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EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE... ON THE ROAD AGAIN



Rosemary Cerimele, R.N., C.E.N., explains various tubes used on trauma patients to students at Kutztown High School.

Almost two years ago, the Hospital Center's emergency department formed a Public Outreach Committee in an effort to provide public education programs to members of the community.

Last spring, the first of several programs was initiated when over 800 children were fingerprinted at a local mall during the weekend of March 29. The Public Outreach Committee chose this project as a way to get out into the community to talk about the importance of safety and prevention. Judging from the tremendous response, parents seem to be convinced that this safety trend is truly important.

In addition to this program, the Public

Outreach Committee recently developed another program. The new program, entitled "Trauma...Telling It Like It Is," is a 40-minute presentation which focuses on many aspects of trauma and trauma prevention.

The program was presented for the first time on Thursday, January 9, to over 600 students and faculty members of Kutztown High School.

The program introduction was given by Mary Cramsey, R.N., C.E.N., staff nurse and chairperson of the Public Outreach Committee, who gave a brief explanation of the purpose of the program. Following the introduction, "Just Another Friday Night," a hard-hitting film about teenage drinking and driving, was shown. With the impact of the movie still fresh in their minds, Dottie Murray, R.N., flight nurse, explained to the audience what happens to a trauma victim on the scene and during the flight to the Trauma Center. Judy Bailey, R.N., C.E.N., staff nurse, discussed the various procedures performed on trauma patients after they arrive at the Hospital Center.

Dealing with families of trauma patients is a very emotional experience for emergency department nurses. Rosemary Cerimele, R.N., C.E.N., staff nurse, discussed the emotional aspects of dealing with those families from a nurse's point of view.

Judging from the attentive audience and the questions which were asked following the

THE TRUE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS



Kindy Smith, R.N., Burn Center staff nurse, holds Michael during his Christmas party while "Santa" Ron Bossard shows him one of his new toys.

Exactly two months before Christmas, on October 25, two year old Michael Rodriguez was seriously injured in a fire. Michael was transported to the Hospital Center's Burn Center where he was diagnosed with third degree burns involving 65% of his small body. Since his admission, he has had extensive surgery and had been on a respirator.

As with all burn patients, a special bond was formed between Michael and the staff members of the Burn Center. But although Michael had made significant progress, the staff knew he would still be in the hospital during the holidays. Therefore, the staff decided to bring Christmas to Michael. Each staff member purchased a gift for him and they made arrangements with Ronald Bossard, a former burn patient, to play the role of Santa.

With all the arrangements finalized, Michael's Christmas was celebrated on Monday, December 23, in the Burn Center. Wearing a little red Santa hat, Michael was surrounded by about 20 guests, a Christmas tree, and a load of presents. His eyes grew wider each time a new present was unwrapped. But after approximately 40 minutes of unwrapping presents, Michael started to get tired. After he was carried off to bed, "Santa" distributed gifts to everyone as a token of appreciation for the care he received as a burn patient.

Although Michael was the guest of honor, everyone in attendance had a wonderful time. According to Yvonne Troiani, R.N., head nurse of the Burn Center, "planning Michael's special Christmas involved all the members of the Burn Center's staff and it brought everyone closer together. It was evident that the true meaning of Christmas touched all of us."

Members of the Burn Center's staff who attended the party included Debbie Lutz, R.N., assistant head nurse, Joanne Fister, R.N., assistant head nurse, Erin Brazil, L.P.N., staff nurse, Emily Brown, R.N., staff nurse, Jan Croisette, R.N., staff nurse, Jackie Fenicle, R.N., B.S.N., staff nurse, Gloria Hamm, R.N., staff nurse, Debbie Harleman, R.N., staff nurse, Kathy Paulik, R.N., B.S.N., staff nurse, Kindy Smith, R.N., staff nurse, Susan Todak, R.N., staff nurse, Pat Vaccaro, R.N., staff nurse, and Ms. Troiani.



Ellwyn D. Spiker, Hospital Center president, accepts a check in the amount of \$94,200.00 from Valeria S. Boyer, L'Affaire Elegante general chairperson, and June Holt, L'Affaire Elegante honorary chairperson. The check represents the amount raised from L'Affaire Elegante for the new shock/trauma resuscitation and operating suite. L'Affaire Elegante, a black-tie dinner dance held on September 14, was sponsored by the Hospital Center's board of directors, medical staff, and auxiliary.



