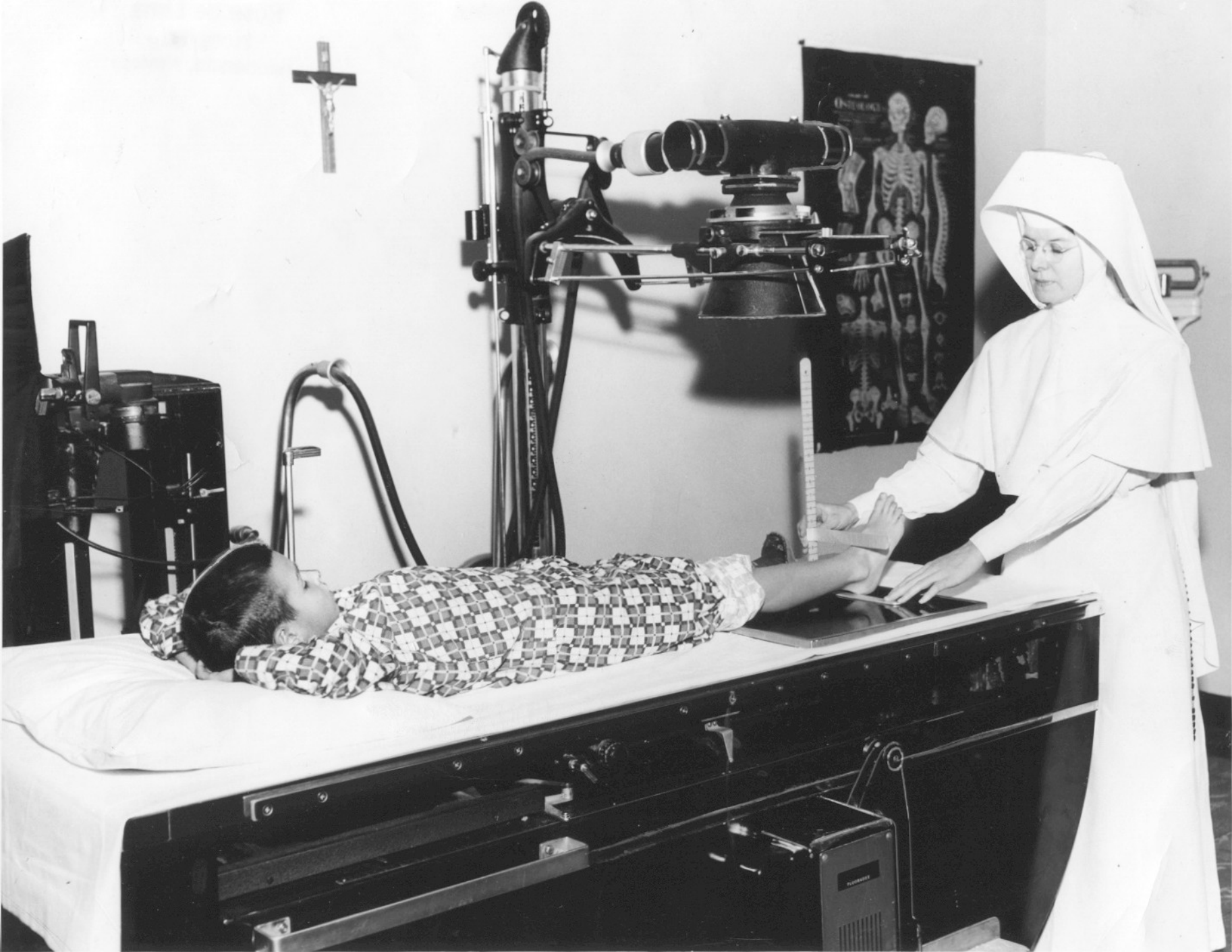




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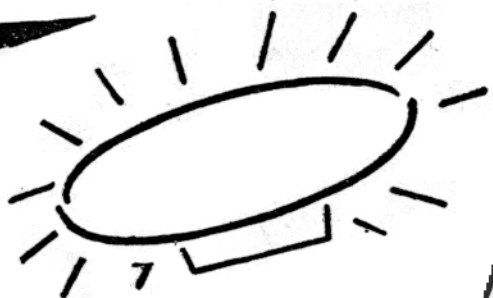
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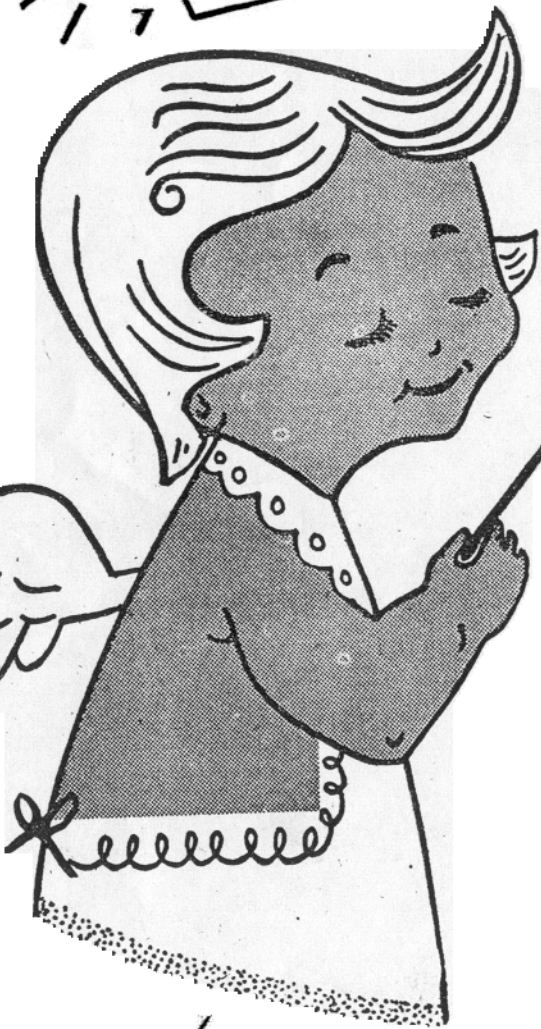
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Nun's Home-Made Bread May Be Miracle To Build New Hospitals

by **Hubbard Keavy**
The Associated Press

Henderson, Nevada (AP) — Amid plenty, Al Freeman was literally starving. He couldn't retain a bite of food in the Rose de Lima Hospital, here in an oxygen tent to clear up an ailment in his lung dating back to his combat service in Italy in World War II.

Then a Nun fed him a piece of buttered and toasted bread.

Freeman lived on this bread for five days, saying with the gratitude of a man freed from great hunger: "This must have been made by an angel."

And when he later went into the kitchen at the hospital to see who made the delicious, unusual bread, he found the baker to be a hard-working Nun, named, either by Providence or coincidence, Sister Angelita!

He missed the wonderful-tasting bread when he got home and often went back to the hospital to get a loaf. The Sisters of St. Dominic couldn't sell the bread, but Freeman, like many other ex-patients who had tasted the bread while they were ill, left a generous donation at the little chapel. Freeman, a publicist, represents the Sands Hotel in nearby Las Vegas, and had been trying for a year to raise funds for the badly needed extra beds at Rose de Lima.

He thought up the idea of putting the bread on the commercial market with a royalty contribution going to build up Rose

de Lima Hospital and then to build other hospitals all over the country. The bread seemed unusually good to him — but to make sure, Freeman sent hundreds of loaves out to people all over the country, asking for their frank opinion.

When the sampling was done, Freeman knew he had something special in the way of bread. People wrote that they had never tasted bread so delicious in all their lives, that it was even better than their own homemade bread.

The recipe used by Sister Angelita was 100 years old, first used by her Grand mother in her native Germany. The trick was to get a commercial baker to make the bread as good as Sister Angelita.

The Sands Hotel got behind the project, with its president Jack Entratter personally heading the work, and finally 700 loaves were produced commercially at a cost of \$20 each! And Freeman knew he had started something when, during the first week the bread was on sale in Las Vegas, 5,000 loaves were snapped up. At three cents a loaf royalty, that meant \$150 for Rose de Lima.

Entratter set up a charitable Angelita Bread Foundation, with a trustee board composed of a Lutheran, a Mormon, a Catholic, a Protestant, and a Jew. The goal — to market the bread nationally, to build Rose de Lima Hospital, then to build hospitals wherever needed. The Foundation is making contracts with quality bakers in most large cities — they get the recipe, the

secret of mixing and the trade name "Angelita's Bread" for one simple thing — an agreement to contribute a royalty on each loaf to the Angelita Bread Foundation to build hospitals!

Sister Felicia, administrator of the Rose de Lima Hospital, prays daily for the success of the project. Last year, her small, over-worked staff took care of 3000 patients — 48% of whom were Lutheran, Protestant, Baptist and Methodist; 22% of whom were Jewish; and 30% of whom were Catholic — all the Sisters were concerned with was the fact that they were all ill and needed care.

Soon Angelita's Bread will be out on the market — soon, with the help of God, Sister Felicia will have her badly needed extra beds, and communities all over America will have other badly needed hospitals.

"Do you suppose," Freeman asked Sister Felicia, "that after we get started with the hospitals that the Angelita Foundation might have a little left over to help us build a synagogue in Las Vegas?"

Sister Felicia topped Freeman's little jest, "why certainly, Al — do you suppose you might call it St. Dominic's Synagogue?"

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*Once upon a time —
an angel baked
a little loaf
of bread*

Angel In Kitchen Provides Means To Enlarge Hospital

By HUBBARD KEAVY

HENDERSON, Nev. (AP)—Amid plenty, Al Freeman was literally starving. He couldn't retain a bite of food in the hospital where he was in an oxygen tent for treatment of a dust infection in his lungs.

Then a nun fed him a piece of hot, buttered bread.

Freeman lived on bread for five days saying, with the emotion of a man freed from great hunger, "This is truly angel bread."

~~That's the start~~, but far from the finish, of the story of Angel-bread.

Freeman, an effervescent press agent, works for one of the big strip hotels in nearby Las Vegas. He vowed he would somehow repay the Dominican nuns of Rose

de Lima Hospital for, as he puts it, saving his life.

He missed the bread when he got home and often came back to the hospital to get a loaf. The nuns couldn't sell the bread, but Freeman, like many another patient, always left a generous donation. He found that the nun who baked the bread was named Sister Angelita. "An angel in the kitchen, both by name and occupation," said Freeman.

The sister's recipe had been in her family for nearly 100 years in her native Germany. When Freeman learned this, it gave him an idea.

He was a member of a committee trying to raise money for a much-needed addition to Rose de Lima,

the only accredited hospital in southern Nevada. Freeman's idea was to market the angel bread with a royalty on each loaf for the hospital.

A few months passed, during which Freeman personally sent hundreds of loaves all over the country for testing. People agreed that Sister Angelita's bread had something special. A machine was devised to mix huge quantities of dough almost as the nun mixed her daily 30 loaves by hand.

It took some financing to get into production and Jewish friends of Freeman provided it. The first 700 test loaves cost nearly \$200 each.

But Freeman knew he had started something when, during the first week the

bread was on sale in Las Vegas, 5,000 loaves were snapped up. At three cents a loaf royalty, that meant \$150 for Rose de Lima.

The full goal is millions of loaves away: the hospital's addition will cost nearly half a million dollars. Freeman is making contracts with bakeries in most large cities. They can have the recipe, the secret of the mixing and the trade name for one simple thing: an agreement to pay three cents a loaf royalty to the Angelbread Foundation.

Sister Felicia, superintendent of Rose de Lima, prays daily for the health and well-being of the Jewish publicist who may be her hospital's greatest benefactor.





ROSE DE LIMA
HOSPITAL

A black and white photograph of a large, modern hospital building with a curved facade. The building has multiple stories with a grid of windows. A prominent entrance is visible on the left side, supported by columns. The name of the hospital is displayed in large letters across the top of the curved section. There are several palm trees in the foreground, and the sky is clear.

St. Rose Dominican Hospital

Wednesday, Jan. 19, 1972



MARDI GRAS PLANS — Gov. Mike O'Callaghan discusses plans for this year's Rose de Lima Auxiliary Benefit set for Feb. 12 at the Sahara Hotel Space Center. Talking things over with the governor are (left to right) Sister M. Georganne, administrator of the hospital; Sister Marie Brigid and Mrs. Phil Reinhardt. The event will be open to the public.



TAILED STOLEN DC-9

Nellis Jets Radioed Pirate's Jump Target

Two Air Force F-111 swept-wing fighter-bombers trailed the Hughes Airwest hijacked jetliner to Colorado and were on its tail when its rear ramp door opened and the hijacker parachuted out.

The F-111s, each with a two-man crew, circled the descending chute and radioed its position to ground units who captured the hijacker nearby.

They had taken off from Nellis Air Force Base outside Las Vegas and picked up the lemon-yellow airliner over Sunrise Mountain as it headed northeast.

Once the hijacker was on the ground, and field parties were closing in, the Nellis jets returned to their Las Vegas base, a distance of 725 miles from the drop point.

The pilots were on the Nellis flightline preparing to take off for a routine training mission when the base commander received a request from the FBI to trail the airliner that was just taking off from McCarran Airport.

The two Air Force planes were piloted by Lt. Col. Edward Satterfield, 40; Capt. Douglas C. Williams, 29; Lt. Col. William Shunney, 41; and Maj. John Tiller, 37.

Satterfield gave this version of the mission upon returning to Nellis:

"We picked up the Airwest plane east of Sunrise Mountain and flew with it toward Denver as if we were a three-ship formation."

The Nellis planes were positioned on

either side and behind the big jet for the entire flight, he said.

When the airliner slowed down about 100 miles northeast of Denver and began to descend, the two F-111s could not reduce their own speed to match the big plane's and began flying "orbits" (circles) behind it, he added.

Satterfield said he was in position behind the big jet when he saw a man "leave the aircraft and I watched him chute to the ground. He got up, saw us above and threw a briefcase into the air. I don't know if it was in disgust at being followed or what. Then he disappeared into the brush."

The hijacker left his parachute and harness at the drop point. He was arrested 1½ miles away, dragging his right ankle that had been sprained in the jump.

*Satterfield
to Mr. Bishop
on this flight*

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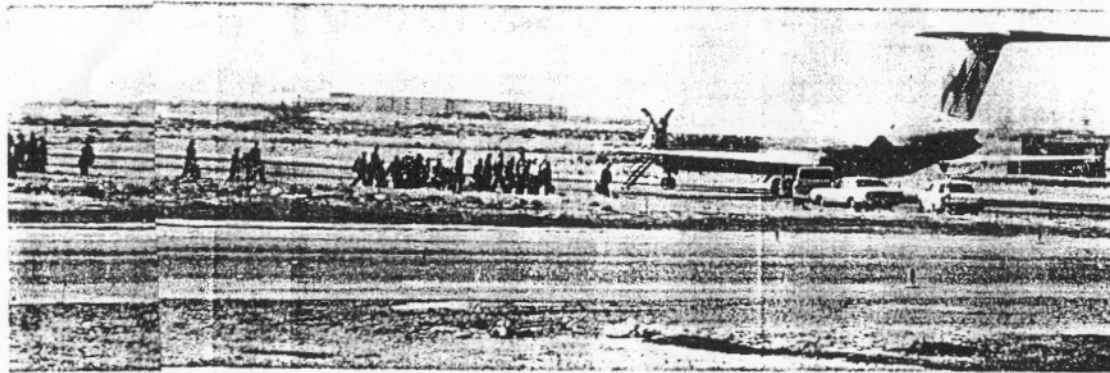


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Sixty-seven Passengers And 2 Stewardesses Of Airwest's Flight 800 Leave DC-9 After Release By Skyjacker

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To Your Health

Need assistance finding a physician who is right for you? Below is a list of physicians who are affiliated with The Barbara Greenspun WomensCare Center of Excellence and the phone number for our St. Rose physician referral specialist.

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Mary Ann Allison, M.D.	Hematology/Oncology	990-1605
Lindsey Avina, M.D.	Cardiology	564-4441
James Barber, M.D.	OB/GYN	914-7050
Sean Dort, M.D.	General Surgery	565-0050
Cheryl Edwards, M.D.	OB/GYN	566-8070
Charles Fleischer, M.D.	OB/GYN	260-0600
Steven Hoer, M.D.	Orthopaedics	565-6565
Darren Housel, M.D.	OB/GYN	435-1037
Kenneth Jones, M.D.	OB/GYN	564-1758
Stephen Jones, M.D.	General Surgery	565-0050
Rafael Juarez, M.D.	OB/GYN	564-1758
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Women's Window

They're not models, but they could be, and they don't play doctors on T.V. They are physicians affiliated with The Barbara Greenspun WomensCare Center of Excellence.

Left to right, back row: Dr. Kimberly Walton, OB/GYN; Dr. Cheryl Edwards, OB/GYN; Dr. Kim LaMotte-Malone, Pediatrics. Front row: Dr. Laurie Larsen, Urology; Dr. Mary Ann Allison, Oncology; Dr. Lindsey Avina, Cardiology.



FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Welcome to a new millennium full of promise.

If—like many women and men—you make New Year's resolutions, you know that they can be tough to keep. I recently read an article that offered helpful hints—like tracking your progress in a journal, enlisting the support of family or friends, and maintaining a positive, persistent attitude—as more than 40% of us fail to reach our goals on our first attempt.

Because health-related resolutions, such as “quit smoking” and “lose weight,” rank the highest among goals set, I'd like to emphasize another suggestion the article made...*Enlist the help of your physician.*

When you establish a healthy, ongoing relationship with a physician, he or she can serve as a source of encouragement, information, and resources. Together you can develop strategies for achieving resolutions that are realistic and tailored to your individual health.

As you start this New Year, schedule your annual appointment with your primary care doctor(s). Write down questions for your physician so that he or she can help you achieve your New Year's resolutions, as well as your long-term health goals.

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St. Rose Dominican Hospital is dedicated to meet the unique healthcare concerns of women at every stage in their lives. The Barbara Greenspun WomensCare Center of Excellence and WomensCare Magazine are our commitment to the women of southern Nevada.

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Advance Directives: Are You Prepared?

The new millennium is here and the future is full of promise. As we pursue our goals and dreams, we must also consider the inevitable. Yet, death is hard to fathom and even harder to discuss.

How can you and your loved ones ensure that decisions on this matter will be honored? Prepare and sign an advance directive. This legal document clearly defines your future wishes for medical care if you become unable to speak for yourself and it can include your direction for:

- specific treatments, such as cardiopulmonary resuscitation, mechanical breathing machines, intravenous feeding, and pain medications
- the level of care you wish to receive—from prolonging life as long as possible to providing only comfort care and treatment of pain
- exactly where you wish to die
- who will make choices about your care if you cannot or if your written wishes are unclear.

Call **702-914-7060** or stop by the *WomensCare Center* for a free packet including *A Time for Decisions brochure and an Advanced Directive*.

Self-Care for **Sinus Conditions**



If a bad cold with symptoms such as fever and a swollen, painful face hangs on longer than two weeks, you may have a sinus infection.

Sinus infections are one of the most common reasons people see a doctor. Antibiotics are often requested and prescribed, yet a recent study from the *New England Journal of Medicine* suggests that they may not resolve the ailment any faster.

Sinus infections are usually triggered by colds and allergies, which allow bacteria to become trapped in the sinuses, where they can multiply and create infection. The bacteria are usually unrelated to the initial cold, since a virus almost always causes colds.

For relief, try these self-care strategies:

- Drink hot fluids to thin mucus for easier drainage.
- Use over-the-counter saline nose spray medicine for pain and decongestion. Avoid using a decongestant nasal spray for more than three days. When over-used, these contribute to sinusitis.
- Breathe in warm steam or use a cool-mist humidifier.

Avoid your next case of sinusitis by taking precautions. Here are a few tips:

- When blowing your nose, block one nostril at a time and gently blow through the other.
- Some “sinusitis” is actually dehydration, which dries up the mucus membranes in the nose and causes post-nasal drip. Drink at least 64 ounces of water a day.



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Let Doctors Spot Skin Cancer

Doctors are more likely than patients to discover melanoma tumors on hard-to-see areas, such as the back or the buttocks. They are also able to identify melanomas at an earlier, more curable stage. Call **564-4508** to find a dermatologist.

