

# update

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## Bell Group Donates "Communicator"

A VIP Communicator, a miniature computerized teletype unit which aides in communication with the deaf, has been donated to the A&SHHC Emergency Room by the Allentown Council of the Telephone Pioneers of America. Leroy Hopper, President of the Pioneers, explained that the device is the first one to be donated by the 3,000 member organization of Bell System employees with 18 years or more service, who are involved in community service.

Although it looks very similar to a pocket calculator, the VIP Communicator has a keyboard and display screen which prints out the message typed into it. A "talking pocket"



Don Hopkins, co-chairman of the Community Service Committee of the Allentown Council of Telephone Pioneers, instructs (from left) Janet Snyder, Joy Stahl, and Barbara Zahn of the Emergency Room on the many functions of the VIP Communicator.

### FAIR CLEANUP CAUSES CHANGE

## BIRTHDAY PARTY RESCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 29

*MURPHY'S LAW: If anything can go wrong, it will.*

*O'TOOLE'S COMMENTARY ON MURPHY'S LAW: Murphy was an optimist.*

Just as the plans for the Hospital Center's 5th Birthday Party were this close to being finalized, something did go wrong: the after-fair cleanup of Agricultural Hall and surrounding areas could not be accomplished by September 8. According to Martin Ritter, General Manager of the Allentown Fairgrounds, not enough time or manpower was available from the close of the fair (September 3) to clean the site properly. During the fair run, Agricultural Hall is used for various food and farm displays.

Ritter informed the Hospital Center's Public Relations Department on Monday, August 13 of his decision to cancel our reservation. However, a new date was immediately arranged, and the Big Bash will be moved back a few weeks, to September 29.

Luckily, invitations had not been printed and the rescheduling did not cause a large financial loss. However, conflicts in rescheduling the entertainment have occurred. Matt Gillespie's Orchestra is available on the new date; Steppin Out is not. Plans are underway to secure new groups and the extra time also allows us to continue planning for the spectacular event.

Enthusiasm is growing at an incredible rate for the party, and the amount of response from employees and staff is overwhelming. We sincerely hope this date change will fit into everyone's schedule, and we'll see everyone on the 29th.

attachment is also available, which, when attached to an individual's pocket, displays the message typed on the VIP keyboard.

But the main purpose of the unit is for telephone communication. A microphone and earpiece adapter are attached to the VIP Communicator and to a telephone. A message is then typed into the unit and received by another VIP unit (or any other teletype device) installed at the other end of the line.

According to Elwood D. Ehr Gott, Administrative Assistant for Ambulatory Services, the device will allow an efficient means of communicating with the deaf and hearing impaired patient.

Eventually, units like the VIP will be in all hospitals, police and fire stations.



A VIP Communicator ready for telephone transmission in the ER. Note resemblance to miniature calculator.





# DENTAL BENEFITS EXPANDED

Dental services to all full time and regular part time employees of A&SHHC have been expanded to include full family privileges at Sacred Heart Hospital's Dental Unit. The employee's spouse and dependent children living at home are also eligible for the 25% discount on all dental fees (excluding lab fees, braces, etc.) offered exclusively to hospital employees. Office hours are daily from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Special evening hours for patient convenience have been set from 6:00 P.M. until 7:30 P.M., every Tuesday. Call 821-3609 for an appointment.

Patients may park in deck directly across the street from the hospital.

- To Admitting**  
Maude Cunningham
- To Business Office**  
Kay Zelina
- To Dietary**  
Mark Francello  
Sharon Trumbore
- To Laboratory**  
Mary Holinka
- To Medical Records**  
Merryann Pletz
- To Nuclear Medicine**  
Janice Engle
- To Nursing Service**  
Maureen Brown  
Mary Cressman  
Randy-Michelle Snyder  
Gloria Wertz
- To Pharmacy**  
Leslie Ralph
- To Radiology**  
Roseann Golba



## A&SHHC Softball Team

It was coach Barry Howells, Histology, who said it best: "The record may not show it, but we gave a lot of those teams a run for their money." Well, what the record does show is that after their first year in the East Penn Modified League, the Hospital Center's fabulous fifteen finished tied for last, with 2 wins, 16 losses. And, as the many devoted fans of the team will attest to, the action and excitement were seldom lacking.

