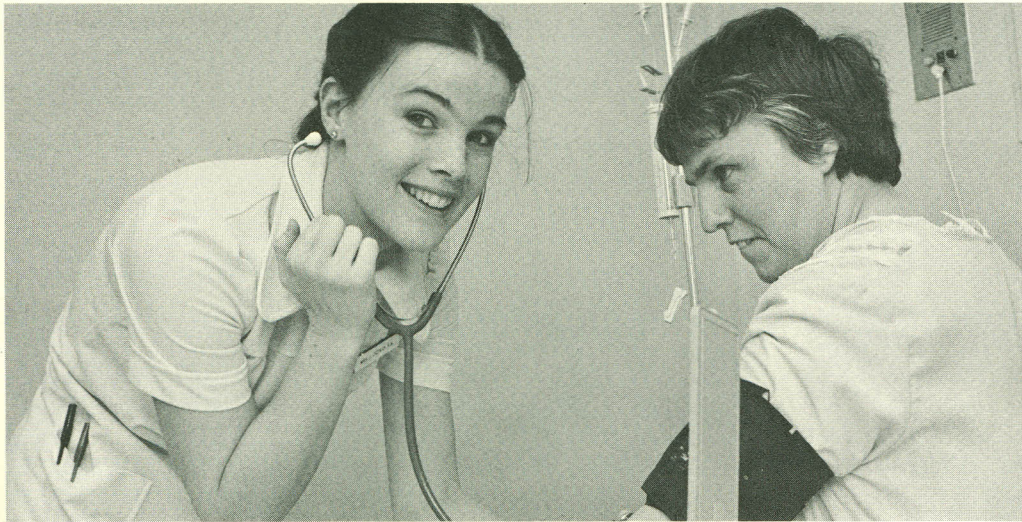


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HAPPY NURSE — The week of May 6 through 12 was National Nurse Week honoring the thousands of professional nurses. In Allentown Mayor Frank Fischl paid tribute to the nursing profession by signing a proclamation "to honor this important member of our health care team and to recognize the indispensable role of nurses in the health care of all our people." Photographer Scott Dornblaser found one Hospital nurse, Janet Ordway, at work on Schaeffer 3 and took her picture to honor the nursing staff during National Nurse Week.

Dr. Kleckner Tells Students: "Be Involved"

Dr. Francis Kleckner, Gastroenterologist at the Hospital, urged the 68 graduating students of the Allentown Hospital School of Nursing to "be involved" during their careers as nurses.

The keynote speaker at graduation exercises, held last Friday night, May 18, Dr. Kleckner told the students "to speak for and against the health issues we face." He listed some as the cost of hospital care, salaries of professional and non-professional staff, routine laboratory testing,

unnecessary hospitalization or surgery, physicians fees, and other health related issues.

"To be involved - listen first, study well and then, speak out. Be diplomatic, be candid and be there," Dr. Kleckner told the students and an audience of an estimated 850 at the Lehigh Consistory Cathedral on Hamilton St.

Dr. Kleckner spoke prior to the awarding of diplomas to 65 female and

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Mrs. Sally Schaeffer Is Auxiliary President

Mrs. Sally Schaeffer, wife of Dr. "C.D." Schaeffer, President of the Hospital Medical and Dental staff, was installed as President of The Allentown Hospital Auxiliary at a luncheon Friday, May 11 at The Lehigh Valley Club.

Mrs. Schaeffer, takes over the post held by Mrs. Elmer Bausch who is stepping down from a third term as Auxiliary President. Mrs. Bausch served two terms as President in the late 60's and early 70's. This is Mrs. Schaeffer's first term as President.

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Hospital Files Plan For Modernization

The Hospital's administration has filed a comprehensive plan with the Health Systems Council (HSC) for the modernization and renovation of our facility.

