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CCMS 60th Presidential Installation Dinner Designated Official Event for Nevada's Sesquicentennial Celebration

LAS VEGAS (June 9, 2014) - The Clark County Medical Society ([CCMS](#)) 60th Presidential Installation Dinner & Awards Ceremony has been designated as an Official Event for Nevada's Sesquicentennial Celebration. The event will take place on Saturday, June 14, 2014, at the Red Rock Casino, Resort & Spa. The ceremony will honor incoming president Michael Edwards, MD and the 2014-15 Board of Trustees. Dr. Edwards is a plastic surgeon with Anson, Edwards, Higgins Plastic Surgery Associates who is also President of the American Society for Aesthetic Plastic Surgery. He will succeed current CCMS President, Keith Brill, MD.

"CCMS is proud to be included in Nevada's Sesquicentennial Celebration," said Dr. Michael Edwards, incoming president of CCMS. "We have a wonderful evening planned and look forward to honoring the many doctors who have served our community over the years. It is amazing to look back at where we were 60 years ago and where we are today."

The 60th ceremony will acknowledge several deserving members of the medical community, including Dr. Keith Boman with the prestigious Harold Lee Feikes, MD Memorial Award for his outstanding community service work beyond the call of duty. President Award presentations will include, Leon Steinberg, MD, Sandra Hotchkiss, RN, Gerald Higgins, MD and Marc Salls. The Winged Heart Award will go to honor exemplary nurses and non-profit organizations and the [Student Rising Star awards](#), which will be presented to Ori DeVera from Touro University Nevada, and Elizabeth Telles-Richardson from the University of Nevada School of Medicine. These are two promising medical students from right here in the Las Vegas valley.

Cocktail Reception & Silent Auction begin at 5:30 pm, and the Dinner and Awards Ceremony will take place at 7 pm. A portion of the proceeds from the Silent Auction will go to the *Clark County Medical Society Scholarship Fund*, which awards scholarships to deserving medical students with financial needs. Jennifer P. Togliatti, Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial District Court will do the honor of swearing in the President and Officers.

CCMS will unveil a commemoration video with interviews from Dr. Harold Miller, who joined CCMS in 1955; Parvin Jacobs, MD, will receive a 50 year plaque; Gerald Higgins, MD, founder of Desert Orthopedics in the early 70s. We plan to take the audience back 60 years via an informative video chronology of the history of organized medicine in Nevada.

In 1905, "Tent" Hospital opened next to the railroad tracks to serve the railroads. However, this was not a permanent structure. In 1925, Las Vegas Hospital opened at 201 N. Eight Street to serve the general public.

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In July 1931, Southern Nevada Memorial Hospital opened. It was originally built to serve the workers of Hoover Dam but the 20 bed facility could not accommodate the number of injured and victims of the heat. Additionally, the distance from the dam resulted in delayed treatment and unnecessary deaths. This hospital began serving the general public in 1935 after the conclusion of the dam construction. It later became UMC. In November 1931, Boulder City Hospital opened as a government operated hospital for the Hoover Dam workers. It closed in 1935 and did not operate again a hospital until 1943. In 1942, Basic Magnesium Hospital opened in Henderson to serve the workers of the plant. In 1947, it was sold to the Adrian Dominican Sisters and became St. Rose de Lima in 1947. In 1955, it was the first southern Nevada to be accredited. In 1959, Sunrise Hospital & Medical Center opened. We had no medical schools. In 1963, we had approximately 139 doctors in Las Vegas, North Las Vegas and Boulder City and 114 in Washoe County, with an additional 17 in other counties. Today we have 3,484 doctors in Clark County; 1,135 in Washoe, 25 hospitals, one osteopathic medical school and two allopathic medical schools on the horizon. Plans for the Las Vegas Medical District are underway and gaining momentum. This truly is an exciting time to be in the health and wellness industry.

We look forward to a spectacular event, and we invite all members of the public to attend. For more information, visit us online at www.clarkcountymedical.org.

About Clark County Medical Society:

Established in 1955, the Clark County Medical Society is a professional organization of more than 1,300 members. The organization advocates for physicians and their patients in Southern Nevada, encouraging the delivery of quality health care within the community. For more information, visit www.clarkcountymedical.org or call 702-739-9989. Follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/CCMedSociety

ABOUT NEVADA 150

Nevada's Sesquicentennial, the 150th anniversary of Nevada's admission to the Union, will provide opportunities for celebration and reflection as we come together statewide to commemorate our shared history and build a foundation of cultural appreciation for generations to come. Nevada's one of a kind and diverse history will be celebrated throughout the state for an entire year in order to promote pride in the shared heritage of all Nevadans. Nevada's Sesquicentennial celebration commenced on Nevada Day 2013 and will conclude with an expanded Nevada Day celebration October, 2014. For more information, please visit www.nevada150.org.

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