Chew Your PMS Away

Chewable calcium carbonate supplements may relieve PMS as well as indigestion. Women who took two 750 mg tablets twice a day during the second part of their menstrual cycles reported a 50% reduction in PMS symptoms including depression, headaches, and irritability.

What Parkway Offers You

The Parkway Medical Plaza provides you with the premier Barbara Greenspun WomensCare Center of Excellence. Come February, it will also offer the Parkway Imaging Center. This multi-modality center features key services, including magnetic resonance imaging, ultrasound, X-rays, bone density, and mammography.

Heart Disease:

Know Thy Enemy

Because you are a woman, you may not think heart disease is a great risk to your health. Yet, heart disease is the leading cause of death among American women. In 1996, almost twice as many women died from heart disease as from all cancers combined, and one in every 10 women can expect to develop heart disease before age 60.

Are you buying into any of the following myths about heart disease?

Myth: I don't have a family history of heart disease, so I don't need to worry.

Fact: Non-genetic factors, such as physical inactivity, increases the risk of coronary heart disease (CHD)—the most common form of heart disease—to a comparable rate with that of high blood cholesterol or smoking. Episodes of stress, anxiety, and anger can release substances, such as adrenaline, increasing blood pressure and heart rate and promoting plaque buildup in the arteries.

Myth: People younger than age 50 don't need to worry about heart disease.

Fact: CHD develops slowly over time. Research indicates that it can start as early as childhood.

Myth: If I've had one heart attack, I'm bound to have another.

Fact: Losing excess weight, exercising, eating a low-fat diet, and not smoking are factors that can lower blood cholesterol and help prevent a second heart attack.

A woman's symptoms of heart disease are often subtler than a man's and often progress over a longer period of time. Be aware of the ABCs of women's symptoms:

- **Angina** (or chest pain)—Often described as a tightness in the chest that sometimes radiates down the left arm or into the jaw, and is often mistaken for indigestion
- **Breathlessness** (chronic)—Shortness of

breath or waking up at night having difficulty catching one's breath

- **Chronic fatigue**—Fatigue associated with heart disease is usually overwhelming and unusual
- **Dizziness**—Unexplained light-headedness, even blackouts
- **Edema**—Swelling, particularly of the ankles and/or lower legs

So what can you do to control your risk factors?

- **Get your cholesterol and other levels checked.** The correlation between lipid levels and heart disease suggests that women should get measurements for cholesterol, HDL, LDL, blood pressure, and triglycerides.
- **Consider hormone replacement therapy (HRT).** Although hormone supplements can be beneficial, the decision to use them remains an individual one, especially for women with a family history of breast or endometrial cancer.
- **Do not smoke.** Smoking is the biggest risk factor for heart attack, besides age. Also, avoid "second-hand" smoke.
- **Eat a low-fat, high-fiber, high-antioxidant diet.** All women should make sure their dietary levels of vitamins C, E, and others are at or above the FDA's recommended daily allowances.
- **Exercise regularly for 20 minutes/day, three times/week.** Exercise normalizes blood cholesterol, reduces tobacco craving, and helps keep weight down.



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Note the Following Heart-Healthy Nutritional Tips:

- ▲ Eat more grain foods, vegetables, and fruits. By increasing your family's servings of these foods, it's easier to reduce intake of fats.
- ▲ No more than 30% of your total daily calories should come from fat. Go easy on fat, butter and margarine, shortenings and oils (including fried foods), and meats and dairy products with fat.
- ▲ Limit your daily saturated fat intake to eight to 10% of your total calories. Saturated fat comes from animal (meat and dairy) products and from tropical oils such as coconut, palm, and cocoa.
- ▲ You should not consume more than 300 milligrams of cholesterol a day. Cholesterol is listed on food labels. Egg yolks are quite high in cholesterol.

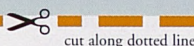
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Smooth Out the Rough Spots

Calluses—areas of hardened skin on your feet—are common side effects of exercise. If they become painful, try shoe inserts to provide cushioning. Or soften calluses by putting your feet in warm water and then removing dead skin with a pumice stone.

Stiff As a Board?

If you feel stiff after a workout, you can reduce pain and speed recovery with these tips: Apply ice, stretch and massage affected muscles, take vitamin C—evidence suggests it decreases soreness—and take aspirin or ibuprofen.

Move It Baby!

Babies need exercise just as adults do. Help them build the upper-body strength they need to crawl and roll over by placing them on their tummies while they're awake.



If you crave balance in a world that constantly demands your time and attention, take heart. There are a number of methods to help you achieve a more serene outlook and possibly get even more done as a result. Here are some ways to help you achieve balance:

AT HOME

- **Spend time with your children** to build their self-esteem and positive relationships that will last a lifetime.
- **Make meals a fun, family thing** several times a week. Make the dinner table a place to share news and excitement while your family enjoys healthy meals.
- **Hold family pow-wows** to discuss goals, problems, family events, and to assign household chores.
- **Maintain a calendar of family activities** using colorful markers to note all appointments, meetings, and special family occasions. Post the calendar where everyone can use it.

AT WORK

- **Plan, prioritize, and organize your work life** with long- and short-range plans for individual projects. Prioritize each day's tasks, listing the most important jobs first. Set a deadline for each

task so you can complete the project on time.

- **Take timeouts** to get up and stretch, have a refreshing glass of water, or take a short walk.
- **Use your lunch break** to write a letter, pick up some groceries, make personal phone calls, schedule a doctor's appointment, or read a book.
- **Sharpen your communication skills** by talking with your supervisor if you're having any problems at work.

AT PLAY

- **Cultivate your interests** by setting aside time for gardening, golf, or craft activities. Sign up for art classes or learn to play an instrument.
- **Build regular exercise into your routine** by joining a health club or making "exercise dates" with friends or family.
- **Take day trips** to Mt. Charleston or Red Rock to add variety and relaxation to your life at little or no cost.
- **Get involved** by coaching your child's soccer team or volunteering for a special project at a community center or your place of worship.
- **Use your employer's Employee Assistance Program** to find childcare, social, and health-care services, or community resources that can help you learn how to balance work and family demands.

upcoming events & ongoing offerings

LIFE 101

Looking for a source of inspiration or healing on the path to self-discovery? Remember, the greatest adventure you will ever experience—life. Learn how to hold your ground and grow as you explore the peaks and valleys of the wonderland of life.

Date: Monday, January 3

Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Place: WomensCare Center

FACIAL CARE AND PROCEDURES SERIES

Inquisitive about cosmetic surgery? Get your questions answered in this four-part series.

- **Session 1:** Cosmetic Surgery Evaluation—Is It for You?
- **Session 2:** Skin Health and Skin Care
- **Session 3:** Surgical Options for Facial Rejuvenation—Endoscopic Procedures and Formal Brow, Face, and Neck Lifting
- **Session 4:** Evaluation and Surgical Treatment of the Nose, Ears, Lips, and Chin

Date: Each Wednesday in January

Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Place: WomensCare Center

RAPE PREVENTION CLASS

Avoid becoming a victim of crime. Learn to use pepper spray, your inner alarm or “sixth sense,” and hands-on basic self-defense techniques. Presented by the Henderson Police Department, the Academy of American Kenpo Karate, and Community Action Against Rape (CAAR).

Date: Saturday, January 22

Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Place: WomensCare Center

BALANCING WORK AND HOME: A WOMAN'S JUGGLING ACT

Start the 21st century by learning to balance work and play to ensure you've got the time for rest, relaxation, and recharging to function best in our high-tech, high-stress, fast-paced world.

Date: Monday, February 7

Time: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Place: WomensCare Center

PMS (PREMENSTRUAL SYNDROME) PRESENTATION

Find out how you can decrease the symptoms of PMS, such as irritability, headaches, insomnia, diarrhea, food cravings, mood swings, and/or cramps.

Date: Thursday, February 17

Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Place: WomensCare Center

POSITIVE PARENTING

Learn styles of loving discipline that teach children responsibility and accountability, as well as build their self-worth. This class will give you tools to prepare you and your children to deal with highly charged issues such as drugs, alcohol, sex, and violence.

Date: Monday, March 6

Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Place: WomensCare Center

ENDOMETRIOSIS

Learn about the causes and treatments of endometriosis, a condition that can cause painful menstruation, heavy periods, and sharp pain deep in the pelvis.

Date: Thursday, March 16

Time: 7 to 8 p.m.

Place: WomensCare Center

MENOPAUSE

Unravel the mysteries of menopause... an inevitable time of life that every woman faces. We will discuss symptoms and solutions and answer your questions on alternatives, such as hormone replacement therapy.

Date: Thursday, April 27

Time: 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Place: WomensCare Center

ONGOING OFFERINGS

We also offer an array of ongoing classes and support groups. Here are just a few:

- Breast Cancer Survivor Support Group
- P.A.C.E. (People with Arthritis Can Exercise) Class
- Tai Chi and Qi Gong
- Safe Sitter Class
- And more

Call 702-914-7060 for more information, to confirm your attendance, and for notices of any schedule modifications.

Race for the Cure

Join in the fight against breast cancer. Walk or run in the 5th annual Race for the Cure. Pick up registration packets at The Barbara Greenspun WomensCare Center.

Date: Saturday, March 11

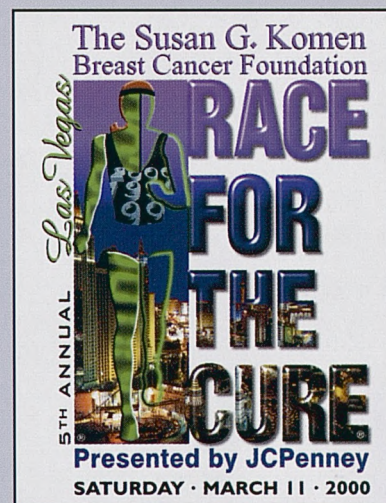
Time: 8 a.m. for 1-mile race;

8:30 a.m. for 5K race

Place: Galleria at Sunset

Fees: \$20 advance registration;

\$30 race day



Women's Wisdoms

We're planning our second annual Women's Wisdoms. We will balance mini-workshops on timely health topics with good humor about how you can juggle all of life's responsibilities—from love, to making a living, to keeping up with the laundry. Plus, we're planning little indulgences just for you—like mini-massages and makeovers, a book exchange, and getaway retreat giveaways.

Look for information on the date and location—coming soon.

**CHECK IT
out!**

*Literally
Speaking*

Check out a book from the Resource Lending Library at The Barbara Greenspun WomensCare Center of Excellence. Choose from books that cover popular women's wellness topics—including exercise, depression, heart disease, midlife, and relationship issues. Materials may be checked out for two weeks with a copy of your driver's license. The Resource Lending Library is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Bladder Blues

Urinary tract, or bladder, infections are the most common bacterial infection in adult women and the most common medical problem of pregnancy.

Imagine that you had chronic bladder pain that never fully went away—a condition known as interstitial cystitis (IC). This condition is vastly under-diagnosed and is most common among women between the ages of 20 and 40. The symptoms often affect a person's entire life and can be very disruptive.

Researchers don't know what causes IC, but suspect several factors. Although there is



Treatment and self-help measures are available to help alleviate the discomfort of bladder infections.

no cure, treatment can make living with IC less agonizing. Self-help measures include the following:

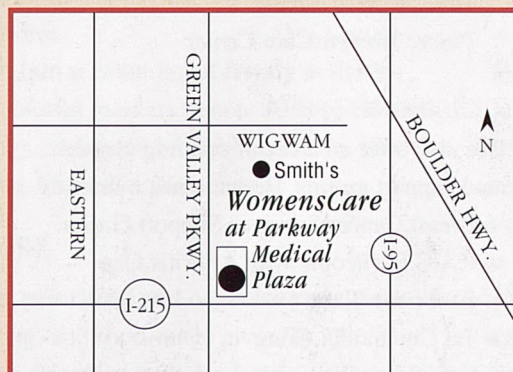
- Avoid alcohol, tomatoes, spices, chocolate, caffeinated and citrus beverages, and highly acidic foods. It is believed that avoiding these items can help reduce bladder irritation.
- Exercise.
- Don't smoke.
- Ask your doctor about bladder training techniques.
- Also, ask your doctor to help you determine what is the best course of treatment.

Join Dr. Laurie Larsen for a Women & Urinary Incontinence Class at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 13, at the WomensCare Center.

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"Make each day useful and cheerful and prove that you know the worth of time by employing it well. Then youth will be happy, old age without regret, and life a beautiful success."
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— Louisa May Alcott



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St. Rose Dominican Hospital -- Siena Campus to Open Mid-2000

To keep pace with the phenomenal growth of the Henderson area and maintain its mission of quality, compassionate health care and community service, St. Rose Dominican Hospital will open a second, full service, acute care facility in mid-2000.

Located at Eastern Avenue and Lake Mead Drive approximately eight miles west of the hospital's current Rose de Lima Campus, the Siena Campus will offer a comprehensive range of hospital services in an attractive, patient-friendly setting. The \$85 million, 200-bed facility will provide 139 beds upon opening with an additional 61 beds to be finished at a later date. The facility is designed to provide both a comfortable environment of healing and state-of-the-art technological services for inpatient and outpatient care and enhance the services of the current, 143-bed campus.

"The Siena Campus is designed not only for the growing community, but to reflect the general trends in healthcare toward more outpatient and preventative services," said St. Rose President and CEO Rod A. Davis. "Siena will feature excellent ancillary and diagnostic services as well as key inpatient treatment centers."

Essential patient offerings include:

- A cardiac center that will meet the highest national standards for services, staff and technology
- A 7-bed pediatric unit as well as a Maternal Child Center
- A 29-bed Emergency Department designed for patient convenience and comfort including a lobby aquarium.

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- The four-story Del E. Webb Medical Plaza, a medical office building attached directly to the hospital featuring a number of physician specialties, including orthopedists, pharmacy, pediatrics, family practice, cancer specialists, neurosurgery, pediatric cardiology, rheumatology, obstetricians, internists, urologists and surgeons
- Convenient bedside admitting enabling patients to proceed directly to their room upon arrival
- A health resource center that will house books, videotapes, brochures and computer (internet) kiosks to allow visitors to access the latest in healthcare information on a wide range of conditions
- A southwest exterior with light colors, Spanish tiles and natural stone that will compliment the surrounding neighborhoods
- A 100-foot bell tower serving as a dramatic focal point
- A healing garden surrounded by lush greenery and fragrant flowers
- An atrium filled with natural light and soft, soothing music

The 312,469-square foot structure is now about 85 percent finished and on schedule to meet an April construction deadline, according to Project Manager Lou Lombardo. The outside edifice is about 95 percent complete, which includes exterior stucco and decorative stone. The Siena Campus is expected to officially open in summer of 2000.

The project architect is HKS, Inc. of Dallas, Texas, a firm with 25 years experience in the healthcare industry, providing planning, architectural and engineering services to a national and international clientele. HKS was ranked the second largest healthcare architect by *World Architecture*.

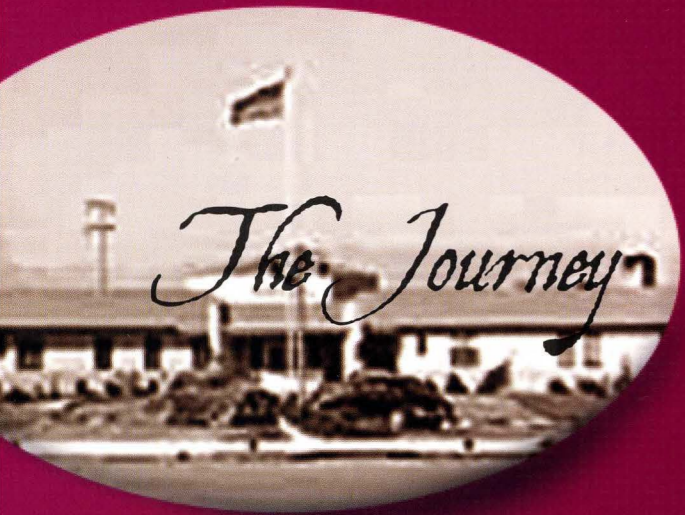
Kitchell Contractors – specializing in health care, retail, advanced technology/industrial and office construction throughout the western United States and Mexico – serves as the construction manager/general contractor for the Siena Campus project. The company has been ranked among the nation's fifteen largest healthcare construction managers by *Modern Healthcare* magazine.

The Siena Campus is made possible through a number of funding sources, including hospital operations, long-term financing and generous community donations. The Del E. Webb Foundation pledged \$3 million to the St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation in March of 1998 to help build and equip the Siena Campus. In January of 1999, The Greenspun Family Foundation donated \$3 million to St. Rose to support the Barbara Greenspun Women's Care Center of Excellence programs at the Parkway Medical Center and the Siena Campus. More recently, the Boyd Gaming Corporation pledged \$1 million to build and equip the hospital's Adolescent and Pediatric Unit at the Siena Campus.

The new hospital campus is named after Saint Catherine of Siena (1347-1380), a lay woman who devoted her life to prayer and caring for the sick and poor. Catherine of Siena was canonized in 1461 and named a Doctor of the Church in 1970 which means her teaching is considered relevant for the whole church and for all time.

St. Rose Dominican Hospital is the only non-profit, non-tax supported and religiously affiliated hospital in southern Nevada. St. Rose Dominican Hospital is a member of Catholic Healthcare West (CHW), a system of hospitals, ancillary facilities, home care and physician organizations throughout California, Arizona and Nevada.

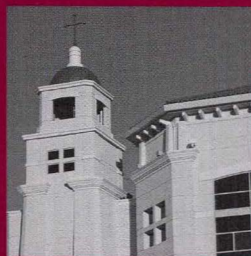
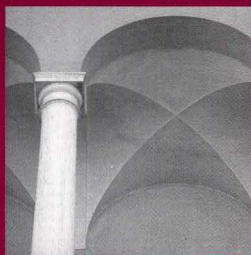
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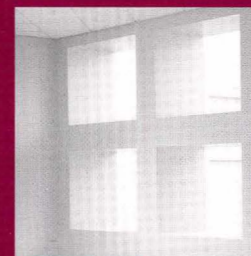
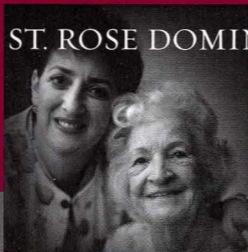


You are cordially invited to the Public Preview Weekend celebrating the ST. ROSE DOMINICAN HOSPITAL – SIENA CAMPUS, Saturday and Sunday, June 24-25, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

More than five decades ago, seven Adrian Dominican Sisters journeyed to Henderson to provide quality health care. The journey continues with the opening of our second hospital, the St. Rose Dominican Hospital – Siena Campus.



Join St. Rose for a preview tour of the new Siena Campus, which blends state-of-the-art medical technology with the art of compassionate care.



Inspired by our patient-first philosophy, the Siena Campus features gentle archways, hand-painted tiles and vibrant stained glass. A tranquil healing garden of flowing waters, flowers and herbs soothes the senses.