Team members are: Catcher - Carl Hein, SPD, and Barry Howells (coach); 1st Base - Eric Bakow, Respiratory Therapy, and Dr. Ron Springel, Surgical Resident; 2nd Base - Doug Litchfield, SPD, and Tom Wilson, Laboratory; Short Stop - Bob Pollock, Dietary; Third Base - Bill Hoffert, Pulmonary Function; Left Field - Scott Williams, 5A, and Dean Fritsch, Laboratory; Center Field - Jim Higgins, Public Relations (Manager); Right Field - Will Mest, Escort Services, and Drew Zavada, Laboratory; Pitcher - Steve Berman, Histology, and Greg Black, Cardiac Catheterization Lab.

Next year, according to Howells, should prove to be even better: "The experience we've gained this year will prove invaluable next season. The first year is always the toughest. We learned a lot."

Note - The experience must be paying off already. Entered in the East Penn Modified Tournament, the team proved to be already a bit tougher as they beat Lechner Framing, 10-8, to stay alive in the double elimination tournament! Rain washed out the team's next two games, rescheduled for this weekend (August 18-19).

## CPR

### CERTIFICATION

The next two courses in Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation (Basic Life Support) will be starting soon. Remember, registration is on a first-come, first-serve basis with a maximum of 10 people in each group. Check with your supervisor before notifying the Educational Development Office (Ext. 2026).

- Group I - August 28, 29, 30 - 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M., Classroom I
- Group II - September 11, 19, 20 - 9:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon, Classroom II

## TICKETS

Don't forget - tickets are still available for Hershey Park and Great Adventure in the Public Relations Office. For more information, call Janet at 3084.

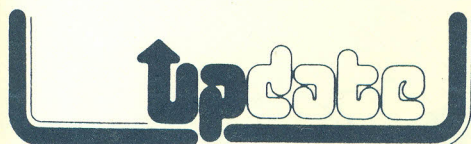
## BOWLING

The A&SHHC Bowling League will be starting its third season on Sunday, September 9, at 6:30 P.M., at the Parkway Lanes, Lehigh Street, Allentown. A league meeting will be held prior to the start at 5:30 P.M. All bowlers are urged to attend.

New league officers recently selected are: President - Bob Ruhf, O.R.; Vice President - Jeanne Zavada; Treasurer - Drew Zavada, Laboratory; and Secretary - Steve Berman, Histology.

All personnel interested in bowling with the league must fill out the form below and return it to Steve Berman, Histology, by August 31.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Department \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Regular \_\_\_\_\_ Substitute \_\_\_\_\_



- Gale Schmidt — Editor
- Jim Higgins — Associate Editor
- Janet Laudenslager — Staff Assistant
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- Darla Molnar — Photography





## PARTY PLANNING PEOPLE

Laying the foundation for an event which has the potential of attracting several thousand revelers is a fun task — but not an easy one!

For example, who's going to blow up 1,000 balloons? Or address the invitations? Or take tickets and put up decorations?

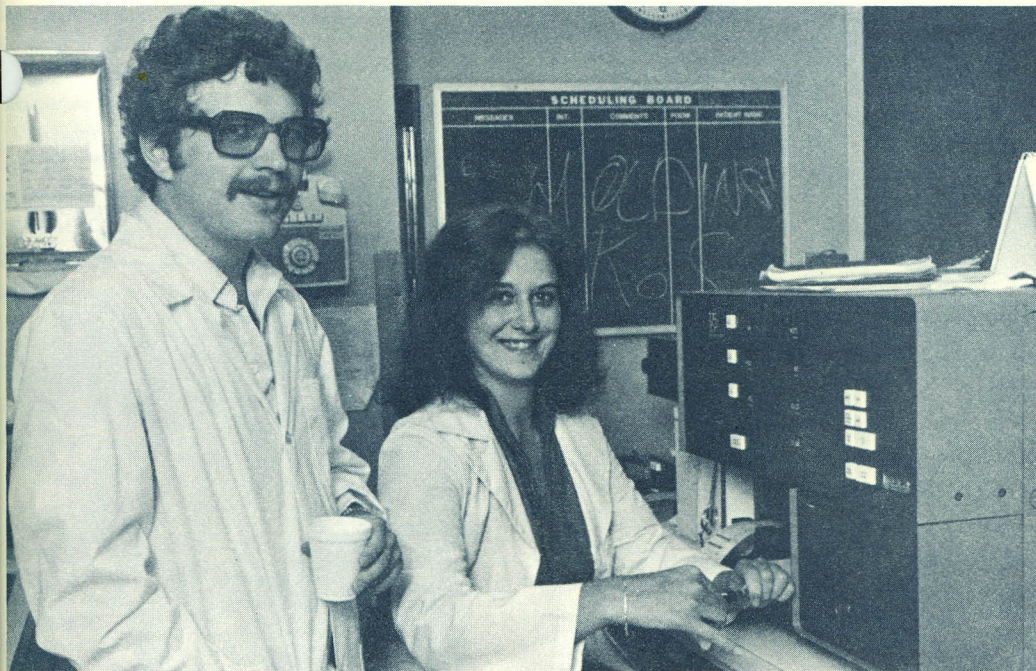
For these and more of the many jobs that lie ahead, the Party Planning People are the answer. This group, with representatives from almost every department, are the creative, energetic individuals who are the spark for the Hospital Center's 5th Birthday Party.