THE HOSPITAL CENTER WELCOMES

To Bulk Stores
Gary Arndt

To Heart Station
Michelle Reimer

To Housekeeping
Michelle Christman
Christopher Holmes
Cathryn Williams

To Human Resources
Muriel McGee
Paula Olexa
Dorothy Powell
Margaret Schaugency

To Laboratory
Gayle Carls
Kirit Doshi
JoAnne Gilbertson
Susan Grube
Scott Lakatosh
Tracey Parr

To Medical and Surgical
Services
Regina Klein

To Medical Records
Allison Krokus

To Nursing Services
Karen Aschenbach
Charlene Bergstresser
Sally Browning
Jane Buffett
Diane Carlson
Lorraine DeMarco
Pam Kuhns
Nancy McAuliffe
Donna Neidermeier
Joan Robinson
Tammy Shaffner

To Pharmacy
Tina Armellino

To Physical Therapy
Michelle Magrone

To Radiology
Margaret Malik

To SPD
David Hanssen


Welcome Back

Margarita Arroyo -
Housekeeping
Barbara Basso - Stroke
Program
Lori Brown - Nursing
Services
Deborah Dobrota - Nursing
Services
Nelson Edelheiser -
Housekeeping
David Hinds - Housekeeping
Carthelia Irvin - Nursing
Services
Gayle Taylor - Nursing
Services



MEDICAL STAFF NEWS

Nelson P. Kopyt, D.O., nephrologist, recently presented a paper at the 18th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Nephrology held in New Orleans, Louisiana. The paper, entitled "Inhibition of Renal Cortical Mitochondrial Ammoniogenesis by Prostaglandins Requires a Cytosolic Mediator," summarized the research Dr. Kopyt performed at Temple University Medical Center where he is currently a clinical assistant professor of medicine.

Dr. Kopyt, who specializes in the practice of kidney disease and high blood pressure, is a member of the medical staffs of the Hospital Center and The Allentown Hospital. 



Jane Borbe,
R.N., M.S.N.

Jane Borbe, R.N., M.S.N., was recently promoted to the position of head nurse of the progressive coronary care unit (PCCU). In this position, she will be responsible for staffing, budgeting, short and long range planning, and day-to-day operations of the unit.

Prior to her promotion, Mrs. Borbe was the day shift assistant head nurse of the acute coronary care unit (ACU). Other positions she has held during her career at the Hospital Center include staff member of the cardiac catheterization laboratory and clinical charge nurse of PCCU. She was also head nurse of PCCU before it became the special care unit (SCU). Mrs. Borbe has been a member of the Hospital Center's family since 1974 when she joined the staff of ACU.

Mrs. Borbe is a graduate of the Reading Hospital School of Nursing. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Cedar Crest College, and recently received her Master of Science Degree in Nursing from Villanova University.

Mrs. Borbe is a member of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses and the American Nurses Association. She is also a member of the Education Committee of District II of the Pennsylvania Nurses' Association and Sigma Theta Tau, a professional nursing honor society.

Carol Manning, R.N., was recently appointed to the position of assistant head nurse, night shift, on 3C. Prior to her new

position, she was the assistant head nurse, night shift, of the progressive coronary care unit (PCCU) since September, 1983.

Mrs. Manning has been a member of the Hospital Center's family since September, 1977, when she enrolled in the critical care course. Upon completion of the course, she joined the staff of the acute coronary care unit (ACU). In February of 1981, she transferred to PCCU.

Mrs. Manning is a graduate of the Reading Hospital School of Nursing. She is currently enrolled in liberal arts courses at Cedar Crest College.

Marybeth Schmidt, R.N., B.S.N., was recently appointed to the position of clinical instructor for the open heart unit (OHU). In this position, she will be responsible for orientation of new OHU staff members. She will also provide staff inservices and will coordinate the open heart module for the critical care course.

Ms. Schmidt joined the Hospital Center's family in September, 1978 as a staff nurse on 4C. In January, 1985, she was promoted to the position of clinical instructor for the shock/trauma unit, Burn Center, central nervous system unit, 5A, 5C, 6A and 6B.

