

An Interview with SCW Doctor Joe T. Hayashi

JOE T. HAYASHI, M.D., General Practice-Internal Medicine was born in Seattle, Washington and graduated St. Louis Medical School, Missouri in 1978. Dr. Hayashi did his residency at St. Joseph's Hospital, Phoenix during 1978-1981. He has established a private practice at the SCW Medical building located at 132902 Meeker Blvd. S.C.W. since 1981.

Dr. Hayashi is affiliated with Boswell Hospital. He is a resident of Glendale. In leisure hours, Joe Hayashi indulges in sports activities. Prior to becoming an M.D. he played basketball. Joe by his own admission, states his most compelling interest in his life is the patient to whom he's dedicated.

Dr. Hayashi says "SCW Medical building offers the convenience and assurance of "close to home" medical care by professionals like himself. There are other physicians housed at the Medical building offering medical specialties.

How To Select A Personal Physician

Dr. Hayashi advises that if you don't already have a personal physician, it is recommended that you seek one among internists or general practitioners. Many people devote more effort to choosing new clothes than to choosing physicians.

He further recommends that there be diligence in your search. The quality of your health care is at stake.

Look for a certified physician. Certification means that the doctor has undergone several years of additional training and passed a qualifying examination. That is valuable in itself; it is more so if it reflects a habit of continued learning.

Upon arrival in Arizona, Dr. Hayashi practiced as an independent contractor for Emergency Physicians Inc. This was prior to going into private practice. He is enjoying the Arizona climate and has decided to practice in the state of Arizona.



Consider hospital affiliations when selecting a personal physician. Dr. Hayashi is affiliated with Boswell Hospital exclusively. Needless to say hospitals afford a doctor contacts with colleagues and informal consultations. Most of a doctor's continuing education takes place in the hospital.

When considering a doctor, you might visit his or her office. Make an appointment for treatment of a routine problem or specifically for an exploratory talk. The conduct of doctor and staff, and the appearance of the office itself may help you decide.

Talk to the doctor.

Does he listen well? Dr. Hayashi has been listening to the patients very well...and tries to make his patients very comfortable. Patients do see themselves trusting him with a

serious problem or a major confidence. He is committed to preventive care. Dr. Hayashi does accept the role of being your partner in the management of your health, does take the time to work with you involving problems, counseling and teaching you, calling in outside sources when needed.

Ask Questions When Selecting A Personal Physician.

What about office hours? Dr. Hayashi's office is open Monday thru Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. weekend and vacation coverage? He does have another doctor available for weekends and vacations. This other physician does take responsibility during his absence and they work very well together. And how about staff members — are they trained, sympathetic, willing and able to listen, to explain, to instruct? Yes, the staff housed at SCW Medical Center meet all those qualifications.

The staff can be relied upon to relay messages and to reach the doctor in the event of need.

Quality is not assured by a prestigious address, ornate surroundings or the size of a fee, but rather by competence and commitment of the entire office to your care.

Dr. Hayashi says "Don't rely on medical sub-specialists for general care. A yearly check by a gynecologist, for example, is fine, but not for general advice. A gynecologist should prescribe medications for you only after discussing with your personal physician to avoid any drug interaction or duplication of therapy."

In considering a personal physician you will ultimately have to judge whether he regards medicine as more than the large and complicated business it has become in recent decades and whether his concern goes beyond the monetary aspects.

Dr. Hayashi does take the time to discuss test results with patients both on the phone and in person.

Lastly, he suggests checking with Health Services for background info about physicians and their affiliations, and for general information relating to your search for a personal physician.

Dr. Hayashi approves of physical fitness programs for the elderly. He states it helps them to stay physically fit as long as possible.

The residents of Sun City West are fortunate to have a highly-qualified dedicated doctor like Dr. Hayashi in the community.

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New dental office opens

A new dental office, opened by Drs. Jack Luftman and Stephen Lukase in Sun City West, is now fully equipped and completely operational, the dentists announced last week.

Luftman and Lukase, who also have a dental practice in Phoenix, will each work alternate days between their two offices.

All phases of dentistry, including surgery and temporo mandibular joint syndrome, can be handled at the Sun City West office, Luftman said.

He added the office is equipped to take care of handicapped persons.

TMG was explained as pain and headaches caused by dental problems.