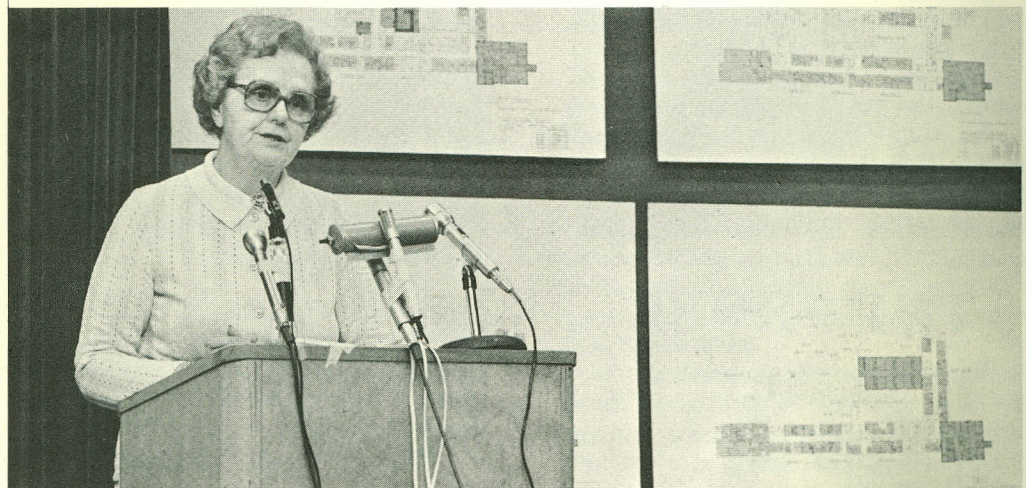
At \$8.6 million, the new plan, submitted Friday, May 11, is approximately half the construction cost of last year's plan which was \$17,060,000.

Mrs. Valeria Boyer, President and Chief Executive Officer, noted that the new plan addresses the concerns of the former State Health Secretary, Dr. Leonard Bachman, who last year refused to approve the Hospital's plan after approval by the HSC. Mrs. Boyer said the new plan (1) involves less capital expenditure, (2) reflects savings in the daily operation of the hospital, and (3) addresses the excess bed situation in the community.

Under the new plan the number of nursing units would be reduced from 13 to nine with each unit maintaining 35 to 40 beds. The Hospital will also eliminate seven OB beds, two Pediatric beds and will transfer the Psychiatric Unit to ASHHC. Greater efficiencies on nursing units and the bed reductions are expected to produce an operational savings of \$600,000 per year.

The HSC staff has 14 days in which to review the hospital's plan and return with questions about the project. The Hospital then must

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AT PRESS CONFERENCE — Mrs. Valeria Boyer, President and Chief Executive Officer for the Hospital, talks to members of the press at a news conference held May 10 to announce filing of the Hospital's modernization plan with the HSC.



AUXILIARY OFFICERS — Mrs. Elmer Bausch, left, outgoing President of the Allentown Hospital Auxiliary, presents the Auxiliary's new officers. They are, from left to right: Mrs. Sally Schaeffer, President; Mrs. Lorraine Fenstermacher, First Vice President; Mrs. Ann Hoats, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Ann Smith, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Grace Gilbert, Treasurer; and Mrs. Lois Pottieger, Financial Secretary. The officers were installed at a luncheon, May 12.

Other officers of the Auxiliary installed at the luncheon include Mrs. Lorraine Fenstermacher, First Vice President; Mrs. Ann Hoats, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Ann Smith, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Grace Gilbert, Treasurer; Mrs. Lois Pottieger, Financial Secretary. The Auxiliary also named Mrs. Louella Shoemaker Gift Shop Chairman, replacing Mrs. Margaret Bender who has previously held the position for many years.

A native of Allentown, Mrs. Schaeffer joined the Auxiliary in 1946. She has been closely associated with the Hospital through her

husband and through volunteer work since that time.

Mrs. Schaeffer praised the work of the 350-member Auxiliary and noted that its contributions to the Allentown Hospital in the past decade have been impressive. She stated that contributions for new equipment and services in the last ten years total nearly a half million dollars.