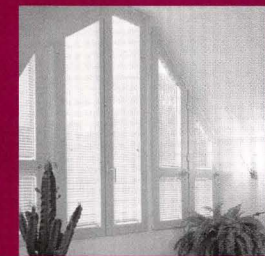


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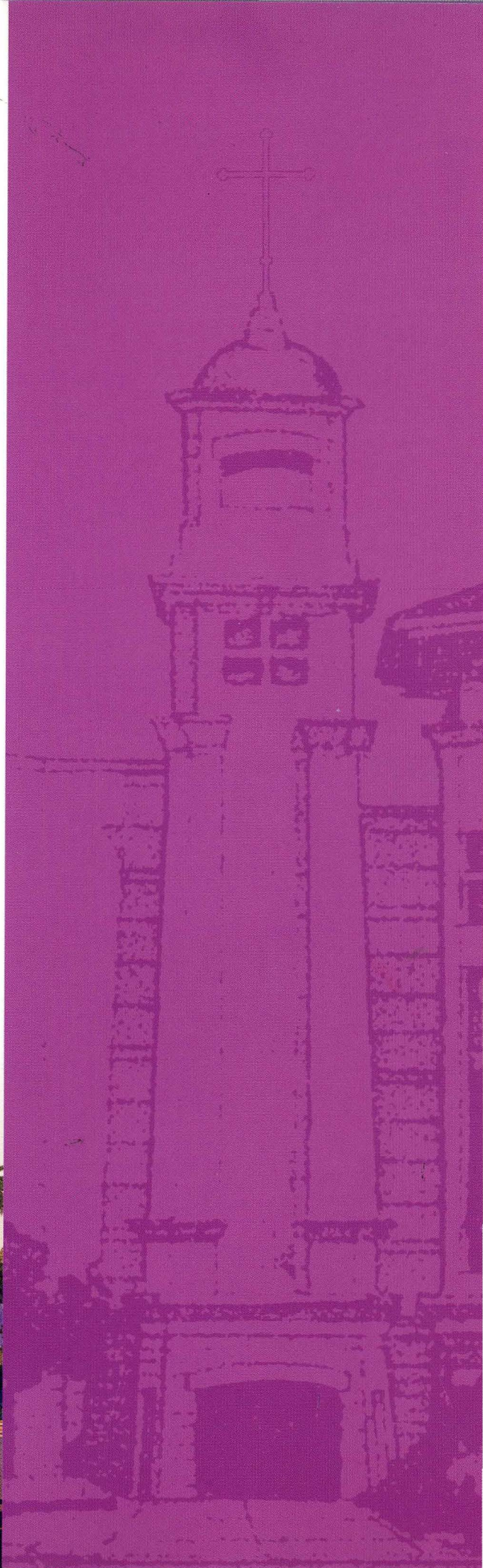
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St. Rose Dominican Hospital

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A journey
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Our Core Values

Dignity

Respecting the inherent value and worth each person possesses as a member of the human family.

Collaboration

Working together with people who support common values and vision to achieve goals.

Justice

Advocating for change of social structures that undermine human dignity, demonstrating a special concern for those that are poor.

Stewardship

Accountability for the human, financial and ecological resources entrusted to our care as we promote healing and wholeness.

Excellence

A shared commitment to quality in our work and services through teamwork and innovation.

Technology Mends. Compassion Heals.

St. Rose Dominican Hospital positions itself at the forefront of medical technology, offering state-of-the-art facilities and equipment that ensure the highest quality of care available. Here is a look at some of our services.

Cardiology	Oncology
Case Management & Social Services	Patient Services
Community Education	Pediatrics
Corporate Wellness	Physician Referral
Diagnostic Services	Quality Management
Emergency	Radiology
Home Health	Rehabilitation Services
Intensive Care	Spiritual Care
Laboratory Services	Surgery
Maternal Care	Transitional Care

A Journey of Timeless Values

Yesterday

In 1947, the Adrian Dominican Sisters journeyed to Henderson on a mission to provide compassionate, quality care to the people of southern Nevada.



After World War II, the U.S. Government searched for a buyer for Basic Magnesium Hospital, which was founded as part of the war effort to care for the area's industrial workers and their families.

The Sisters agreed to purchase the hospital, which assured that it would remain open to Henderson residents. They paid \$1 for the hospital, assumed all its debt and agreed to provide care for 25 years.

Rechristened Rose de Lima, the hospital became a trailblazing health care institution, and was the first hospital in southern Nevada to be accredited by the Joint Commission On Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

Today

More than 50 years later, St. Rose Dominican Hospital remains the only not-for-profit, non-tax supported and religiously sponsored hospital in southern Nevada. We are a member of Catholic Healthcare West (CHW) - a family of hospitals that embraces new technology with the understanding that it can never replace the power of human kindness.

Tomorrow

The journey continues as St. Rose opens new medical office buildings and health care facilities geared to provide the valley's residents a full continuum of care. The hospital's largest expansion is a second acute care hospital, the Siena Campus, that will open in mid 2000 (see pages 4 and 5) to keep pace with the valley's rapid growth.



Rose de Lima Campus

WomensCare For Your Mind, Body and Spirit

In her lifetime, a woman may confront countless health care issues. Menstruation. The birth of a baby. Menopause. Stress or fatigue. Osteoporosis, low self-esteem or caring for an ailing loved one. The Barbara Greenspun WomensCare Center of Excellence helps women face physical and emotional health concerns with quality, compassionate health education, preventative screenings and support.

The WomensCare Center offers health education classes on child birth, herbal therapy and breast cancer prevention in addition to exercise classes such as Yoga and Qi Gong. Our lending library provides women access to information on topics that affect their lives.

Because quality medical care is a component of good health, the Center provides women assistance to find essential health care services. And, for women struggling with an illness or issue – such as breast cancer – we offer support groups, and can guide you to organizations that are appropriate for your needs.

Named in honor of Barbara Greenspun, publisher of the Las Vegas Sun, the Center is a tribute to the vitality and potential all women possess.

“Our mother cares deeply about women and the issues and events that shape and affect their lives,” said Danny Greenspun, Barbara’s son and a director with the Greenspun Family Foundation. “I can think of no better memorial to her name.”

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Rose de Lima Campus

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Siena Campus

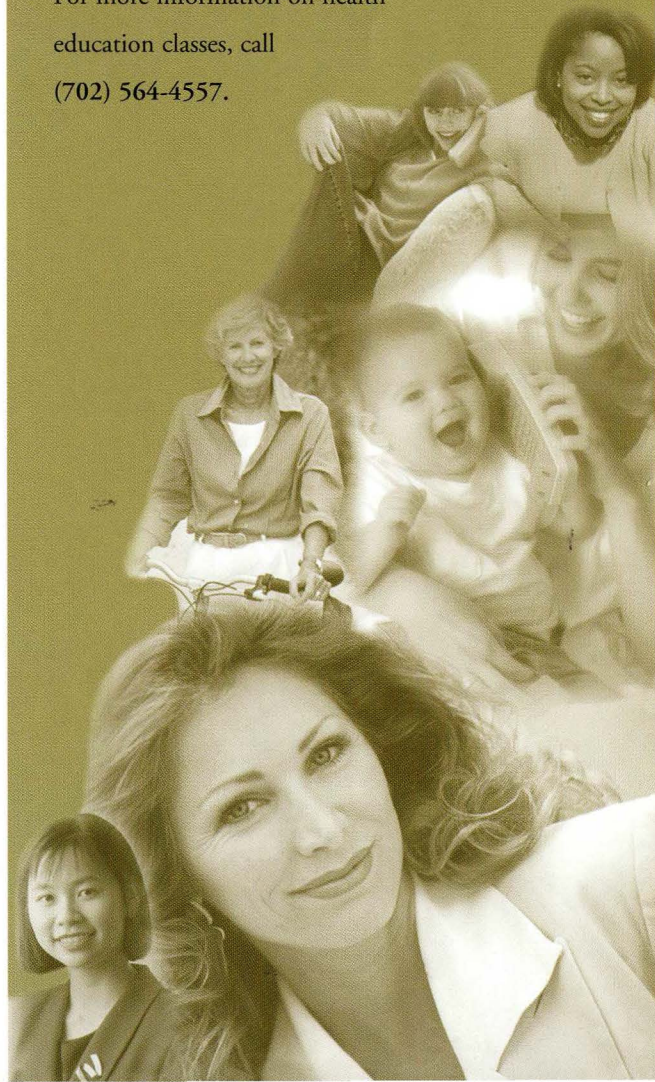
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Opening Mid 2000

The Right Time is Now

Any age is a good age to adopt habits that improve physical and emotional well-being. It is never too late to quit smoking, start exercising or learn to interact with others more effectively. That is why St. Rose Dominican Hospital offers a full array of educational classes – the majority of which are free of charge! Here are a few of the classes available to you:

- Diabetes Management
- Family Fundamentals
- Healthy Nutrition
- Smoking Cessation
- Overeaters Anonymous
- Support Groups
- Skin Cancer and Screenings
- Osteoporosis and Arthritis

For more information on health education classes, call
(702) 564-4557.



Harmony with Surroundings

The southwest mission theme of the Siena Campus will feature light colors, Spanish tiles and natural stone that compliment the surrounding neighborhoods. Indigenous trees and shrubs will be planted in many of the landscaped areas.

A Pillar in the Community

In a style reflective of historic Catholic Missions that dot the landscape of coastal communities in southern California, Mexico and the deserts of the southwest, a 100-foot bell tower will serve as a dramatic focal point of the Siena Campus.

A Place of Peace and Prayer

At the base of the bell tower, the Siena Campus chapel will provide a peaceful place of prayer or contemplation. St. Rose Dominican Hospital is carefully designing the Catholic chapel to welcome people and services of varying faiths. Their Books of worship will be displayed.

A Garden to Lift the Spirit

Elements that appeal to the senses of sight, sound and smell and transcend language, age or physical barriers lift the spirit and heal the body. Lush greenery and fragrant flowers will surround the patio of the Siena Campus healing garden. At the front of the hospital, a gracefully sculptured statue of Catherine of Siena – the saint who humbly served the poor, the ill and the afflicted and for which the hospital is named – will be surrounded by gentle waters.

The Siena Campus

In the collaborative spirit characteristic of Catholic health care, St. Rose Dominican Hospital is building its second full-service, acute care hospital.

Phase I of the Siena Campus will open in mid 2000 as the result of the Dominican Sisters' vision, the savvy of the hospital's administrators and health care architects, as well as the generosity and support of area residents, businesses and community leaders.

"St. Rose committed to caring for Henderson when it was a small, industrial town. It is making extraordinary strides to keep pace with our phenomenal growth," said Henderson Mayor Jim Gibson. "There is excitement about being part of the Siena Campus because it exemplifies St. Rose's unfailing commitment to southern Nevadans – and in particular the residents of Henderson."

The 200 bed Siena Campus will open with 139 beds and feature the best in high-tech health care and high-touch healing at a cost of \$85 million. An additional 61 beds are also planned.

"The hospital is designed for future expansion that will allow us to grow with the surrounding community," said Rod A. Davis, President and Chief Executive Officer of St. Rose Dominican Hospital.

High Tech Medical Treatment

The Siena Campus will offer state of the art technology that covers the full spectrum of care – from Emergency Services to Cardiology and Radiology, and from Maternal Child Care and Oncology to Surgery and more. St. Rose will announce other new specialized diagnostic and treatment centers within the hospital and the attached Del E. Webb Medical Plaza prior to opening.

High Touch Healing

The Adrian Dominican Sisters have always known that a patient's emotional well being, along with that of their family members, plays a profound role in the healing process. St. Rose is building the Siena Campus with this insight in mind.



The Power of Human Kindness

This "patient first" philosophy will result in a comfortable, progressive health care environment that holds personal dignity in high regard.

"It is important to protect a patient's dignity as they undergo exams and procedures," said Davis. "Our job is to simplify and dignify a patient's journey from admissions to hospital and home care, whether that includes treatment of an illness or the delivery of a child."

Convenience In Care

Among conveniences designed to reduce patient anxiety is bedside admitting, which enables patients to bypass traditional admitting and proceed directly to their rooms. Each private room features a family area with a couch that converts into a single bed so that loved ones may rest. St. Rose will support nursing stations with smaller sub-stations that are convenient to patient rooms, and locate services essential to treatment near each unit or bring them to the

room to increase the time caregivers spend with their patients.

This focus on patient convenience also creates a more efficient environment for physicians and other health care providers.

Design Elements That Help in Healing

According to Davis, the hospital is working closely with interior designers to achieve a warm, colorful atmosphere that creates a sense of comfort and healing.

Light colored hand troweled walls and colorful replicas of Spanish Mission tiles will reflect the hospital's mission theme. Hallways, which are often left bare in hospitals, will be carpeted and inspiring sayings will be etched over archways. A dayroom will provide natural sunlight and a place of reprieve, while soothing background music will promote a relaxing atmosphere.

In addition to building a new hospital, St. Rose is building the size of its team. More than 200 additional employees will be hired to staff the first phase of the Siena Campus and the Rose de Lima Campus. St. Rose will integrate new employees with staff who have carried out its mission for years. If you are a health care professional looking for a positive, team-oriented work environment or know of someone who is, please tell them about St. Rose. For current job listings, call our job hotline at (702) 564-4796.

Invaluable Volunteers

Hundreds of people of all ages unselfishly volunteer their time at the Rose de Lima Campus, providing vitally needed services throughout the hospital. St. Rose will establish a volunteer service program at the Siena Campus. If you're interested in pursuing volunteer opportunities, call (702) 564-4543.

Built by Generous Souls

Construction crews alone will not build the Siena Campus. Efforts are underway to raise monies to build the Siena Campus and fund improvements to the Rose de Lima Campus. The campaign has already received gifts that range from five dollars to three million dollars from those wishing to ensure the continuation of quality health care, based on the principles of compassion and caring established by the Adrian Dominican Sisters. Individuals, organizations and corporations interested in finding out more about joining in support of St. Rose, please call (702) 914-2712.



Helping Those in Need

St. Rose and Henderson share many common goals. Chief among these goals is improving the overall health status of the community – with special attention given to those who are poor, elderly or have special needs.

Each year, St. Rose Dominican Hospital touches thousands of lives by providing essential medical services at no-cost or low-cost. Because we realize that people in need may not be comfortable asking for help, we place emphasis on reaching out to them. Our outreach staff, and employees who generously donate their time, travel to schools and homes. They participate in health fairs that provide health screenings, immunizations and health education as well as coordinate programs that provide basics such as food and clothing.

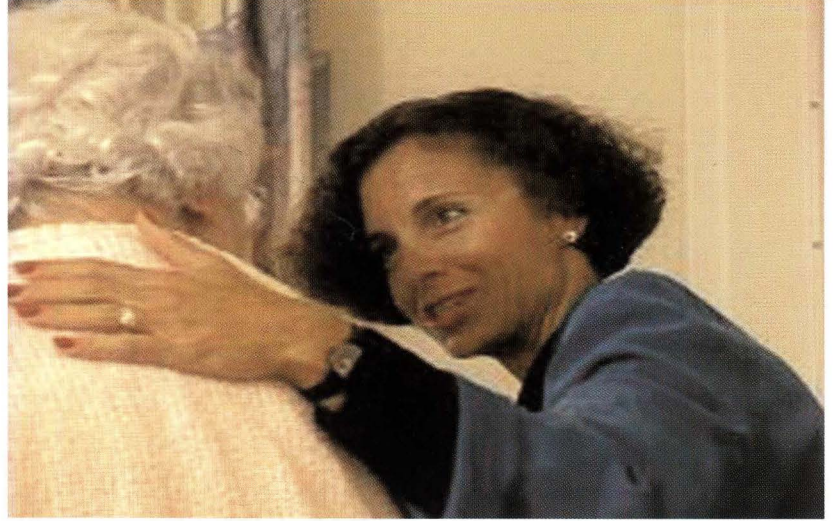
Among our outreach programs is the Artie J. Cannon Helping Hands program, which provides non-medical companionship and support to seniors, including transportation to medical appointments and handyman services.

Our Baby Your Baby and Family to Family Connection programs help families access early prenatal and infant care and education. St. Rose's Positive Impact Program helps at-risk children succeed in their school work and obtain necessary medical services.

St. Rose reaches out to teens through the Teen Task Force, helping young people learn to make responsible decisions regarding peer pressure, alcohol, drugs and sex.

Our Parish Nurse Program trains nurses of various denominations to provide preventative health screenings and education to the people of their congregation.

St. Rose and Mercy Housing, a non-profit corporate ministry, are now in the planning stages of providing quality, affordable and service-enriched housing for the working poor of our community.



Meeting Emotional Needs

At times, helping the sick or injured takes more than prescription drugs or surgical procedures – spiritual and emotional needs must also be met. St. Rose Chaplains are available around the clock for patients, their families, and friends at their time of need.

Chaplains are a key part of the interdisciplinary care team and are available to persons of all faiths at times of illness, trauma or distress. St. Rose Chaplains are religious and lay persons of various faiths.

Number One With Consumers

For the past two years, southern Nevadans have voted St. Rose number one in quality, according to the Las Vegas Perspective. The annual survey of 40,000 residents is commissioned by the Nevada Development Authority and results are based on residents with first-hand experience at one of the valley's ten hospitals.

"The community's affirmation of St. Rose is a tremendous honor," said Rod A. Davis. "Our mission, as guided by the Adrian Dominican Sisters and carried out by our dedicated staff of professionals, is key to the quality, compassionate health care we provide."

The Business of Health

The rising cost of health care is a concern for businesses today. St. Rose Dominican Hospital's Corporate Wellness Program helps businesses contain costs by offering preventative free and low-cost health screenings and education to their valued employees. (702) 564-4609.

St. Rose UrgentCare Quality Care Right Now

Murphy's Law suggests that an illness or injury is likely to occur when the family doctor you know and trust is away from the office on a well earned weekend retreat. How can you respond to unexpected health care needs? Visit a St. Rose *UrgentCare*.

Whether it is a raging fever, a chest cold, a sprained ankle or cut that requires stitches, we're here for you – and your family. "With the southeast areas of the valley growing so rapidly, we see many new residents," said Dr. Thea Klingberg. "That's our goal. To provide care – close and convenient – to where people live or work."

With two easily accessible locations, and future facilities planned, we're open extended hours, seven days a week. And, for additional convenience, walk-in appointments are always welcome as are most insurance plans.

At Parkway Medical Plaza

100 N. Green Valley Parkway, #101
(at the I-215)
(702) 914-7100

At Hartwell Medical Center

1776 Warm Springs Road
(at the corner of Shadow Crest)
(702) 914-7110

Keeping Pace With the Community

At the Rose de Lima Campus, the expansion of our Emergency Services Department adds nine additional beds, a bigger waiting room and a larger, lighted helicopter pad to meet the growing needs of the Henderson community.

In addition, St. Rose continues to provide essential medical services close to where people work and live. The Parkway Medical Plaza, located at the I-215 and Green Valley Parkway, features a 15,000-square-foot same day surgery facility. A new multi-modality diagnostic imaging center will round out the Parkway's health care services, which include a St. Rose *UrgentCare*, The Barbara Greenspun Womens*Care* Center of Excellence, St. Rose Dominican Hospital's *Rehabilitation Services*, as well as primary care physicians and physicians in specialized practice.

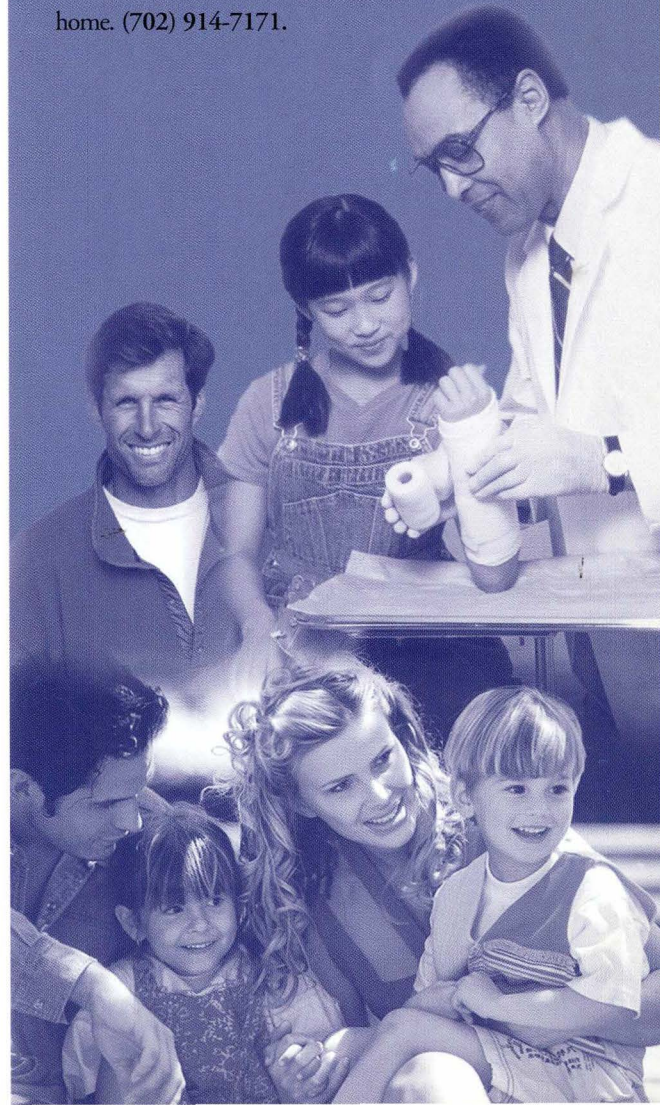
The Hartwell Medical Center at Warm Springs Road and Shadow Crest provides urgent and primary care services, as well as diagnostic imaging to southeast Las Vegas and Henderson residents.

