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Service Pins—at the upcoming *Employee Recognition Dinner* (see inside), 140 employees will receive custom designed pins in honor of their years of service. From left, a 5 year pin made of pewter; 20 year sterling silver pin with blue inlay; at top right, a 15 year sterling silver pin, and at bottom right, a 10 year pewter pin with blue inlay.



**The Center
Welcomes**

To Laboratory

David Bassler
Elizabeth DuBois
Nancy Jacobs
Gayle Zotter

To Nuclear Medicine

Eugene Morgan

To Perfusion

Ralph Montesano

To Radiology

Herbert L'Heureux

Welcome Back

Mary Fleming—Nursing Services

Recognition Dinner scheduled

OK everybody, it's party time again! That's right! The 2nd Annual Employee Recognition Dinner will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 5:30 P.M., at the Holiday Inn West.

The dinner, attended by over 600 people last year, honors employees for their years of service to A&SHHC in increments of 5 years. Years of service includes the total years employed in the Allentown Hospital System for those employees who transferred from Sacred Heart and Allentown Hospitals when the Hospital Center opened September 16, 1974.

This year, over 500 people have been invited to attend what will surely be an exciting evening of great food, spirits, and dancing!

This year's 120 employees with 5 years of service, 14 with 10 years, 3 with 15, and 3 employees with 20 years of service will be honored. These employees will receive service pins, a custom designed lapel pin with the A&SHHC logo, and their dinner, plus dinner for their guests, free of charge.

Results of a recent survey of employees invited to the inaugural event last year indicated that all employees with at least 5 years of service should be invited, and that those employees reaching 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 and over milestones in their career should be honored.

Entertainment for this year's event will be provided by the Bobby Taylor Band, and cocktails will begin at 5:30 P.M., with dinner following at 6:30 P.M.

Urologic care group forming

Urologic Care Specialists, a local chapter of the American Urological Association Allied, will have an organizational meeting at the Hospital Center on Thursday, September 17, 7:00 P.M., in the Boardroom.

If you are involved in any way with urological patient care, instruction or administration, and are interested in fostering the cause of better, safer patient care in the field of urology, this local chapter could be for you.

For more information, contact Eileen Young, R.N., by sending her a note in care of the A&SHHC Operating Room.

Flu vaccine available

The returning fall and winter months mean colder temperatures, rainier days, and unfortunately, the flu.

If you are in a high risk group or over 50 years of age, you'll be happy to know that a flue vaccine will be available for all A&SHHC employees, volunteers, and medical staff beginning September 14, through October 2. The Employee Health Office, on 7A, will administer the vaccine between 3:00-4:00 P.M., and the cost is \$2.50 per inoculation.

Lab management seminar

A two day program, "Management in Today's Laboratory: A Comprehensive Update," will be held on September 24 and 25, 1981, at the new Allentown Hilton, 904 Hamilton Mall.

The program is sponsored by the Lehigh Valley Association for Clinical Microbiology and Immunology, the Bureau of Laboratories, Pennsylvania Department of Health, and the Hospital Center.

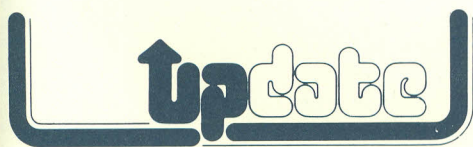
Hospital Center staff people involved with the program include Richard Cipoletti, Assistant Administrator, John Salvanti, Ph.D., Director of the Clinical Laboratories, and Janine Fiesta, Risk Manager.

Topics to be presented include discussions on the medical-legal aspects of the lab's involvement in rape cases, legal blood alcohol and switched specimens, management and organizational campaigns of unions, personnel problems, liability for lab personnel, employee health, leadership skills, communication, recruitment, interviewing, orientation and termination of employees, and the role of the supervisor in management, and others.

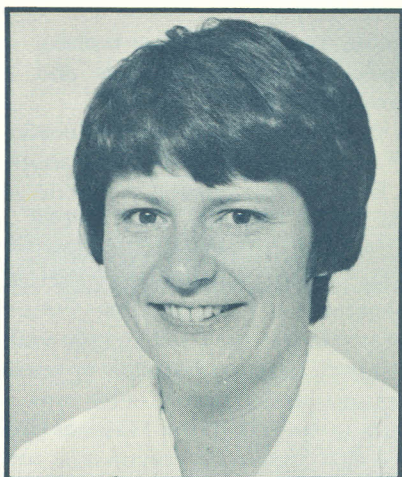
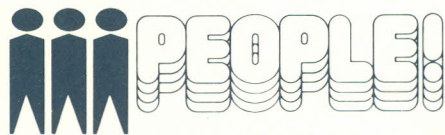
The fee for registration is \$60 for members of the Lehigh Valley Association for Clinical Microbiology and Immunology; \$85 for non-members, and this includes breaks, lunches and dinner.

Deadline for registration is September 2, 1981. For further information, contact Diane Halstead, Ph.D., Pathology Department, Allentown Hospital, or call her at 821-2237.

Funding for the program is provided by the Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust.



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Karen Landis



Maureen Sawyer

Karen Landis is the new Special Projects Supervisor for Critical Care. Karen had been a member of the Hospital Center's critical care staff from October, 1974, to July, 1976, until she accepted a position of clinical instructor for pediatric nursing at the Northampton County Area Community College. She has a B.S. in Nursing from Albright College, Reading, and an M.S.N. from the University of Delaware.