Ms. Schmidt is a graduate of Villanova University where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. She is currently enrolled at Villanova University where she is working toward a Master of Science Degree in Nursing.



Sue Traub

Since the Hospital Center opened over 11 years ago, we have experienced tremendous increases each year in the number of admissions and the use of outpatient services. Many changes in technology and new approaches and attitudes toward medical care have also taken place since 1974. To address these increases and changes, the need for additional manpower has also increased. In September of 1984, the Hospital Center opened its doors with about 800 employees. Today, that number has grown to over 2,100.

Due to these dramatic increases in all areas, the need for space has been an ongoing problem for several years. However, as many of you know, adding space to the existing facility is a complex process which may take years to accomplish.

Because of all of these factors, the Hospital Center's administration recognized the need to have someone on staff address these space issues by developing a plan whereby existing space would be used most effectively and efficiently. Filling this position is Sue Traub who recently joined the Hospital Center's family as environmental planning and design coordinator.

In this new position, Mrs. Traub will work closely with various departments to assess their needs and to develop a plan whereby existing space can be used to function most comfortably and efficiently for staff, patients and visitors. She will also evaluate furniture requests to most effectively address staff and patient comfort. In addition, Mrs. Traub will be responsible for evaluating and revising the Hospital Center's current internal and external signage.

Mrs. Traub comes to the Hospital Center with extensive environmental design and consulting experience. She was a member of a consulting group employed by Bellevue Hospital in New York City to assess staff and patient needs throughout the hospital with a view toward recommending and implementing changes to the work and patient care delivery system. She was also involved in a study to assess a hospital's image and needs of staff, patients, and visitors in an emergency department which was experiencing rapid growth and changes in its utilization patterns.

Mrs. Traub was recently honored by the National Endowment for the Arts for developing an environmental program which is appropriate for use in hospitals, businesses and other settings. She has also given presentations on hospital design issues

as a guest speaker at numerous national conferences.

Mrs. Traub received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Beaver College where she graduated cum laude. She is also a graduate of Lehigh University where she received her Master's Degree. Mrs. Traub is currently enrolled in a Ph.D. program at The Graduate Center of the City University of New York.



Leslie H. Weissman, OTR/L

Leslie H. Weissman, OTR/L, recently joined the Hospital Center's family as a staff therapist for occupational therapy. In this capacity, she will provide occupational therapy services to orthopedic, neurological, cardiac, and pulmonary patients on both an inpatient and outpatient basis. Some of these services include hand and arm splinting, working with patients to increase their functional level for daily living, and helping patients to increase their range of motion and strengthening of upper extremities. Ms. Weissman will also evaluate and treat patients needing adaptive equipment to help them increase their independence level.

Prior to joining the occupational therapy department at the Hospital Center, Ms. Weissman was employed by the Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital. However, during that time, she was contracted to the Hospital Center for occupational therapy services.

Ms. Weissman is a graduate of Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Connecticut, where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Occupational Therapy. She is a member of the American Occupational Therapy Association and the Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy Association.



POOL TRUST GRANTS APPROVED

The Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust Board of Directors, in keeping with their commitment to provide superior health care in the Lehigh Valley, recently approved two grants.

One grant, totaling \$7,074, enables the Hospital Center nursing services to study a program which advocates professional advancements for nurses without removing them from direct patient care.

The study will assist nursing services in the design and future evaluation of a Hospital Center Clinical Level Advancement System.

Clinical advancement systems have been studied nationally and are intended to provide job enrichment and satisfaction, increased responsibility and pay for nurses in direct patient care positions. Traditionally, nurses were frequently promoted to administrative or educational positions in order to gain professional advancement. The majority of staff nurses informally surveyed at the Hospital Center, however, expressed their desire to remain directly involved in patient care where they could utilize their skills and clinical knowledge.

Here at the Hospital Center, a Clinical Level Advancement System will allow nurses to advance within their direct patient care position giving them the opportunity to elevate their status, recognition and salary. In addition, it will encourage experienced, highly competent nurses to remain in direct patient care in order to meet the needs of today's patient who is more acute and requires more intense, technically-oriented nursing care than ever before.

The second grant approved by the Pool Trust will provide funding to the Lehigh Valley Stroke Program in the amount of \$185,935.