Mrs. Schaeffer said the Auxiliary will actively seek new members, particularly men and husband and wife teams to volunteer time throughout the hospital.

Annual Auxiliary dues are \$2.

Hospital Files Modernization Plan

answer the questions within 7 days. Finally, the plan will be reviewed by three HSC committees whose members are elected by the public. These committees include the Lehigh County Sub Area Council which will review the project the second week of July; The Project Review Committee which will review the plan July 24; and the Health Systems Council, a 30-member body comprised of members from a five county area, which will review the project July 31.

Whatever the outcome by the full council, the project will be reviewed by the State Health Department and the Health Secretary.

Below is a complete description of the proposed modernization plan,

floor by floor:

Ground Floor - A refurbished Emergency Room, new lobby, Gift Shop with storage, some Business Office services and the important Outpatient Clinics.

First Floor - includes new administrative offices and board room. This floor will accommodate all the required administrative, nursing and medical staff offices plus an 8-bed Intensive Care Unit.

Second Floor - primarily will house Ancillary Services such as Laboratories and X-Ray, a new Physical Therapy Unit and an Outpatient Surgical Unit.

Third Floor - A new Labor and Delivery Suite, Nurseries, and a new 35-bed Obstetrical Unit.

Fourth Floor - a 78-bed floor consisting of two nursing units, including a new 9-bed Coronary Unit, two Medical-Surgical Units with monitoring capability, and the Hemodialysis Station.

Fifth Floor - one Medical-Surgical Unit with 35 beds and a 35-bed Pediatric Unit.

Sixth Floor - two Medical-Surgical Units with a total of 68 beds.

UPDATE . . .

Mr. Yuk, ER Nurses Planning Bake Sale

The ER nurses, in conjunction with Mr. Yuk and the Lehigh Valley Poison Center, located in the ER, are holding a White Elephant and Bake Sale to be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, June 16 on the Annex lawn, 17th and Chew Sts.

In case of rain, the bake sale will be held in the Hospital lobby and the White Elephant sale will be held June 23.

All proceeds benefit the Lehigh Valley Poison Center. Donations are accepted.

Generator Tests

Every second Thursday of the month the Engineering Department tests the emergency generating system and shuts off electrical power to many areas of the Hospital. The tests are required by the JCAH and places the Hospital on emergency power for one-half hour.

Dates of the upcoming tests are: June 14, July 12, Aug. 9, Sept. 13, Oct. 11, Nov. 8 and Dec. 13 (2:45).

The emergency generators provide power to critical areas of the Hospital, including the hallways, ICU, the OR, the Labs, the elevators, etc.

On the last Friday of each month the X-Ray Building and the Power House unit are tested at 7:30 a.m. Dates of these tests are June 29, July 27, Aug. 31, Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 30, Dec. 28.



NEW DECORATIONS — Mrs. Luella Shoemaker, Junior Aide, puts the finishing touches on the new paint job for Pediatrics. The Junior Aides redecorated the department during the past month.

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Oldtimers Convene

Tuesday, May 8, marked the 15th time that Hospital oldtimers gathered to celebrate and receive honors for their longevity. Below is a list of employees honored for 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 40 years of service to The Allentown Hospital.

Ruth Walenta
Esther Wanamaker
Ann Butch
Linda Pfeifly
Sharon Smetzer
Margaret Parry
Sharon Nachesty
Bessie Harris

Kay Fenstermaker
Edna Borger
Ellen Warmkessel
Mary Coringrato
Bonnie McCandless

10 YEARS

Mary Rios
Rosa Johnson
Marie Stoudt
Mary Deising
Lee Hawk
Barbara Woodley
Suzanne Corriere

15 YEARS

Frank Kiss
Gilbert Klase
James Distler
Owen Newcomer
Elinor Olson

Lorraine Oakley
Janet Valente
Walter Eberts
Jean Graham

Dorothy Dengler
Anne Sepos
Janet Bannon
Rosemary Christie

25 YEARS

Evelyn Bowers

Hazel Kramer
Betty Fister
Audrey Crongrath
Dr. Raymond Smith

20 YEARS

Carol Buck
Carrol Readinger
Margaret McGuire

30 YEARS

Carolyn Fink

40 YEARS

Anges Edmondson

UPDATE. . .