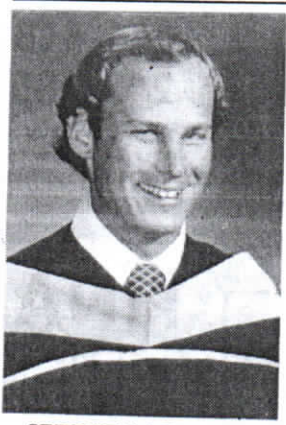
Luftman obtained his bachelor's and doctor of dental surgery degrees from the University of Toronto and had his own practice in Markham, Ontario, for nine years before moving to Phoenix in 1979.

He is a member of the American, Arizona, Canadian and Ontario Dental Associations; the Royal College of Dental Surgeons; and Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity. He also serves on the staff of John C. Lincoln Hospital.

LUKASE, a graduate of the University of San Diego, received his doctor of dental surgery degree from Georgetown University.

He has practiced dentistry for eight years and has been awarded licenses by six states, including Arizona, and Washington, D.C. He has been an Arizona resident the past four years.

Their Sun City West office is at 13540 Camino del Sol.



STEPHEN LUKASE



JACK LUFTMAN

Community to get 1st nursing home

By Susan Felt

Gazette Northwest Bureau

SUN CITY WEST — An Ohio-based nursing-home company plans to break ground for Sun City West's first nursing home by the first of next year.

Americare Corp. has purchased 3.87 acres at the northwest corner of Camino del Sol and Meeker Boulevard to build a 120-bed nursing home, pending financing and agency approval.

The \$3.65 million project already has been endorsed by Sun City West developer, the Del E. Webb Development Co., said Pamela Johnson, assistant director of development for Americare.

Americare, through a limited partnership called Sun

City West Health Care Co., received preliminary approval last week from Maricopa County Industrial Development Authority for a bond sale to finance construction of the complex the company wants to have completed by December 1984, Johnson said.

PORA will not endorse the project until board members review Americare's feasibility study and its financial record, PORA President Bob Williams said.

The nursing home will accommodate patients needing skilled, intermediate and personal care, Johnson said. In addition to nurses and a physician, foot, eye and dental doctors will be available on a consultant basis, she said.

She also said physical, recreational and occupational

therapy would be provided along with dietary, laundry and housekeeping services.

She quoted \$82 a day for semiprivate skilled care, \$38 a day for semiprivate personal care and \$60 a day for semiprivate intermediate care. The Sun City West nursing home is certified for Medicare insurance, she said.

A subsidiary of First Ohio Investment Group, Americare operates 19 nursing homes in Ohio, West Virginia and New Mexico, she said.

Johnson said research has indicated a need for 30 to 50 nursing home beds for every 1,000 residents in the surrounding health analysis region.

Although Williams won't dispute the need, he lamented "the event overtaking the planning."

Williams has been among those pushing for orderly growth of the 4-year-old retirement community to avoid the nursing home crisis Sun City faced when its residents needed nursing homes and none had been built, resulting in rampant building of facilities all at once.

However, before Sun City West could find out when, where and what kind of nursing homes were needed, a developer was at the doorstep with plans in hand, Williams said.

"We can't stop our planning . . . but we need orderly growth of this community," he said.

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West Medical Team Offers More Services

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THE SUN CITY WEST MEDICAL BUILDING, 13902 Meeker Blvd., now offers expanded services, according to Roy Anthes, manager of Sun City Patient Service, Inc. A cardiologist, a gastroenterologist, several internal medicine specialists and two pulmonary specialists are holding office hours on a rotating basis Monday through Friday from 8AM to 5PM. Phone is 975-1976. An Associated Ambulance Paramedic Team and a Rural Metro Fire Fighting unit have been located at the building since dedication in June and will remain there. In case of an emergency, both units can be reached at 939-3111. Additional physicians expected this month include an orthopedic surgeon, an ophthalmologist and a dermatologist. On hand for this photo and prepared to serve residents of Sun City West are, from left, Ron Singleton and Joe Ray of Rural Metro, receptionists Julie Strottman and Lois Treadway, nurse Cory Licata, manager Roy Anthes and Doug Roth and Gene Godoy of Associated Ambulance

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Paramedic unit to start service for SC West

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Arizona Medical Transport will station a paramedic unit with an ambulance on duty round-the-clock in Sun City West beginning June 1, said Larry Mullins, vice president for operations.

