

# update

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## LAB WELL EQUIPPED, SURVEY FINDS

"On a comparative basis, the Hospital Center's Laboratory is far better equipped than most hospitals its size." Joe Stumpf, Outpatient Coordinator for the Lab, isn't idly boasting either. In a recent survey by IMS America, the nation's leading marketing research company, the Center's Lab was shown to be way above the national average in laboratory instrumentation and advanced lab methodologies for hospitals of similar bed capacity.

The survey took into account many factors: number of diagnostic tests performed on in- and outpatients by hospital and private labs; current instrumentation and their capabilities; clinical and diagnostic on-site testing; staffing, work load requirements; manual as well as automated equipment, etc.

When results of 66 300-400 bed hospitals throughout the country were compared, lab testing capabilities were quite dissimilar. In automated microbiology, for example, only 12 have the same type of equipment. Four of the 66 hospitals surveyed have liquid chromatographs.

According to Joe, the survey emphasizes the vital role the Center's Lab offers the Lehigh Valley area. Doing extensive on-site testing gets results to the physicians quicker. "The benefits are obvious. The work most hospitals send out to private reference labs we are fortunate to be able to do here."

## FIRST ARGUS AWARD MADE:



FINLEY

PRESTON

HOFFERT

## AN IDEA WHOSE TIME HAS COME

A single idea, born in the minds of three different people, has become a reality. Rebecca Finley, R.N., ACU, Bill Hoffert, Pu.T., Pulmonary Function, and Polly Preston, R.N., ICU, became the first award recipients of "Operation Argus," the Center's cost reduction program, by submitting a suggestion which will cut the cost of providing care to patients.

Each year, about 35,000 Arterial Blood Gases (ABG's) are performed on patients at A&SHHC. Of those, approximately 6,000 are done utilizing a prepackaged kit containing about 10 items, many of which are not used when a blood gas is performed. The remaining ABG's are done using shelf items, such as reusable syringes, which are normally stocked in the units.

Becky, Bill, and Polly, who are involved in taking ABG's on a day-to-day basis, realized that in the areas of critical care, pulmonary function, respiratory therapy, and the emergency room, use of about 5,300 kits could be replaced by utilization of readily available shelf items.

The result: a substantial cost savings to the hospital and a check for \$188.44 to each of the suggestors!





## The Center Welcomes

### To Admitting

Margaret Ferber

### To Business Office

Diana Boyer

### To Dietary

Janet Buneo

George Galanti

Linda Kauffman

Gregory Miller

John Wasser

### To Housekeeping

Cecelia Cser

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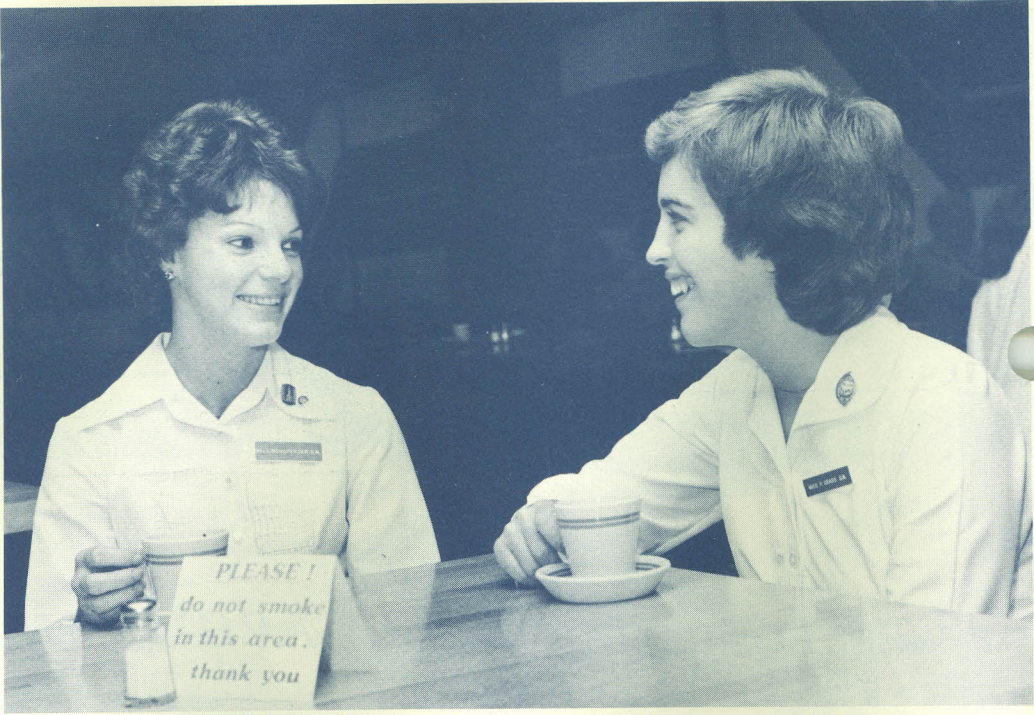
Susan Jessen

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### To Transcription

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**3C's Kim Leibensperger, B.S.N., (left) new Miss Hope of Lehigh County, and her alternate, Patricia Grass, G.N., 4B, take a break from their duties on the floors to discuss their new roles as Volunteer Representatives of the American Cancer Society.**

Kim will appear before local organizations, clubs and schools giving public education presentations on the "Hopeful Aspects of Cancer." As part of the Miss Hope program, which is co-sponsored by the Lehigh County Unit of the American Cancer Society and the Allentown Business and Professional Women's Club, both nurses will serve on the Board of Directors of the Lehigh County American Cancer Society.