The Road to Recovery

An illness or injury can happen in a split second, but after effects such as difficulty in talking, walking or caring for oneself may linger. St. Rose Dominican Hospital's *Rehabilitation Services* – Occupational, Speech and Physical Therapy – are available at the hospital and Parkway Medical Plaza. Our therapists provide the care and support necessary to help patients recoup vital skills or learn new skills, and regain confidence key to emotional well being. (702) 914-7160.

Healthcare at Your Door

It's as convenient as newspaper delivery and as comforting as homemade cookies. St. Rose Dominican Hospital's *Home Health Services*. Our caring staff of nursing and rehabilitation professionals provide the care you need in the comfort and privacy of your home. (702) 914-7171.





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Emergency Room	702-564-4600
St. Rose Physician Referral	702-564-4508
Education Department	
- Community Education	702-564-4761
- Family Education	702-564-4771
- Diabetes Education	702-564-4727
St. Rose <i>UrgentCare</i>	
Parkway	702-914-7100
Hartwell	702-914-7110
The Barbara Greenspun	702-914-7060
Womens <i>Care</i> Center of Excellence	
Home Health Services	702-914-7171
Rehabilitation Services	702-564-4576
Community Outreach	702-566-7525

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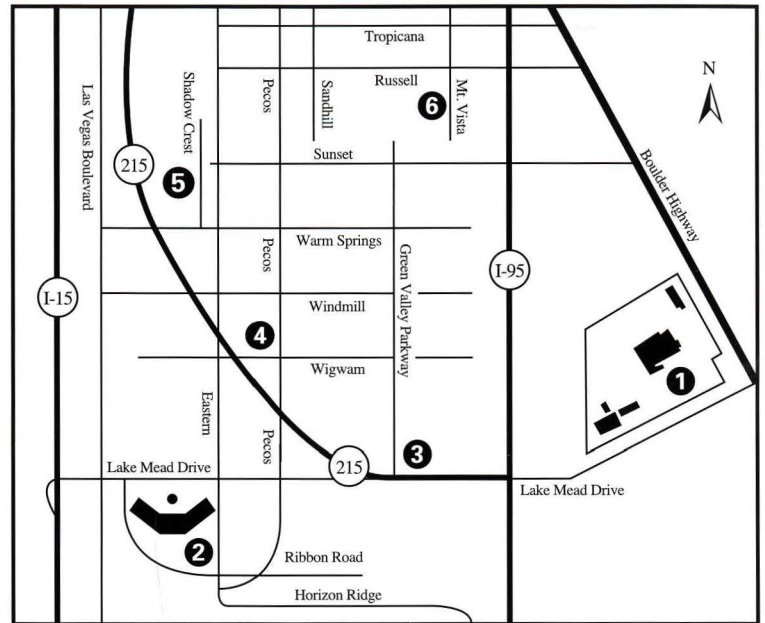
Need a Physician?

Let us help you.

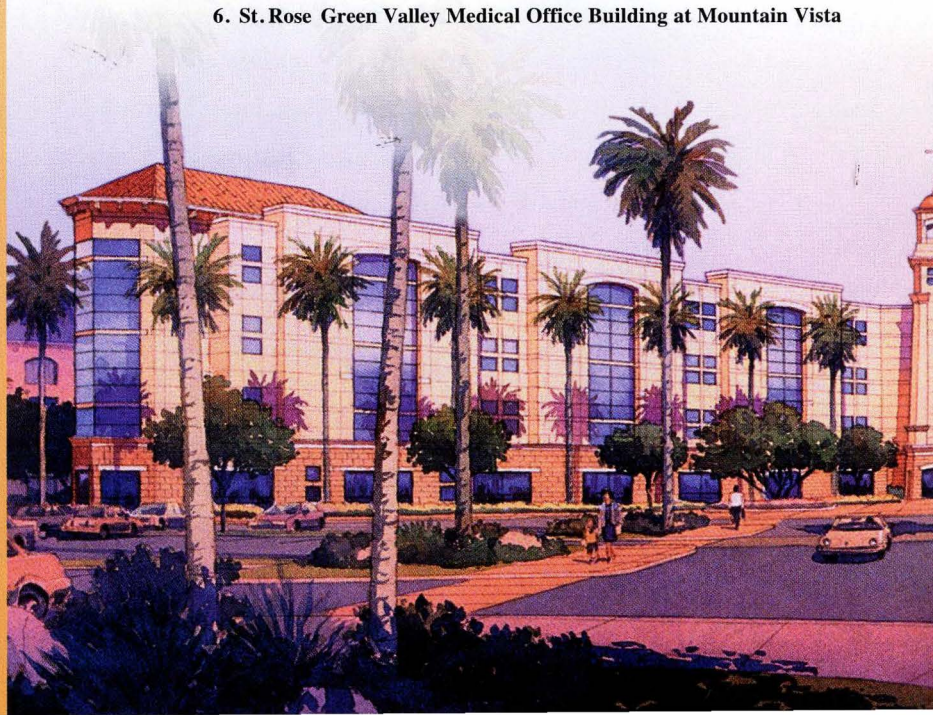
Establishing a good rapport with a doctor and having regular check-ups are important to good health. If you do not have a primary care physician or need guidance in finding a health care specialist, call St. Rose Dominican Hospital's *Physician Referral*.

A registered nurse is here to listen to your health concerns and help you find the right physician to meet your needs.

If you should reach our physician referral specialist's voicemail, please leave a message. She spends about 5 to 10 minutes of uninterrupted time with each caller, and will call you as soon as she is free. (702) 564-4508.



- 1. St. Rose Dominican Hospital – Rose de Lima Campus**
 - St. Rose Dominican Medical Plaza
 - St. Rose Professional Building
- 2. St. Rose Dominican Hospital – Siena Campus (Opening mid 2000)**
 - Del E. Webb Medical Plaza
- 3. Parkway Medical Plaza**
 - St. Rose *UrgentCare*
 - The Barbara Greenspun Womens*Care* Center of Excellence
 - Parkway Surgery Center
 - Parkway Imaging Center (Opening early 2000)
 - St. Rose Rehabilitation Services
- 4. St. Rose Medical Office Building at Pecos/Wigwam**
- 5. Hartwell Medical Center**
 - St. Rose *UrgentCare*
- 6. St. Rose Green Valley Medical Office Building at Mountain Vista**



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The Women of St. Rose: Past, Present, & Future

For Immediate Release

Thursday, February 27, 1997

**Contact: Debra Percell, Communications Coordinator
564-4507**

A visual exhibit honoring the women of St. Rose Dominican Hospital will open with a reception in the hospital lobby on March 22nd from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. The exhibit will remain on display until March 31st.

The theme, "The Women of St. Rose: Past, Present, & Future," incorporates interviews, pictures and personal mementos from those who have been an integral part of the hospital and the care it has provided for the residents of southern Nevada for the past 50 years.

A quote from one of the interviews states, "What distinguishes St. Rose Dominican Hospital from other hospitals is that all of the staff is completely dedicated to patient care."

The public is invited to attend the reception.

**Women's Committee/St. Rose
List of Archival Materials
as of June, 1997**

<u>Name/interviewee</u>	<u>Identification</u>
Anderson, Bettylou	Former Administrative Assistant (First hired by Sisters in 1947)
•Andonov, Elsbeth	Surgery and Recovery 1996 Service Award - 20years
Assenmacher, Sr. Mary	Pastoral Care 1996 Service Award - 15 years
Bailey, Sr. Robert Joseph	Community Education/Former Head of Dietary/ Educator 1996 Service Award - 35 years
Bartlett, Selma	Banker/Community Leader/Supporter of Hospital Former Board Member
Blake, Dolly	Long Time Volunteer
•Bowers, Sr. Georgianne	Teacher/Volunteer
Brown, Alice	Long Time Volunteer
Buettner, Louise	Emergency Room Nurse Long Time Employee (31 years)
Catton, Sr. Phillipa	Episcopalian Sister from England Formerly with St. Judes Ranch/Boulder City Currently: Wellspring Retreat
Corley, Sr. Virginia	B.S.N./Volunteer
Cunningham, Eleanor	Retired Nurse "Nurse of the Year"
Dalesandro, Sr. Victoria	Director: Mission Services
•Suzanne Davenport	Volunteer
Dobberstein, Ruth	Long Time Volunteer (6000+ hours)
•Dolan, Sr. Dolores	Former Laboratory Supervisor
Erling, Loraine	Former Admitting Supervisor/Insurance Supervisor Office Manager

Freeman, Chiyoko	Laundry Supervisor Employee/ 32 years
Frehner, Waneta	Billing Department Long Time employee
•Fries, Sr. Jane Celeste	Provincial: Western Region - 70's
Greenspun, Barbara	Community Leader/Hospital Benefactor
Gonthier, Sr. Veronica	Former: Founder of Pastoral Care Current: Good Will Ambassador
Graham, Bill	Laboratory Technician Long Time Employee
•Haidysz, Sr. Mary Felicia	Former Administrator/One of first Adrian Sisters to arrive in Henderson/ 1947
Hansen, Susie	Resident of Henderson
•Karl Hazeltine, M.D.	Family Physician 1955-1990 First King of Mardi Gras/Sportsman
Higgason, Cynthia	Admitting Supervisor Long Time Employee
Jeziolkowski, Sr. Genevieve	Religious Education/Hospital Board Member
Karr, Jackie	Former Administrative Aid
Keevers, Sr. Mardi	Pastoral Care
Kesterson, Lorna	Former Mayor: Henderson
Keplinger, Janice	Long-time Employee
La Porta F. Louis	Community Leader/Former Hospital Board Member Financial Committee of Board
•Lombaer, Sr. Frances	Board member/Provincial: '70's
McCoig, Clara "Bucky"	Nurse Anesthesiologist/One of First in Valley Present: Volunteer
Maestas, Rita	Nurse: Maternal/Child Unit Long Time Employee
•Mann, Lori	Nurse/Emergency Room
Martin, Sr. Faith Mary	Episopalian Sister from England Formerly: St. Judes Ranch/Boulder City Currently: Wellspring Retreat

Mehigan, Sr. Margaret, OP	Member of Board Office of Sponsorship and Mission Effectiveness
Monahan, Angie	Long Time Henderson resident
Nerger, Anne Johnson	Former Officer Manager
•Neumann, Greta	Long Time Volunteer
Pantuso, Katherine	Nurse
Percell, Debra	Communications Coordinator
•Pillon, Sr. Margaret Richard	Former Teacher/ Current: Volunteer
•Rhea, Barbara	Quality Management/Administrative Assistant
•Richon, Sr. Lois	Counselor/Chaplain
Rinker, Pauline	Long Time Employee
Rosenzweig, Anne	Former Patient
•Roybal, Janice	Long Time Volunteer
•Scholl, Sr. Janice	Educator/Medical Records
Sewell, Elizabeth	Former: Floor Supervisor
Smith, Hal/Tina	Former: State Senator and Advisory Board
Smith, Sr. Marie Joyce	1947: One of Original Dominican Sisters
•Smith, Shirley Lane -	Educator/ Former member of Dominican Order
•Stebbins, Anne	Long Time Employee 25 years
•Swackhammer, Dolly	Long Time Henderson Resident
Taylor, Lois	Retired Teacher
Vaughan, Peggy	Former student: Siena Heights in 1947 Currently: Volunteer
•Vonderbrink, Dorothy	Community Leader
•Wasco, Anne	Formerly, Sister Angelita/ One of the first Adrian Dominican Sisters to arrive in Henderson
•Wiley, Sr. Patricia	Teacher/Volunteer
•Wimmer, Sr. Joanne, O.P.	Financial Director '82-90
•York, Colleen	10 years/Quality Management/Social services

*The Women of St. Rose:
Past, Present, and Future...*



Rose de Lima

*March 22, 1997
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.*

*The 1997 St. Rose Dominican
Hospital Women's Committee*

Florianne Bartholomew

Sr. Victoria Dalesandro

Jim Beebe

Lorraine Erling

Carol Bower

Jane Holliman

Jean Byrd

Arleen Kaiser

Sr. Virginia Corley

Joan McSweeney

*We gratefully acknowledge all contributors who
have assisted in this on going project.*

SEASONS OF A WOMAN'S LIFE

By Nancyann Turner, O.P.

*Our lives grow richer
and more beautiful
from season to season
and year to year.*

*We women live in the present
while building on the past
even as we prepare for the future.*

*New life begins
before old life has fallen.*

*Each new life grows and flowers
in the soil of past experiences.*





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The Women of St. Rose: Past, Present, and Future... is an on going project to honor the many women who have made an impact on the hospital throughout the years. We would gratefully appreciate any information for future celebrations.

Please contact the Women's Committee if you have a story to share or know of someone who would like to be interviewed.

564-4557

Thank You!



Titanium Time Capsule Donated To Preserve St. Rose History

Twenty-five years from now, Henderson students and historians may find themselves on a special mission – to uncover a time capsule buried on June 27, 1997 on the grounds of St. Rose Dominican Hospital. Inside a titanium box constructed by TIMET, hospital representatives carefully placed a wide array of medical and historical items, which visually tell the hospital's 50-year story.

Items placed in the time capsule included such medical instruments and documents as a fetal monitoring graph, an umbilical cord cutter, a 1965 pharmaceutical formulary book

and intravenous tubing and catheters. Historical items included a 1947 Rose de Lima seal, a booklet on the women of St. Rose recently compiled by the hospital's women's committee, and essays from students of John Dooley Elementary School in which they describe what they think life will be like in the year 2022. That's when the time capsule is scheduled to be opened on the hospital's 75th anniversary. Photos of department employees, as well as current issues of publications, such as *Time* and *Life*, were also placed in the capsule for historical perspective.

According to TIMET plant

manager John Sanderson, the St. Rose time capsule is one of several TIMET has been asked to build during the last few years.

"Because of titanium's unique properties, it's an excellent metal for this use," said Sanderson. "It's one of the strongest, lightweight and corrosion-resistant metals in existence, and as such, will do an excellent job protecting the time capsule's important contents."

TIMET has constructed and donated time capsules for several other organizations and schools,



Ben Pipes, a TIMET foreman, seals the time capsule.

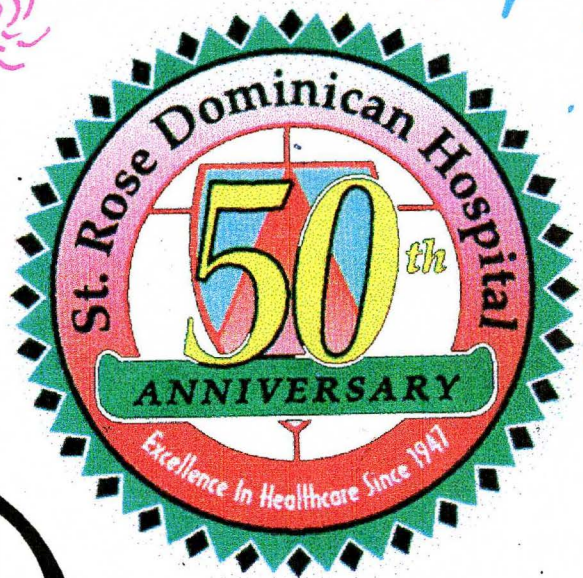
including Clarence Piggott Elementary School, Twin Lakes Elementary School and Calvary Chapel School.

"This is a fun, unique and meaningful way in which TIMET can contribute to the community," said Sanderson. "We enjoy playing a role in the preservation of our community's heritage."

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Celebrate
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SISTER ANGELITA'S BREAD

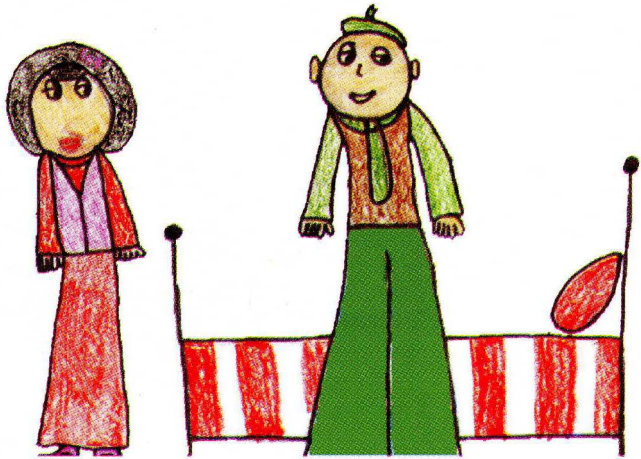


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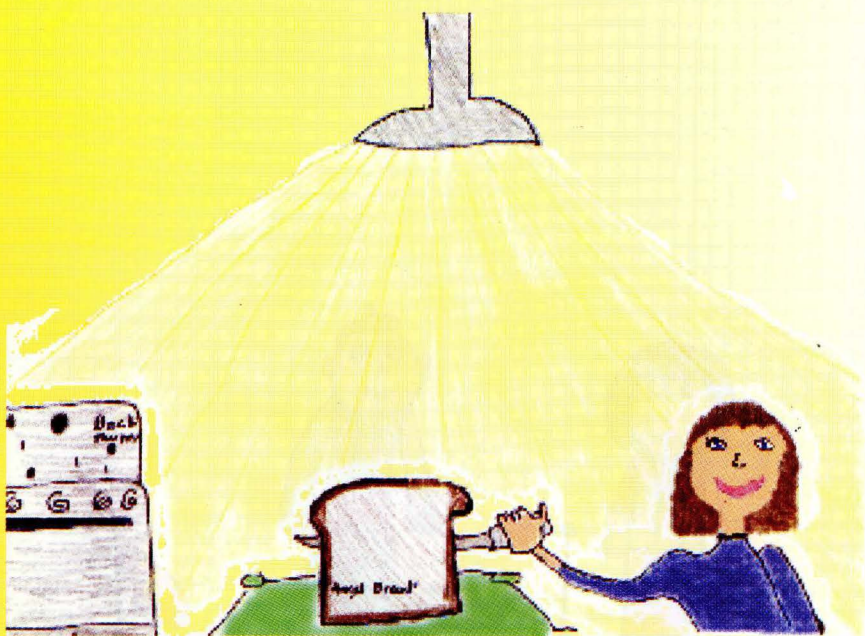
Sister Angelita's Bread



Story by Carol Bower

Graphic layout by Jean Byrd

Illustrated by third grade students
from Fay Galloway,
Ulis Newton, and
C. T. Sewell Elementary Schools



Deanna Jones

Dedicated to the many women
who have made an impact on
St. Rose Dominican Hospital
throughout the past 50 years.



Breanne Becknell

A long time ago when St. Rose Dominican Hospital was a small hospital, there was a wonderful cook who worked in the kitchen. Sister Angelita was her name, and she prepared delicious meals for all the sick patients. She made sure only good food was served, and plenty of it like fresh vegetables, tasty fruits, lots of milk, and breads of all sorts.



Lance Ivy

One day a man by the name of Mr. Freeman arrived at the hospital. He was very sick and unable to eat any food. Sister Angelita learned of Mr. Freeman's illness, and felt she must do something. She stayed in the hospital kitchen to bake bread. Just imagine the aroma of the bread baking that night! It crept through the pipes and awakened the patients from their sound sleep.



Rachell McClain

Mr. Freeman tried to get out of his bed but couldn't. He was too weak to stand alone. As he sat on the edge of his bed, he began to notice the smell of something pleasant. "Could it be bread baking at this hour?" he asked himself. "Oh, just for a taste of it!"