In addition, the party may never have gotten off the ground without the support of the A&SHHC Board, the assistance of Ellwyn D. Spiker, Administrator, Joseph E. Vincent, M.D., President of the A&SHHC Medical Staff, and Helen Hallock, A&SHHC Auxiliary President.

So, look for the Party Planning People to get the scoop about the Big Bash. They're in the know:

Barbara Abbott - Housekeeping  
 Eva Beer - Admitting  
 Steve Berman - Histology  
 Andrea Biduck - Business Office  
 Mary Broschak - Microbiology  
 Pam Brunner - Medical Records  
 Pat Case - Ambulatory Services  
 Bernadine Creamer - Emergency Room  
 Susan Dredge - Physical Therapy  
 De Dreisbach - Volunteer Services  
 Meg Erbe - Heart Station  
 Bonnie Faust - Housekeeping  
 Larry Feldman - Medicine  
 Jeanne Fignar - Financial Services  
 Elsie Fischl - Administration  
 Donna Freeman - Chemistry  
 Mary Ann Gergits - UR/DP  
 Gail Gillespie - Medical Records  
 John Green - Pharmacy  
 Chris Grimes - 4A  
 Lynn Gromis - X-Ray  
 Denise Haas - Physical Therapy  
 Donna Hedash - ICU  
 Carl Hein - SPD  
 Diane Helfrich - Heart Station  
 Jim Higgins - Public Relations  
 Bill Hoffert - Pulmonary Function  
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 Vivian Kober - X-Ray  
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 Janet Laudenslager - Public Relations  
 Marie Locher - Administrative Services  
 Delores Mathews - 3B  
 Colleen McLaughlin - Medical Records  
 Irene Nester - Volunteer Services  
 Marion Norman - UR/DP  
 Steve Paroczay - Mailroom  
 Judy Prozonik - Medical Records  
 Louise Reinhard - Payroll  
 Veronica Rockovits - Surgery  
 Donna Roth - Medical Records  
 Terry Roth - 5B  
 Margie Rusyn - Engineering  
 MaryK Samios - UR/DP  
 Ralph Schappell - Volunteer Services  
 Gale Schmidt - Public Relations  
 Barry Sheridan - Chemistry  
 Mike Shoemaker - Physical Therapy  
 Liz Skrapits - Nursing  
 Wally Smith - Respiratory Therapy  
 Gary Snyder - Educational Development  
 Ruth Speary - Hematology  
 Denise Spence - Pharmacy  
 Ron Springel - Surgery  
 Nancy Stevens - Patient Representative  
 Shirley Taylor - Volunteer Services  
 Linda Widner - O.R.  
 Eleanor Wiener - Volunteer Services  
 Eileen Young - O.R.

**Sue Keyser** has been appointed to replace Mrs. Gerri Butterfield as Supervisor of SPD. Sue will be directly responsible for all of Supply, Processing, and Distribution, including linen distribution and mailroom/messenger and escort service. Sue started here in September, 1974, as a certified O.R. technician, and was named as Assistant Supervisor, SPD, in October, 1978.