Clifford G. Vernick, M.D., Chief of the Division of Orthopaedic Surgery at the Hospital Center, and **Peter A. Keblish, M.D.**, President of the Good Shepherd Rehabilitation Hospital's Medical Staff, were recently inducted as members of the American Orthopaedic Foot Society, Inc., at the Society's annual meeting in San Francisco.

Maureen Sawyer, MSW, ACSW, has been promoted to Assistant Director, Department of Social Services and Utilization Review. Maureen received a Master's Degree in Social Work from Marywood College, Scranton, and has been at the Hospital Center since August, 1979.

Carol Midei, R.N., ACU staff nurse, has recently been inducted into Sigma Theta Tau, the National Nursing Honor Society. Carol is also a recent graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with a Master's Degree in Nursing. She has been at the Center since September, 1974.



Our Youth Volunteers are more than walking stripes!

Former volunteer and A&SHHC Medical Explorer Post President Burt Lesnick is in Mexico for a year of study as a foreign exchange student.

Stephanie Kaplan was selected as a semi-finalist in the 1981 Diabetes in the News Community Service Award competition. As a semi-finalist, Stephanie received a \$100 United States Savings Bond from Ames Division, Miles Laboratories, Inc., sponsors of the award. She also received the Lena and Morris Senderowitz Award for Outstanding Community Service. Stephanie, a former A&SHHC volunteer, is currently employed in the Dietary Department as well as volunteering at Allentown State Hospital and the Jewish Community Center. Congratulations Stephanie!

This year's youth volunteer recognition celebration was highlighted by an entertaining slide show featuring photographs of the routine volunteer activities. After the slide show and distribution of awards for hours and service, a "Make-Your-Own Sundae" party was provided.



Coming up...

Roller Boogie

Tickets are available for \$1.00 each for a rollerskating party on Tuesday, September 22, 7:00-10:00 P.M., at the Route 100 Rollerskating Rink.

Tickets are available in Public Relations.

Ski trip

The third annual Rec Committee ski weekend at Killington, Vermont, will be held on January 22, 23, and 24, 1982. Total cost of the trip, which includes roundtrip bus transportation, two nights lodging, Saturday breakfast and dinner, Sunday breakfast, 3-day lift pass, and more, is \$180.00.

A \$100 non-refundable deposit is due by Friday, September 18, 1981, and can be paid in Public Relations.

There are 46 openings available, and the first 7 deposits will secure fireplace rooms.

Quality Photofinishing

The response to the photofinishing program has been overwhelming. Due to the increased volume of business, the traffic in Public Relations has been very heavy. To make things easier for everyone involved, we are requesting employees who have film to be developed to drop off the film before 12 Noon if possible. In this way, the film will be sent to the factory for developing the same day. Also, anyone who has finished pictures should pick them up after 3:00 P.M., if possible.

The time period for developing color prints has been 2-3 days; slides take 4-5 days; and reprints and enlargements take about a week.

If you have any questions, contact Janet in Public Relations at 3084. Thank you for your cooperation.

Burn Foundation program underway

Sandy Raymond, Program Director for the East/Northeast Pennsylvania office of the Burn Foundation of Greater Delaware Valley, reports that a great deal of activity is underway. Under development is the Speakers Bureau through which volunteers, fire prevention specialists, Burn Center staff and Foundation representatives will present burn prevention education programs to community, civic and service organizations. Letters introducing the Speakers Bureau have been sent to selected organizations in the Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton and Phillipsburg areas and responses are now being received.

Mrs. Karen Trainor Andersen, Director of Nursing, Bethlehem Bureau of Health, has been named a Foundation Volunteer Coordinator for Bethlehem/Northampton County area. Mrs. Andersen was the former Skin Bank Coordinator for the Washington Hospital Center and was instrumental in developing the Bank as the eleventh such facility in the country. She

will assist in the development of the Speakers Bureau, organize community/school prevention and awareness programs and become involved in fund-raising activities. The Foundation is seeking volunteer leadership in the Easton and Reading areas.

Discussions are now underway with the Carbon-Lehigh Intermediate Unit for an October workshop to present burn prevention curriculum materials which can be adapted by teachers for use in a variety of subject areas. A major goal of the Foundation's education programs will be to present in-service teachers training workshops outlining the Project Burn Prevention curriculum. Additionally, the Foundation has prepared an elementary education survey to go to over 200 regional schools. The survey seeks to ascertain the current level of fire safety/burn prevention education presently existing in area elementary schools; and, offers four (4) Foundation educational services: curriculum con-

sultation, in-service teacher training workshops, resource materials, and assembly speakers.

In the area of professional education, the Foundation staff is working closely with Burn Center nursing personnel and Dr. Walter J. Okunski, Burn Center Medical Director, to develop training courses in the emergency care and management of burn patients. Future programs in this area will include visits to community referring hospitals to present the course, and a Burn Center symposium to be held at the Hospital Center.

The Foundation, in conjunction with the Burn Center staff and the Phoenix Society, Inc.; nationwide organization of recovered burn patients; has been planning a program for families of burn victims. This program will provide regularly scheduled counseling and informational meetings for families and will be held at the Hospital Center.

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