

# update

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## CENTER'S STAFF TESTS LEGIONNAIRES

Several members of the Hospital Center's clinical and laboratory staff performed over 120 pulmonary function and blood tests on Pennsylvania American Legionnaires at their annual convention in Philadelphia recently.

Gary L. Lattimer, M.D., Chief of our Infectious Disease Section, headed the team which did testing on three groups of Legionnaires:

- Group A:** Legionnaires who attended the July, 1976 Philadelphia convention and were officially diagnosed with symptoms of the disease;
- Group B:** Legionnaires at the same convention who showed some symptoms of the disease;
- Group C:** A control group; Legionnaires who did not attend the convention two years ago.

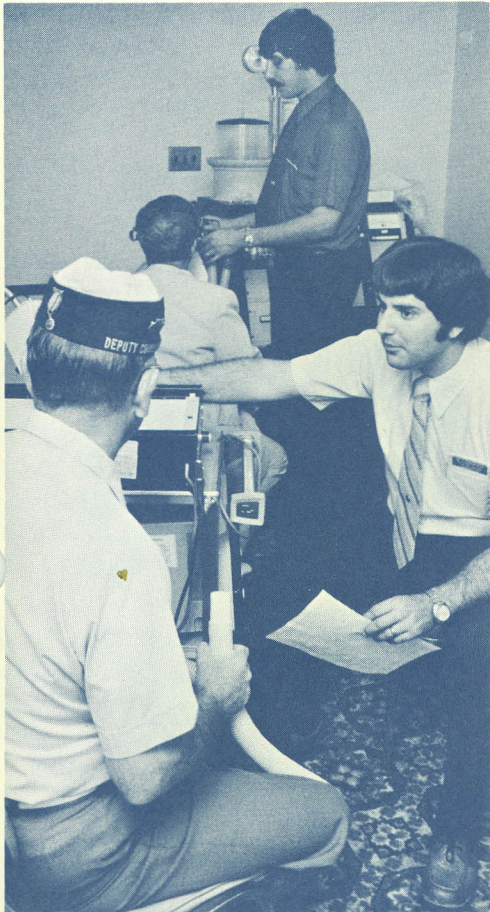
Pulmonary function analyzing was done by Victor Stonebraker, Technical Director, Pulmonary Function Lab; and Gary Haas, Senior Staff Technician in the lab.

Sharon Boley, M.T., and summer lab intern, Arlene Randall, drew blood from the Legionnaires.

Dr. Lattimer, who is working with his associate, Luther Rhodes, III, M.D., John P. Galgon, M.D., Chief of Pulmonary Disease Section, and Clinical Microbiologist, John Salvanti, Ph.D., will analyze test results and forward them to participating Legionnaires and their physicians.

According to Dr. Lattimer, the disease may cause long term lung disability. Legionnaires' Disease strikes as a severe form of pneumonia and has a high mortality rate.

Having been involved with the treatment and follow-up care of local victims of the disease, the investigators are highly optimistic about the success of their research.



Vic Stonebraker, right, and Gary Haas, testing Legionnaires.

## LEGIONNAIRES' DISEASE TEST HERE

Antigen Material used for Legionnaires' Disease testing is now available to the Center's laboratory. The material is available because Gary L. Lattimer, M.D., Head of the Section of Infectious Diseases, completed a course in lab procedures for diagnosing Legionnaires' Disease.

By taking the Atlanta based Center for Disease Control sponsored course, Dr. Lattimer is extended the privilege of receiving antigen material for Legionnaires' Disease testing.

According to Dr. John J. Shane, Director of the Clinical Laboratories, the release of the antigen means that an antibody can be produced locally. Therefore, the lab now has all the material, equipment, and expertise and is to be approved as a Legionnaires' Disease Testing Center.



# MEDICAL STAFF NEWS

## To Admitting

Mary Thrapp

## To Housekeeping

Mike Gillespie  
Steven Lukow  
Tammy Wagner  
Richard Wehr

## To Nuclear Medicine

Clement Stankiewicz

## To Nursing Services

Judy Bredahl  
Nancy Carr  
Diane DiBonifazio  
Monica Moyer  
Sandi Rossi  
Julie Sauer  
Nancy Snyder

## To Pharmacy

Trudy Baum  
Donna Zigmundt



William Gee, M.D.

**William Gee, M.D.**, has been elected to the Society for Vascular Surgery. Harry Kaupp, M.D., Chief of the Vascular Surgery Division, is also a society member. Dr. Gee, Director of the Non-Invasive Vascular Laboratory at the Center, has been on the Center's staff since November, 1977.

