

# \$1.4 Million Has Been Raised For Dominican Hospital Expansion

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More than \$1.4 million has been raised so far to help pay for Dominican Santa Cruz Hospital's \$20-million, 115-bed expansion.

The contributions in the form of cash donations and pledges to the capital fund drive being conducted by the Dominican Hospital Foundation were announced Thursday by Ernest Dillon, its president, at the Foundation's annual banquet at Aptos Seascap.

The news was received with cheers and applause by some 160 members and friends.

But Robert Swenson and Carl Conelly, co-chairmen of the Foundation's fund-raising drive, made it clear they expect to raise much more money in the public phase of the drive that begins today.

The Foundation has pledged to raise at least \$2 million of the total \$20 million needed.

"With Ernie and Al Castagnola, Foundation executive director, as the catalyst," Conelly said, "I wouldn't be surprised if we raised \$3 million."

Swenson said: "You can be very sure that we will be approaching our purveyors and contractors, our businesses and our industries."

Earlier this week Dillon had reported that for every dollar raised by the Foundation, Dominican will save three dollars over the 30-year financing period. "If we can raise \$3 million, they can save \$9 million," Dillon said.

Dillon drew laughter and applause when he finally put an end to the reporting of 22 cents as part of the total money received. He did that by jumping up and giving 78 cents to Conelly to complete another dollar.

The advance campaign was conducted "in house," meaning among persons associated with the hospital. The Dominican Auxiliary pledged \$250,000, employees \$125,000, the medical-dental staff \$500,000, the Foundation and board members \$500,000. Included in the latter total was some \$160,000 from the hospital and Foundation boards of directors.

Now the general public will be given an opportunity to join what Dominican terms "a growing partnership" of the hospital and the people it serves.

"For 40 years the Adrian Dominican Sisters and the people of this area have been partners in health," Dillon said. "This expansion is the maturing of our growing partnership."

The Foundation members and friends came early and stayed late and heard gratifying reports about the accomplishments of the Foundation during the past year. Dillon called it "the greatest year in the history of the Foundation." He said the Foundation had received some \$1.09 million for the hospital.

The Foundation sponsored monthly health screening clinics free to the public, instituted a new cancer therapy program, sponsored the Focus on Health film series attended by thousands here, sponsored Project SAVE in conjunction with the Live Oak Senior Center

and the county Health Services Agency, and conducted estate planning seminars, Dillon said.

Plaques for the Pediatric Memorial Unit were awarded to the widows of the men being honored: Libby Blaton, Mary Person, Joan Yurich and Betty Elward. A tribute to the memory of Dr. Jim Blanton, Dr. Douglas Person, Dr. Eugen Yurich and Mark Elward was given by Dr. Eice Dunn. They also were remembered in the invocation by Sister Catherine DeClercq, general councilor of the Adrian Dominican Generalate. Remembered also by her were the late Sondo Bosso, Mary Greene, Dr. David Maeth and James Mason.

Plaques for its successful Project SAVE program, which teaches basic first aid and CPR to students at the general public, went to Maria Finegan, Dominican's paramedic coordinator, Capt. Miketchell of the Live Oak Fire Department and Marshal Eldon Nagel of the Santa Cruz Fire Department.

A special plaque went to Clay Lawson for dedicated service to the Foundation.

Also honored were Mary Fisher, auxiliary president, Margoe, past president of the auxiliary, Dr. L. Wileman, Ann Hunt and Barbara Grange for their outstanding aid with the fund drive.

Sister Josep, hospital president and chief executive officer, introduced State Sen. Henry Mello, assemblyman Sam Farr and thanked them for their support in Sacramento of Dominican's successful application to expand the hos