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## Mrs. Boyer Takes Reigns As Acting President

Mrs. Valeria S. Boyer is getting used to retirement parties. First there was a rousing send off when she left the Allentown Hospital in 1968, then another when she left the Joint Operating Committee for The Hospital Center. Last month ASHHC gave her another send off and when she completes her interim term as Acting President of The Allentown Hospital, she can expect another.

The upcoming retirement party will probably be the last. Mrs. Boyer replies "absolutely" when asked if, in fact, she will step down after a six month to year period at the helm of the hospital which she served as Assistant Administrator from 1954 to 1968.

Her recent appointment, to fill the post left vacant by the death of Bill Locke, is one of the highlights of her career she says. Although she never aspired to be President and Chief Executive Officer she considers her present appointment an "honor."

She is proud to be back.

"The employees can be proud to be affiliated with this hospital. It has a very important role to play in the health care in this area and I am committed to seeing that it maintains that role," she said the other day.

Mrs. Boyer played a large role in the development of the Allentown Hospital. She came here in 1954 after years as an administrator in New York State where she lived with her husband.

"We were charged with reorganizing this hospital," Mrs. Boyer recalls, adding the administration was not departmentalized a quarter century ago. "There was no purchasing department, no personnel department. We were not different from other hospitals then."

In the years she served as assistant to Mr. Bowen, the hospital "advanced a great deal," she remarks. The hospital developed its specialties and resident education programs where she says the hospital excels.

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## Trail Blazers Club Ready For Action

As a community project, the Allentown Chapter, Trail Blazers Club, will transport hospital employees to and from work in the event of a crippling snow storm.

Last year, on two occasions, club members transported stranded employees unable to get to work. Nurses, as far away as Easton, were picked up and brought to the hospital and then returned home following shift.

The Trail Blazers Club is a group of enthusiasts who operate four wheel drive vehicles.

According to Brad Waldman, Risk Manager, department heads are to establish a priority list of employees needed in the event of a snow emergency. The list should be passed on to the nursing office which will act as a snow emergency control center.

In the event of a severe storm, the Trail Blazers will contact and dispatch vehicles to employees' homes. Employees can be expected to be picked as early as two hours before their shift begins to ensure their arrival at the hospital.

When an employee is contacted by Trail Blazers, he or she should not accept another ride, but wait for the club vehicle. As a security precaution, the employee may ask the Trail Blazer driver to show identification.

See your department head for additional details.

## Easier, Safer Parking For P.M. Employees

The hospital has implemented a new policy to beef up security in the fairgrounds parking lot.

Beginning at 11 p.m. a security guard will patrol the lot until midnight while a companion will remain outside the ER entrance. Both men will carry walkie-talkies.

The purpose of the foot patrol is to ensure safety during the night shift change.

## T-5 Says Thanks

Mrs. Delores Appel, head nurse, T-5, has expressed thanks to everyone who donated cards, games, and puzzles to patients on T-5, the renal area. The donations came from an appeal in Probe. Many T-5 patients are ambulatory and can make use of the gifts in the sitting room.

## X-Ray Grads Do It Again

All 1978 grads of the hospital's School of Radiologic Technology passed the national registry exam given by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. This maintains the school's perfect record since classes began in 1968.



**PATIENT REPRESENTATIVES**—Hospital volunteers have taken as Patient Representatives and visit patients throughout most of the hospital. Directed by Mrs. Lorraine Fenstermacher, wife of Dr. Robert Fenstermacher, Chief, OPD, the representatives talk, listen, explain and pass on patient complaints and suggestions to the nursing staff. Included in the group, from left to right, are Mrs. Harriet Samuels, wife of Abram Samuels, board member, Mrs. Fenstermacher, Mrs. Margaret Stein, daughter of Mr. Samuels, Mrs. Lupe Pearce, Director of the Spanish Speaking Association, Mrs. Hilda Estricher and Mrs. Sally Schaeffer, wife of Dr. "CD" Schaeffer. Not pictured is Mrs. Rose Chromiak.

