

## HISTORY OF MEDICINE MUSEUM

On December 16, 2016, Dean Thomas L. Schwenk designated the Anton P. & Arlene A. Sohn Great Basin History of Medicine Museum to be located in the Doctors Hood History of Medicine Library. In July, eight new showcases were added to the Museum, increasing the exhibits capacity by 23%. The photograph shows two showcases. In addition, a free guide booklet is being printed and will be available in the Museum this fall.



## Fifty Years of Dedication to Excellence: UNR School of Medicine

By Robert M. Daugherty

On March 25, 1969, Nevada Governor Paul Laxalt announced on the floor of the Nevada State Assembly that he received a telegram from Howard Hughes giving \$200,000 a year for twenty years to create a Nevada School of Medicine. Governor Laxalt's announcement came just before a vote on Assembly Bill 130 permitting UNR to establish a School of Medical Sciences.

The vote passed along north/south lines. Founding Dean Dr. George Smith told Dr. Sohn that the bill passed by two votes (*Better Medicine*, pg. 23). Others told me when I became Dean in 1981 that it passed by one vote. In the early 1980s as I traveled across the state describing the School of Medicine to multiple groups and relating the story of the one vote passage – more than one former legislator would stand up and say, “I was that one vote.”

Sciences was created, the first class of 32 students entered in 1971. The north/south support lines have continued over the years since that 1969 vote. On my first day as Dean in 1981 I presented the School's budget to the combined Senate Finance and Assembly Ways and Means committee and encountered the following comments/questions: “The school is an albatross around the neck of the state and we could save money if we bought every student a Ferrari and sent them to an out of state medical school”, “Dr. Daugherty, I hope you haven't sold your home in Indiana to move to Nevada”, “Dr. Daugherty, I hope you haven't bought a home in Nevada.”

We prevailed; but the north-south division continues to this day, as evidenced by the recent creation of the UNLV School of Medicine in the south.

After the School of Medical

## Upcoming Fifty-Year School of Medicine Celebration

To celebrate and honor the 1969 creation of the UNR School of Medicine, Dean Schwenk and the school are planning a series of events in 2018 and 2019. Starting with the 2018 Hooding, the school will celebrate fifty years of dedication to excellence in the School of Medicine. We will provide updates in *Greasewood Tablettes* in the coming months.

In anticipation of these celebratory events, we are asking you, our readers, to send us your recollections and memories of the 50 years in order to archive and share your thoughts with others.

## Delamar Ghost Town



*Follow up to last issue of Silicosis in Delamar. Only a few ruins remain of Delamar's storied past.*

## Dr. Donald Mousel Lounge

The Lounge at the entry of the History of Medicine Library/Museum is named to honor the late Dr. Donald Mousel (1930-1994). While in the U.S. Navy he was a friend of Dr. Ronald Cudek and instrumental in Cudek coming to Reno. Dr. Cudek was a medical school classmate of Dr. Anton Sohn, and he, in turn, recruited Sohn to come to Reno in 1968.

Dr. Donald K. Mousel was born in Hastings, Nebraska, went to Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington, and graduated from McGill University School of Medicine in 1958. He did his internship and residency in ophthalmology at the Washington Medical Center, Washington, D.C. Dr. Mousel served in the U.S. Navy in Key West, Florida, before moving to Reno in 1965 to become the first pediatric ophthalmologist in Nevada.

Dr. Mousel made expeditions to the Caribbean, Mexico, Central America, and New Guinea to treat underserved eye patients. He had many local interests including serving on the Board of Directors of the Reno Chamber Orchestra and the Community Concert Society. Dr. Mousel also enjoyed outdoor sports such as trekking, whitewater rafting, and skiing.

He held teaching appointments at Nevada's School of Medicine and University of California San Francisco's School of Medicine. In addition, he was

on many national committees including the Chairman of the Committee for the Prevention of Blindness Society. The Nevada State Medical Association awarded the Nevada Physician of the Year to Dr. Mousel in 1983 for his community service. For his involvement in humanitarian causes and being a role model for medical students, the Lounge in the History of Medicine Library/Museum is named in his honor.

## Drs. Robert and Sandra Daugherty Reading Room

Robert M. Daugherty was Dean of the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine for twenty years. He was born in Missouri in 1934 and graduated from the University of Kansas School of Medicine in 1960. He completed a residency in internal medicine at the University of Oklahoma where he also obtained a PhD.

Dr. Robert Daugherty came to Nevada in 1981 after the school transitioned to a four-year program and helped to assure its success. He recruited renowned clinical and basic sciences chairs, developed a campus in southern Nevada, managed hospital relations with public, private, and VA affiliates, built strong rural outreach programs, and oversaw the development of statewide residency programs.

While Nevada's medical school Dean, he built educational, research, and clinical enterprises,

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## **Drs. Robert and Sandra Daugherty Reading Room**

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and was instrumental in securing space for the History of Medicine Library/Museum. For his efforts, the Reading Room is named to honor him and his wife Sandra. Dr. Daugherty retired from the School of Medicine in 1999. Currently, he is co-editor of *Greasewood Tablettes*.