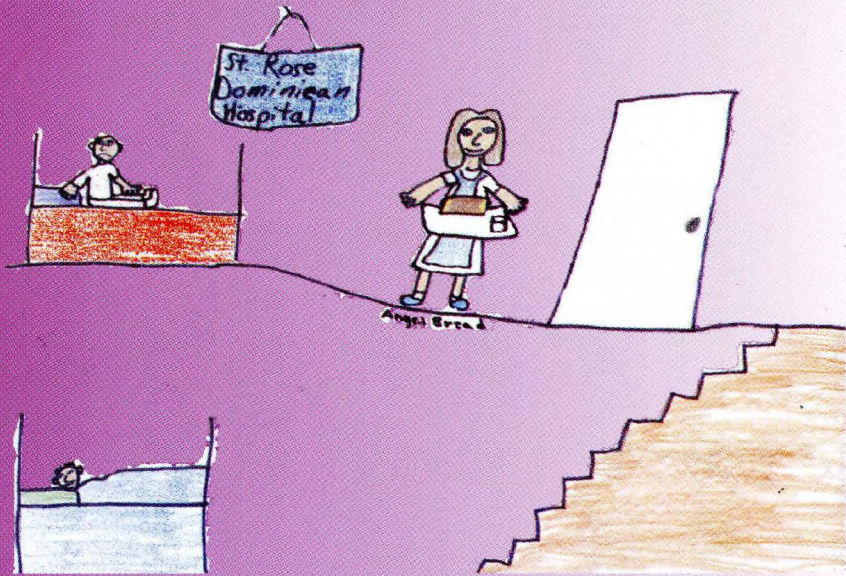
Monique VanGuilder

As he lay back in his bed, he began to notice also that he was hungry. After all, it had been many days since he had eaten. Thoughts of food raced through his mind, and eventually he drifted into a deep sleep.



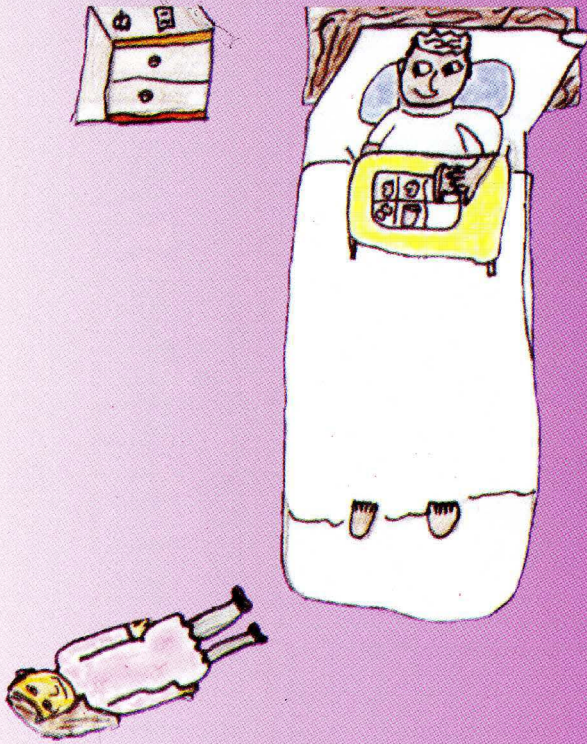
Cara Casias

The next morning when it was time to arise, Sister Angelita personally delivered breakfast to Mr. Freeman. At first he did not want to eat, but with some persuasion, Sister Angelita was able to get Mr. Freeman to taste the freshly baked bread. When Mr. Freeman took a bite, he exclaimed, "Angel Bread"! "This is the most delicious bread I have ever tasted."



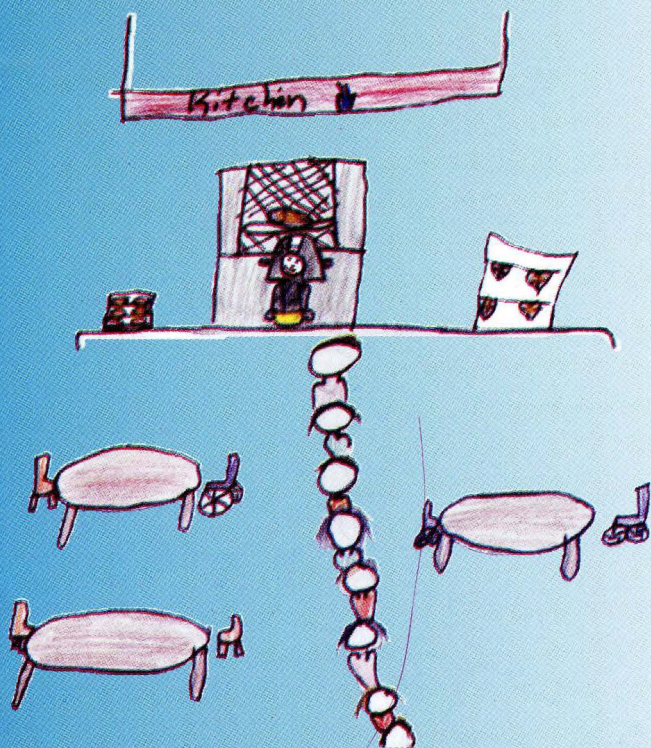
Kayla Johanson

Every night thereafter Sister Angelita would remain at the hospital to make bread for Mr. Freeman and all the other patients. In the morning Mr. Freeman would be sitting on the edge of his bed awaiting the arrival of Sister Angelita and her delicious bread.



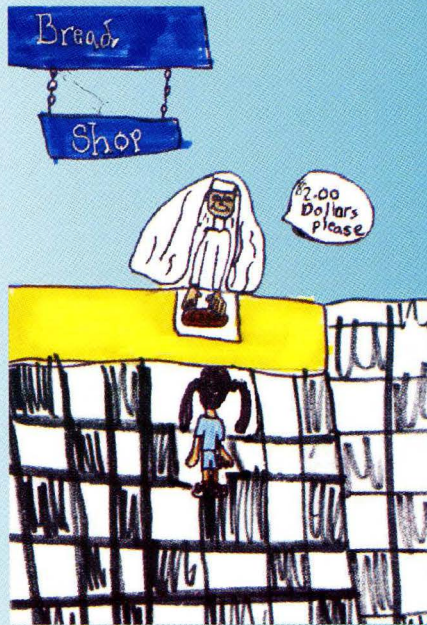
Hugo Marquez

Within a week he was feeling better and getting ready to return home. Sister Angelita waved good-bye as she watched him walk out the front door of the hospital.



Aubre Benwell

Eventually, Mr. Freeman returned to work, and he told all of his friends about the miracle of Sister Angelita's bread. They too wanted to taste it, and soon many people were flocking to St. Rose Dominican Hospital to taste the bread and see the face of the Angel Bread lady.



It wasn't long after this that Sister Angelita's bread recipe was presented to a local bakery so that even more people could enjoy the flavor and nutrition of a home-baked loaf of Angel Bread.

Bread Accompaniments:

Peanut Butter
Honey

Cream Cheese
Butter

Jelly

Autographs

This Book Belongs To:

St. Rose Dominican
Hospital

Roland Marquez

Heavenly bread rises to the occasion

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Freeman enlisted the help of local Las Vegas businessmen Jack Entratter and John Mowbray and formed the Angel Bread Foundation. It sold for several years through Holsum Breads and the hospital earned three cents on each loaf sold. Enough bread was sold to build a new wing and to purchase badly needed hospital equipment.

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Freeman enlisted the help of local Las Vegas businessmen Jack Entratter and John Mowbray and formed the Angel Bread Foundation. It sold for several years through Holsum Breads and the hospital earned three cents on each loaf sold. Enough bread was sold to build a new wing and to purchase badly needed hospital

equipment.

Sr. Angelita (now Sr. Anne Wasco), who lives in Florida, will be at the celebration along with Selma Bartlett, long-time hospital and community advocate. Bartlett will read the story and present copies of the book and a specially designed Angel Bread pin to the young contest winners. The book will be available in the hospital's gift shop.

The community is invited to attend.

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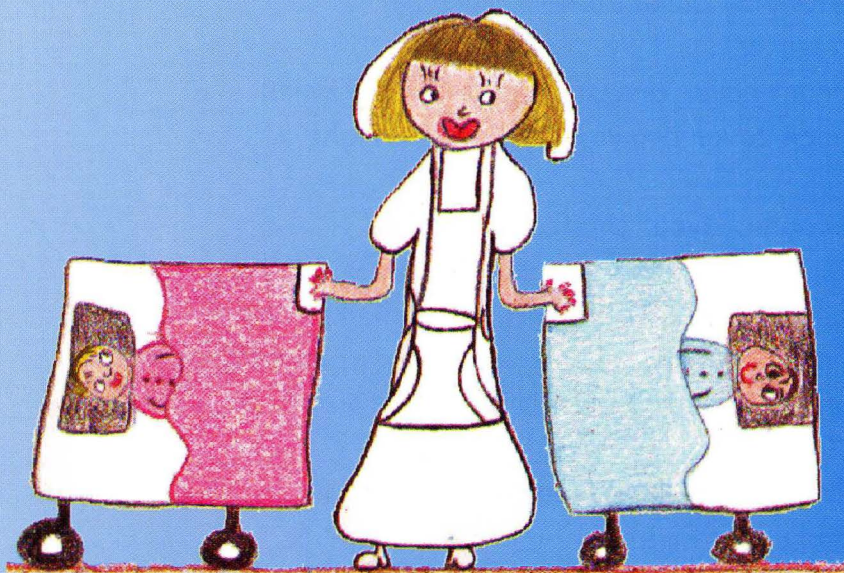


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ANGEL BREAD—Sister Anne "Angelita" Wasco, creator of Angel Bread, signs autographs for Hugo and Rolando Marquez at St. Rose Dominican Hospital on March 7 as part of "The Women of St. Rose: Past, Present and Future," an ongoing

project to honor women who have made an impact on the hospital throughout the years. The project is held each March in conjunction with International Women's History Month.

A Special Lady in White



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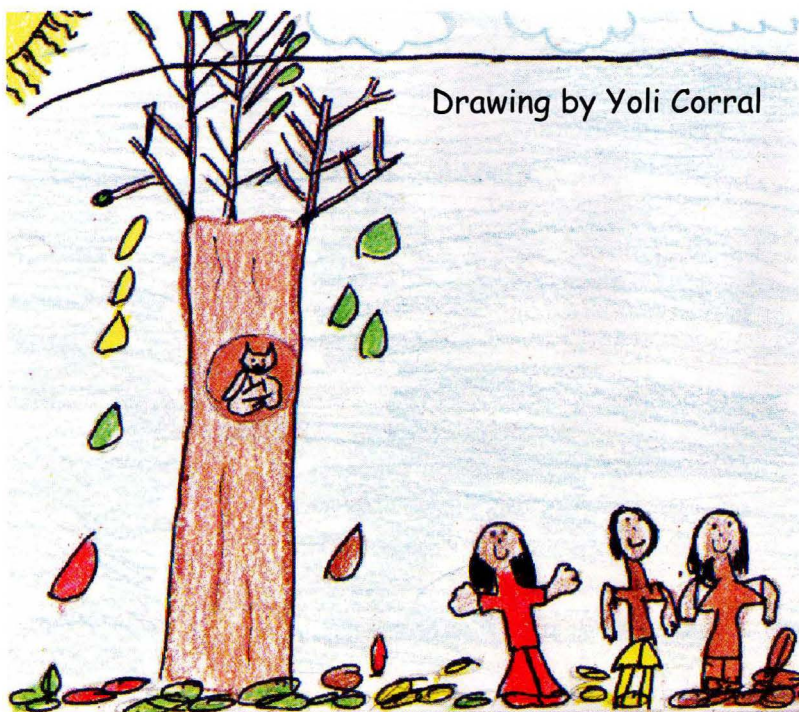
It was early in the day on September 7, 1907. Josephine Lundy summoned her husband, Bill, to take her to Mercy Hospital.



Drawing by Jon Wozniak

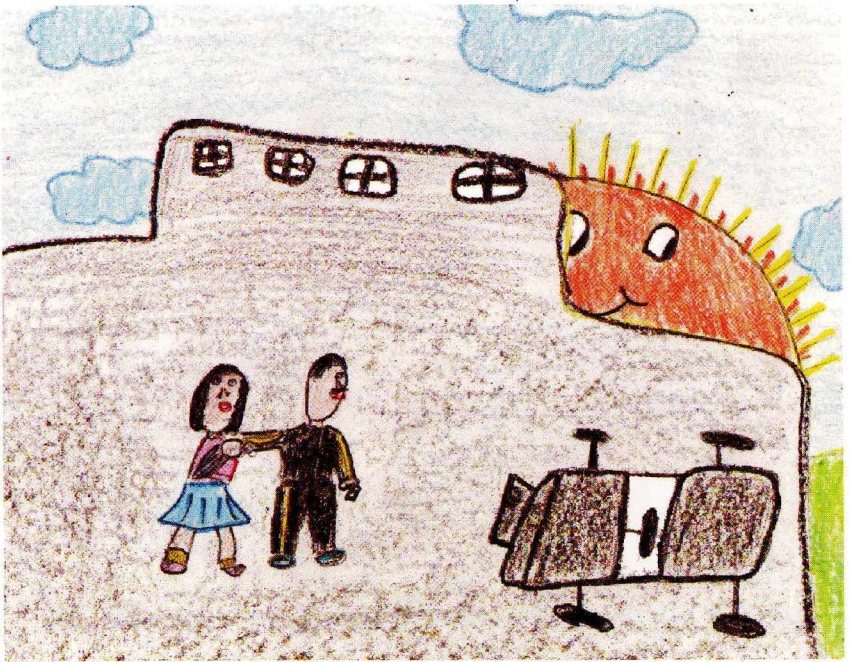
The time for her to deliver a child was close at hand.

Three other Lundy children were nearby playing. Mr. Lundy summoned them into the house for lunch, then whisked them off to Grandma's house.



There they would enjoy tumbling in the piles of leaves Grandpa had recently raked.

Finally Mr. Lundy, dressed in his Policeman's uniform, hastened his wife into their Model-T Ford and drove rapidly to the hospital.



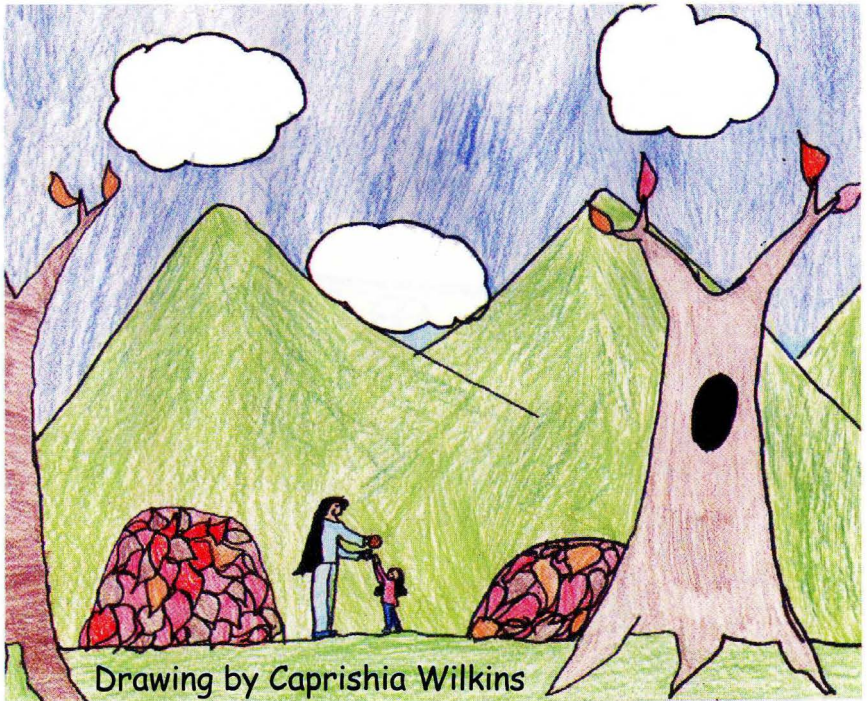
Drawing by Raquel Llamas

A few hours later a baby girl, Ethel Agnes Lundy, was born.



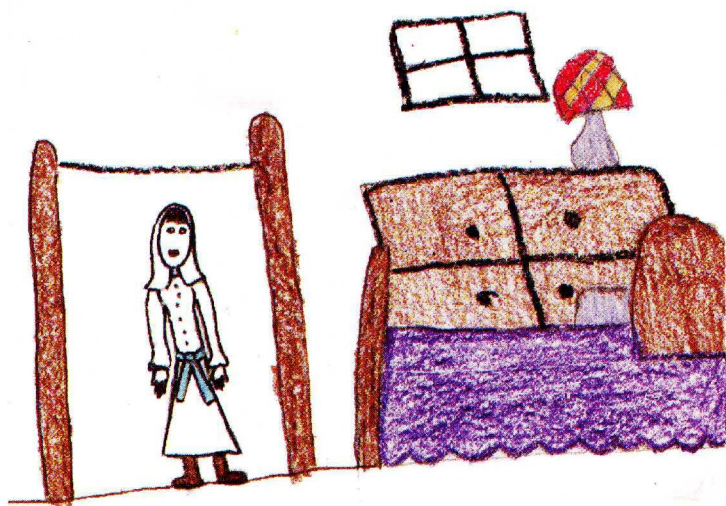
Drawing by Cassie Labbe

As a young girl, Ethel loved to play with the neighborhood children. She was especially fond of the younger ones.



She would make sure that they played safely and away from traffic. Oftentimes, Ethel would share her cookies or candy with them.

Not surprising, when Ethel grew to become a young lady, she chose to attend nursing school. Proudly she wore her new white nurse's cap which matched her starched white uniform.



Drawing by Mallorie Lamb

But the glow of pride could not hide a secret desire tugging at her inner self. She didn't seem as fulfilled as she had hoped.

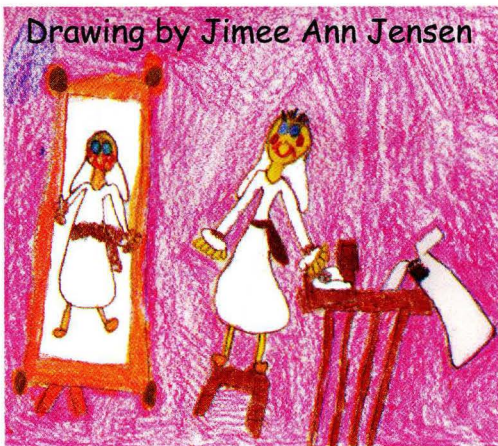
Although nursing was her first love, she wanted to become a very special nurse. For many days she toyed with this thought, and one day made a decision.



Drawing by Alexis Gillett

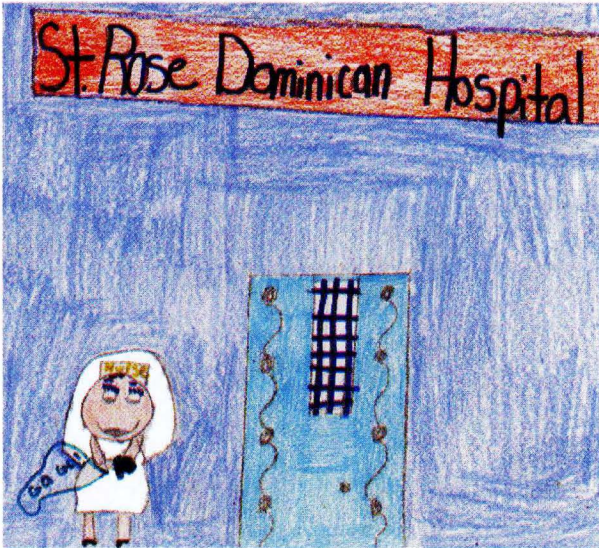
She chose to join a religious order and become a nun.

In those days, when a young woman became a nun, she also assumed a new name and wore an outfit called a "habit". Ethel was now known as Sister Marie Daniel. Her white nurse uniform was replaced with a long white robe tied loosely at the waist. Sister carefully packed her white cap in a box. She then turned to the mirror while placing on her head a new headpiece with a long white cotton veil. It covered her hair, and flowed gently around her shoulders and back.



After tugging at her stockings and lacing her shoes, she stole one last glance. She smiled with approval. It was apparent that she liked herself in white from head to toe.

