



# SALEM CITY CLUB

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## “Under Construction: Our 21<sup>st</sup> Century Hospital”

That huge hole in the ground on Winter Street will soon host a seven-story tower, the heart of Salem Hospital’s vision of our “21st Century Hospital.”

**Salem Hospital President Norman F. Gruber** will describe that vision, and how we get there, at our meeting **Friday noon, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

Salem Hospital has come a long way since its founding in 1896, and the merger of Salem Memorial and Salem General Hospitals in 1969. As officials became concerned about limitations of the present structure, they have opened two large new buildings in recent years, the Center for Outpatient Medicine and the Family Birth Center. Meanwhile, hospital officials have been planning that new patient tower. It will house basement parking, many key hospital departments on the first three floors, topped by four nursing floors with 30 patient rooms each. And everything has been planned for 21<sup>st</sup> century medicine, with wiring for new technology already employed and unforeseen, and designed for flexibility so things can change as needs change over the next 50 or more years. It’s all under construction, planned for completion in early 2009.

Gruber has been President and Chief Executive Officer of Salem Hospital since 2003. Previously, he managed hospitals for about 30 years in San Diego, Youngstown, Ohio, Los Angeles and Carmarillo, CA. He has a bachelor’s degree from University of Redlands, in California, and a master’s degree from the University of Minnesota.

Salem Hospital has more than 400 beds, the busiest emergency room in Oregon, and the largest private work force in Salem. And it provides life and death medical services we all rely upon.

Don’t miss this explanation of that 21<sup>st</sup> century hospital. For lunch reservations email [nelalind@aol.com](mailto:nelalind@aol.com) or call 503-589-2975 before noon Tuesday, March 20, 2007. The Salem City Club welcomes and encourages the community to join us! There is no charge to just attend program. Please call in your plans for lunch or attendance, so we will have adequate seating available. Parking is free. Doors open at 11:30 AM. For more information on this program, about costs for different lunch options, and directions to the event, please go to [www.salemcityclub.com](http://www.salemcityclub.com)

When: Friday, March 23, 2007; 11:45 lunch | Noon Program  
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