New Patient Reps.

Four new Patient Representatives have been added to the group which has been visiting patients throughout the Hospital. They include: Mrs. Debra Gober, Mrs. Ruth Stanfill, Mrs. Tami Simon and Mrs. Katherine Follweiler.

New Program

The Lehigh Valley Poison Center has been selected as one of fifteen poison centers in the country to implement a new education program that teaches poison prevention to children in day care and preschool facilities.

At the present time 22 centers (900 children) in Lehigh, Monroe and Northampton counties are involved in this program.

KUDOS

Every day volunteer Patient Representatives are visiting patients throughout the Hospital. From time-to-time we will list some of the praise for the Hospital and its personnel they pick up on their rounds. Below are statements reflecting the feelings of three patients concerning their stays on T-3, W-1 and Sec. J.

T-3 — "I have the highest praises for Allentown Hospital. It has the feeling of "home." The nursing staff has been fantastic."

W-1 — "The nurses have been wonderful! I was absolutely thrilled with the Easter dinner. I had no idea the kitchen would take the time to wish the patients a "Happy Easter." The dinner tray was decorated so beautifully."

Sec. J — "Allentown Hospital is the best - all the people are so very nice."

LETTERS . . .

Ms. Kim Sharkey
Head Nurse: ICU

Within the past five years, our family has had the unfortunate opportunity to be in direct contact with four Intensive Care Units in three states.

Most recently, Douglas Martin was a patient in the ICU where you are Head Nurse. Although the prognosis for my father's survival was indeed very grim, your nurses worked with him, encouraged him and generally made our family feel as though he was in the safest and most qualified hands - something we had not experienced at other hospitals.

My mother, sister, myself and most of all Doug, would like to thank all the nurses who helped us through this tremendous crisis. I would also like to give special thanks to Ms. Sue Busits, Ms. Cheryl Reign and nurse "Kay"... for they made the stay easier to bear.

Richard D. Martin

Junior Aides Elect New Officers

The Junior Aides of The Allentown Hospital have elected a new slate of officers who will be installed at the Aides annual meeting to be held at 8 p.m. Thursday, June 7 at the Nurses' Residence.

Elected were: President, Mrs. Judy Baer, replacing Mrs. Trudy Mackes who has been President for two years; First Vice President, Mrs. Ellen Weller, replacing Judy Baer; Second Vice President, Mrs. Karyl Danford, replacing Ellen Weller; Treasurer, Mrs. Lisa Landis, replacing Mrs. Donna Edmonds; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Barbara Heinly, re-elected; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Carole Pinkunas, replacing Mrs. Diane Rizzetto.

The Junior Aides, whose services benefits the Pediatric Department, are planning two fund raising events. June 1 through 3, the Aides will be at the Lehigh Valley Mall selling cakes and their cookbooks, and June 23 they will sponsor a snack trailer during Emmaus Ethnic Day at Community Park in Emmaus.

New members are welcome to the Junior Aides who have 150 current members.

Allentown Dietician Receives Award

Judith Holaska, Clinical Oncology, Allentown Hospital, was recipient of the "Recognized Young Dietitian of the Year" award given by the Pennsylvania Dietetic Association as its recent annual meeting in Hershey.

The award is presented yearly to dietitians who have demonstrated unusual interest and activity in their district and state associations, in community nutrition education, nutrition research or career guidance.



NURSING SCHOOL CHORUS — Members of the Nursing School chorus are shown prior to the annual Spring Concert given in the Nurses' Residence. This year's program included solos and duets with guitar accompaniment as well as selections from popular show tunes. Chorus Director is Mrs. Helen Leh, center, seated.

DOCTORS' CORNER

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three male students, who bring to over 3,000 the number of graduates of the nursing school whose first class set out into the medical world in 1901.

