

The New Walter and Leonore Annenberg Pavilion



Eisenhower Chairman of the Board Al Shoemaker addresses the audience at the dedication of the new Walter and Leonore Annenberg Pavilion on April 27. Eisenhower Medical Center's new state-of-the-art Walter and Leonore Annenberg Pavilion was officially dedicated on April 27. The ceremony was attended by Eisenhower Chairman of the Board Al Shoemaker, Chief Executive Officer G.Aubrey Serfling, Eisenhower Medical Center staff, members of the Board of Directors, local community leaders, and more than 100 area residents. "

We dedicate this magnificent new hospital pavilion to Walter and Lee Annenberg whose generous commitment of time and enormous philanthropy have made the Eisenhower Medical Center a nationally recognized health care organization," said Al Shoemaker. "I think our vision is clear: to become the finest patient-centered health care system anywhere. Knowing Walter and Lee as I did, I have no doubt that they would have said this is really health care as it should be. They wanted to be associated with a place that was generating momentum — that was innovative and always staying on the cutting edge of patient care. I know they would have been very proud to have seen this exquisite facility, both inside and outside, built to care for this community which was so special to them."

At the ceremony, Eisenhower also honored local World War II veterans with a special citation and a United States Marine Corps Honor Guard. Challenger, a trained bald eagle, flew over the crowd to salute the veterans and mark the occasion.

Following the ceremony, guests toured the new 250,000-square-foot Pavilion, which has 250 beds. According to Eisenhower Medical Center Foundation President Michael Landes, the new Pavilion will increase Eisenhower's total number of beds from 285 to at least 400. The Pavilion is scheduled to open in early fall.

"The Valley's growing, and we need to expand so that we can serve the changing needs of the community," Landes says. "We are very grateful to the Annenbergs, all of the generous donors, and the many cities who committed monies to make this day possible."

Eisenhower broke ground for the Walter and Leonore Annenberg Pavilion in 2007, and at the same time launched Campaign Eisenhower Phase II, the hospital's capital campaign. The first level of the new Annenberg Pavilion houses 34 beds in three critical care units (Intensive Care, Coronary Care, Cardiac Surgical), and includes an expansive waiting room with private areas for patients' families. The lower level will house the Café 34, Information Systems, Environmental Services, Nutritional Services and the Materials Management departments.

The second, third and fourth levels will contain patient rooms fully equipped with state-of-the-art monitoring capabilities and medication dispensing technologies. The second floor will also house a critical care area with a 12-bed Intensive Care Unit dedicated to neurosurgical patients.

The new Pavilion is named for the late Walter and Leonore Annenberg, one of the most prominent and generous couples in America, and long-time benefactors of Eisenhower. The late Walter Annenberg was an Ambassador to the Court of St. James's. He was a Founding Trustee of Eisenhower Medical Center and Honorary Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Mrs. Annenberg served as United States Chief of Protocol with the rank of Ambassador under President Reagan and was president and chairman of the Annenberg Foundation. The Annenberg Foundation has donated more than \$100 million to Campaign Eisenhower. For more information about Campaign Eisenhower, please visit emc.org or call Eisenhower Foundation at 760-773-1888