## Hospital Nursing School Picks Outstanding Student

Linda A. Robbins, a 21-year-old junior nursing student at The Allentown Hospital School of Nursing, has been selected as the Outstanding Student Nurse (OSN) for 1979.

The Westfield, N.J. resident was chosen from a field of five top students including Paul Evans and Monica Urban, both of Allentown, Joanne Hertzog of Bethlehem and Ann Capobianco of Bangor.

To qualify for the OSN competition, a junior must have a cumulative average of 87 or above and must be one of five juniors selected by the student body. The OSN is then chosen by a panel of five judges. The contestants deliver a short talk on his or her philosophy of life.

The OSN title is particularly appropriate for Linda. In her junior year at the Allentown Hospital Nursing School, she is also a senior and Dean's List student at Muhlenberg College and will graduate this June with a B.S. degree in Natural Science and Mathematics and another in



**LINDA A. ROBBINS**

Psychology. She will graduate from the nursing school in 1980.

How does she do it?

"With a lot of cooperation from both the nursing school and Muhlenberg," she says, modestly ignoring the hard work that goes into getting a degree from two institutions at the same time. Aside from her classroom work she is employed in the Muhlenberg cafeteria 20 hours a week.

The daughter of a nurse, Linda vowed she would never follow in her mother's footsteps.

"I am the one who claimed all the way through childhood that a nurse was the one thing I'd never become — I couldn't stand blood."

However she chose nursing because of her interest in science and because of a desire to work with people. She got used to blood.

For the future, Linda thinks of becoming a Nurse Practitioner and studying at the University of Virginia.

"I'll probably change my mind six times before I graduate," she says. "Where-ever I end up I know I can trust the Lord's guidance. He's done so much for me already."

## THE PROBE

Valeria S. Boyer  
Acting President

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## United Way Donates

The United Way in Lehigh County has donated \$10,000 to the hospital for continued support for medical clinic services. The United Way makes an annual contribution to the hospital.

## 950 Attended Party

Nine hundred and fifty employees turned out to stuff themselves at the annual Christmas Party held Dec. 21, according to Mr. "S", food service manager. The dinner is served three times during the day to accommodate all shifts.

## Head Nurse OPD

Mrs. Geraldine Moyer, newly elected hospital representative on the Sub Area Council, has been named Head Nurse in the Outpatient Department. "Gerry" was named to the position late last year. She has been a head nurse in the OR and in ASU. The department, under Mrs. Jane Sill, supervisor, includes the ER, ASU and the clinics.

## Probe—Smaller But Fully Packed

This month's Probe has been reduced by two pages in keeping with the hospital's cost containment efforts. Nevertheless, with the move to a three column format and a reduction in the type size, the same amount of news can be packed in the newsletter. So you will be reading the same amount of copy in a smaller space.

The size reduction will save the hospital approximately \$200 to \$250 a month. The old Probe averaged \$450 to print. The new version is expected to be around \$200 for 1200 copies.

Additional changes in the Probe format may come later. Headings may be changed and as well as the color of the ink.

In conjunction with a smaller Probe, the Community Relations Department plans a quarterly newsletter from the Hospital, designed to inform the public about events and happenings at the hospital, such as the annual report, plans for new equipment and services and of progress towards a modernized hospital.

Cost of the "new" Probe and the quarterly newsletter - yet to be named - will be the same or less than the cost of printing Probe with the old format.

## Passes Exams

Nancy Earley, Radiation Oncology passed the radiation therapy boards given by the American Registry of Radiologic Technology. Nancy is a registered X-Ray technologist and studied an additional year to be eligible to take the boards.

## Sponsor Drawing

Three winners were selected in a recent drawing offered by the hospital's MH/MR unit. The winners were Jeni Frederick, 1st prize; Audrey Dewar, 2nd prize, and Marg Monaghan, 3rd prize.

## On Call Schedule

The upcoming "On Call" schedule includes several programs involving staff physicians from The Allentown Hospital.