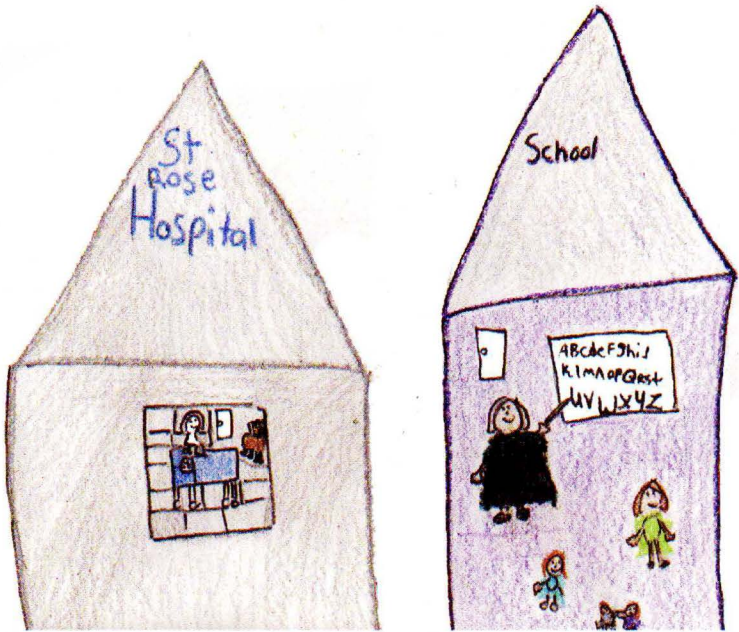
Sister Marie Daniel was barely five feet tall,
and well-rounded at that.



Drawing by Joseph Spero

Moving like a whirlwind, she went about her
busy day following orders, giving orders,
checking charts, and soothing patients.

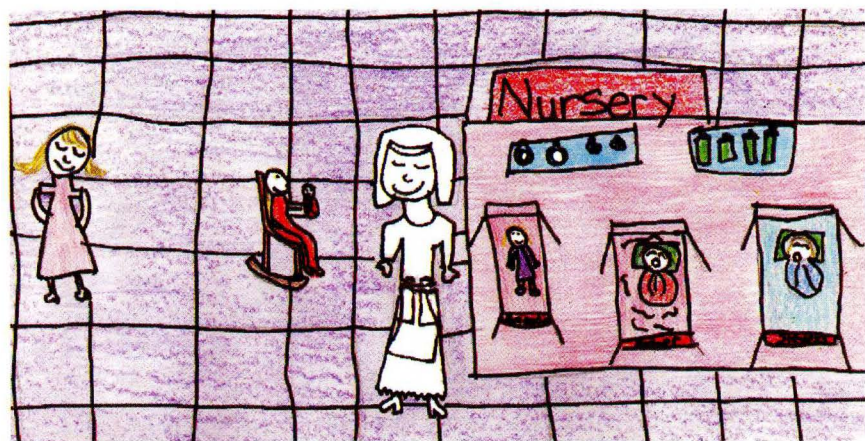
She worked in many hospitals, and also taught children in many schools.



Drawing by Taryn Lynn Thurmoad

At last it was time to find a place to call home. The nursery at St. Rose Dominican Hospital became that place.

In 1947, Sister added a long white apron with very deep pockets to her wardrobe, and began to work with parents and newborns.



Drawing by Danielle Avery

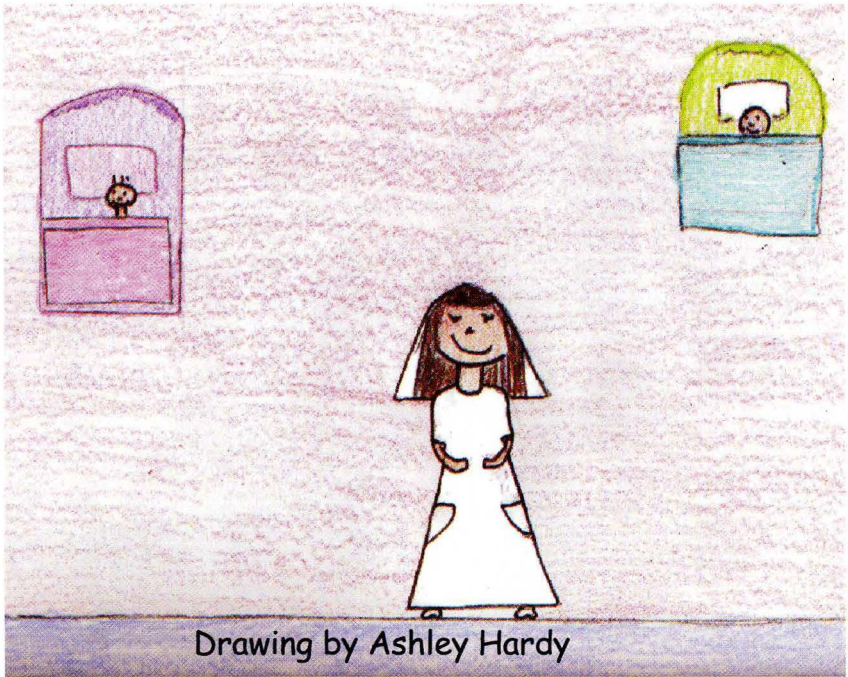
This sweet, ambitious woman had a unique quality of understanding the language of babies. She rocked, she sang, she cuddled, and to each and every new baby she gave a piece of her own heart.

Drawing by Nicole Fragoso



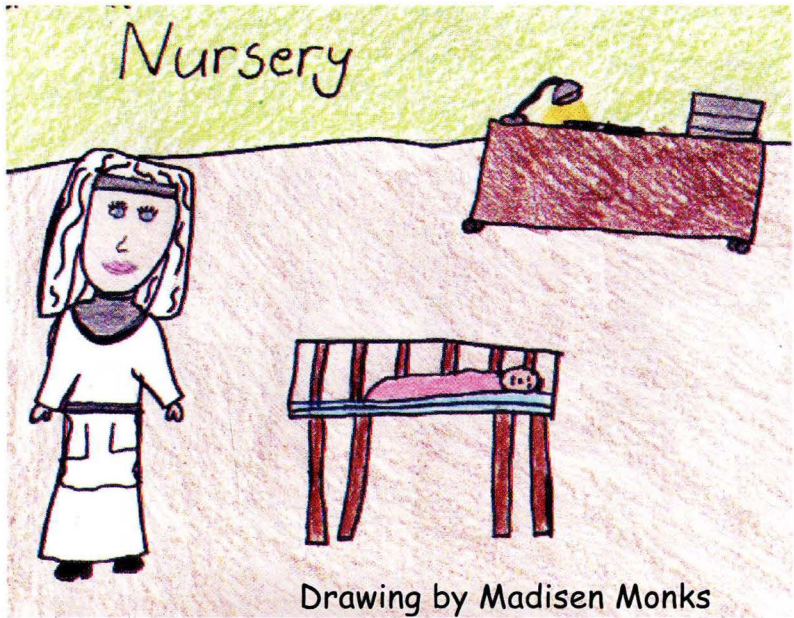
She saw all the new faces and heard all the new wailing voices. Her ears perked at the sound of a whimper, and her toes tapped to melodic nursery rhymes.

From a distance, Sister could identify which baby was calling. She made certain no little one was unattended.



Always at their side, she cradled infants peacefully in the warmth of her hugging arms.

New moms and dads loved her. Never did she go home when a child was sick. Sleepless nights were transformed into pleasant waking hours.



She was a wonder! She was even more than that! Sister Marie Daniel was a special angel in white.

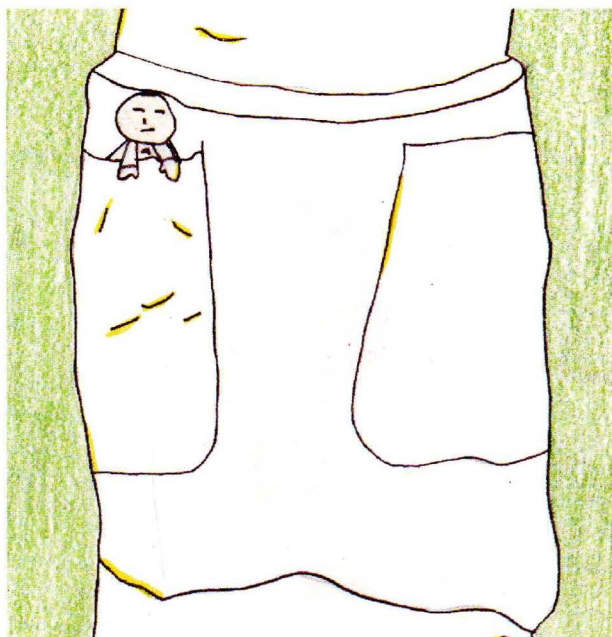
One precious little girl came to be cared for by Sister. Her name was Michelle. She was a premature baby. That means she arrived into this world earlier than expected. Michelle weighed only twenty-two ounces, and was not ready for life outside her mother's womb.



Drawing by Kelli Empey

Because the hospital was young and not yet fully equipped, there were no incubators to protect the little ones. So, with great attention and care, Sister watched over Michelle day and night. Many hours were spent rocking her back and forth, back and forth.

With her usual concern, Sister came up with an idea. Her attentiveness caused her to remember the two deep pockets, one on either side of her apron.



Drawing by Chanelle Southwick

She designed an incubator. Using two soft blankets to wrap Michelle, she carefully positioned the infant into one pocket. With a careful eye, Sister continued to go about her other hospital duties.

Soon Michelle grew too large for the pocket, and weighed enough to be discharged from the hospital to join her family.



Drawing by Sarah Miller

Not only the family, but many others along the way never forgot this exceptional "baby rocker" who gave such tender love.

Although Sister Marie Daniel is no longer with us, many former patients, friends, nurses, moms, and pops have their favorite story to tell about this big-hearted angel of mercy.



Drawing by Aubri Davis

Always dressed in white, including her deep-pocketed apron, she will remain special to them--a special nurse, a special nun, and a special person.



Sister Marie Daniel
1907-1995

Biography

Sister Marie Daniel was among the first Adrian Dominican nuns chosen in 1947 to open what was formerly known as St. Rose de Lima Hospital in Henderson, Nevada.

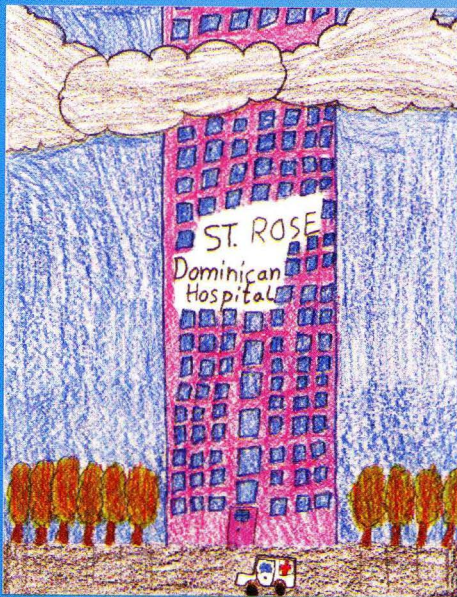
Born in 1907 as Ethel Agnes Lundy, she was one of seven children belonging to an Irish family living in Chicago, Illinois. After attending high school, she was educated as a nurse. Later, she entered the Adrian Dominican Congregation and took the name of Sister Marie Daniel.

As a nun, she began teaching primary grades in various schools throughout the United States. Eventually, she returned to graduate school and also finished formal nurse's training. Her many assignments as a teacher/nurse prepared her for the role she was to play the duration of her life. She arrived at St. Rose Dominican Hospital and became Director of Nurses in charge of OB.

Two assignments interrupted her duties at St. Rose, but after a six-year absence, she returned and worked for twelve more years in the nursery.

She retired from nursing in 1976, and continued working as a volunteer at the hospital. Health reasons caused her to retire in 1994. It was then that the loving care she extended to so many lives be returned to her. She was moved to Maria Health Care Center in Adrian, Michigan, where she died on November 17, 1995.

Sister Marie Daniel had a particular interest in infants and children, and is best remembered for the love and care given to so many born at St. Rose Hospital. In her memory, the Outpatient Tower housing the Emergency Room was dedicated on May 14, 1984.



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St. Rose Dominican Hospital Unveils Children's Book
to Honor Adrian Dominican Sister

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Festivities include a book reading by Bower, who will be accompanied by third-grade students. The children whose pictures were chosen for the book will receive special complimentary copies and have their pictures displayed at St. Rose during the month of March. They will also receive awards, donated by Dick Blick art store and Toys R Us.

The book will be donated to St. Rose's pediatric unit and local schools and libraries. For more information on obtaining a copy of the book, please call St. Rose Mission Services at 5 64-2622, ext. 4410.

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St. Rose Dominican Hospital continues to take steps to meet the growing healthcare needs of the Henderson/Green Valley community. The hospital recently opened the Parkway Medical Plaza and will open the Hartwell Medical Center at 1776 Warm Springs in late January, which also includes an *UrgentCare* facility

A Children's Book Reading

A Special Lady in White

Join us for a very *special* reading of a children's book honoring Sister Marie Daniel, one of the hospital's *first* Adrian Dominican Sisters.

This *wonderful* story for children and adults, written by a local author and illustrated by Henderson third grade students, will be *donated* to St. Rose's pediatric unit, local *schools* and libraries.

2 pm to 4 pm

Saturday, March 6, 1999

St. Rose Dominican Hospital – Lobby

102 E. Lake Mead Drive

Information: 546.2622, ext. 4410

Refreshments • Pianist • Caricature Artist

This St. Rose Dominican Hospital event is in celebration of International Women's Day. Sister Marie Daniel is indeed a woman to be recognized.

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Sister Vicki honored as role model

Kevin Ferguson
News Staff Writer

She moved here seven years ago upon the recommendation of her local parish in El Paso, Texas, to become the director of mission services for Henderson's St. Rose Dominican Hospital.

Sister Vicki Dalesandro accepted the challenge because she knew her fellow sisters had been dedicated to St. Rose since it opened in 1947.

Sister Vicki's dedication to the hospital and the community for most of the decade has earned her one of five 1999s honorees of the Nevada Women's Role Model Award.

"It's very humbling to get the honor, because you do these things because of who you are and because you think it needs to be done. You never think you'll get an award," Sister Vicki said.

As the director of mission services at St. Rose, Sister Vicki oversees several programs, including "Positive Impact," which provides medical assistance for uninsured children, "the Baby Your Baby Program", "the Natural Family Planning Program", "St. Rose's Environmental Action Committee" and the "Cultural Diversity" program.

Attorney General Frankie Sue Del Papa presented the award Saturday at Cashman Field as part of the Southern Nevada Eye on Women

Expo.

The other honorees were Louise Helton, the founder of Clinic on Wheels and Computer on Wheels, Ann Lynch, the vice president of Community Services at Sunrise Hospital, Judge Nancy Oesterle, and Michelle Jan Stalk, an active member of many non-profits, such as Shade Tree Shelter and Valley Shelter for Homeless.

During Saturday's presentation, Del Papa said, "These women are being recognized for their effort, talent and unending commitment to improve the lives of those in our community.

"We want to thank you for being a role model for all of us," said Del Papa, Nevada's first woman secretary of state and attorney general.

Jean Byrd, a St. Rose registered nurse who runs "Baby Your Baby," said Sister Vicki goes over and beyond her responsibilities.

"She really tries to know everything that goes on in the community, and tries to think how the hospital can help," Byrd said.

Sister Vicki was nominated by Sister Virginia Corley, who was unable to attend the presentation, but left these words: "Her gentle but influential approach has obviously made a difference, providing services and guidance to enhance the lives of her St. Rose neighbors, and to the larger community to which she has become a resource."



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WOMEN'S ROLE MODEL AWARD CEREMONY
Saturday, May 1st, 12:30 PM
Cashman Field

Sister Virginia Corley
79 Church Street
Henderson, NV 89015

Dear Sister Corley,

It is with great pleasure that I inform you that the person you nominated for a 1999 Women's Role Model Award has been selected as a recipient.

The Nevada Women's Role Model Award provides the Attorney General's office with an opportunity to honor the achievements of outstanding Nevada women. Previous recipients have included educators, health care workers, administrators and community activists. Your nominee was selected as a recipient based upon their dedication, commitment, achievements and contributions to the community.

The selection process was extremely difficult since the numerous women nominated are all among the most active and motivated citizens of our state.

Your nominee is living proof that one person can make a difference! The Women's Role Model Award is a tribute to the role she play in proving that every day.

The ceremony honoring the recipients will be held at the above mentioned time and location. Please feel free to invite your family.

If my office can be of any assistance, please call Steve George at (775) 687-3512.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frankie Sue Del Papa".

Frankie Sue Del Papa

FSDP/sg



LOCAL LEGACY 2000 --- THE WOMEN OF ST. ROSE

tape of Rod A. Davis, President and CEO, St. Rose Dominican Hospital

Rod Davis:

“It is my pleasure to introduce to you *The Women of St. Rose*, a special project of the St. Rose Dominican Hospital Women’s Committee. *The Women of St. Rose* is based on a series of audio-taped interviews conducted over the past three years. It features both women and men sharing their memories of the early history of the hospital. The presence of the Adrian Dominican Sisters and other women who were so influential in establishing and maintaining what is now known as St. Rose Dominican Hospital is especially highlighted.

The Women’s Committee of St. Rose was established in 1996 for the purpose of documenting and celebrating the many accomplishments of women affiliated with the hospital. The Committee sponsors an annual celebration in March for the International Month of Women. It also produces an annual booklet developed with the assistance of area schoolchildren that honors an individual who exemplifies the quality, compassionate healthcare for which St. Rose Dominican Hospital has become known.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the unwavering dedication of the Adrian Dominican Sisters, who founded this hospital and who continue to be at the heart and soul of our healthcare ministry. I would also like to extend my thanks to the members of the Women’s Committee for the countless hours they have spent on this project over the years, particularly those individuals who have served as volunteers.”

St. Rose Dominican Hospital is pleased and honored to participate in the Library of Congress Local Legacy Project. I hope you enjoy reading and listening to the many wonderful stories told by the project participants and celebrating with us the outstanding achievements of *The Women of St. Rose*.”

Narrator:

The committee's theme, *Women of St. Rose: Past, Present, Future*, is reflected in the poem, SEASON'S OF A WOMEN'S LIFE, by Nancyann Turner, OP.

Our lives grow richer
and more beautiful
from season to season and year to year.

We women live in the present
while building on the past
even as we prepare for the future.

New life begins before old life has fallen.
Each new life grows and flowers
in the soil of past experiences.

As the past is recalled and oral histories recorded, interesting themes, such as, the pioneering spirit of the women of St. Rose and their service to the community, continue to emerge. Archival materials from the Adrian Dominican Motherhouse in Michigan trace this spirit to the 13th century when the Order of Preachers was founded by Dominic Guzman, canon regular who lived in Osma, a city on the frontier of Spain.

(The Pioneering Spirit of the Adrian Dominican Sisters)

Before the Preachers were confirmed as an Order by the Catholic Church, however, Dominic called together eleven women to form a monastery in Prouille, France. These women devoted their lives to prayer for the spread of the gospel and the success of the preaching ministry throughout Europe. In 1853, four women were sent from Europe to teach in the New World. These pioneering women began the foundation of eleven Dominican congregations in the United States. Later, in 1879, filled with their founders spirit of risk and response to need, six sisters were called from one of those early American foundations to begin St. Joseph Hospital and Home for the Aged in Adrian, Michigan .

In the mid-1940's, members from the Adrian Dominican Congregation accepted a new mission. This time it was to the Las Vegas Valley where their legacy of service to the community was to become firmly established at St. Rose Dominican Hospital.

The Basic Magnesium plant, built 10 miles southeast of Las Vegas, employed a workforce of 4,000-6,000 persons. As part of the war effort to provide health care to the area's industrial workers and their families, the government founded Basic Magnesium Hospital in 1942. When the war ended three years later, the government then began looking for a private buyer in order to prevent the closing of the hospital. Thus, out of a need in the local community of what was then the township of Henderson, Nevada, a new ministry was to be born.

