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ENGINEERING DIRECTOR APPOINTED

ELLWYN D. SPIKER, Administrator, has announced the appointment of Leonard Farkas as Director of the Department of Engineering. Mr. Farkas has been the Acting Director of the Department since August of 1976, and was the Assistant Director of Engineering previous to that time.

Congratulations!

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BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD

ALONG WITH THE PAYCHECKS you receive on January 13 and 14, all full-time employees will be receiving Blue Cross/Blue Shield identification cards and contract booklets for Blue Cross, Blue Shield '100', and Major Medical.

Please note that along with Blue Shield '100' coverage, there have been some changes in the Blue Cross coverage. For example, the \$10 deductible for outpatient lab services has now been removed.

Please note that our group numbers have not changed and if you should need to present your ID card before your new cards are received, the old ID will be accepted.

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SYMPOSIUM '77

SYMPOSIUM '77 will start off the year with a program entitled "Musculoskeletal Disease" on Saturday, January 15, in the Hospital Center Auditorium. Speakers from the Hospital Staff include Richard Allman, M.D.; Lawrence Weisbrod, M.D.; Clifford Vernick, M.D.; David Sussman, M.D.; Peter Keblish, Jr., M.D.; Thomas Dickson, Jr., M.D.; Walter J. Finnegan, M.D.; and George Arangio, M.D.

The program will begin at 8:30 A.M., and is approved for 4.5 hours of Category I Credit. All interested personnel are invited. For reservations and information call the Educational Development Office, Extension 2026.

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SOCIAL SERVICE ADDITION

THE HOSPITAL CENTER WELCOMES Gail Hoke, the new medical social worker in the Discharge Planning Unit of the Utilization Review/Discharge Planning Department. Mrs. Hoke graduated with a BA degree from Susquehanna University and has worked as a medical social worker at Delaware Home and Hospital for the Chronically Ill in Smyrna, Delaware, and at Harrisburg Hospital.

In addition to her medical social work, Gail will participate as a team member in the coordinated approach to total patient care.

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NOTE OF THANKS...

TO THE PLASTICS PROFESSIONAL GROUP for their donation of a lens for the slide projector in the auditorium.

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NURSING PERSONNEL

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PAT SCAGLIOTTI, R.N., begins her new position as Unit Instructor for the fourth floor on Monday, January 10. Mrs. Scagliotti has been the Head Nurse of Nursing Unit 4A since the Hospital Center's opening. Pat received her nursing degree from Yale New Haven School of Nursing in New Haven, Connecticut, and worked at the Allentown Hospital for three years, two years as a staff nurse in Med/Surg Nursing, and one year as the Head Nurse in a Surgical Progressive Care Unit.

Replacing Mrs. Scagliotti as Head Nurse on 4A is Sue Peeples, R.N., who has worked on 4A as a staff nurse since September, 1974. Sue attended the University of South Carolina for her nursing degree, after which she worked at Greenwood Self Memorial Hospital in Greenwood, South Carolina, and Mahorrrnor Clinic in New Orleans. Mrs. Peeples worked in the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department of Tulane Medical School in New Orleans prior to coming to Allentown.

Congratulations to them both!

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CPR

SINCE APRIL, 1976, 132 Hospital Center employees and volunteers have been certified by the American Heart Association to perform Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation. The average score before August (using the old tests) was 90.9%; after August, with the revised tests, it jumped to 96.2%.

Only 8 people have received their 1976-1979 recertifications; those people who were certified in 1975, and whose certification has expired, should contact the Educational Development Office, at Extension 2026.

In early February, one-hour review sessions will be held for those people who would like to practice on the manikins in order to stay proficient. Specific times and dates will be announced.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ...

MARIE SIGNAROVITZ, R.N., HEAD NURSE 5B, and Christina Faller, R.N., Head Nurse 3B and Burn Unit, December graduates of East Stroudsburg College. Mrs. Faller and Mrs. Signarovitz both received Bachelor of Science Degrees in Education with a minor in School Nursing.

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A TIME TO SHARE

TO BEGIN THE NEW YEAR, a time for thinking of others, a time to share... I would like to share this, the first of three poems, expressing the thoughts of a patient who has spent some time here at the Center.

She Called Me Robert Frost

She said,

"Will you write us a poem  
because you are here,  
because we are here to be your health?"

"You are yourselves poems  
rhymed in and out of this room  
in measured meters.

Meaning to each of us the most,  
Coming to that which might be lost.

For you

Poetic alliterations is a redeeming redundancy  
syringes and shots  
wash and waste  
peace and patience  
humor and heart  
skill with service  
alert with love  
intelligent interaction  
jaunty with joy  
a rhymed rhythm of life

For this we are all stars crossed  
by poetic insight from Robert Frost."

"A poem begins in delight and ends in wisdom!"

Russell B. Barbour  
December 11, 1976