

Roseland Community Seniors Celebrated at Black History Month Event



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Sixty seniors from the Greater Roseland Community celebrated Black History Month at a reception hosted by the New Roseland Community Hospital that featured entertainment, a World War II veteran speaker and the re-launch of the New RCH Choir.

“The event was magnificent,” Betty Johnson said. “I give it five A’s. I am so grateful for what Roseland is doing in the area as a hospital. The entertainment was beautiful. The speaker was wonderful. My hat is off to the New Roseland.”

Veteran of Foreign Wars member Emmanuel Duncan addressed the crowd and talked about his experience integrating African American combat troops with white soldiers in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. Duncan enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 18 in 1946 and reached the rank of Sergeant.

“We proved that we black soldiers could fight as well as white soldiers,” Emmanuel said.

In honor of Black History Month, Mrs. Katrina Richard from Morgan Park High School choreographed a performance by her students from the MPHS Theatre Club.

“I enjoyed myself very much,” Louise Collins said. “This event was a beautiful thing. You know the little singers and dancers and everything that was going on was a beautiful thing.”

The New RCH Choir, made up of hospital employees, added a spiritual flair to the event.

“As we celebrate Black History Month it is imperative that we remember the contributions of our seniors,” New RCH President & CEO Tim Egan said. “We have such a bright future because our seniors, like Sergeant Emmanuel, have endured so much and triumphed.”

The New Roseland Community Hospital is the community’s integrated and coordinated healthcare choice, where professional caregivers provide guidance on the path to recovery and overall wellness.

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