

# Bringing a Bud of an Idea to Fruition

Patricia Lindberg and Priscille Atkisson found that they have much in common while serving as St. Rose Dominican Health Foundation outreach volunteers. Both are married to former Naval officers, enjoyed long careers in healthcare leadership, and feel a strong desire to support St. Rose. Their shared interests inspired their friendship and an idea: forming the volunteer-based Rose Bud Auxiliary to raise awareness and funds for the hospital.

With the Foundation's blessing, Pat and Priscille invited 30 people they call "doers" to a Valentine brunch and asked them to become charter members of the Rose Bud Auxiliary. Within six months, more than 200 men and women from across the valley had joined the auxiliary, and



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Pat and Priscille were spearheading the auxiliary's inaugural gala – a Night at the Copa – to fulfill an aim of "having fun raising funds" for St. Rose's

cardiac services. The event, held at Sun City Anthem, honored Dr. Joel Bower, OB/GYN, the hospital's former medical director and a medical ethics committee member, with a *Humankindness* award.

They learned about the history and original hospital

auxiliary through the membership of the Sun City outreach team that provides monthly health education to the committee.

"We are retired but have the experience and energy to devote to issues of importance to us," says Priscille. "Members of our auxiliary care deeply about supporting our hospital's efforts to provide the highest-quality care close to home."

To learn more about the Rose Bud Auxiliary and how to become a member, contact Sherry Eischen at 206-972-8995 or [rosebudauxiliary.sherry@gmail.com](mailto:rosebudauxiliary.sherry@gmail.com).

Our founding seven sisters worked side by side with the original auxiliary more than 70 years ago. The original auxiliary consisted of some of the most amazing "doers," movers, and shakers in our community, and now that legacy lives on. Our organization is so proud of the work the re-instated Rose Bud Auxiliary is doing to support our mission to bring health and wellness to southern Nevada. We are certain the founding sisters are smiling down upon us.

#### **Rose Bud Auxiliary Board of Directors**

Front Left to Right – Adrienne Cogil, Raffles Director, Sharron Grodzinsky, Publicity & Communications Director, Susan Parks, Secretary, Priscille Atkisson, Co-Founder & Co-President, Stella Giordano, Co-Events Director, Sherry Eischen, Membership Director. Back Left to Right – Patricia Lindberg, Co-Founder & Co-President, Jan Palermo, Decorations Director, Charlie Bouchard, Co-Events Director, Sandra Marnell, Vice-President, Karen Majeski, Treasurer, Christina Seaman, Ambassador

