

Reno's High Society 'Medical Mansion'

Dr. Hood and his family lived at the corner of Ridge Street and Nixon Avenue in a home (photo) built by Dr. Claudius West, who was also a prominent early Reno physician (West was licensed in Nevada in 1901). The house was built in 1921 as an addition to the Nixon Mansion and later became known as the "Medical Mansion." The Hood family acquired it in the 1930s and enlarged it to seven bedrooms and eight baths. In 1935, heiress Barbara Woolworth Hutton married the second of her seven husbands, Count Kurt Haugwitz-Reventlow, in the house. Hutton later

married Cary Grant.

Dr. Arthur James 'Bart' Hood II was the son of William Henry Hood, who had Nevada medical license #1. Bart was raised in Reno and graduated from the University of Nevada and the University of Stanford's Medical School. He began his medical practice in Reno in 1921 and most of his thirty-six years of medical practice was in surgery. (*Greasewood Tablettes*, Spring 1996 highlights Bart's life.)

Dr. Hood's second marriage was to Elizabeth Charlton whose family made a fortune in Woolworth five-and-dime stores, and whose father was the

By Anton Sohn, MD

wealthiest man in Boston. Bart had two stepchildren and two children with her. He died October 23, 1980 of a renal tumor.

Dr. Hood's medical bag (photo) was donated to the School of Medicine by David Quest, who acquired it from Dr. Hood's widow, Juliet.

Doctoring in Nevada

This past spring we released our thirteenth and latest book, *Doctoring in Nevada*, which is on the recent history of medicine in Nevada. We tell the stories of doctors who are currently practicing in our state or who have recently practiced here. This cross section of fifty-seven Nevada physicians shows dedication and commitment to improving the healthcare of all Nevadans. There will be a book signing at the School of Medicine's alumni homecoming on October 25 at 530 pm in the Center for Molecular Medicine. The 330-page book is available from the



Dr. Bart Hood's Medical Bag



Hood's High Society Medical Mansion

Nevada History of Medicine Foundation, Inc., 1640 Manzanita Lane, Reno, NV 89509 for \$25 plus \$3 shipping.

Dr. Joe George's 100th Birthday and Scholarship Announcement

By Anton Sohn, MD

One of our most loyal readers, Joseph Mathias George, turned 100 on May 20, 2013. We have received several letters from him over the years, and the most recent was written on his 99th birthday. I had the privilege of attending his 100th birthday in Las Vegas. Joe was born in Sudlersville, Maryland and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1934. After medical school at the University of Maryland, he served in the US Army Air Corp during WWII.

In 1946, Dr. George settled in Las Vegas, where he had a distinguished career. He was president of the Nevada State Medical Association in 1966 and was widely recognized for his contributions to his community and medicine. His Daughter, June, graduated from UNSOM in 1986 and is a surgeon in Anchorage, Alaska. Approximately 130 friends and former patients attended the birthday event. Many attendees were "old timers" whom he had delivered.

A scholarship has been set up at the School of Medicine to commemorate his dedication to medicine. Donations can be made payable to UNR Foundation with reference to the Joseph M. George, Jr. M.D. Endowed Scholarship Fund. Mail a check to UNSOM, Director of Development Christina Sarman/530, Reno, NV 89557. You can give credit card information to her at 775-784-6009 or at <christinas@unr.edu>



Dr. Sohn and Dr. Joe George

Nevada and National Rural Health Day November 21, 2013, at Former Saint Mary Louise Hospital in Virginia City

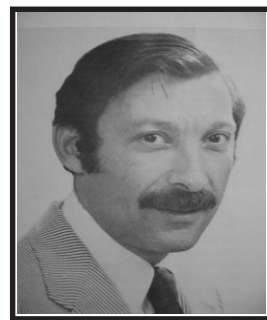
In recognition of Nevada's and the National Rural Health Day and in conjunction with the upcoming celebration of the sesquicentennial founding of the State of Nevada, the University of Nevada School of Medicine and the State Office of Rural Health will honor Nevadans whom have made significant contributions to healthcare in rural Nevada. UNSOM is recognizing individuals in healthcare, education, government, or our state legislature, who have shown dedication to improving health in rural/frontier Nevada over a period of years. Those selected will be recognized at a special ceremony November 21 at the former Saint Mary Louise Hospital in Virginia City.

Former Dean Ernie Mazzaferri, MD (1936-2013)

Former Dean of the University of Nevada School of Medicine, Ernest Mazzaferri (photo), died at home in Henderson, Nevada on May 14 after

fighting Alzheimer's disease. Ernie graduated from Ohio State School of Medicine, served in the US Air Force, and taught briefly at Ohio State before he came to Nevada in 1978.

As chairman of internal medicine, the School and its students recognized him as an outstanding teacher. In 1979, Dean Tom Scully became ill and Ernie became the interim dean for two years. Dr. Mazzaferri was recognized nationally for his research and teaching abilities. Ohio State recruited him from UNSOM to be chairman of internal medicine, and he remained there until he retired in 1999.



