

# update

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The annual meeting of the ASHHC Federal Credit Union will be held on Tuesday, March 13, at 2:00 P.M., in the Auditorium. The meeting is open to credit union members only, and all members are urged to attend.

Elections will be held to fill vacancies on the credit union staff created during the year.

The present slate of candidates includes:

Steve Berman  
Joseph Bosch  
Bernadette Creamer  
Vaughn Gower  
John Howells  
Joyce Schwenzer  
Janice Tarulli  
Ann Zerausky

Other nominees proposed at the meeting will also be recognized. Any questions concerning the elections should be directed to Steve Harding, Chief of Nominating Committee, Extension 2076 (SPD).

Remember, the ASHHC Federal Credit Union belongs to its members and is run by its members. These elections are crucial in determining the future of your credit union. Please attend and vote.

Quarterly statements are now available and can be picked up at the Credit Union Office on Wednesdays and Fridays, 12:00 Noon to 4:30 P.M.

Statements will be mailed to members if not picked up by March 16.

## NEW CODING SYSTEM IN USE

A few months ago, several employees of the Medical Records Department attended a two-day workshop in order to familiarize themselves with a new coding system — International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification (ICD-9-CM).

In January, the state health department and the U.S. Public Health Service began using the ICD-9-CM for official statistical reporting purposes. This new coding system will be used by hospitals and other health care providers in coding and reporting clinical information as required for participation in various government programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, and PSRO.

In addition, ICD-9-CM will code and tabulate clinical data from medical records for a variety of other inhouse activities, such as in planning and medical care evaluation. Furthermore, the ICD-9-CM will provide physicians with more specific technical data concerning classification of death, morbidity, and disabilities.



Medical Records' Pam Brunner (left) and Colleen McLaughlin consult the manual as they enter revised codes onto patient charts.





**To Admitting**  
Barbara Heller

**To Credit Union**  
Audrey Wells

**To Dietary**  
Michael Anfuso

**To Housekeeping**  
Robert Fennel  
Julie Ifkovits  
Arthur Miller  
Diane Scheffler  
Harry Steckel

**To Laboratory**  
Paula Bombay  
Alice Lee

**To Nursing Services**  
Pat Adamoyurka  
Mary Fleming  
Edward Pfenninger  
Sally Pyre  
Maryrose Piccardi  
Richard Walker



**Basketball Anyone?** A team is being formed to play in a preliminary exhibition contest before an Allentown Jets game at Rockne Hall, Saturday, March 31. The opposing team has yet to be announced, but is expected to be a team representing another city hospital.

Interested players must contact Public Relations by **March 1**.



Norma Scanlon has been approved by the Auxiliary's Executive Board to be the new Treasurer. She replaces Erik Hanssen, who has resigned due to health problems.

Norma Heller, Auxiliary President, has announced that plans for May Daze '79 (May 19; Raindate May 20) are taking shape, but many jobs are still available — baking, working a shift, making phone calls, selling raffle or chicken bar-b-que tickets, taking orders for everything, etc. Interested? If so, contact any of these May Daze '79 chairmen:

Maryann Bachman (434-4665) - Special Events

Joan Farkas (433-3643) - Flea Market

Nancy Farrell (398-0616) - Used Books

Helen Hallock (437-4719) - Raffle Tickets

Norma Heller (965-9788) - Bar-B-Que Dinner

Dottie Kurtz (439-1729) - Food

Mary Nagel (432-3531) - Collectors' Corner

Mary Ann O'Connor (432-9298) - Pre-Orders

Alma Pfeiffer (797-8916) - Amusements

Macie Roberts (435-6209) - Twig Crafts

Lois Stein (965-5600) - Perennials

Mary Walbert (434-0016) - Garden

Terry Walp (433-3683) - Publicity

Dot Zarella (433-6966) - Baked Goods

# The Timesaver Form



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# PEOPLE!

**John Horoski** has begun duties as **Supervisor, Housekeeping**. John has a B.S. in Health Planning and Administration from Penn State University, and was a Work Study student here during the summer of 1977, working in Public Relations. He replaces Frank Bratlee, who left the Center for a position with HOSCO, Inc., the firm that provides management for the Hospital's Center's Housekeeping Department.



**JOHN HOROSKI**

**Larry H. Ruckle, Business Office Supervisor**, will be leaving the Hospital Center to accept a position with Hospital Central Services Corporation (HCSC). Larry has been at the Center since March, 1977.

**Jody Blouch** has recently joined the Respiratory Therapy Department as a graduate therapist. She is a graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Respiratory Therapy in Lancaster. **Ann Marie Holmes**, formerly of Housekeeping, has begun duties in the department as Therapist Aid, taking the place of Joe Rosado.

**Eva Wartzenloft, Housekeeper**, has been promoted to Evening Shift Group Leader. Eva has been at the Center since January, 1978.

**Richard C. Cipoletti, Assistant Administrator for Human Services**, is serving on the Advisory Committee for Nursing and Health Services Continuing Education at Cedar Crest College. The committee designs all credit and non-credit programs to meet the professional needs of health concerns in the Lehigh Valley.



