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MEDICAL STAFF NOTES

THE MEDICAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE cleared the credentials of another 60 physicians and will recommend their appointment to the Medical Staff by the Board of Directors at its August meeting. That brings to 94 the number of applications processed to date. At this writing, another 100 applications are being reviewed.

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THE MEDICAL RECORDS COMMITTEE has reviewed and approved all the forms required for patient charts, according to Dr. Francis Kleckner, chairman of the committee.

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DEDICATION WEEK

HOSPITAL FAMILY DAY has been designated as Saturday, September 7. From 12:00 noon to 6:00 P.M. on that day, employees of our community's hospitals are invited to tour the Hospital Center with their families. Be sure to mark that date!

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FORMAL DEDICATION CEREMONIES will be held on the Hospital Center grounds at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, September 8. The featured speaker will be Dr. W. Clarke Wescoe, a native Allentonian who is currently Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Sterling Drug Inc. Dr. Wescoe earned his BS degree at Muhlenberg College and his MD from Cornell University. A prominent medical educator, he served as dean of the University of Kansas School of Medicine from 1952 to 1960 and then became chancellor, a position which he held until 1969. From 1963 to 1967, Dr. Wescoe also served as chairman of the American Medical Association's Council on Medical Education.

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NEW APPOINTMENTS

THOMAS DONDORE reported aboard on August 12 as Director of Training. Mr. Dondore received his BS in communications from Temple University in 1969. He majored in radio, television and film. Prior to coming to the Center, he served as Assistant Director of Personnel at Reading Hospital where he specialized in training and worked extensively with visual aids.

EDWIN R. MELHORN assumed the post of Business Office Manager on August 1. Mr. Melhorn held a similar position at the Institute of Living in Hartford, Connecticut. Prior to that he held an administrative position with IBM.

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GETTING TO KNOW THE SYSTEM

This is the seventh in a series of articles designed to acquaint all hospital personnel with some of the programs, practices and procedures under which the Hospital Center will operate as well as with those programs which involve participation by all three hospitals. The subject for this issue is ...

ANESTHESIA

Anesthesiology has evolved from a practice of medicine limited to the relief of pain during surgery to a broad medical specialty dealing with the support of life functions in surgical patients in the operating rooms, recovery room, and ICU. Eighteen Anesthesiologists will have privileges on the Center's staff, including those now working at Allentown Hospital and at Sacred Heart Hospital. There will also be six nurse anesthetists on the Center's staff. The Anesthesiologists have come to Allentown from such diverse Medical Centers as Yale, Harvard, and Columbia, as well as the Philadelphia Centers of Penn, Temple, and Jefferson. This group of physicians includes two associate professors and a pharmacologist.

To better serve the patient population and the Surgical Staff, the Department has been divided into six teams of Anesthesiologists each with extended training in the management of anesthetic procedures for a particular surgical specialty.

The Department also offers a consultative service to patients with airway management problems, respiratory insufficiency, circulatory insufficiency, fluid, electrolyte, and acid-base disorders, and to unconscious patients. Anesthesiologists are also available to administer diagnostic and therapeutic nerve blocks for patients with chronic pain.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

TWO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS who live close by the Hospital Center have spent their summer vacation assisting the staff in a variety of ways ... copying, typing, filing, compiling mailing lists for the forthcoming dedication, etc. They are Richard Gray, who will be a senior at Deerfield Academy, and William Hacker, who is entering his final year at Emmaus High School. One of their noteworthy projects was assisting in the compilation of a Centrex Telephone Directory for the three hospitals. The boys explain they "just wanted to help out". They did ... and we're indeed grateful for their thoughtful and unselfish action on behalf of the Hospital Center.

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY Volunteer Chairman, Mrs. Doris Gill, will conduct briefing sessions for prospective volunteers on Wednesday, August 14, at 6:30 P.M. and Tuesday, August 20, at 9:30 A.M. At that time, the types of volunteer service required by the Hospital Center will be outlined, orientation for the various types of volunteer service and registration of volunteers will begin.

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LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS has notified the Hospital Center that a number of Red Cross Volunteers have been signed up to assist with volunteer work here as they do in other area hospitals.