Ernie Mazzaferri, M.D. (1936 - 2013)

Richard Fulstone Memorial at the School of Medicine

Dr. Mary Fulstone's son Richard died at the age of eighty-five on August 7, 2013. Dr. Mary and her family were original supporters of the school, and she was an early mentor to students. **The family has asked that donations be made payable to UNR Foundation with reference to the Dr. Mary Fulstone Endowment Fund in memory of Richard Fulstone. Mail your check to UNSOM, Director of Development Christina Sarman/530, Reno, NV 89557. You can give credit card information to her at 775-784-6009 or at <christinas@unr.edu>**

Outstanding UNSOM Teacher Dr. Ken Maehara Dies 26 August

Ken Maehara, longtime pathology professor, died on Aug. 26, 2013, with his family by his side.

He was the first Japanese-American child born at the relocation center in Portland Oregon, where his parents were sent after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. The family was transfer shortly after his birth to the Minidoka Relocation Center in Idaho.

Ken received his PhD in immunology at Washington State University. He came from UNR's medical technology program to each clinical pathology. He took the pathology course with the class of 1993 and passed with an 'A.' The next year, he took over a huge portion of the teaching responsibilities for the course, where he used the Socratic method of teaching

It is not an overstatement to say that most graduates of our school for the last 20 years have at least one memory of Dr. Maehara. He was demanding, funny, caring and put up with no nonsense. Ken took his job of preparing students for Year III seriously by following students on hospital rounds to be sure he was integrating his teaching with clinical medicine. This approach foreshadowed by 20 years the most recent curriculum reform the School of Medicine has implemented.

He received the Outstanding Basic Science Teacher for 17 of the 22 years he taught at the School of Medicine, a record

of Medicine, received the Outstanding Teaching Award for the Division of Health Science and was a recipient or finalist for F. Donald Tibbetts Distinguished Professor Award in four separate years.

He was recognized for his accomplishments off-campus as well, receiving the Nevada Healthcare Hero in Education award from the Nevada Business Magazine in 2009.

Ken served as a long-time member of the admissions committee, subsequently chaired the committee and then served as the Assistant Dean for Admissions beginning 2008. He was the source of invaluable counsel to staff and faculty members.

He served for more than 20 years as the protocol chief for the annual hooding ceremony, making sure students were on time and lined up correctly, and that regents, university presidents, and CEOs were seated and briefed on the ceremony timing and logistics. Yet, with all that, he knew it was the students who mattered the most that day.

Ken transferred to the emeriti ranks this past May.

He is survived by his wife, Deb Chase; mother, Kazuko; sister, Janice Milton; brother, Jerry; son Rusty, daughter Tanya, grandchildren Cobi, Evyn and Alyssa and stepsons Matt and Christopher Chase.

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Dr. Lupan presenting Dr. Maehara with the Outstanding UNSOM teacher award. He received this award 17 out of his 22 years at the School of Medicine.

which made him one of our toughest professors, but one from whom the students often learn the most.

He served the University of Nevada, Reno for 36 years, beginning in 1977, with the last 22 of those years at the School of Medicine as the Course Coordinator for Pathology in Year II.

number of honors by students who described him as one their most demanding professors. Once students began third year, however, most understand the purpose of his high expectations. He is a two-time honoree for outstanding teacher for the School

John Marvel (1926 - 2013) Scholarship Established at the School

By Bob Daugherty, MD

During my twenty years as dean of UNSOM, one of the school's best friends was John Marvel. John was a quiet man, small in stature, but with a large heart and a strong commitment to education and the School of Medicine. From my first legislative session in 1981 through my last in 1999, John was always available for advice, counsel, and plain talk. During the 1980s, he would express concern and ask, "Are those guys from Las Vegas treating you right?" As a member and eventually a chair of the

Assembly Ways and Means Committee, he would ask what additional funds the School needed. He and Speaker Joe Dini always watched over and protected our budget requests.

However, there was one major issue we fought and lost. Not even John and his behind-the-scenes oversight could get legislation passed allowing the school to obtain tissue from dogs that had been euthanized by the dog pound. Despite John's leadership in introducing the bill with Joe Dini and Virgil Getto, we could not overcome public opposition led by the animal rights group in the state. We were often bemused about that one battle we lost.

John Marvel died March 16, 2013. His beloved wife, Willie, died thirty-eight days later.

John deserves to be acknowledged as one of the fathers of the School of Medicine. Without his unwavering support and care for the school, we would not have grown and succeeded in the 1980s. John is a friend I shall miss!

Donations can be made payable to UNR Foundation with reference to the John Marvel Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Marvel scholarship will be used to support rural Nevada students. Mail your check to UNSOM, Director of Development Christina Sarman/530, Reno, NV 89557. You can give credit card information to her at 775-784-6009 or at <christinas@unr.edu>

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