You may have noticed quite a number of people with cameras and microphones following Sara Jane Best, Payroll, around the Hospital Center recently. Sara Jane will be featured on an upcoming "On Call" T.V. show (March 5, WLVT-TV, Channel 39, 7:30 P.M.). In honor of her television debut, Sara Jane, here talking with Mary Ann Evans, was honored by her fellow Business Office employees with a luncheon, a special premiere showing of the T.V. show, a bouquet of roses, and an "Oscar" for her starring role!

## SYMPOSIUM '79

**Biliary Tract Surgery** will be discussed at Symposium '79, on Saturday, March 3, at 8:30 A.M., in the Hospital Center Auditorium.

The program features John W. Braasch, M.D., Chairman, Department of General Surgery, Lahey Clinic, Boston, Massachusetts, and members of the Hospital Center Medical Staff: Michael H. Geller, M.D., Chief of Radiology; George W. Hartzell, Jr., M.D., Associate Chief, Division of General Surgery; Francis S. Kleckner, M.D., Section of Gastroenterology; Gary L. Lattimer, M.D., Chief, Section of Infectious Diseases; Joseph J. Prorok, M.D., Associate Chief, Division of Surgical Oncology; E. John Stahler, M.D., Chief, Division of General Surgery; and Michael H. Ufberg, M.D., Section of Gastroenterology.

Category I Credit is available through the Lehigh Valley Area Health Education Center, and credit has been applied for through the American Osteopathic Association and the American College of Emergency Physicians.

For further information, contact the Educational Development Office at 821-2026.

## on call

Appearing on "On Call: A Community Health Series" on WLVT-TV, Channel 39:

**February 19, 7:30 P.M.**

**February 24, 3:00 P.M. - Radiology -**

Dr. Michael Geller, Chief of Radiology at the Hospital Center, and Dr. Walter Dex discuss radiology as one of many complex fields that help to insure quality health care. Also, the allied health careers possible in radiology will be discussed.

**February 26, 7:30 P.M.**

**March 3, 3:00 P.M. - Arthritis -**

Dr. Barre Kaufman and Dr. Richard Allman will answer questions about arthritis on this special "live" edition of "On Call." The number to call is 867-4677.



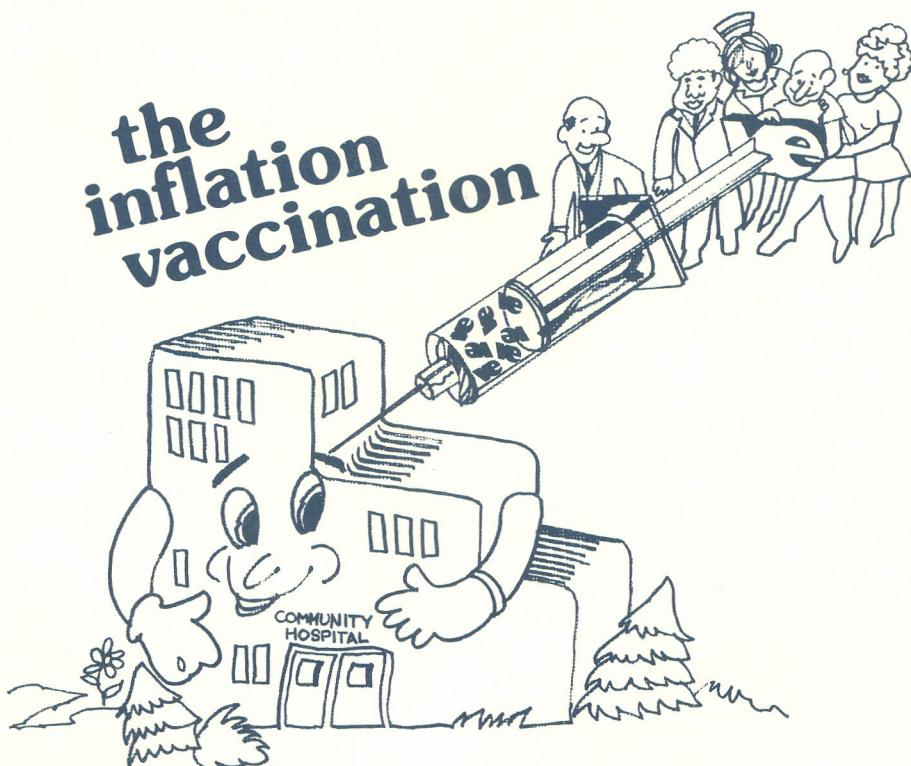


**Did you know** that in 1978, the Volunteers logged over 77,255 hours of service to over 33 different areas within the Hospital Center? An astonishing statistic. And, according to Norine I. Shafer, Director of Volunteers, 11 adults and 6 Junior Volunteers completed a three-day orientation and training session, bringing the number of active volunteers to 350. Future training programs are being planned and new volunteers are always welcome; to arrange for an interview, call Norine at 821-3130.

**Get rid of those winter blahs!** How? Visit the Gift Shop! A large selection of gifts, jewelry, flowers, plants, greeting cards, and candy are ready to get you into the mood for spring! We're open 10:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., and 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., daily.

#### Just a reminder . . .

that the Voluntary Effort is working. For the first 10 months of 1978, hospital expenditures increased at a rate of 12.9%, down from 16.0% for the first 10 months of 1977. This 3.1 percentage point decrease represents an estimated savings of more than \$1.3 billion for the nation.



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