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The Hospital Foundation Trustees want you to know that whether your lifetime contributions to the Foundation are at the Donor level or the Legacy level, they are greatly appreciated. So remember, as you plan your annual contribution to the Foundation this year, your gift is important. If you would like to know what your lifetime contributions to the Foundation are, you can call me at 632-2144.



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Foundation News

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Member Spotlight - Elton McIntosh

Most people in the community know of Elton McIntosh, but unless you have really taken some time to talk with Elton, you may not truly know him. I recently spoke with Elton about his career and the contributions he has made to the community he lived in for many years.

Although Elton and his wife, Bessie Mae, recently had to leave the community, they both agree that their hearts remain in Clay Center. Many of Elton's friends will miss talking to him while sipping on a cup of coffee at the Tasty Pastry. I know the healthcare community will miss hearing him ask people how they are doing as he navigates to the waiting rooms.

After High School, Elton attended Washburn University, where he met his wife to be, Bessie Mae Wills. Although you can't seem to get Elton to talk about it too much, according to Bessie Mae, he was quite a football player.

Upon graduating from Washburn University with a business degree in 1941, Elton began his career at People's National Bank in Clay Center as a teller. Almost immediately after starting at the bank, Elton recalled

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being drafted to the military. When Elton returned to the bank in 1945, he worked as a teller, assistant cashier, cashier, and bookkeeper. “I think I worked at just about every position there was,” Elton said.

From 1950 to 1951, Elton was involved in the Korean War. After returning home from the war, he worked his way up the ladder at the bank to Vice President and finally President and CEO – a position that he held for over 30 years.

Over the span of some 65 years, Elton has donated a lot of his time and financial resources to the community. He served on the school board for 18 years and on the country club board for 50 years. He has also been a member of the Lions Club for 54 years.

Of all the community areas that Elton has dedicated his time and

resources to, there is one area that holds a special place in his heart – healthcare. Elton has played a major role in the development of healthcare in our community. He was one of

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Medical Center News

Ft. Riley to Provide Air Transport Backup

The Hospital recently signed an agreement with the Ft. Riley M.A.S.T. unit to provide air transfer backup in the event that Life Star is not available. Fort Riley personnel will be conducting an on site survey of the Hospital's helipad as well as landing one of their Blackhawk Helicopters during a test flight.



Web Site Babies Are a Hit

Clay County Medical Center's web site, which went live in July of this year, has been well received by the community. One of the most popular parts of the web site is the babies section. Shortly after being born, a babies picture is taken with a digital camera and then uploaded to the Hospital's web site at ccmcks.org. Family and friends, who in some instances live far away, can then view the baby on-line from anywhere in the world. Parents are also given a hard copy of the babies picture and the address of the web site.

Hospital to Install Elevator

Due to space considerations, the Hospital Trustees have given the go ahead to install an elevator. The new elevator will provide better access to the west basement located under the Dr.'s clinic. Better access to the west basement will provide for more flexibility in facilities planning and open the door for a possible expansion of the physician's clinic.

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three individuals that contributed the initial capital that brought the Presbyterian Manor to Clay Center in 1968.

Probably what Elton is most recognized for, is his role in the progression of the hospital through the development of the Clay County Hospital Foundation. Elton, along with others, was one of the first trustees of the Hospital Foundation, which was incorporated in 1987. As the first treasure of the Hospital Foundation, Elton was an integral part of two very successful fundraising efforts that resulted in the construction of the Dr.'s clinic (Clay Center Family Physicians Building) and the Outpatient Clinic.

When asked what accomplishment he is most proud of, he replied the Dr.'s clinic. “If it were not for the Hospital Foundation, we wouldn't have been able to build that clinic,” Elton said. According to Elton, through the Foundation, over 400 citizens contributed \$384,000 toward the construction of the Dr.'s clinic. He believes that at the time, the construction of the clinic is what ensured that the hospital doors would remain open.

Today, Elton believes in the cause of healthcare even more than ever. He says he has needed services at the hospital on a fairly regular basis. “The fact is, we all will be in need of healthcare at some point in our lives. People need to accept that fact and get involved now so that when they need healthcare, it will be here for them.”

Elton encourages everyone, even the young people, to contribute to the Hospital Foundation on an annual basis as well as consider making a provision for the Foundation in his or her will. “It is unfortunate that many people believe in giving money to the Foundation only when there is a project or when the Foundation asks for it. If they wait to long, they may never have the chance to give to the Foundation,” Elton said.