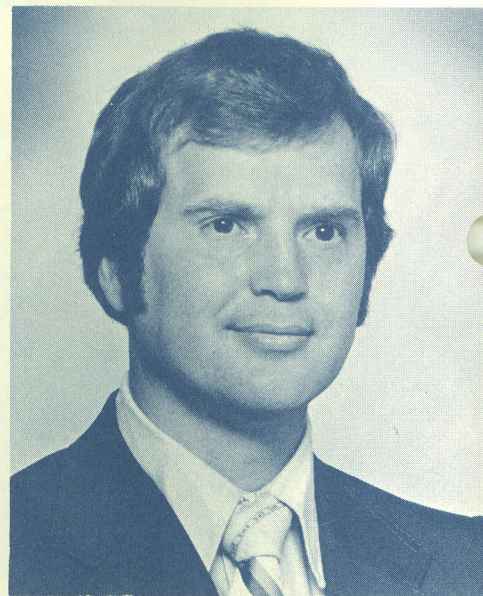
Dr. Gee completed an internship and residency in General Surgery at the Naval Hospital in St. Albans, New York. He completed a Fellowship in Vascular Surgery and was an instructor in Surgery at the University of California following which he was an Assistant Professor of Surgery at George Washington University.

Dr. Gee was Chief of Division of Vascular Surgery at the National Naval Medical Center and a Captain in the Medical Corps, U.S. Navy.

In the new book, *Non-Invasive Diagnostic Techniques in Vascular Disease*, Dr. Gee authored two chapters: "Physiologic Principles of Ocular Pneumoplethysmography" and "Clinical Application of Ocular Pneumoplethysmography."

**F. Geoffrey Toonder, M.D.**, has recently been Board Certified in Thoracic Surgery. He is also Board Certified in General Surgery and by the National Board of Medical Examiners.

Dr. Toonder received his Medical Degree from the University of Buffalo (S.U.N.Y.), interned at the University of Utah Medical Center, and completed his Residency in General Surgery at St. Joseph Hospital in Denver, Colorado. He served as a Naval Flight Surgeon for two years, completed a Fellowship in Cardiovascular Research at the University of Colorado Medical Center and a Fellowship in Thoracic and Cardiothoracic Surgery at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas. In addition to his membership on the Hospital Center Staff, Dr. Toonder is a member of the staffs of the Allentown, Sacred Heart and Quakertown Hospitals.



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## NURSING REORGANIZES

The Nursing Services Division of the Hospital Center is undergoing a reorganization of its management structure. According to Florence Brown, Director, the aim of the reorganization is to decentralize the management function into teams comprised of a supervisor, unit instructors and head nurses. These teams will be responsible for management of the units.

Dawn Costello, Ed.D., Associate Director Nursing Education, will be leaving the Center. Dr. Costello's plans include spending more time with her family, and the possibility of going into private educational consulting or an academic career.

**Justin Parr, M.D.**, has joined the staff of the Department of Pathology as a consulting Neuropathologist. Board Eligible in Clinical Neurology and Psychiatry, Dr. Parr most recently held the post of consultant and research associate in Research Pathology at the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Parr received his M.D. from the University of Wisconsin. He was an Intern at the Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital and completed Residencies in Neurology, Pathology and Neuropathology at the University Hospitals of Cleveland, Western Reserve University. He has thirteen years of experience in professional responsibilities including education, diagnosis, administration, investigation, and program direction. His position is partly funded by the Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust.

**Virgil Hardin, M.D.**, Nuclear Medicine, has left the Center to return to active duty with the Army Medical Corps. Dr. Hardin has been at the Hospital since September, 1974, prior to which he had spent 12 years in the Medical Corps. Enroute to his new position, Dr. Hardin will be stopping in his native New Orleans to take part in ceremonies honoring his father, who was a noted civic leader in that community.

# Update

Gale Schmidt — Editor  
Jim Higgins — Associate Editor  
Janet Dech — Staff Assistant  
Jack Dittbrenner — Photography  
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Pete Gallo — Art



— **Jane Borbe, R.N.**, has been appointed Head Nurse, PCU. She has been a member of the Critical Care Staff since September, 1974. Mrs. Borbe has also graduated with a B.S.N. from Crest College this past May.

— **Rose Trexler, R.N.**, previously Head Nurse on PCU, is transferring to the Intensive Care Unit (11-7) in order to spend more time with her family.

