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## Nevada's Black Chamber of Commerce debut is a "Political" hit.

By George A. Burns

What was to be billed as a grand event only in reference to the beginning of a new business era for West Las Vegas on Friday, literally turned into one of the largest political gatherings in the history of the city.

With big political stakes and some careers on the line, names such as Santini, Reid, Chaney, Avants, Moran, Moody, Whitley, White, Tabat and a host of others were personally in attendance at the luncheon. Representatives of Governor Bob List, Attorney General Richard Bryan, Senator Howard Cannon, Attorney General candidate Mahlon Brown and Assemblyman hopeful Morse



**BOB BAILEY** served as emcee for the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce membership luncheon debut held at the Westside Story.

Arberry, just to name a few were also in attendance. Also there were the various Chamber representatives of Las Vegas, (namely its President, Fred Lewis) No. Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City, and the Latin Chamber of Commerce and the local television and press media.

The luncheon, which took place at Reuben Bullock's Westside Story had as its guest speaker, Valley Times publisher, Bob Brown. Also quite naturally, the luncheon featured its Board of Directors, which included the Master of Ceremony of the program, board member Bob Bailey, Voice/Sentinel publisher Ed Brown, County Commissioner Woodrow Wilson, Assemblyman Lonie Chaney, Nucleus Associates President John Edmond, Bonnie Juniel, Dr. James McMillan, Attorney James Porter, Elmo Smith, EOB Chairman Lee Walker and businesswoman Olga Webb. Also in attendance were its Officers, President Sarann Knight-Predy; Vice President James Toler; Secretary Rev. Sam Roberson; and Treasurer Jim Tyree.

Bob Brown added superb humor to his prepared address. He cited this luncheon as being the "first successful 1982 political rally." After touching a few personal "nerves," Brown seriously noted the "progress that had been made here in our city, but it hasn't been enough." He admonished his audience to "look at each other as individuals." "We must do it ourselves." He

cited that there was a great future here in West Las Vegas, and was happy to see this historic event being held at the Westside Story instead of some fancy restaurant on the Strip.

Bob Bailey, who also proved to be both superb and excellent in his chairing of the event, thanked all of the candidates for attending. After having all of them who were in attendance stand up and introduce themselves, he said that he would hope that they would "relate to the conditions brought about by the new chamber whether they stayed here in Las Vegas or went to Washington."

The Chamber, which plans to hold its meetings on the last Friday of every month was totally unified at its inception. Their goals which are to attract business people as members that understand the need for a *strong Black Chamber* will immediately begin working towards the economic development within the state of Nevada to provide the financial strength and business expansion for our community. Its objective will be to 1) create a better understanding and appreciation of the importance of Black businesses; 2) create a more intelligent business public opinion and awareness regarding the city, state and on a national level as well as in political affairs which are detrimental to the growth of the Black community;



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**BOB BROWN** (center), publisher of the Valley Times served as guest speaker at the Nevada Black Chamber of Commerce membership luncheon.

and 3) create a deeper appreciation of the value of more liberal investing for ourselves on behalf of the interests of competitive business.

The Chamber feels that community growth will be both increased and enhanced by the developing and promoting of economic, civic, social and cultural programs which are designed to increase and expand the income potential and successful functioning of all Black businesses and discovering and correcting the buses which prevent the promoting of business and community growth and most importantly, instructing, educating and assisting those business persons for their own benefit as well as the good of the economy.

## Woofter To Resign Post

Roy Woofter, who represents Ward 3 in the northeast area of Las Vegas, announced that he will step down from his post on the Las Vegas City Commission to accept the job as North Las Vegas City Attorney.

He accepted the job offer Tuesday morning, according to North Las Vegas City Manager Michael Dyal. Woofter said he plans to serve as a city commissioner through Oct. 6, the date he understands the North Las Vegas City Council will be asked to ratify his appointment. Woofter is expected to begin work at North Las Vegas.

The City Commissioner vacancy will be filled by a vote of the remaining four commission members. It is expected the appointment to be made at the Oct. 6 City Commission meeting.

The name of Sarann Knight-Predy promptly surfaced. It is remembered she came close to unseating Woofter in the 1979 commission race, losing by 73 votes.

A drive is underway in the West Las Vegas community to push for Knight's appointment to the Las Vegas City Commission post.

## Operation Life Medical Center Opens

Over 400 people shared in the grand opening of the new Operation Life Medical Center and its facilities on Tuesday.

In what was described as a "need indeed," and a "dream come true," by many observers and participants, the lovely and spacious medical center was certainly filled with pride and joy, and was a welcomed necessity to the community. And proudest of all was Operation Life's President, Ms. Ruby Duncan.



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**RUBY DUNCAN** speaking at opening ceremonies for the new Operation Life Medical Clinic.

In an interview with the Vegas Voice, Ms. Duncan shared her joy, hopes, smiles, dreams and future objectives for the medical center. "The whole Operation Life program is to make sure that we get good health services here in the community. We have a great nutrition program." Ms. Duncan goes on to say, "We want the community to know that we are more than just a program. They can feel comfortable in the fact of knowing that the services which we offer are just as great as the other services throughout the Las Vegas community. We have skilled people helping in our operations, and most importantly, we want the residents to know that the changes rendered are according to their individual income.

"As far as our future goals, we now want to concentrate on job intensive programs," Duncan cited.

**PRIMARY ELECTION DAY, SEPTEMBER 14th**