Bishop Thomas K. Gorman, from the Diocese of Reno, Nevada wrote his first letter to Mother Mary Gerald Barry, OP superior of the Dominican Sisters of Adrian, Michigan. The letter, dated May 20, 1946 simply states:

Voice over:

“This hospital is the last word in equipment, including even dental facilities. The whole plant would be turned over to begin with at a nominal lease of one dollar per year, which would include free water and power...As time is an element in this matter-other private parties being interested, we would like to present the government representatives with an accomplished fact...”

Narrator:

Bishop Gorman included his itinerary so Mother Gerald could reach him. She answered immediately by Western Union: “Interested. Would like information on number of beds, wards, and private rooms.”

Mother Gerald's swift response to Bishop Gorman was the first of many letters, telegrams and negotiations followed up by Father Peter Moran, pastor of St. Peter's Church in Henderson.

Hospital volunteer Peggy Vaughn relates the following story:

Oral tape of Peggy Vaughan

“In 1946, I was a student at Siena Heights College, the same campus as the Motherhouse of the Adrian Dominicans. My connection with the hospital at that time was that the Dean of Women, Sister Benedicta Marie, posted a little notice on the chapel door...’Will you please pray for Mother Gerald,’...who was the Mother General of the community...’She is going to Nevada to investigate the Adrian Dominicans setting up a mission in a hospital”

Narrator:

In May of the following year, the government announced its agreement with the Adrian Dominican Sisters to accept ownership and responsibility for the hospital. In their agreement, the sisters committed to assume all debts of the hospital and to pay \$1.00 yearly to the government for the next twenty-five years..

On June 27, 1947, Basic Magnesium Hospital became **Rose de Lima Hospital**.

Community leader Louis F. LaPorta, whose son was the first baby born at the Hospital, summarizes the transaction:

Oral tape of Louis F. LaPorta

“When the hospital became available, there was a movement as to who would really operate it. Father Peter Moran was very instrumental, as well as Senator Pat McCarran, to entice the Sisters because some of them were nurses, to come out to Henderson and run the hospital. Of course, with lack of great resources, financial resources and all, the plant site, which is the Basic Management Inc. and the State of Nevada, the Colorado River Commission, which was an agency of the state, sold the hospital for \$1.00 to the sisters and there was also a utility consideration, granted to them, and because, early on, there just weren’t the kind of finances that anybody could run it. There were only 5 or 6 doctors in this area. So it was the beginning of something.”

(The Adrian Dominican Sisters’ Ministry Begins)

Narrator:

Mother Gerald selected seven members from the Adrian Dominican Congregation to travel to the small desert town of Henderson, NV. These early pioneer Dominican women were Sisters Marie Angelita Wasco, Marie Joyce Smith, Mary Carolyn Harrison, Marie Daniel Lundy, Felicia Haidysz, Daniel Therese Smith and Marie Augustine Seissinger.

Mother Gerald was known as a very influential, visionary woman and prepared the sisters for their missions. Sister. Brigid McDonald remembers:

Oral tape of Sister Brigid

...she was a very dynamic woman. Reached out to other communities, helped educate other sisters from other communities and what we had she shared. She was great for education. You couldn’t go into a job unless you had the education....she was for the most part pretty fair and square, but very well thought of in all the religious communities across the nation.”

Narrator:

Sister Anne Wasco, formerly known as Sister Angelita, reads from her written memories.

Oral Tape of Sister Anne Wasco

“Mother Gerald sent four sisters to nursing schools... Sister Madonna, into anesthesia. All at different nursing schools. Sisters Augustine, Daniel Therese and Charlyn had their RN. degrees before they entered the convent. So all had different training when they came together. Each had a lot to offer.”

Narrator:

During a telephone interview, Sister Anne further states:

Oral tape of Sister Anne Wasco

“I did not have a degree and I was swept off my feet when Mother Gerald called me to the office and said, ‘Sister, I need you.’ This was her way of telling you that you are important. So then she said, ‘I’m going to change your mission and send you to a hospital...And so it was just a matter of a week or so that we were on the train and going west. I was scared. I was really scared. I’ll admit that.”

Narrator:

Mother Gerald had full confidence in the group of women that she sent out to the Las Vegas Valley. Sister Felicia, who later became the second administrator of the hospital recalls:

(Oral Tape of Sister Felicia)

“Before we left Adrian, she gave us her blessing and said, ‘Now just do God’s Will in the new place.’”

Narrator:

Mother Gerald is remembered as a woman with a sense of humor, as evidenced in this letter she writes to the pioneering group:

Voice Over:

“I don’t want you to be floorwalkers—as though you were in Marshall Fields of Chicago...I expect the sisters to do the nursing and the work that is to be done there...taking hold of the various duties in the manner that will give glory to our Father who is in Heaven.”

Narrator:

The pioneering group of religious arrived at 1:30 A. M. on June 27, 1947. In the words of Sister Felicia, that first day is recalled:

Voice Over:

In the morning when we awakened, we took stock of our surroundings: the sand, the sagebrush and tumbleweeds. We were enraptured by everything. It was so different from Adrian, Michigan. We had trees and bushes, some native wild flowers, and, of course, the cacti, which were tremendous. We loved the sunrises and sunsets, and it seemed strange to have no dusk. It was daylight, and then it would be night so quickly. We could see Mt. Charleston in the distance, and we loved the rocky hills that surrounded our valley.”

(The Early Years: 1947 – 1960)

Narrator:

The sister’s dedication became apparent as the Adrian Dominicans filled positions of responsibility at the hospital. Sister Carolyn, the first administrator, is described by Sister Anne Wasco:

Oral tape of Sister Anne

“She was a very good negotiator. She was gentle but stern. Knowledgeable and never asked of others to do what she herself would not do.”

Narrator:

All the Sisters worked long hours and fulfilled many responsibilities. Once again Sister Anne reads from her memories as she describes a typical day:

(Oral tape of Sister Anne)

“We rose at 5:00 a.m. in the morning. Said our morning prayers in the little Chapel followed by mass and breakfast so the sisters had to be at their stations at 7:00 a.m. to get and give reports and I would slip out between prayers to get the breakfast going and then get back for mass.

Many times the sisters would be called out for emergencies or for some other reasons and there would only be one or two of us left to continue the prayers. And that is what got us through the difficult times.

Narrator:

Sister Anne continues.

Oral tape of Sr. Anne Wasco

“We had a lovely chapel made out of one of the wards. We did take out time out and prayed everyday and that’s how we were able to stay on our feet.

I have a funny story. I remember we had a lab technician, a young man, a Catholic, also. He would see that the sisters would be running back and forth and he would just stand there in awe wondering what could be going on. And then one day he worked up enough nerve to come up to a couple of us and said, ‘My vision...my understanding of sisters is they walk in the garden with their Prayer Book and I haven’t seen that yet!’

Narrator:

Sister Anne once again refers to her written memories as she tells of those early days.

(Oral reading from Sister Anne)

The beginning was hard and we had to build our reputation for the hospital. At first the patient count was low.

One day Sister Carolyn came and asked, ‘Do you need that many people in the kitchen to work?’ Well, I looked and thought for a while and before I knew it, I was the only one left to cook, to buy, to set up the trays, to dish out the food – all the kitchen chores. The other sisters were helpful when they had a free minute. That was for the week or so before things picked up and we were able to call some of the employees back.”

Narrator:

In addition to Sister Carolyn as Administrator, Sister Felicia worked in the nursery and in Medical Records; Sister Marie Daniel served as the hospital’s first Director of Nursing and was on call 24 hours a day. She is described by Sister Anne

Oral tape Sister Anne :

She was the pharmacist because there was no pharmacist on duty and she loved being busy. Whenever we were busy to the hilt, she was in her glory. She was loved by all the doctors and the staff and the patients...she had a great love for new babies and she was in her glory whenever a new mother came in. She would sit with her until the baby came."

Narrator:

To honor Sr. Marie Daniel, the Women's Committee produced its second booklet, "A Woman in White," in 1999. The book is included as part of this project.

Recognizing that the work of the hospital could not be done by the Adrian Dominican Sisters alone, they built solid relationships with the hospital staff upon their arrival and began to build bridges with individuals in the community. Bettylou Anderson, one of the original employees of the hospital and close friend to the sisters, recalls the influence of the Dominicans regarding racial discrimination.

Oral Tape of Bettylou Anderson

"We had Carver Park for the blacks and Victory Village was for the whites....Now, for myself, coming from Montana, I had neither been exposed to nuns or blacks, so I had no preconceived feelings toward either one of them. But it was natural to segregate the blacks it seems because the housing was segregated. So if a black patient came in we usually put them in a room by themselves or something. Sister Carolyn put an end to that. If you were a medical patient you went to a medical ward."

Narrator:

Clara "Buckie" McCoig recalls her years as a nurse at the hospital.

Oral tape of Buckie McCoig:

"I was the first nurse anesthetist in the Southern Nevada area. After Rose de Lima got started, I got acquainted with Sister Madonna, who was giving the anesthetics here; and at certain times, she'd need a day off or some time away from the hospital. I would come in and fill in for her....It was a small hospital but a very friendly hospital. All the departments worked together. It was a nice place to work. They had a sister in charge of each department....The staff always seemed to be happy and work together real well..."

Narrator:

Nurse Eleanor Cunningham came to the hospital in 1955. She remembers one of the religious ceremonies during her tenure at the hospital:

Oral tape of Eleanor Cunningham, R.N.

“One thing that was interesting was at communion time in the morning. You received a list the night before of the people that wanted communion. Communion was brought down and the bells would ring. They were hand bells. The bells would ring about 5:30a.m. – 6:30 a.m. each morning. One sister would get the list and they would set the table with a white cloth and candle. The doors would be shut for those not receiving communion and were not to be disturbed.”

Narrator:

Nearby, in Boulder City, Sister Faith Mary, one of the Episcopalian Sisters from England, was serving as an administrator to St. Jude Ranch for Children. Sister Faith Mary recalls her early days in the desert and the start of what was to become the beginning of deep relationship between the Episcopalian Sisters in Boulder City and the Dominican Sisters at St. Rose in Henderson.

Oral tape of Sister Faith Mary

“We had no idea it was going to be like this – so hot, but we survived. The cottages were just being built. So we had to sleep on the floor, to make a cup of tea we had to boil the water in a frying pan. We thought this is America. America has everything. Anyhow, I just don’t know for certain how the Sisters at St. Rose de Lima heard about us. But, it was the very early days because we didn’t have any children and then we got a phone call from them to say who they were, where Henderson was and that they’d like us to go over and have a meal with them.”

Narrator:

Sister Veronica Gonthier shared many pleasant times and meals with the sisters from Boulder City. She also recalls some of the more difficult times during the growing years of the hospital.

Oral tape of Sister Veronica:

“Getting any doctors who would come and live in Henderson was very hard at that time. The sisters have told me that everyday they prayed for doctors to come. It was a risk for a doctor to start up a practice here. Would the people who had come to work at the plant stay? Would the plants succeed under private management? And what opportunities were here for them? Some came and went. It was hard.”

Narrator:

In 1950, there were three physicians living and practicing in Henderson. One of these physicians, Dr. Miller, recalls a few special times in the hospital’s emergency room, as he describes in a written history of his time at the hospital:

Voice over:

“One evening in the E.R. we had a man come staggering in with the odor of over-indulgence of alcohol, silently and desperately pointing down his throat—it was not from choking in a restaurant, or from any respiratory distress because his color was a beautiful pink—even a bit of flushing. Upon looking in his throat we were able to see a bright red poker chip standing on edge vertically, at the opening entrance of the vocal chords; leaving him able to get air, but unable to make a sound. He had been playing a game with his young granddaughter by holding the chip in his mouth and then sucking it in as she would grab for it. His reflexes had been slowed with his refreshments, and he had inhaled and sucked in too vigorously. With the aid of some anesthetic spray and some children’s tonsil instruments, I was able to present him with his red poker chip with a little advice, “Grandfathers should not drink, and play poker with their younger grandchildren—unless you use only cards!”

Narrator:

Clearly, over the years, the Adrian Dominican Sisters have had and continue to have a tremendous impact on the hospital. Elsbeth Andonov, R.N., currently a nurse manager at St. Rose and formerly manager of the surgery department, describes what it was like to work with the sisters:

Oral tape of Elsbeth Andonov, RN

“One of the good things for me and why I love St. Rose are the sisters. Over the years, there have been sisters here who were so supportive and so caring, human beings. You want to stay, you didn’t want to leave. You knew if something would happen or if you needed a shoulder to cry on or if you needed some advice, you knew where to go.”

Narrator:

One patient’s story exemplifies the dedication of the sisters. Anne Rosenzweig recalls:

Oral tape of Anne Rosenzweig

“I had been working at the Sahara Hotel at that time and I took leave of absence, not knowing how bad I would be afterwards. I had lost quite a bit of blood and weight and anyway, we didn’t have a car.

My husband worked at the Sands and he was working swing shift. He had no way of getting out to Rose de Lima...no buses at that time where we lived. We lived near the bus stop and he was able to go to the bus stop because the buses ran along Las Vegas Blvd. He would thumb a ride every night to Henderson. The sisters allowed him to come in at 2 o’clock in the morning just to see me...just to look at me for awhile. And when he did come, I was quite ill and a sister would be sitting at my bed watching me all night long. That’s what I can remember and think about and always talk about. It is how beautiful they were to me.”

Narrator:

The spirit of the hospital in the 1950’s and the need to reach into the community for resources beyond reimbursable care is exemplified in what has become one of the most cherished St. Rose stories – that of the Angel Bread. Excerpts from an article which appeared on June 15, 1958 in the Las Vegas Review Journal summarizes this story. The article begins:

(Voice over)

Sister Felicia, the hospital superintendent, was making her usual rounds and asked a particular patient for money to build surgical facilities and add a 40-bed wing. The patient, a public relations director at the Sands Hotel, was not at all satisfied with the food at the hospital and offered little encouragement until the day he tasted the toast from the kitchen.

When Sister Felicia came in his room, he said, “You have a gold mine right here. Put this bread on the market and make money. This is truly angelbread.” This was the beginning of the first fundraising campaign for the new medical wing at Rose de Lima Hospital.

The press agent enlisted the help of Jewish show producer Jack Entratter and Catholic lawyer John Mowbray who formed the Angelbread Foundation.

Narrator:

In 1998 the Women's Committee produced a booklet commemorating Sister Angelita and the Angelbread story. The book is included with this project.

(Rose de Lima Begins to Grow: 1960-1970)

Many citizens from Henderson still hold fond memories of Angelbread. Many also refer to the hospital by the name it was originally christened, Rose de Lima. The "Saint" part of the name was omitted so people of all faiths would feel comfortable in seeking care at the facility.

Under the guidance of the second administrator, Sister Helen McGinley, the hospital worked to increase the effectiveness of operations and became the first hospital in Southern Nevada to receive accreditation. Shirley Lane-Smith talks about some of these changes:

Oral tape of Shirley Lee-Smith:

I was asked to set up the medical record department. It was necessary for certification. I visited the hospital for several days in Santa Cruz to see theirs and I would compare what I knew with what they were doing and get some advice from the administrator there as to how to get started. Then I went back to St. Rose and spent the summer setting it up. After it was set up, I trained a woman who took over. Then I would work with her getting started at it and in future years I would still look in on it."

Narrator:

In time, the hospital and the sisters gained respect as business women by including the citizens of Henderson in the decision making process.

With John F. Kennedy as the new Democratic contender for President and the Singing Nun topping the charts with the No.1 hit song, *Dominique*, in the autumn of 1960, Rose de Lima Hospital unveiled its new three-story patient wing on October 28. Included in it were a new emergency room, surgical suites, obstetrics unit, and additional patient beds to better accommodate the growing community.

In August of 1965, Sister Georgann Duggan became the fourth hospital administrator. Despite difficult financial hardship for the hospital, the Sisters continued to operate it and serve community needs. Sr. Veronica comments on this continued dedication:

Oral tape of Sister Veronica Gonthier

“Also, the thing that moved the sisters to always go ahead and to do was, ‘Is it a need in the community’.. meaning the civic community...’If so, we have to see what we can do to provide it.’ See, right from the very beginning there was a need here...somebody needed a hospital and the sisters felt they could provide. All through...every time there was a new program to be initiated or when they were to build an addition, it was always, ‘Is there a need here and one we can fulfill.’”

Narrator:

Sister Georgann and Sister Brigid , also at the hospital in the sixties and seventies, had outstanding relationships with community members that often gave them inspiration to continue during hard financial times. Sister Brigid recalls:

Oral tape of Sister Brigid and interviewer:

“In fact our Mother General, at that time, Mother Rosemary Ferguson said – she looked at the place and knew what we were going through and she said, ‘Now you know, you don’t have to stay there. If you think we should close this place you let me know and we will do it.’” And why didn’t you? Well, we said, give it another chance. We always felt that Henderson some day would move. And we got a lot of that courage and stamina from Selma. Selma Bartlett. She was our strong rod and she knew that the community needed a hospital. She was like the dog with the bone and she was not going to let us give in and she supported us and I think if it weren’t for Selma we probably would have said, who cares. And yet the people were very good to us there. We had wonderful support from most of the people there.”

“Well, Sister, let me ask you all of this, each one of you, what was your greatest personal success during your time out here. Sanity, would that count?

What were your greatest personal regrets during your tenure? Or did you have any regrets? Are you kidding? I don’ think, you know, there was hard times, but you know we didn’t have the things that hospital administrators have now. It’s the government and the DRG’s and all the regulations and the HMO’s, in many ways we were blessed and didn’t know it, you know. We were fortunate to be in the hospital business when we were.”

Narrator:

Community leader Barbara Greenspun and her husband Hank were early supporters of the hospital during difficult financial times. Mrs. Greenspun speaks fondly of the sisters:

Oral tape of Barbara Greenspun

“I always had a great deal of respect for the sisters. They didn’t have the emotional problems that nurses had with families and so forth. They’re dedicated to whatever they do. That’s their whole life. I always felt very comfortable with them and you know my background is from Ireland. I am not Catholic but I’ve always been very warm to the sisters and what they do and I appreciate what they do.”

(Continuing Growth: 1970-1980)

Narrator:

By 1972, as Rose de Lima celebrated its 25th anniversary, nearly 67,000 patients had been treated and 9,950 babies had been born at the hospital. On July 17, 1974 the word “Saint” was added to the hospital’s name and it now became known as St. Rose de Lima. That same year, the hospital received final title to the property from the government. In 1978, Sister Maureen Corner arrived to succeed Sister Georganne as administrator.

Sister Maureen believed strongly in the future of not only of the hospital, but the City of Henderson as well. She brought a strong business sense to St. Rose and had to make some very difficult decisions about its future. In a telephone interview, Sr. Maureen speaks on the issue of hospital finances:

Oral tape of interviewer and Sister Maureen Corner:

“Sister how did you overcome some of your financial---your lack of financial resources?”

Hard work, a lot of hard work. We worked hard at collecting our bills. Part of it was to look at our management skills. Part of it was building our image in the community. We had been there a long time and people felt endeared to us. It didn’t have a poor quality image, it was just a more of a warm and fuzzy image as opposed to a high-tech image. . And warm and fuzzy is very important but we needed a little bit more on the high-tech side, a middle ground on that. So that was one of the things we had to work out.

Building the basic management systems needed to be done and management expertise needed to be enhanced.

We needed to get a focus in a strategic direction, and we needed to develop systems to be sure that we were being faithful to that focus in strategic direction

I remember meeting with the consultant, after they did this draft of the strategic plan, and we spent about half a day or a day going over their plan.... And then we called the consultants back to meet with us and said, 'Okay, here's the plan you gave us, here's what we've developed as an implementation plan. Now is this what you had in mind? Is this going to work? Just testing what we planned to do. They stared at each other and I thought, 'I wonder what I said. It's obviously something. And they said, 'You can't do all that in the timeframe you talked about.' I said, 'We have to.' They said, "Well you just can't. It can't be done that fast.' I said, 'It's got to be done that fast. We don't have a choice.' And we didn't get it all done in that timeframe, but we got a lot of it done.