— **Susan Niemkiewicz** has been promoted to professional nursing status. Susan, transferred to 6B from 6C, has graduated from the Nursing Program at Northampton County Area Community College as an R.N.

— **Isabel Shearman, Therapeutic Dietitian**, received a special award from M. W. Wood, Inc., the firm that manages the Center's food service. The award cites "her hard work, human understanding, and dedicated efforts" and was presented at Wood's June Appreciation Night.

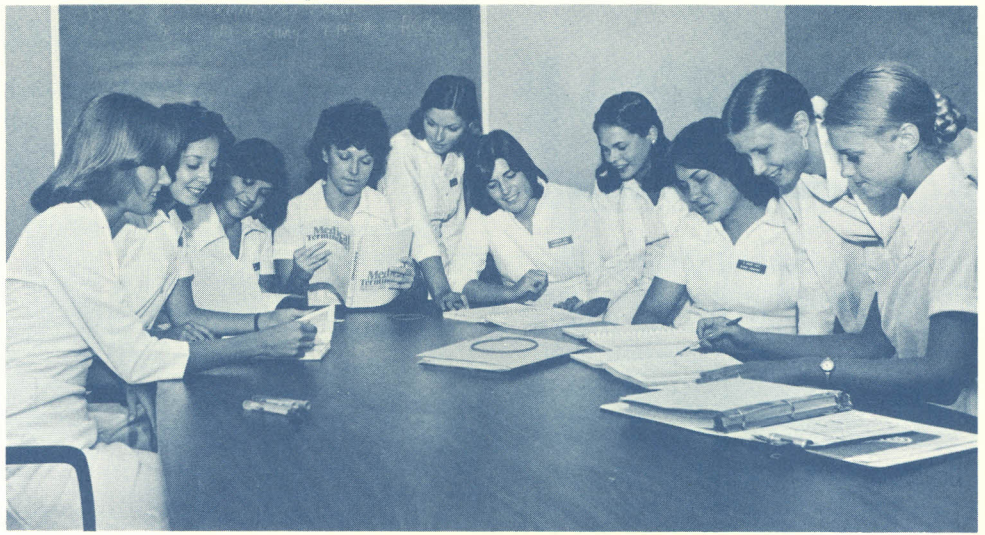
— **Gerald Miller, Director of Food Service**, and his band provided musical entertainment for the M. W. Wood affair.

## NEW RESIDENTS

On July 1, 1978, the new residents arrived in the Allentown Affiliated Hospitals. The Hospital Center welcomes:

### In Medicine

Dr. Karen Bretz  
Dr. Jose Garcia  
Dr. Paul Gulley  
Dr. Bruce Hall  
Dr. John Horvat  
Dr. David Laskin  
Dr. Nat Levinson  
Dr. Joseph Pascuzzo



The Center's fourth Medical Technology class began recently. Students in the program are (left to right): Janet Stamm, Geraldine Kampf, Lynn Piazza, Sue Dancisin, Deborah Shipley, Kathy McManus, Dorothy Bruzgo, Gloria Mauer, Cynthia Kucharik, Belle Neiman.

Dr. John Anagnost  
Dr. Bonnie Camo  
Dr. Kris Sperry  
Dr. Ronald Springel

### In Surgery

Dr. Richard Alia  
Dr. Michael Najarian  
Dr. Manish Mehta  
Dr. Lawrence Ciccarelli  
Dr. William Peters  
Dr. Douglas Trostle  
Dr. Florence Schenker  
Dr. Victor Celani  
Dr. Gary Yeisley  
Dr. Joseph Zaydon  
Dr. Carolyn Jendrek

### In Pathology

Dr. Ayman Hakki  
Dr. Michael Schrenko

### In OB-GYN

Dr. Stephen Klasko  
Dr. Arthur Sagoskin

### In Family Practice

Dr. Frank Cole  
Dr. James Flanagan  
Dr. Ursula Hoffman  
Dr. Kenneth Kovalsky  
Dr. Richard Lazar  
Dr. Thomas Pierzchala

### In Dentistry

Dr. Arthur Harris  
Dr. Glen Paskow

## MEDIC ALERT

Approximately one in every five persons has some type of medical problem. What happens when, because of unconsciousness, shock or loss of speech, that person is unable to communicate?

A diabetic could be neglected and die because he was thought to be intoxicated. A shot of penicillin could end the life of one who is allergic to it.

In administering emergency medical treatment, the special problem of the victim is not always known.

