Al Shoemaker New Board Chairman

New Chairman of the Board of Trustees Alvin V. Shoemaker says, “I got involved because it is important to all of us growing older in the desert to have quality health care.”
In April, Eisenhower Medical Center named Alvin V. Shoemaker as the new Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Shoemaker takes the helm from Harry M. Goldstein who chaired the Board for eight years and continues as Chairman Emeritus.

“As Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Eisenhower Medical Center, I believe we are on our way to becoming more than a community hospital, but a regional medical center with an affiliation with a medical school,” says Mr. Shoemaker. “We are raising the bar.”

A member of Eisenhower’s Board of Trustees for five years, Shoemaker has extensive business and advisory experience. In the 1990s, he served as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the University of Pennsylvania, raising more than $1 billion in capital funds.

A graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1960, Shoemaker earned a law degree from the University of Michigan in 1963. In 2007, he was honored by the Wharton School as one of its 125 Most Influential People.

Shoemaker began his career at the United States Treasury and with the Investment Bankers Association before joining First Boston (now Credit Suisse) as vice president in 1969.

In 1978, Shoemaker became president and chief executive officer of Blyth Eastman Paine Webber. He returned to First Boston in 1981, becoming chairman in 1983 and overseeing some of Wall Street’s largest merger and acquisition deals of the 1980s. He helped pilot the deal to merge First Boston with Credit Suisse First Boston, its European affiliate, before retiring as chairman of the board in 1989.

In addition to raising more than $1 billion for his alma mater, he received the Alumni Award of Merit, given for outstanding service to the university, and in 1995 received an honorary doctorate.

Mr. Shoemaker has been involved on numerous committees, and was formerly vice chairman of the Securities Industry Association and a member of the Presidential Advisory Committee for Trade Negotiations. In 2002, he joined the Board of Directors for Wynn Resorts, Ltd.

Shoemaker and Sally, his wife of 46 years, are the proud parents of four children and grandparents to eight grandchildren. Regarding his involvement with Eisenhower, the Indian Wells resident was personally motivated. “I got involved because it is important to all of us growing older in the desert to have quality health care,” says Shoemaker.

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