

Hospital Hospital Dominican Hospital Honors Trio

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Joseph Alcantara, Dr. Anthony E. Allegrini and Frank Murphy Sr. were honored Sunday by Dominican Santa Cruz Hospital for their "concern, leadership and support" that have "contributed in a unique way to the excellence of health care for Santa Cruz."

Appreciative plaques were awarded the three by Sister Josephine Sullivan in a surprise ceremony at Dominican's annual Christmas party in the Coconut Grove.

As the men approached the platform, the Jimmy Del Porto Orchestra saluted them with "When the Saints Come Marching In." And as they went up the platform steps they were given an ovation by some 500 attendees.

Nameplates honoring the three men will be mounted in the hospital just off the stairs on the second floor.

Later, the nameplates will be moved permanently into the new outpatient building now under construction.

Ralph Bargetto, vice president of the Dominican board of directors, told the crowd, in part:

"These men are copies of nobody. They are originals. They have given the thrust that helped to bring Dominican to where it is."

Sister Josephine awarded the plaques on behalf of the Mother

General of the Adrian Dominican Order, which owns and operates the hospital.

She saluted Alcantara "in deep gratitude for all the efforts you have expended in our behalf. She saluted Allegrini for "your Christlike concern," and she saluted Murphy for "the generous giving of time and effort to the many needs of Dominican Hospital."

Alcantara, the founder of the Baixe & Alcantara investment firm, is past president and member of the hospital's advisory board. He was chairman of the fundraising campaign for the new Dominican hospital, was instrumental in obtaining the old Santa Cruz Hospital for the Sisters and is a member of the Founder's Club.

Dr. Allegrini was Dominican's first Medical Chief of Staff and has been a staff member since 1941. He is a member of the Founder's Club and a trustee of the Dominican Hospital Foundation. He is also founder of the Santa Cruz Medical Clinic.

Murphy is a distinguished attorney who was honored recently with a party celebrating his 50th year as a member of the California Bar Association. He heads the Murphy, Black, Williams, Stevens and Book legal firm.

Murphy was the founder and first president of the Dominican Founder's Club and is a past president and a charter member of the hospital advisory board.



Joseph Alcantara, Sister Josephine Sullivan, Dr. Anthony Allegrini and Frank Murphy Sr., from left, at awards ceremony.