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ALLENTOWN HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION ELECTION

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, was the deadline for registering to vote in the election and a note of thanks is in order for those employees, volunteers, and auxiliary members who joined the Allentown Hospital Association.

Remember that Wednesday, June 23, the election will take place. It will be at 8:00 P.M. in Muhlenberg Memorial Hall (the field house). Members will use the Liberty Street entrance. You must bring your official Allentown Hospital Association receipt (not the one from the Administrator's Office if you registered at Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital Center) and some type of identification (e.g. driver's license, voter registration card) to be eligible.

The Allentown Hospital Association slate of candidates: Henry H. Dent, Walter Dex, M.D., I. Cyrus Gutman, Charles A. Raab, Donald G. Vollmer, and Anne Harity, will be listed first on the ballot.

In order for the election to be successful, everyone who has registered must get out and vote in person. For those who are working 2nd shift, transportation to vote will be provided. The voting will be held open until 10:00 P.M. so that everyone has a chance to get there.

SOCIAL SERVICE NEWS

MARYK SAMIOS, DIRECTOR OF UR REVIEW/DISCHARGE PLANNING, announced that as of Friday, June 18, the Social Service Department which includes Utilization Review and Discharge Planning, will be moving to 7C. Their phone number, 3107, will remain the same.

Maryann D. Bulishak began a new position on June 7th as Assistant Director/Service Management Supervisor with Carbon County Area Agency on Aging. Best wishes to her in her new position.



JOINT COMMISSION ACCREDITATION

ALLENTOWN AND SACRED HEART HOSPITAL CENTER HAS BEEN GIVEN a two-year accreditation by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH). The JCAH is a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization which carries out voluntary surveys on hospitals to identify those facilities which provide health care of a higher quality than governmental licensure alone.

As this is the first time that the Hospital Center has been reviewed, the two-year maximum accreditation represents a superior endorsement of our facilities and personnel.

This accreditation, which was announced June 2, is the result of an on-site survey made by field representatives of the program. The survey team, which included a physician and a hospital administrator, spent two days at Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital Center in March interviewing doctors and administrative personnel. Their main concerns included medical staff relations, community relations, safety standards, and patient care.

LAB CONFERENCE

ON MONDAY, JUNE 7, the lab held a day of continuing education featuring Captain Joseph O'Connell, M.D., USN, past director of the Bethesda Naval Hospital as the guest lecture. The morning program covered technical level lab aspects of chromosomal studies and the afternoon session involved physicians on a discussion of case studies.

CAFETERIA PROBLEMS

DURING PEAK HOURS the cafeteria is experiencing problems with overcrowding. While a rearrangement of the dining area is being investigated to help cope with the problems, it is important that everyone help out during the crunch.

Please don't push tables together if possible, this limits the amount of seating available. Also, saving seats for people in line or on their way to the dining room may tie up a seat for long enough for someone else to eat. Please be considerate!

AFFILIATION AGREEMENT SIGNED

DR. FRED FISTER, Director of Medical Education at both Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital Center and Allentown General, announced the signing of an affiliation program between the Hospital Center and the University of Pennsylvania. The agreement is similar to that signed between the university and the Allentown General and Sacred Heart Hospitals.

The arrangement will complement the current residency programs and will create contracts with a center of learning to provide for the exchange of information and educational experience. It strengthens the commitment of the three community hospitals to provide high quality health care through the continuing education of medical and health-related personnel.

NEW PERSONNEL

AS OF JULY 1, we will be developing our own Security Force. The force will be under the direction of Robert Ewing, Director of Engineering, and will be taking over the motor patrol on shift changes in the main parking lot. A large spotlight has also been purchased to aid the surveillance effort.

William Holmes has been hired as the new Head of Security. Bill has had a lot of experience in security work including the East Penn Foundry, and in police work in Macungie. We all look forward to working with him.

Jim Higgins has begun work as the new Dispatcher of the Escort Service. Before coming to Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital Center, Jim has spent time in the service, working at Western Electric, and is presently finishing up a degree in Journalism from Temple. His duties include coordination of requests for messengers and escorts.

On June 21, twenty-one new RN's and five new LPN's will be joining our staff, primarily in the medical-surgical areas. As many of them will be new graduates, we wish them the best in their new careers here at Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital Center.



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TIME MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

ON FRIDAY, JUNE 25, at 10:00 A.M. Richard C. Cipoletti, Director of Personnel Services and Thomas Dondore, Director of Educational Development will be giving a workshop on Time Management for clerical personnel.

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NOTE OF THANKS

A NOTE OF THANKS to all personnel who registered for membership in the Allentown Hospital Association. Special appreciation to the Employee's Election Committee (Marcie Fenstermaker, Sue Peeples, Linda Gleason, Stirling Woodin, Jim Hofstetter, Jim Koseki, Sara Jane Best, and Bobbi Malcolm) for their help in the registration effort. Many thanks also to those volunteers and auxiliary members who helped on the various mailings from the Hospital Center.

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