The Lehigh Valley Stroke Program is a cooperative effort addressing the fourth leading cause of death and the leading cause of long-term disability in the nation. This year, it is projected that approximately 1,100 people will suffer a stroke in the Lehigh Valley.

Since its inception in 1981, the Stroke Program addresses the entire scope of stroke care from prevention, early detection, acute care and rehabilitation. This is accomplished through the coordinated effort of the Hospital Center and other health care organizations as well as civic and community agencies. Together, they play an important role in stroke prevention and treatment.

This year's funding will provide for the continuation of the Stroke Program's broad range of services to Lehigh Valley stroke patients, their families, and the health care professionals who treat them, and the expansion of these services to additional health care agencies. In addition, the program will provide funding to continue and expand stroke reduction programs at the worksite, programs for public health education and prevention of stroke, and development of a program to assure the long range viability of the Lehigh Valley Stroke Program.

COMPUTERIZED CANCER RISK ASSESSMENTS RECENTLY OFFERED IN THE LEHIGH VALLEY



Debbie Rodzvic, R.N., M.S.N., former staff member of the Comprehensive Community Cancer Center, explains the Computerized Cancer Risk Assessment program to Santa.

The Comprehensive Community Cancer Center, dedicated to providing the most current and extensive cancer services in the Lehigh Valley, recently offered free computerized cancer risk assessments to members of the community at area malls and banks.

The Computerized Cancer Risk Assessment program is an educational tool designed by the Cancer Center to help people learn about their personal risks for developing cancers of the lung, colon and rectum, urinary bladder, skin, mouth and throat, breast, cervix, endometrium, testes and prostate. The program helps to identify people who have more than the average risk of developing these kinds of cancers by reviewing certain risk factors associated with their development such as diet and smoking.

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After answering questions related to personal and family history, participants, which most recently included Santa Claus, are provided with a personalized computer printout and a booklet which discusses cancer facts and warning signals for each body part addressed in the program. Health care professionals are also present during the risk assessment to answer participants' questions.

Funding for the Computerized Cancer Risk Assessment program was provided by the Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust.

NEW WRITING STYLE

In response to suggestions we have received from staff members, with this issue of *Update* we have changed to a more traditional style of writing when making a second reference to a person. In the past, we have used the AP style of writing by using the last name of a person when making a second reference. The AP style is used in newspapers. However, when making a second reference to a person, we will now use their last name preceded by their appropriate title, such as Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms., or Miss.

Your input is very much appreciated and we would like to hear from you if you have any other suggestions for improving your newsletter.

HEALTHCOUNTS UPDATE

As you may know from past issues of *Update* and other literature, one of the six major health hazards included in the HealthCounts program is the non-use of seatbelts. When the Hospital Center kicked off its seatbelt campaign in November, 1984, only 27.5% of our employees were wearing seatbelts. By July of last year, 93% of our employees were using seatbelts. However, during a partial seatbelt audit of day shift employees in early December, the percentage had dropped to 81%. These figures show that some of you have not been using your seatbelts on a regular basis.

However, Barbara A. Moyer, R.N., B.S.N., director of the Topton Community Nursing Center, is one person who is definitely committed to wearing her seatbelt. Following is her testimony which she would like to share with you.

"I had not worn my seatbelt prior to July, 1985. I guess I wasn't a believer because of my brother. A police officer had informed him, at the time of his head-on collision, that if he had worn his seatbelt, he would have been killed.

When I became an employee of the Hospital Center, I began to realize that I should "practice what I preach!" During our health risk counseling sessions, I told clients to wear their seatbelts.

Well! I am NOW a survivor and a firm advocate of seatbelts. I know that if I had not been wearing my seatbelt on September 27, 1985, I would have been severely injured.

I left home very early that morning because I wanted to arrive at the office on time. Since I was not very familiar with the streams and the flooded roadways of the countryside, I wanted enough time, if necessary, to detour to other roads. I was stopped at our driveway, awaiting the approaching traffic, hoping to make my left-hand turn into our office parking lot. In a split second, I saw headlights in my rear-view mirror...and felt the impact of the crash. The impact had hurled me forward two telephone pole lengths before I could stop. I didn't really look at the speedometer, but I remember trying to feel for the floor brake. I couldn't find it! I tried again. Still not there. I pulled the emergency hand brake located between the bucket seats and the Bronco finally stopped!