## **Dr. Owen C. Bolstad Conference Room**

Dr. Bolstad (1921-2002) was born Appleton, Minnesota. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1941, served with the 34<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in North Africa and Europe, and rose to the rank of staff sergeant before his discharge in 1945. After earning his MD degree from the University of Minnesota School of Medicine in 1951, Dr. Bolstad practiced family medicine for ten years before deciding on a career in pathology. In 1966 he moved to Reno and became a partner in Western Clinical Laboratories, and in 1971 he was a founding partner of Laboratory Medicine Consultants.

When he retired in 1982, he pursued his interest in history of medicine at the University of Nevada, Reno School of Medicine and was important in the success of the History of Medicine program. He and Dr. Anton Sohn were the founders of Nevada's Great Basin History of Medicine at the School of Medicine. Dr. Bolstad was the first editor of *Greasewood Tablettes*. The

first book he sponsored was an oral history of Dr. Leslie Moren, who lived in Elko.

Dr. Bolstad had a lifelong interest in outdoor activities that included hunting from his duck camp near Fallon, upland bird hunting with his friend Dr. Leslie Moren in Elko, and hunting with Roy Hogan and Anton Sohn in Nevada and Idaho. He also was an active member of the U.S. Navy League. For his role in Nevada's Great Basin History of Medicine, the Conference Room in the Library/Museum is named in his honor.

## **From Our Readers/People of Note**

### *1. From Jarrett DeCorte*

I'm writing to you today in reference to the most recent "Gem of Discovery" mentioned in the UNR School of Medicine *Greasewood Tablettes*.

Upon reading this article about Dr. Swank, it came as quite a surprise to realize that the person who wrote the letter in Dr. Swank's bag was my late grandmother, Dorothy George, spouse of my late grandfather Doctor Joseph George in Las Vegas. I had to reread it several times as I felt like it was a mistake seeing her name there at the bottom of the letter. Very fascinating the true gems you find from the past!

At the time this letter was written, I was 8 years old. Today I

currently live in the George family home in Las Vegas that my grandparents moved into in the 1950s. My grandparents were indeed good friends of the Swank family. It was a delight to read this and see both of them mentioned in history. Thank you for sharing, as I felt compelled to share my story with you.

### *2. From Kirsten A. Hertz, Admin. Asst. Pershing General Hospital*

I am writing for a couple of reasons in regard to your publication. First, please update the contact for Pershing General Hospital to: Patricia Bianchi, CEO, P.O. Box 661, Lovelock, NV 89419. Second, I would like to include the article "Gold Mines to Ghost Towns: Silicosis in "Nevada" and the American West" in our employee newsletter. As we have several mines located near Lovelock as well as our ability to perform Occupational Health testing related to silicosis, this would be a great addition. Thanks so much!

### *3. From Stacey Hudson, MD, Whom the Editor Recently Met at the Private Terminal at the Reno Airport*

I went to UNR undergraduate (1988-1991) as well as MBA (2015-2017). My internship was at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN (1999). My Residency was also at the Mayo Clinic (1999-2003). I practice all areas of ENT but focus mainly on Sinus and Rhinology (Advanced ENT – Sinus Center).

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## History Making News

1. Nevada State Medical Association Annual State Meeting was August 25<sup>th</sup> at the Renaissance Reno Hotel. Highlights included: The Suicide Prevention credited CME, NSMA honored Incoming President Steven Parker, M.D., Timothy Coughlin, M.D., recipient for Community Service Award, and Ronald Smith, M.D., Ph.D., recipient for the Schreck Award.
2. Dr. Marcus Erling was named medical director of the Nevada State Public Health Laboratory July 1, 2017.

## Book Donors Honor Roll

The Doctors Hood History of Medicine Library was created in 1996 and the Grand Opening was May 7, 2002. Over fifty individuals have contributed books with some editions being published in the 1700s. Unfortunately, not all of the donors have been identified because some books were left at the pathology office and we didn't record the donor. The following list records donors up to 2017: Dr. Frederick Anderson, Mrs. Pat Barry (Ft. Bidwell), Dr. Emanuel Berger, Dr. Louis Bergeron, David & Tom Black, Dr. Thomas Brady, Dr. Willard Bross, Linda Clift/Dr. F. Anderson, J. & Evon Dack/Dr. D. Hood, Dr. David Dapra, Dr. Robert Daugherty, Dr. John Davis, Riki Diamond, Dr. Art DiSalvo, John Evam, Dr. Jack Flanary, Dr. George Furman, Dr. Stephen Grace, Dr. James Greenwald, Dr. Thomas Hall, Dr. John Hamlin, Pamela Hoyos/Dr. Pollack, Dr. Glenn Hum, Dr. William Keeler, Dr. Donald W. King, John Kvam, Stephen Leonard, UNR Getchell Library, Cary Lurie/Dr. Art Lurie, Dr. Ernest Mack, Dr. Kenneth Maclean, Dr. George Manillo, Robert Martz, Dr. Charles Marshall, Eric Moody, Carol Mousel/Dr. D. Mousel, Dr. Ira Pauly, Dr. George Prutzman, Dr. Roger Ritzlin, Dr. Frank Roberts, Louise Russell/Dr. L. Russell, Dr. Elwood Schmidt, Dr. William Scott, Dr. Thomas Scully, Dr. Elizabeth Small, Dr. George Smith, Dr. Anton Sohn, Dawn Stokes/Dr. Frank Stokes, Dr. Paul Wiig, Dr. David Williams, Dr. John Woodbridge.

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