



NINA CRAFT JOHNSON
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A modern day "Florence Nightingale," Nina Craft Johnson's contribution to the betterment of hospital and nursing programs has made an impact across the nation and abroad.

Recognition as an authority on hospital service, management and education of nurses came in 1974 when she was named Woman of the Year by the American Hospital Supply Corporation.

Nina received her nurse's diploma at DePaul Hospital in Norfolk, Va., and obtained a degree in hospital administration at Columbia University and a master of science degree at Immaculate Heart College in Los Angeles.

She first served as an operating room supervisor at DePaul Hospital. Next she went to Tidewater Memorial Hospital in Lynnhaven, Va., where she became director and head of the nursing service at the age of 24.

Nina's first overseas assignment was in 1946 as hospital superintendant and nursing director at British-American Hospital in Lima, Peru.

In 1949 she was named director of nursing services and education at Los Angeles County General Hospital, where she was in charge of over 3,000 nursing students and employees.

The polio epidemic was at its peak during those early days of her 10 years in the position, leading Nina to institute an intensive training program for the nursing of polio patients.

After six years as head of her own management training and hospital consultation organization, Mrs. Johnson joined with architect James Moore and Medical Planning Associates International was formed. From 1974 to 1976 she directed the planning of 28 government hospitals in Iran and a medical center in Jordan while living in Tehran.

Upon moving to Leisure World with husband Charlton, Mrs. Johnson applied her expertise to Saddleback Community Hospital as vice president and board member. She also served on the board of Helix 1960, a San Diego real estate investment corporation.