I opened the door and tried to get out. I realized at that point that my seatbelt was still locked in place. I removed the belt, found my shoes (both had been thrown off during the impact) and proceeded to move back to the other truck. Thank goodness they were O.K. The truck had stopped right at the point of impact and both our vehicles had to be towed away.

When I returned to my Bronco, I realized why I couldn't find the floor brake pedal. The impact had caused the seat to become dislodged from the track and had been moved to an upward position. (No wonder my feet couldn't touch the floor.) Without my seatbelt I would have been thrown against the windshield and I believe seriously injured. Instead, I was able to return to work and only suffered whiplash for a few days."

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REORGANIZES

In order to meet the growing needs of the Hospital Center and the HealthEast system, several organizational changes have been made recently by Lionel Kier, vice president. Leonard Farkas, formerly director of engineering, has assumed a new position as director of facilities management. Glenn Schneider, formerly associate director of engineering, has assumed the position of director of engineering. And Michael Spleen, C.B.E.T., formerly assistant director of biomedical engineering has become director with the creation of biomedical engineering as a separate department.



Leonard Farkas

Mr. Farkas will be responsible for overseeing major capital construction to include the new building addition recently filed for CON approval. Other projects include the power plant addition, cooling tower, emergency department addition, shock/trauma lower level, and the General Services Building notch. He will also establish a facility management data base for the Hospital Center to include construction costs, utilities, and service contracts.

Joining the Hospital Center's family in March, 1974 as assistant director of engineering, he later accepted and has held the position of director of engineering since December, 1976.

Mr. Farkas is a graduate of Ryder Technical Institute with management training from Penn State University Extension Program and has also received an electrical engineering degree through ICS. He is a member of the board of directors of the

Hospital Association of Pennsylvania's Society for Health Facility Engineering. In addition, he is a member of the Mid-Atlantic Planning Board, the American Society of Facility Engineers, and the Hospital Engineers Associations of Eastern Pennsylvania.



Glenn Schneider

In the position of director of engineering, Mr. Schneider will be responsible for planning and coordinating programs relating to the day-to-day operations of the building, grounds and equipment. He will also coordinate construction of in-house projects and facility changes. In addition, Mr. Schneider will assist the administrative staff in planning and development of Hospital Center expansion and renovation projects.

Mr. Schneider has been a member of the Hospital Center's family since September of 1974, when he joined the engineering department as an equipment mechanic. In February of 1977, he was promoted to the position of assistant director of engineering. And in February, 1983, he was named associate director of engineering.

Mr. Schneider is president of the Hospital Engineers Association of Eastern Pennsylvania. He is also a member of the American Society for Hospital Engineers and the National Fire Protection Association.

Since 1980, the overall responsibility of maintaining biomedical equipment and monitoring service contracts has increased over 300% in biomedical engineering. Computerized preventive maintenance records have indicated this growth over the past five years, and the demand for service and need for support of biomedical equipment have

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increased proportionately. To more effectively meet this growing need, biomedical engineering recently became a separate department. With the separation of biomedical engineering from the engineering department, Mr. Spleen was named director of biomedical engineering. In this position, Mr. Spleen will be responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of the department. In addition, he will be responsible for staffing, budgeting, and developing staff educational programs relative to biomedical equipment.

Mr. Spleen joined the Hospital Center as a biomedical equipment technician in December, 1975. In March of 1980, he was named to the position of chief technician. He was promoted to assistant director in February, 1984.

Mr. Spleen received his certification from the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI), a national organization dedicated to the biomedical engineering profession since 1980. He is a founding member of M.E.P.C.I.S. (Mid-Eastern Pennsylvania Clinical Instrumentation Society) and has been its president since its formation in 1982. He is also a member of the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania's Clinical Engineering Society of Pennsylvania.



Michael Spleen

GIVING WON'T COST YOU A CENT

Did you know that the charge for one pint of blood is \$35.00. If you or a member of your family are ever in need of blood, it could be expensive -- blood is generally not covered by insurance. However, if you give now, you won't have to pay later.

