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AVH ADMINISTRATOR ERNST WITH GUILD PROVISIONALS

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Mmes. Pappas, Burke, Blocher, Dore, Nakamura, Schneider, McBride, Masley, Ford, Tyler, Baxter

Alpha Chapter Guild tours AV Hospital

An educational tour of the Antelope Valley Hospital was the feature of the day last week for about 40 members of the Alpha Charter Guild.

Included in a busy day of activities was: a complete AV Hospital tour for provisional members, a luncheon, a guild meeting, and a tour of new medical services for regular members.

Each member of the Alpha Charter Guild is required to tour Antelope Valley Hospital annually. New members visit the interworkings of the entire

facility. Regular active members see new services added during the year.

Purpose is to keep all members of the guild informed about their own hospital. It is felt that guild members enjoy more enthusiasm for their fund-raising efforts when they well understand the true significance of their contribution to the community.

The day's activities started at 10 a.m. with an introduction of 13 new provisional members by Mrs. Gordon Kinley, membership chairman.

Robert E. Ernst, AV Hospital administrator, welcomed the new guild members. He addressed them briefly, explaining the definition of a district hospital and its role in the community.

Ernst escorted the new members on a tour of the entire facility, their first introduction to behind-the-scenes of Antelope Valley Hospital.

Of special interest was the Coronary Care Unit where they saw heart monitors purchased by the guild and the Cobalt Therapy Unit where proceeds from the first Hourglass Ball in 1965 financed elegant furnishings.

A special treat was a visit to the AV Hospital Obstetrical Department where guild members enjoyed a glimpse of new babies in the newborn nursery.

The provisional members

are the Mmes. Leland McBrie, Donald Maly, Charles Blocher Jr., Carl Jensen, Lee Dore, William N. Pappas, Melvin Burke, Charles A. Ford, Bruce H. Tyler, John Q. Schneider, Eugene A. Baxter, John Nakamura, and Lowell Masley.

A luncheon in the staff dining room and a guild meeting followed the morning tour. Mrs. Edward Haddad, president, conducted the meeting.

Active members of the Alpha Charter Guild attended an afternoon tour of AV Hospital's newest services. Administrator Ernst and Mrs. Fran Kuhn, RN, inservice educator, were guides.

The afternoon tour included the new AV Hospital Mental Health Unit which opened in January and the Coronary Care Unit, an area always of special interest to the guild.

In the Coronary Care Unit, Guild members had their first introduction to the four-patient telemetry system in action.

The guild recently pledged \$13,700 to finance the telemetry system. This new equipment enables patients to be monitored after they have been transferred out of

coronary care and into the Third-East Wing.

Electrical action of their hearts is sent via radio waves from Third-East to Coronary Care for observation around-the-clock by specially trained nurses.

The educational tour was attended by a majority of guild members. Those who could not be present will have an opportunity to tour the hospital at a later date.