On Feb. 12 and 17, Dr. Raymond Seckinger, psychiatrist, W-6 will take part in a discussion of "Separation and Divorce."

Dr. Walter Dex, chief of Radiology, will discuss "Radiology" on the "On Call" programs scheduled for Feb. 19 and 24. Dr. Richard Allman and Dr. Barre Kaufman will discuss "Arthritis," on programs Feb. 26 and March 3.

"On Call" is the channel 39 program on medicine hosted by Dr. Headley White and Shelley Brown. The program is sponsored by the Pool Trust.



DOOR PRIZE—Cheryl Mohr, left and Marlene Gimont, both senior nursing students, were two of six winners this year in the Nursing School's annual door decorating contest. The other winners were Diane Janiszewski and Lois Vangarelli and Donna Deutsch and Laurie Croll.

# SAC Election Produces Big Hospital Turnout

An estimated 355 employees, friends and supporters of The Allentown Hospital turned out Wed. Jan. 10 at Dieruff High School for the election of 14 candidates to the Lehigh County Sub Area Council, (SAC).

Among those elected are: Mrs. Geraldine Moyer, head nurse OPD, Dudley Cyphers, a hospital volunteer, Patricia Weber, member of the hospital's Junior Aides, Dr. David Prager and Mrs. Annabelle Dittbrenner, former hospital nurse and a graduate of the school of nursing.

A total of 482 Lehigh County residents turned out for the election. Of these, an estimated 355 were supporters or employees of The Allentown Hospital.

Elections for the SAC are held yearly. The Sub Area Council is a body of directly elected individuals who represent the Health Systems Agency, HSA, a federally mandated agency which oversees expenditures in the health care industry. The SAC, as well as the Health Systems Council, HSC, the regional council of the HSA reviews all projects of hospital and health care institutions which cost more than \$100,000.

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### (Cont'd from page 1) Mrs. Boyer Takes Reigns

In 1968 she left and took a position with the Joint Operating Committee which started ASHHC on its way. After a 13 month stint there, during which time her husband died, Mrs. Boyer became a hospital consultant in Greece and El Salvador under the sponsorship of the International Executive Service Corp. The group is committed to sending American executive talent to the developing nations.

In 1971 she returned to Allentown to become first Assistant and later Associate Administrator at ASHHC which she left last year.

Mrs. Boyer is a native of the Lehigh Valley, having grown up in Coopersburg and graduated from High School. She pursued courses at Columbia University and Adelphi College. Mrs. Boyer is a Fellow of the American College of Hospital Administrators and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Health of Great Britain.

Her efforts while the hospital's Acting President will be directed towards the modernization program.

"That's top priority for me," she states. After that, she plans more stints overseas with the International Executive Service Corp.

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## Named Vice Chairman

R. Bradford Waldman, Risk Manager and Equal Opportunity Coordinator, has been named Vice Chairman of the Allentown Human Relations Commission.

Waldman, a five year hospital employee, was appointed to the commission last September.

The commission is assigned the responsibility of investigating discrimination complaints and offering aid to racial minorities, particularly in the area of housing and employment.

A native of suburban Philadelphia, Waldman lives in Allentown.



R. BRADFORD WALDMAN

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## Heart Station Participates In Analyzing Program

The Allentown Hospital Heart Station received permission from the hospital Research and Scientific Advancement Committee to become 1 of 11 hospitals in the country to participate in a Pacemaker Analyzing Research Protocol.

Ten patients who had pacemakers implanted in November and December of 1978, were voluntarily involved in the Study.

Cardiac Pacemaker Inc. produced its own Pacemaker Analyzing System and asked the Heart Station to become one of the principal investigators. At the end of the study, The Allentown Hospital Heart Station received a \$3500.00 Pacemaker Analyzer System and a \$500.00 donation to the department's education fund.

The principal investigator was Dr. C. Khindri and technical support was Frank Lowell, Director of the Heart Station and Nancy Strong, R.CT. and Susan Brucker, R.CT.