One of the benefits available to Hospital Center employees is membership in the Miller Memorial Blood Assurance Plan. This is an optional benefit. In order to become a member, employees must complete an enrollment card.

Enrollment in the group program assures total blood coverage for the employee, the employee's spouse, dependent children, parents and grandparents, and the employee's spouse's parents and grandparents.

Currently, 1,615 Hospital Center employees are enrolled in our group plan. However, in order for our group plan to remain effective, a percentage of the total enrollment must donate at least once a year.

Unfortunately, the Hospital Center seems to fall behind in meeting the quota each year. Including last year's negative balance of 198 pints of blood plus this year's quota of 372 pints, the Hospital Center is obligated

to donate 570 pints of blood to Miller Memorial Blood Center by the end of 1986.

To help us meet our quota and for your convenience, the Miller Memorial Bloodmobile will be at the Hospital Center four times during the year. The first blood drive will be held on Tuesday, February 18, from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 Noon, in Classrooms I and II. For each of the blood drives, 70 donors are needed to give blood. However, since the number of donors is limited to 70 for each drive, we will be able to donate only 280 pints of blood through these blood drives. That means we still need 290 pints of blood to meet our quota for this year.

How can you help? We would like to encourage you to schedule an appointment at the Miller Memorial Blood Center. You can call them at 691-5850 to arrange a convenient time and just tell them you are donating for the Hospital Center's group plan. If for any reason you cannot donate blood, you may provide a substitute to give for you in your name.

To sign up for the blood drive at the Hospital Center on February 18, contact Joanne Kern in Human Resources at Ext. 8805.

BENEFIT SPOTLIGHT

CONFUSED BY THE SICK LEAVE POLICY?

In last month's issue of *Update*, several changes in the Hospital Center's benefits were announced. One of these changes included the sick leave policy. However, due to the number of questions we received, we would like to explain the policy in more detail. Following is an example of how the new sick leave policy works:

Eric Jones, a full-time employee, has worked at the Hospital Center for two years and eight months. Since he has not used any sick days, he currently has accumulated 32 days in his "sick time bank." Eric is suddenly stricken ill and is out sick for 21 days, leaving 11 days in his bank. A week after Eric returns to work, it is necessary for him to take another sick day.

Under the old policy, Eric would not have been paid for the last sick day he used as he had less than 12 days left in his sick time bank. However, under the new policy which was effective on January 1, 1986, Eric would be paid for that day since he had, at one point, accumulated more than 30 days in his bank.

If you have additional questions on this or any other benefits, please contact Pam Oser, benefits manager, at Ext. 8800.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Hospital Center's orientation program for new employees has been extended from a half day to an entire day's program and is now mandatory for all newly hired employees. Because the information presented is of great importance to all employees, we would like to invite employees who have never had an opportunity to attend an orientation program to join us for one of the sessions. Beginning with the next orientation program, which is scheduled for Monday, February 17, employee orientations will be held every other Monday. If you wish, you may select to attend only certain

portions of the program. The agenda is as follows:

- 8:15 A.M. Registration
- 8:30 A.M. HealthEast Spotlight
- 8:45 A.M. HealthEast - David Buchmueller
- 9:15 A.M. Overview of Personnel Services, Personnel Policies and Procedures - G. John D'Aurora
- 9:45 A.M. Employee Insurance Benefits
- 10:15 A.M. Break
- 10:30 A.M. Paperwork -- Questions & Answers - Kathy Malone, Personnel
- 11:00 A.M. Employee Health Services - Rose Haas
- 11:20 A.M. Patient Representative - Nancy Stevens, Mary Ann Falcone
- 11:40 A.M. Patient Sensitivity - Pastoral Care
- 12:00 Noon Physicians' Perspective - Joseph Vincent, M.D.
- 12:20 P.M. Lunch
- 12:50 P.M. Tour
- 1:45 P.M. Communications/Telephone Etiquette
- 2:10 P.M. Break
- 2:20 P.M. Fire/Safety Procedures, Disaster Procedures & Risk Management
- 3:20 P.M. Tax Sheltered Annuity - Steve Lehman
- 3:40 P.M. Additional Information

If you are interested in attending one of the orientation programs, please contact educational development at Ext. 8320.

