

Rockin' DOCS

Local doctors put down their stethoscopes
and pick up instruments Saturday for charity

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You expect your family doctor to know how to use a stethoscope, but there's a chance those same medically trained fingers play a mean guitar, too.

That's the case for Dr. Rick Gonzalez, who by day treats people with illnesses and by night hopes to entertain people playing the guitar in Delusions of Grandeur, an alternative rock band.

Delusions of Grandeur is just one of four bands, almost entirely made up of medical professionals, who will play in the Rockin' Docs Musical Festival on Saturday.

The event is a fundraiser for the Student Outreach Clinic at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, a free student-run clinic for the uninsured and the Healing Arts Foundation through Renown Health. The foundation promotes art as a method of healing.

"I think I definitely saw that medical students had a lot of creative outlets when I was in medical school," said Gonzalez, who graduated from UNR's medical school in 1999. He said it's a misconception that doctors don't have time for hobbies. "At least half the med students I knew did something creative like sculpture or poetry."

Other bands performing include White Coat Syndrome, a band composed of people from the University of Nevada School of Medicine and the Family Medical Center; Livor Mortis, made up of students graduating from the medical school next year; and Rejuv A Nation, a band spearheaded by plastic surgeon Dr. Louis Bonaldi. Bonaldi was looking for a way to give



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Louis Bonaldi plays the keyboard and Mike Crolius plays the guitar during a band rehearsal for Rejuv A Nation.

DETAILS

WHAT: Rockin' Docs Medical Musical Festival

WHEN: 6 p.m. Saturday; doors open 5 p.m.

WHERE: Wolf Run Golf Club driving range, 1400 Wolf Run Road

COST: \$18, children under 12 free, www.ticketweb.com, 866-468-3399, at the door

FOOD: There will be food and drinks on site for sale. No outside food or beverages can be brought in to the golf course. Blankets and low back chairs are welcome.

LINEUP: The event is headlined by Sol'Jibe. Four bands

University of Nevada School of Medicine student Targhee Orr is the lead singer in the band Livor Mortis.

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back when he approached Kerry Sutherland of MassMedia Corporate Communications, who has organized the event. The two thought of the idea after reading a RENO Magazine article last year about doctors with hobbies.

"The idea just grew, and it sounds like we have a great event," Bonaldi said.

He said his patients are surprised when they learn of his hobby, but most realize that doctors are more than one dimensional.

"I have always been in to music. It's my therapy," said Bonaldi.

Dr. Gary Johnson plays drums with White Coat Syndrome, a group that formed last year for

the medical school's graduation party. He said the fundraiser is a good excuse for doctors who had dreams of musical careers.

Johnson, 52, has played the drums since he was 10.

"A few of my patients are friends so they know I'm in a band, but most would probably find it really strange that I'm doing this," he said. He said his group, which was formed by an introduction to other band members and doctors through a drug representative, plays a range of music from '70s rock to Johnny Cash to punk and Jane's Addiction.

He said the band doesn't wear scrubs or lab coats on stage.

"We don't give in to the novelty that we are doctors," Johnson said. "Instead, we pretend we are rock stars."