Eight students received prizes for their performances during their three years at the school.

Diane Dilks received the Top Honor Pin, awarded by Dr. and Mrs. "CD" Schaeffer for highest average in the theory and practice of nursing. Miss Dilks also received the Ethics Pin awarded by Mr. and Mrs. Abram Samuels for the highest average in nursing practice and conduct.

Lori Barrell received the Second Honor Pin, presented in memory of Dr. Robert J. Turnbach, and Cheryl Mohr received the Third Honor Pin presented by Dr. Clyde Kelchner. Miss Mohr also received the Ethics Prize, presented in memory of Mrs. Cora Strause, by Peter Male, for the student

with the second highest average in nursing practice and conduct.

Faye Moul received the Medical-Surgical Nursing Prize presented by Dr. Dean Dimick; Susan Reese received the Maternity Nursing Prize, presented by Dr. Joseph Miller; Laurene Schmehl received the Nursing of Children Prize presented by Dr. Russell Puschak and Nora Solotruk received the Psychiatric Nursing Prize presented by Dr. Charles Umlauf.

OB/GYN Society Officers

At their meeting at the Lehigh Country Club, The Lehigh Valley Obstetrical and Gynecologic Society elected new officers:

Dr. M. Bruce Viechnicki, President
Dr. Donald Kopenhagen, Vice President

Dr. Joseph Merola, Secretary
Dr. Carl Lam, Treasurer

Dr. Ronald Chez, Chairman of the Department of Obstetrics at Hershey Medical Center spoke to the Society on the treatment of premature labor.

The Society meets quarterly.

Hospital Chatter

MOVING — must sell: chest freezer \$30, upholstered rocking chair \$15, 30 X 42 inch oak table \$10, child's school desk \$5, 14" car wheel \$5, camping food chest \$2, size 5 figure skates \$3, electric ice cream maker (used twice) \$10, 26" 5-speed bike \$15; call 398-1275.

FURNISHED — Room for Rent in private home. Full bath. Two blocks from Allentown Hospital on Chew Street. One large front room, \$17 per wk; one middle room, \$15 per wk. Call Mr. Sobrino at 437-9372 or 282-3777.

WANTED — New or used items in good condition for bingo prizes for after care state hospital patients. Household items, knickknacks, canned foods, etc. Items needed desperately. Call Nancy Beidler, Mental Health Clinic, 821-2265.

FOR RENT — N. 15th St., 1st fl. - 3 rms w/bath. Access to basement. \$225/mo. inc. all utilities. Security deposit required. 2nd fl. - 3 rms w/bath, 2 rms on 3rd fl. \$225/mo. Tenant pays electric only. Security deposit required. Call 395-2361 aft. 6 p.m.

AVAILABLE SOON — 16th & Chew Sts. 3rd fl. - 3 rms w/bath. Small extra room, heat inc. Adults preferred. No pets. \$180/mo. Call 433-4445.

FOR SALE — 20 gal. aquarium w/lifetime guarantee, stand, cover w/light, filter, etc. \$50.00. Call 264-0913.

Comings -- Goings

Guss, Judith
Arroyo, Eve
Barnett, Susan
Regan, Margaret
Sandbrook, Joanne
Matchick, Judith
Bottone, Dolores
Schwartz, Ruth
Harting, Katherine
Rudzick, Joseph

Gen Staff W3
Unit Clerk S4
Gen Staff L&D
Technician OPD
Technician
Aide-Human Serv.
Hskg. Aide
Gen Staff Peds
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Hskg. Aide

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Berg, Bernard
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Marcus, Rose
Worthington, James
Smiley, Anne
Benson, Mary
Rivera, Julio
Hardney, Marvin
Snyder, Violet
Yeakel, Joyce
Schmanek, Otto

Gen Staff W6
Gen Staff ICU
Gen Staff
Student
Clerk II
Hskg. Aide
Hskg. Aide
Storeroom Clerk
Unit Clerk S4
Head Nurse L&D
Hskg. Aide

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