Kim is a graduate of Reading Hospital School of Nursing and has a B.S. in Nursing from Cedar Crest College. Pat is a graduate of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, Bethlehem.

Congratulations to both!



Although it doesn't look like it now, **70 additional parking spaces** will be available around December 11, according to Leonard Farkas, Director of Engineering. 19 new spaces will also be added in the Outpatient-ER lot. The construction is being done by the Elco-Hausman Paving Company of Allentown.

## Update

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**KIBELSTIS**

**MESSINO**

**SHIELDS**

**John A. Kibelstis, M.D.**, has recently become board certified in Pulmonary Medicine. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Dr. Kibelstis interned at Philadelphia General Hospital. He completed a residency in Internal Medicine at the United States Public Health Service Hospital, Baltimore, and a Fellowship in Pulmonary Disease at Johns Hopkins University; and held a professorial appointment in Internal Medicine at West Virginia University School of Medicine, Morgantown, West Virginia.

Dr. Kibelstis is a member of Pulmonary Associates, Allentown.

**R. Tony Messino** has been appointed to the position of Chief of Security. According to Leonard Farkas, Director of Engineering, Tony will be responsible for security of the Center and managing our eight man security force, plus scheduling, special projects, and parking lot and ground patrol. Tony has an extensive background in security work, most recently as a security consultant and private investigator.

**Margaret Shields, Housekeeping**, has been promoted to evening supervisor. Margaret has been in the department since January, 1977, and was evening group leader since last November.

**Nancy Stevens, Patient Representative**, was elected for a 2-year term to the 8 member Board of Directors of the National Society of Patient Representatives of the American Hospital Association. In addition, Nancy will function as the Board liaison to the Program Committee which plans the two national meetings of the Society. Congratulations!

Nancy also hosted the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the Society of Patient Representatives here at the Center, on Tuesday, November 14, which was attended by Patient Representatives from throughout the State.

**Lawrence P. Levitt, M.D., Chief of the Division of Neurology**, recently gave a lecture at Rutgers University Medical School on "Neurology for the Primary Care Physician." He was invited to speak by Joseph Lieberman, Jr., M.D., former A&SHHC staff member, who is now the Associate Director of Family Medicine at Rutgers.

In news from the Laboratory, **John F. Salventi, Ph.D., Microbiology**, spent a week in the Big Apple at a "Recent Advances in Clinical Microbiology" course sponsored by the Bronx Lebanon Hospital. . . **Mary Broschak, Microbiology**, was at Geisinger Medical Center recently at an American Society of Microbiology seminar on *Mycobacterium*. . . **Chemistry's Joanne Havassy and Joanne Macko** were in Ithaca, New York, at a two day SMAC Update seminar. . . **Eileen Brobst and Terri Herber, Special Chemistry**, were in Philadelphia at workshops sponsored by Helena Laboratories. . . **Connie Young, Hematology**, will be attending a Cytochemical Stains workshop at Muhlenberg Hospital, Plainfield, New Jersey.

## on call

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

**November 27, 7:30 P.M.**

**December 2, 3:00 P.M. - "Dental Care"** - this second "live" show will feature Dr. Sheva Rapoport answering questions on the care of teeth and gums. Viewers are encouraged to phone in their questions at 867-4677.

**December 4, 7:30 P.M.**

**December 9, 3:00 P.M. - "Birth Control"** - this special hour long show will feature a very frank clinical evaluation of various forms of birth control being used, with guests Dr. Connie Tan Yen and Margie Seigle, Executive Director of Planned Parenthood of Lehigh County. Viewers discretion is advised.

## TERMINOLOGY CLASS GRADUATES

It's always a great feeling to take a test, any test, and do well. It's even better when you can ace it. Seven people did exactly that when tested following a Medical Terminology course, offered recently at the Hospital Center by Educational Development.

According to Sue Gingrich, Acting Director, not only were there 7 perfect scores, but the class average was an incredible 99%.

Members of the group, who learned 300 medical terms in the six-part course, were tested on all 300.

The class consisted of:

Pat Anderson - 6B

Nancy Carr - ACU

Pat Case - Ambulatory Services

Janet Dech - Public Relations

Marie Gavigan - Business Office

Margaret George - Admitting

Barbara Hower - Personnel

Roxanne Leonard - Utilization

Review/Discharge Planning

Marie Locher - Department of Medicine/Administration

Dorene Makuvek - 5B

Sandi McCormack - Business Office

Rebecca Meckes - ICU

Darla Molnar - Biomedical Photography

Louise Mongi - 6C

Patricia Slane - 3B

Karen Smith - Business Office

Ilene VanGorder - Ambulatory Services

Debbie Wiegner - Utilization Review/Discharge Planning





**Going over last week's predictions** are the new officers of the A&SHHC Recreation Committee: Jean Fignar, Business Office, Treasurer (L); Tom Birmingham, Director of Housekeeping, Vice President; Jim Higgins, Public Relations, President; and Andrea Biduck, Systems Analyst, Secretary. The group's purpose will be to work closely with the rest of the committee in the planning of events, sports activities, etc., for Hospital Center employees.

Ideas undergoing consideration by the committee are: Participation in activities at Vantage Point; Ski Club activities; New York trips; Tickets for professional sporting events; a winter mixed volleyball league; and Backgammon/Chess Tournament.

Ideas for the committee are encouraged, and any employee wishing to join the Rec Committee is invited to attend the next meeting, Monday, December 11, 12:00 Noon, in the Conference Dining Room.



**Starting off the Christmas Season**, employees and visitors browse through the many handmade articles available at the Annual Hospital Center Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar. Featured at the day-long event were stocking stuffers, knit and needlepoint items, and, of course, tasty baked goods!

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