**Jay Rauch** and **Karen Schweyer**, both Technologists in Pulmonary Function, recently passed a certification exam given by the National Society of Cardio-Pulmonary Technologists. They now become eligible for Registry. Jay has been at the Center since November, 1975, and Karen began here in December, 1978.

The Pulmonary Function Department now has two registered technologists and three certified.

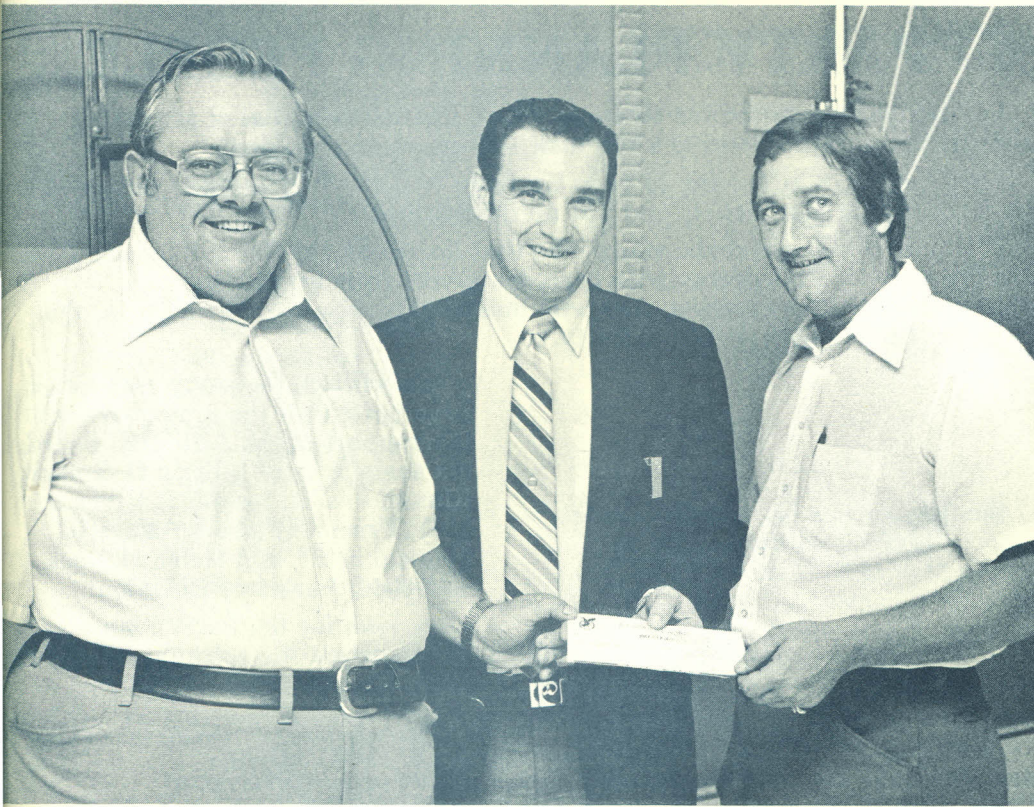
**Roxanne Leonard** has been appointed secretary for Associate Administrator, Gary Steinberg. Roxanne has been working at the Center since June, 1977, as secretary in Utilization Review/Discharge Planning.



## PARKING

Construction on the new parking lot at the northwest end of the hospital is expected to begin during the next two weeks and will take about a month to complete. When finished, this lot will have reserved parking for evening shift personnel (e.g., 3-11:30 P.M., 4:00 P.M. - 12:30 A.M.). This will alleviate problems for second shift personnel in finding spaces as well as walking to cars late at night.

Plans are also underway for the preferred parking area in the main lot for car pooling. To date, only about 20 car pools have been reported to Personnel, and spaces will be allocated accordingly. If you have formed a car pool and have not reported it to Personnel, please let them know as soon as possible so additional spaces will be made accordingly.



**Dr. Walter J. Okunski, (center) Director of the Hospital Center's Burn Unit, accepts a check for \$1,000 from the Fraternal Order of Eagles 110, Allentown, presented by William Long (left), Secretary, and David Stear, President. The donation will be used to purchase physical therapy equipment for the Burn Unit and is the second contribution made by F.O.E. 110 to the Unit.**

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