Emergency medical services will be headquartered in the Boswell Hospital building recently moved to a site at the outer edge of the developed community, off Johnson Boulevard.

Hospital personnel are in the process of refurbishing that building for physicians' offices and firefighters' headquarters as well as emergency medical personnel.

The initial AMT staff will consist of one paramedic and one emergency medical technician and will be upgrad-

ed to two paramedics as demand there increases, Mullins said.

Cost of the operation, between \$200,000 and \$250,000 annually, will be borne by the non-profit corporation, AMT, and will not be a part of the Sun City West Fire Board budget.

User fees of \$69 for basic calls, plus fees for specific additional services, will be charged. AMT's decision to begin serving Sun City West was based on a commitment to the area rather than the number of calls expected, Mullins said.

AMT is the parent corporation of Associated Ambulance, which will be the entity running the new operation, and of Survival Flight, an emergency helicopter service.

SCW center gets doctors

7-31-81

The first doctors to set up shop in the newly dedicated Sun City West medical building will open their doors for business on Monday.

Available will be a cardiologist, a gastroenterologist, several internal medicine specialists and two pulmonary disease specialists.

The center, at Johnson and Meeker boulevards, also houses Sun City West's fire and ambulance services.

Office hours will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

People interested in making appointments may call 975-1985.

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FOR MEDICAL FACILITY 2-19-81

Land acquired in SCW

By FRAN SMITH
Staff Writer

Plans for medical office facilities in Sun City West moved forward this week with the completion of negotiations for land acquisition by a subsidiary of the company that owns Boswell Memorial Hospital.

A 9.8-acre parcel south of Johnson Boulevard, on the east side of Meeker Boulevard between Johnson and Camino del Sol, will be used for the Sun City West Medical Arts Facility. The complex is to be patterned after Sun City's Thunderbird Medical Arts Center.

A temporary, portable building will be set up soon until the permanent facility can be constructed.

The land is being acquired from the Del E. Webb Development Co. by Western Maricopa Health Care Facilities Inc., a newly formed division of Inter-Community Health Care of Arizona, which owns and operates Boswell and the Lakeview and Thunderbird centers.

Services will include physicians' offices, a pre-admit office for Boswell, laboratory, radiology, physical therapy and emergency treatment.

The property acquisition was announced jointly by John Meeker, president of Webb, and John Mead, president of Inter-Community Health Care. "This step opens up many opportunities for Western Maricopa Health Care Facilities to bring to Sun City West in the near future a range of planned services," Mead said.

Under the terms of the agreement, Webb will handle the management and leasing of the permanent facility. Leasing information is available from Phil Brant, 974-7390.

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Boswell plans facility in SCW

By FRAN SMITH
Staff Writer

Boswell Hospital plans tentatively to expand its services to Sun City West with the development of a medical office complex next year and construction of a hospital there by 1985, said Austin Turner, hospital administrator.

In a meeting kicking off the Tower Four Fund Campaign in Sun City West last week, Turner explained that hospital officials are exploring with the Del E. Webb Development Co. the feasibility of providing physicians' offices, a pre-hospital admittance office and other supporting medical services on a site across Johnson Road from the Johnson Center library. Home care

nursing, laboratories and physical therapy programs were examples of the kinds of services that could be provided, he said.

In addition, Turner explained that Boswell is in the process of updating growth studies in preparing for a new application to the Arizona Department of Health Services for a hospital that would be built on the Johnson Road site. Boswell applied in 1978 for state approval for both a 120-bed hospital in Sun City West at the same time it applied for state approval for the 84-bed addition of the fourth tower onto the main plant. The fourth tower was approved, but the proposed Sun City West hospital was rejected then.

The rate of population growth will determine how soon the hospital will be approved and built in Sun City West, Turner said, "but I would think we could expect to have a facility there by 1985," he added.

Turner said that the corporation that owns Boswell changed its name recently, from the Sun City Community Hospital to Inter-Community Health Care of Arizona, to reflect its intention to serve all of the surrounding communities.

The fourth tower and remodeling are expected to cost approximately \$13.5 million, \$1.5 to \$2 million is to be raised through contributions in the next few weeks.

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