Narrator:

On a lighter note, Nurse Rita Maestas has recollections about several of the Las Vegas Strip entertainers visiting the hospital:

Oral tape of Rita Maestas

"And there's a lot of celebrities come to this hospital. . . Like Bing Crosby's son. And Elvis came out here.. .To entertain the patient. I remember it would be a patient that was dying of cancer and his wish was to meet him, and he came out and brought him a terrarium, you know.. .And then w~ had the Newton's what is it—Wayne Newton? Yes, his family came to this hospital in the early 70's. I've taken care of them. And I've seen him here, he's never been a patient here but he has been here visiting. And then Sister Dolores and Wayne Newton were very close."

Okay, what was this about Bob Newhart? Oh, one day we were just—the emergency door rang so we ran over there to see what was coming in, because that's what we did. We took care of the floor. We took care of the emergency room This was in 1975. So we opened up the door and there's Bob Newhart with a great big bunny. The Easter Basket must have been this big—.. .About two and a half feet. It was this Easter basket and this chocolate bunny that must have been four feet high. Brought it to the nurses in the pediatric ward He just came and he looked around and he says, 'This is a gift from me for the nurses in the pediatric ward.'"

Narrator:

On a more serious note, in 1988, the hospital was part of one of Southern Nevada's largest disasters—the explosion at the nearby Pepcon Chemical Plant. Once again, the community rallied around the hospital to help them meet the community need. Nurse Lori Mann was part of the team in the emergency room on the day of the blast:

Oral tape of Lori Mann, RN

“The biggest comment I can make is the way the hospital staff, the residents of not only Henderson, Las Vegas, surrounding areas, clear from Arizona, the local grocery stores, just came out for this hospital to help us in a way none of us would ever have expected. Albertson's grocery store sent over chicken and ice cause they knew we wouldn't have any way to cool. We were all expecting a lot of burns because of the fires. Arizona sent up a helicopter for our use if we needed it. I have a friend who works at Sunrise Hospital.

They had organized and set aside a couple of dozen nurses that they could spare, that either lived out here, or had family out here that they might be concerned about...Somebody showed up at our back door with a truck full of oxygen...All the surrounding doctor's offices in the medical professional buildings were here to help us...People just bent over backwards to help us through that crisis, and as big a crisis as it was, I don't think it could have run any smoother.”

Narrator:

Community leader Dorothy Vondenbrink adds her thoughts on the Pepcon Explosion:

Oral tape of Dorothy Vondenbrink

“Well they always knew the hospital was important, but to have a hospital right here when you had an explosion and people were hurt and St. Rose was wonderful. They opened their doors, people came in and volunteered; it was just a really great experience for the City. Everybody in the town pulled together during the pepsin blast. Not only was the hospital like the center with everybody coming here and having it readily available for all the emergencies, but also the people came together as almost a family. Anybody that's home was damaged or store fronts damaged with the windows blown out, people went around and boarded up for them.

Everybody helped each other and to me that's what Henderson is all about and that's the reason I like having a hospital here and St. Rose particularly the Dominican Sisters have a commitment to caring and there's a love there that you don't get in other hospitals.”

(A Decade of Change: 1980-1990)

In 1988, the hospital in Henderson, Nevada joined in co-sponsorship of Catholic Healthcare West. Known also as "CHW, this health care organization united the efforts of the Sisters of Mercy of Auburn, California, the Sisters of Mercy of Burlingame, California, and the Dominican Sisters of Adrian, Michigan. This unification of a shared commitment to provide quality, compassionate health care would place St. Rose de Lima on the threshold of becoming a primary health care resource in southern Nevada

Community leader Louis La Porta speaks of the decision to affiliate with Catholic Healthcare West:

Oral tape of Louis F. La Porta

"I don't remember what year it was, but it was probably in the 1980's that we decided to form a task force and that task force, of which I was a member of, went back to Adrian. We were in Denver, we visited a number of areas as a committee to find the best course the hospital should take. From that point, we decided that we would have to look for a group that we could merge with, a Catholic group. We looked more towards associating with non-profit Catholic hospitals here in the west. And after the consideration was given, there were two or three groups, the final determination was to cooperate with Catholic Healthcare West."

Narrator:

While Catholic Healthcare West has paved the way for St. Rose to expand services and collaborations, the original mission of providing, quality, compassionate healthcare has not changed. The sisters, staff and volunteers have worked together to insure that patients and their families receive spiritual support that strengthens and supports their faith. Nurse Lori Mann remembers a case that describes this goal:

Oral tape of Lori Mann, RN

"A very young couple lost a baby to SIDS. The paramedics brought the baby in, had done CPR on the baby, we did everything we could and we could not save the baby. Sister Veronica was with the family. As I was getting the chart together, there is a box that says what their religious preference is I noted that they were LDS. I know one of the paramedics, in fact he was the paramedic to first use CPR on the baby, and is a Mormon Bishop. I took him aside and said 'Do you mind if I go down and ask them if they need your services as a bishop? Maybe they need a blessing.'

He said 'Not at all,' so I went into, entered the quiet room where Sister Veronica was, asked the mother if she would like to see him and the expression I got from her, and I have talked to her since cause she has another child that I've taken care of here in the emergency room. That was the thing that she was most grateful for, that somebody recognized the fact that even though they weren't Catholic, there was a religious need that they needed that we were able to provide for them.

Narrator:

Taking care of the whole person, not just the physical being is deeply rooted in St. Rose Dominican Hospital where chaplains of all faith minister. Sister Marge Mehigan, board member of St. Rose Health Foundation and former director of Sponsorship for the Adrian Dominican Sisters describes the essence of pastoral care:

Oral tape Sister Marge Mehigan, O.P.

"Pastoral Care from the patients perspective—can be a connection with the mystical, a connection with the deepest dimension of one's being and the Higher Power. It's the ability to be with the patient to reflect on unfinished business, help mend the difficult parts, maybe arrange the meeting of family that hasn't been possible, comfort and soothe the anxiety."

Narrator:

One of the original physicians associated with the hospital, Karl Hazeltine, talks about the impact of pastoral care:

Oral tape of Karl Hazeltine, MD

"Helping them establish the-- sort of the art of medicine you might say, rather than the down to earth practicing of medicine. They have people that will come and help people get over grief and work with them and I think that is probably very nice. Helps people in a bad time of life to get through a psychological thing rather than the nuts and bolts medicine."

Narrator:

Sister Veronica, who came to the hospital in 1980 writes about the beginning of the pastoral care department at St. Rose and the relationship between this care, the patients, hospital employees and physicians. In her writing, she shares:

Voice Over:

“...like all new ventures, it was hard to convince the nurses and doctors of our services. They were satisfied with the status quo....They felt we were invading their territory and then, what doctor readily admits he could use help! There was a struggle. Here I would come and the nurse would be thinking, ‘What are you doing in my room? What are you doing with these patients?’ So we planned and we seized every opportunity we could with meetings and with one-on-one encounters, anytime we could explain our services.....Nurses have always tried to support the dying and their families but their nursing roles took priority. When the nurses were not busy, they could take time to sit with a patient. But when they were pressed with nursing duties, they couldn’t.

Narrator:

During an interview Sister Veronica relates an interesting narrative.

Oral Tape of Sr. Veronica:

I remember one case. This woman came in with a terminal case of emphysema. She was extremely sick and I forgot what the doctors then discovered that she had but she needed surgery at once. She talked with me about it privately and then she said to the doctor, ‘I do not want surgery.’ And the doctor said, ‘Well, I have to tell you that if you can’t have surgery, within the hour it will be too late to do it and you’ll die of it.’ And for her to be able to say, ‘Yes, doctor, but I’m going to die anyway and I’m not going to have surgery. They’ll end up putting me on the respirator and I won’t be able to talk and I’m going to die anyway.’ The doctor respected her decision completely and sat by her bedside and held her hand. I was on the other side. The doctor waited and he would sigh and say, ‘Now are you sure you don’t want to change your mind? What does your husband say about this?’ She looked at him and said, ‘It’s my decision and when he comes, I’m going to tell him. He’ll back me up.’

So the doctor canceled the surgery. But he came back to be with her and to see the husband. When the husband came he was heart broken and asked, ‘Are you sure?’ And again she replied, ‘I’m going to die anyway and this way we can talk until I do.’ And then the doctor promised her, ‘I will keep you out of pain. Now that you tell me you’re not going to go into surgery, I can give you heavy medication because it doesn’t matter anymore.’ And so he did. He followed her closely. She made all her preparations. She prepared her burial services even chose the hymns she wanted.

I was with her and she said, 'This is what I want you to do and this is what we're going to do.' She remained peaceful and calm to the end. And her husband, said, 'I'll be by you.' And he stayed with her. She died the next morning, very early in the morning..."

Narrator:

Many who speak about the hospital over the years recall the "womenspirit" and the strong values and commitment to mission inspired by the early Adrian Dominicans and carried out by the nurses and other women who worked and volunteered at the hospital.

Sister Veronica summarizes what many of the individuals interviewed for this project have also described:

Oral tape of Sr. Veronica and interviewer:

John "Sister, will you give me the first word or phrase that comes to your mind when you think of St. Rose? It's the caring. Not the care of making beds, passing out pills but the true concern. It goes beyond good care that is given to the patients, their families and the employees. It's a special feeling...a special caring...a special spirit. You really feel that spirit when you walk in the hospital, don't you. Yes, the volunteers have it, the employees have it. It's everywhere. Our whole orientation of new employees is based on our values, philosophy and mission. The dignity of each person, the respect due to each person, the need for compassion for all are emphasized. We look at each new employee as a new co-worker joining us to carry on the philosophy and mission of the hospital. Hopefully they are not hired for a job but for a mission. In time we see the employees carrying out our mission and philosophy without us."

Narrator:

Sandra Cromwell, RN, currently Vice President of Nursing for St. Rose Dominican Hospital, adds her comments about the special culture at St. Rose:

Oral tape of Sandra Cromwell, RN

"I see St. Rose as not changing. I think part of that is our values and our mission. I see that not changing because that is the bed rock of not only our existence but it should be the bed rock of any health care assistance."

Narrator:

In addition to providing traditional healthcare, St. Rose has developed a strong program of outreach into the community. From her reflection, Sister Marge Mehigan writes of this larger mission and the importance of the non profit hospital:

(Voice Over)

“I think that non profits need to collaborate more and need to come together around shared values of quality, compassionate care, and they need to strengthen their services for each community served. We’re just inundated with investor owned hospitals. St. Rose continues to strengthen its market share and position with increased community support. There is a lot of effort, time, money and energy being put into meeting the changing healthcare needs. Hopefully, we’ve always been conscience of the people that we serve in each geographic area, but it’s a much higher priority today.

For instance the Health Clinic across the street, the mental health resources, and perhaps transitional housing for low income women and children are just some of the ways St. Rose has responded to the needs of the community. Other outreach efforts, too numerous to list are up and running – bringing “good news” to at high risk children, expectant mothers, the homeless, poor, etc.

Future Frontiers

Narrator

Over the many years, the spirit and mission based values inspired by the original seven Dominican Sisters, continues to be a hallmark of service at St. Rose Dominican Hospital. This legacy of the pioneering women whose lived spirituality developed deep roots here will continue into the new Millennium

Dr. Joel Bower, Medical Director of the hospital reflects on how that spirit is to be evident in leadership at the hospital now and in the future:

Oral tape of Dr. Joel Bower:

“It is very important because it comes from the top down. This is not something you learn from the bottom up. But it comes from the top down so that if the CEO or whomever or the Board of Trustees did not espouse the same philosophy and were leaning more towards the materialistic side as opposed to the mission side where we are, I think we would have a much more difficult time.”

Narrator:

We, *the Women of St. Rose* recognize that spirit of care and compassion, of collaboration and excellence, of dedication and devotion that was brought to our community by the early pioneering Dominican Sisters. It continues to flourish today in all who serve at St. Rose Dominican Hospital. As we work together to immerse ourselves in our local communities and the times in which we live now, we seek to answer the following:

- Where will the new frontiers call us to respond?
- Who will be invited to collaborate with us as we attempt to reach these frontiers?
- Will we trust that God will continue to give us a generous pioneering spirit also?
- What shall our future be?

We trust that the Spirit will continue to lead us and be with us as we go forward!

Closing – Rod A. Davis

tape of Rod A. Davis, President and CEO, St. Rose Dominican Hospital

“Thank you for reviewing *Women of St. Rose*. I hope you found the storytelling both meaningful and inspirational. Documenting our past history and the people who have walked the path before us paves the way for confronting future challenges in our healthcare ministry.

I trust that St. Rose Dominican Hospital will continue to be a leader in confronting the challenges of health care we face in our community every day. As we work to build a healthier community, we can draw inspiration from those who have come before us, ever mindful of the visionary and pioneering spirit of the Adrian Dominican Sisters and others who joined them in a shared ministry of quality, compassionate healthcare.”



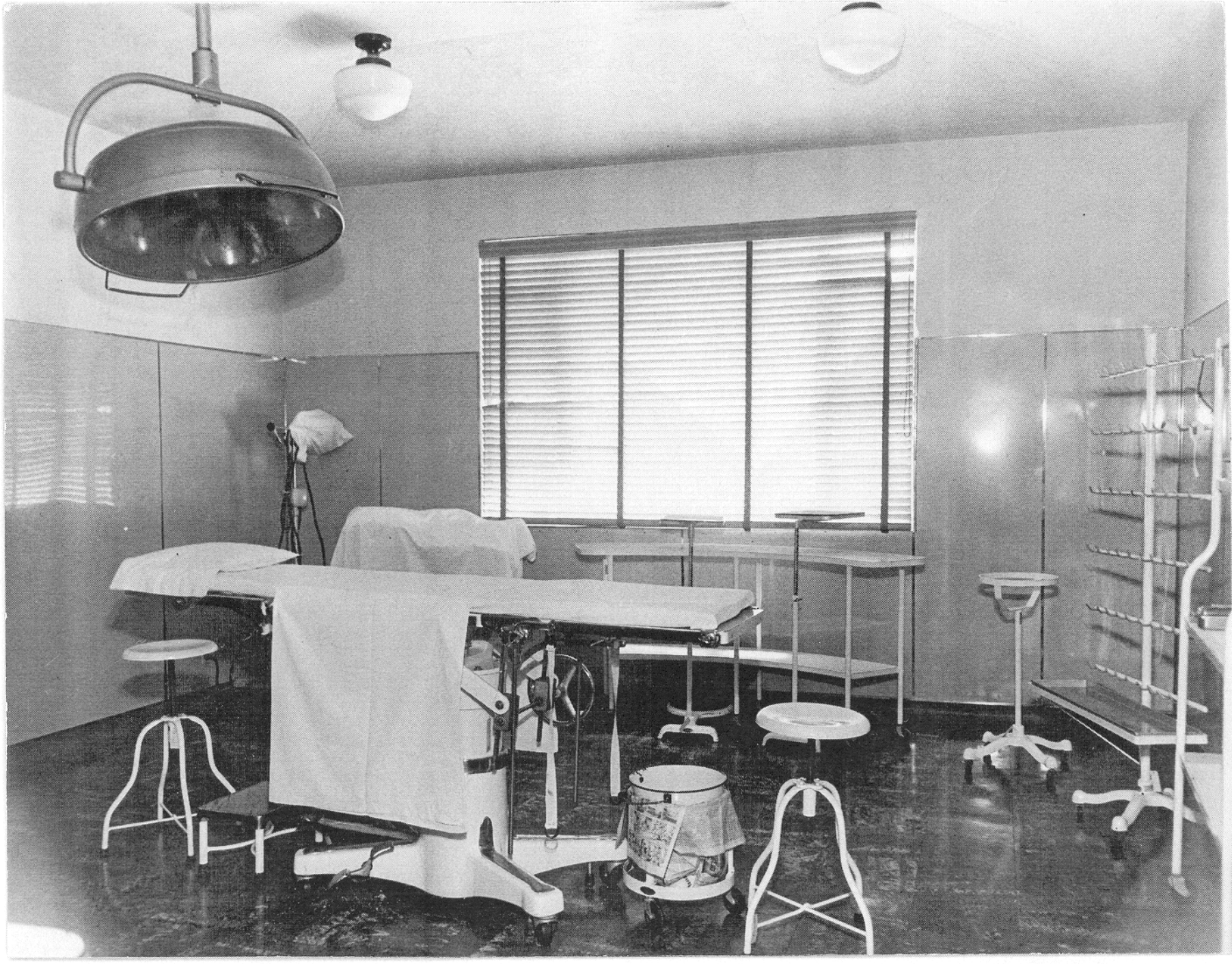
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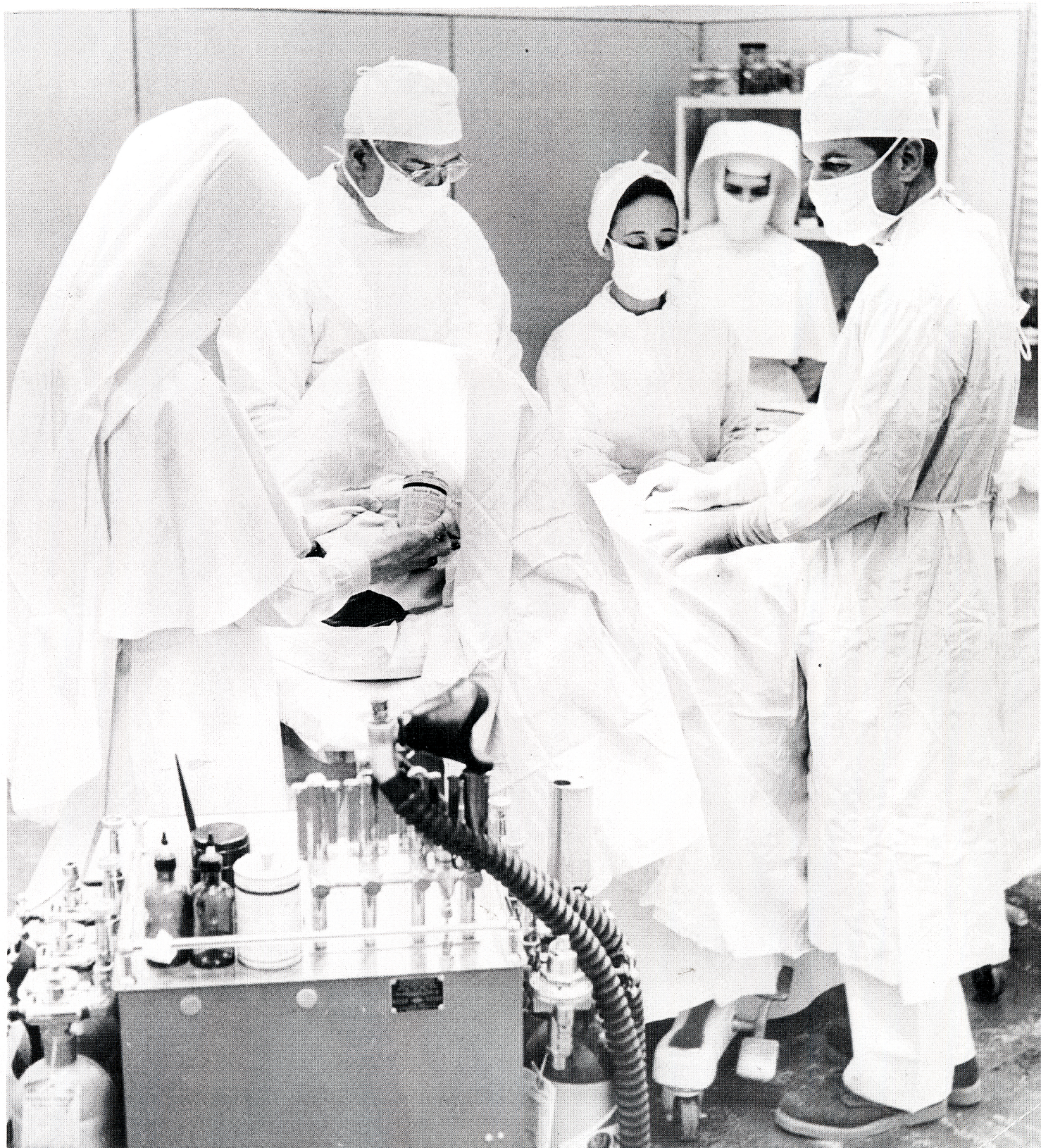

























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