# Hospital Employees Enjoy Another Christmas Party



## Comings -- Goings

### COMINGS

Kress, Diane	Gen Staff Float	Ngt
Turcmanovich, Catherine	LPN T5	Day
Steiner, Susan	Gen Staff Peds	Eve
Baglini, Cynthia	Phlebotomist	Day
Freeman, Jan	Technician	Day
Schwartz, David	Chart Files Clerk	Day
Carson, Jeffrey	Dishmachine Oper.	Day
Deiley, Todd	Dishmachine Oper.	Day
Iannelli, Mary	Hot Food Cart Pers.	Day
Sheola, Denise	Hot Food Cart Pers.	Day
Christman, Donald	Hskg. Aide	Day
Feist, David	Hskg. Aide	Day
Rodgers, Charles	Hskg. Aide	Eve
Rolon, William	Hskg. Aide	Day
Hudec, Virginia	Hot Food Cart Pers.	Day

### GOINGS

Lawler, Lorraine	Gen Staff ICU	Day
Ford, Melanie	Gen Staff	Day
Lilly, Gertrude	Gen Staff	Day
Giering, Kip	Phlebotomist	Day
O'Brien, Leann	Med. Tech.	Day
Park, Young-Kyui	Hskg. Aide	Day
Krause, Sharon	Clerk II	Day
Leiby, June	LPN W3	Day
Herr, Linda	Gen Staff Peds	Eve
Pitoniak, Joanne	Gen Staff ICU	Ngt
Savitz, Pearl	Head Nurse T4	Day
Sanders, Clara Louise	Gen Staff	Day
Duran, Claire	Nursing Education	Day
Roeder, Linda	Technician	Day
Williams, Marguerite	Receptionist	Day
Bernabucci, William	Food Serv. Manager	Day
Zwarych, Stephen	Helper	Day
Kleiner, Harry	Supervisor	Day
Madonna, John	Hskg. Aide	Day
Miller, Chris	Linen Rm. Worker	Day

## BIRTHDAYS

Dolly Deprill, Denise Strauss, Gilbert Klase, Dietary.

## Hospital Chatter

**WANTED**—Female to share apt. near 14th and Linden. Apt. is furnished. Call 820-3779 after 5 p.m.

**WANTED**—Folding, used, playpen in good condition. Call 797-7212 after 5 p.m.

**WANTED**—New and used items in good condition for bingo prizes for after care state hospital patients. Knicknacks, jewelry, gloves, canned goods, houseware items, etc. Call Mary Beidler, Mental Health Clinic, 2265.

**FOR SALE**—Ten gal. aquarium with devices included. \$25. Call 437-1434 after 4:30 p.m.

**FOR SALE**—Twin Home, Lehigh Parkway. Walking distance to school, Macks and shopping center. Three-4 bedrooms, living room, dining room, kitchen, basement. Nice yard. Call 298-2478. \$38,900.

**DISTRIBUTOR**—Rawleigh Products Distributor, Sandy Lloyd, 285-6821.

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## BIRTHS

Lissa Trauissano, X-Ray, and husband Jim, are the parents of a girl, Tiffany, Dec. 6, 1978.

Cindy Cressman, X-Ray, and husband Ron, are the parents of a son, Daniel, Jan. 7, 1979.

Maryann Bulishak, Clinical Oncology, and husband, Bob, are the parents of a boy, Gregory Adam, born Jan. 16.

## Baskets of Cheer

"To commemorate the Christmas season, the Allentown Hospital Bowling League sponsored a raffle for a Christmas "Basket of Cheer". On December 18th, 1978, the following winners were drawn:

1st Prize—Susan Brennan, 6 assorted bottles of liquor; 2nd Prize—Rodney Mengle, 1/2 Gallon of V.O.; 3rd Prize—John Hewitt, Two 1/2 Gallons of wine; 4th Prize—Betty Jones, Case of Michelob; 5th Prize—Kenneth Butler, Case of Schaefer Ale.