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Dumas, Sagal, Wopschall Join
Verdugo Hills Hospital Board of Directors

(GLENDALE, CA – February 2, 2009) –Verdugo Hills Hospital’s (VHH’s) Board of Directors has appointed three new board members: Larry N. Dumas, David L. Sagal and Edward A. Wopschall, II – each for a two-year term.

Wopschall

When asked why he decided to join the VHH Board of Directors, Wopschall said: “I have always thought that VHH was a tremendous community asset. Because of my construction background I thought that I might be able to assist VHH with some of the issues that are a result of the State of California mandates following the 1994 Northridge Earthquake.”

Since 1970, Wopschall has served as president of Hanson Structural Precast, a division of Hanson Pipe and Products – a Heidelberg Cement Group Company. Hanson Structural Precast operates five structural precast facilities in California, Utah, Idaho and Minnesota.

“Having the privilege to serve on the Board and to assist one of La Cañada’s great assets is very important to me,” said Wopschall, a resident of La Cañada with his wife for more than 30 years, and a father of three.

“In a small way, I hope as a Board member that I will contribute to a better living environment for my family and the other residents of the La Cañada area,” he said. “Kandi’s (my wife’s) mother was one of the first volunteers for the Hospital and worked as a volunteer with the Hospital guild for many, many years.”

Wopschall holds a bachelor of arts degree in Business Management from the University of Southern California. His professional associations include: Member and President of Precast Concrete Manufacturers Association of California; Trustee and Secretary of Fund for Construction Industry Advancement; and President of Union Contractors Council of

Southern California. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles.

Wopschall said he hopes to spend many years in his new role as a VHH Board member. "I know the Board is very involved in making VHH the community's hospital," he said.

Dumas

Larry N. Dumas is the retired Deputy Director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL), a position he held for the last nine years of his 39-year career at JPL. As Deputy Director, Dumas was the Laboratory's Chief Operating Officer, responsible for the daily management of JPL's resources and activities. Prior to this, Dumas was Assistant Laboratory Director for the Office of Telecommunications and Data Acquisition.

Born in Wilson, Oklahoma, Dumas received bachelor's (1958) and master's (1962) degrees in mechanical engineering from the University of California at Berkeley, the former with highest honors.

Dumas has earned many recognitions throughout his career. In 2001, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) recognized his record of Laboratory leadership by awarding him its highest honor, the NASA Distinguished Service Medal. He is also a member of Sigma Xi and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) and a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), among other associations.

A resident of Pasadena with his wife, and father of two, Dumas said he joined the VHH Board for a number of reasons. "Health care delivery is a vital national concern, and I welcomed an opportunity both to understand the issues involved and to make whatever local contributions I can to constructively addressing them," he said. "I suppose that as we grow older the frequent reminders of the importance of good health to our families, friends, and ourselves naturally inclines one want to help out. That certainly has been my experience. The hospital's reputation for excellence and my high regard for the Board members whom I have known were incentives to join the team, too."

"A community hospital such as Verdugo Hills is tangible evidence of a caring commitment to being there for our neighbors in time of need," said Dumas. "It appears to me that the VHH team has taken this commitment to heart in its dedication to professional excellence and attentive personal treatment."

Sagal

“The local community is very fortunate to have access to this level of service right in the heart of our community,” said Sagal.

Sagal said that he decided to join the Hospital Board because of the excellent care his son had received in the Emergency Room when he had a high fever.

“That Sunday morning, I drove my son to the hospital where he was cared for immediately by a very cheerful and caring doctor. On a Sunday! At the time, I was so grateful that my son was able to receive excellent care so quickly that I asked the doctor how I could help support the hospital,” he said.

“The combination of the close proximity to our home and the excellent care and service made me realize that Verdugo Hills Hospital is an institution to be treasured. It brings me tremendous peace of mind to know that if anything happens to my family, they can receive excellent medical care immediately.”

Sagal has served as the Senior Vice President and General Counsel for Business and Legal Affairs at Warner Bros. Pictures in Burbank since 1993, where he is responsible for business, legal and financial matters relating to the financing, distribution and production of motion pictures.

Prior to joining Warner Bros. Pictures, from 1986-1993, Sagal worked at Coudert Brothers (in its Los Angeles and Singapore offices) as Financial Transactions Attorney. He has also worked as Commercial Banker for Chemical Bank in its New York and Bombay, India offices.

Sagal earned a Juris Doctor (JD) degree from the University of Southern California Law School in 1984. He received his master’s degree in East Asian Studies from Harvard University in 1980 and his bachelor’s in political science and Chinese from the University of California at Berkeley in 1978.

“Given the experience I had with my son, and other favorable experiences I have had at the hospital with my other children, I was very glad to have the opportunity to finally do something that might be helpful to this wonderful hospital,” Sagal said.

About the Hospital:

Verdugo Hills Hospital is a 158-bed nonprofit primary care facility nestled in the foothills between Glendale and La Cañada Flintridge. Hospital features include emergency services, comprehensive inpatient and outpatient diagnostic and treatment facilities, and a family birthing center. It is the only independent, free-standing hospital in the greater Foothills community and was voted “Foothills’ Best Hospital” for 2008 by

readers of the *Glendale News-Press* for the fifth consecutive year. For more information, please visit www.vhhospital.org. For more information about funding initiatives or to support the hospital, please call the Foundation at 818.952.2226.

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