That's where Medic Alert can help. The Medic Alert emblem, worn on a bracelet or necklace, plus a wallet card containing personal and medical information and an emergency answering service are known the world over.

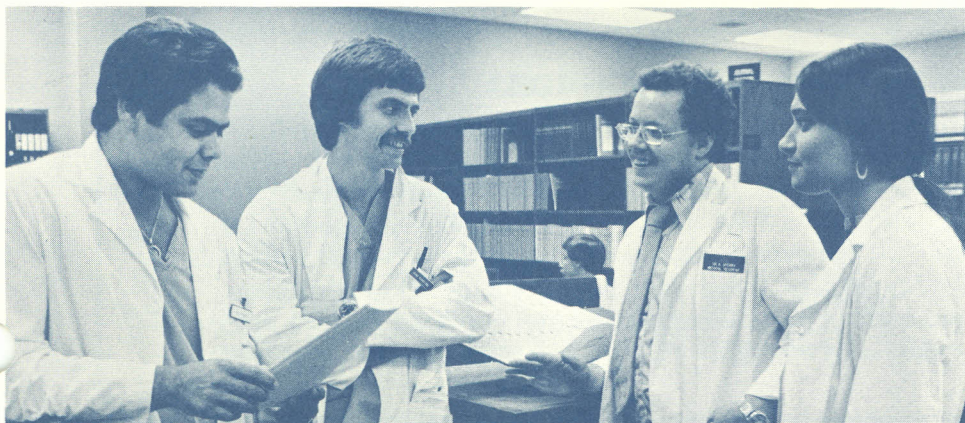
The Hospital Center has endorsed the Medic Alert program since we opened in September, 1974.

Program information is available throughout the hospital and the educational program for patients is being expanded.

Medic Alert application forms will be distributed to locations on each nursing station, the Outpatient Registration Desk, the Cardiac Rehabilitation Unit, the Short Procedure Unit, and the Front Lobby Admitting Area.

More information concerning the program may be obtained by contacting Mrs. Mary Strzelecki, R.N., at the Nursing Office, or Elwood Ehr Gott, Administrative Assistant for Ambulatory Services, Extension 2129.

Medic Alert applications can be ordered from Bulk Stores on Hospital Supply Requisitions.



Catching up on reading in the library are (from left to right) 1st year Surgical Residents, William Peters, D.O., Gary Yeisley, M.D., and 1st year Medical Residents, Kris Sperry, M.D., and Karen Bretz, M.D.





## BOWLING BANQUET

The close of the second successful season of the A&SHHC Bowling League was highlighted by the League's banquet, held on June 17, at the Copechan Fish & Game Club. The banquet included a country-style dinner, dancing, award presentations, and the election of officers for the upcoming season.

### Members of the first place team

Judy Haase, O.R.  
\*Mary Ann Goff, Dietary  
\*Mike Sabolcik  
Crystal Yearick Eigenbrod, Radiology

### High Singles

Women — Linda Fegley, Medical Records, 213  
Men — Mike Sabolcik, 226

### High Series

Women — Helen Mayes, 493  
Men — Joe Jackson, 577

### Most Improved Average

Women — Lois Hyde, O.R., 114 (+23 over last year)  
Men — John Fischl, 115 (+17 over last year)

### High Average

Women — Sharlee Smoyer, 5C, 143  
Men — George Hyde, 155

### Officers for Next Year

President — George Hyde  
Vice President — Joe Jackson  
Secretary — Jean Jackson  
Treasurer — Linda Fegley

\*On first place team two years in a row.

**Join Alfundo** at ASHHC Family Day at Dorney Park, August 19. From 1:00 to 6:00 P.M., eat all you can from a picnic menu featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, barbecue, french fries, baked beans, cole slaw, chips, pretzels, beer and birch beer.

The price, \$4.00 per person includes free ride tickets on a "first come-first serve" basis. Unlimited ride tickets, at 1/3 discount, will also be available at the park.

Tickets go on sale Monday, July 24. Check Recreation Committee posters for more information. The entire hospital family is invited, so come out for a day of fun, frolic, and food!

## CREDIT UNION MEMBERS GET GOOD NEWS

The officers of the ASHHC Federal Credit Union have announced that due to the credit union's success, a 4% annual dividend will be paid to all saving accounts for the 1st half of the year. Credit Union President, William Miller, expressed gratification for the fast-paced growth of the organization. Quarterly statements will be available at the end of July, and will reflect the 4% dividend.

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