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presentation, the committee feels that the program was a huge success. The Public Outreach Committee is also looking forward to presenting the program to several other area high schools in the future.

In addition to the staff members involved in "Trauma...Telling It Like It Is," the Public Outreach Committee also includes Charlotte Buckenmyer, R.N., C.E.N., staff nurse, Carol Anne Bury, R.N., B.S.N., director, Gloria George, R.N., C.E.N., head nurse, Carol Kukitz, R.N., B.S.N., staff nurse, Beverly Oliveria, R.N., C.E.N., staff nurse, Carol Peffer, R.N., staff nurse, Eileen Sweeney, R.N., M.S.N., clinical specialist, Nancy Taniser, unit clerk, Charles T. Bonos, III, M.D., emergency department physician, Joseph J. Fassl, M.D., emergency department physician, and Pat Henriquez, volunteer.

FOURTH OPERATING ROOM COURSE GRADUATION HELD



Pictured above are the latest O.R. course graduates with their instructors. Front row (left to right) Diane Fink, R.N., Dolores Warg, R.N., JoAnn Noe, G.N., and Gina Roman, G.N. Back row (left to right) Beverly DeBold, R.N., instructor, Wendy Reiss, R.N., Craig Laverty, R.N., Doug Radcliff, R.N., Celeste Gaydos, R.N., and MaryAnn Frankl, R.N., instructor.

On Friday, December 20, the fourth class of the operating room (O.R.) course received certificates of achievement during informal ceremonies held in the

operating room classroom. The class included eight students, four of which had been members of the Hospital Center prior to the course. Members of the class were Diane Fink, R.N., former 4B staff member, Doug Radcliff, R.N., former 7C staff member, Wendy Reiss, R.N., former 5B staff member, Dolores Warg, R.N., former 7C staff member, Celeste Gaydos, R.N., Craig Laverty, R.N., JoAnn Noe, G.N., and Gina Roman, G.N.

The O.R. course, which began on June 24, was a six-month course to educate students in basic sterile techniques and procedures. The students also learned basic information in eight specialty areas including vascular, thoracic, neurology, plastics, general surgery, colon-rectal, urology, and orthopedics.

Instructors for the course included MaryAnn Frankl, R.N., acting director of the operating room/recovery room, and Beverly DeBold, R.N., O.R. assistant head nurse and acting instructor.

Since they have completed the course, the eight graduates have joined the operating room staff.

RECREATION COMMITTEE NEWS

SANTA CLAUS CAME TO TOWN...

...and boy was he surprised. Ranging in age from one month to 10 years, over 150 children accompanied by their parents packed the auditorium on Sunday, December 15, for the first annual Children's Christmas Party sponsored by the Recreation Committee. To get everyone in the holiday mood, a videotape of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" was shown to kick-off the event. Immediately following the show and accompanied by sleigh bells, the "man of the hour" appeared to the eager crowd. With the assistance of his "elves" Linda Moyer, nursing services, and Deb Sterner, infection

control, Santa distributed personalized gifts to all the children. Refreshments were also available for everyone in attendance.

The Recreation Committee would like to thank everyone for their participation and for making this event such a tremendous success.

ROLLERSKATING PARTY

The Recreation Committee is sponsoring a rollerskating party, free of charge, for all Hospital Center family members, spouses and children. The event will be held on Tuesday, February 18, from 6:30-9:00 P.M., at Dar-Bri Rollerskating Center in Emmaus. Skate rentals are available for \$1.00.

Notes from our Patients

"I would like to extend my utmost appreciation to the Burn Center. My son was taken care of excellently and I can't find the words to express my thanks. Everyone on the unit was terrific and they took excellent care of my son. Your hospital is the best around. Thank you all."

The family of a patient from
the Burn Center

"No words can express my gratitude for the nurses in ACU, 3C, and the cardiac catheterization lab for their kindness, friendliness, and devotion. They made my stay at the Hospital Center as comfortable and pleasant as possible. The emergency department should also be commended for fast and efficient action."

A patient from the Emergency
Department, ACU and 3C

"I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who I dealt with at the Hospital Center. In addition, I feel that along with the efficient, effective, and courteous care I received, people went out of their way to be helpful. Please convey my thanks to everyone particularly the nurses from 4B. They are what all nurses should strive to be."

A patient from
4B



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