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TAH—IVHC Archives Project Begun

Realizing that "those who do not learn from history are condemned to repeat it" and that success can be duplicated, two women who played critical roles in decades of events at TAH and LVHC sites have made efforts to ensure the hospital's past is

not forgotten.

Valeria Boyer and Dorothy Hoffner are spearheading a three-year project to create an archives and oral history of TAH—LVHC. The project, which is supported by a generous grant from the Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust, will illuminate for hospital employees, management and the community the lessons learned from nearly a century of organized health care in Allentown, says Boyer, one of the grant proposal's co-authors.

The project will be useful for many things, including the development of exhibits and information pamphlets for the hospital, and as a resource for scholarly research, according to the

proposal.

Boyer and Hoffner have intimate knowledge of the histories of the hospital sites. Boyer served as assistant administrator from 1954 to 1966 at The Allentown Hospital, currently TAH site, and was associate administrator at Allentown and Sacred Heart Hospital Center (ASH), currently LVHC site, from its opening in 1974 to 1979.

As secretary to Leonard Parker Pool, founder of LVHC and Air Products and Chemicals Inc., Hoffner witnessed key events in the growth of the hospital. Her efforts in developing an Air Products archives figured largely in the conception of TAH— LVHC project.

"We want to preserve the hospital's past and give people the opportunity to learn from it," notes Boyer.

The collection of memorabilia and research for the historical narrative were recently begun and will continue until 1992. Ten people who played important roles in the histories of TAH—LVHC will be interviewed for the project. The permanent location of the archives is still

uncertain, though it will probably be housed at one of the merged hospital sites. Office space has been provided at 343 West St.—behind TAH site—for the work taking place for the duration of the grant. Funding requests for further Pool Trust support for the archives will be evaluated during the initial phase of the project. Boyer and Hoffner ask that anyone having or knowing the whereabouts of pertinent historical materials to please send them to the archives coordinator, Ghislaine Butriek, at 343 West St., Allentown, Pa., 18102 or call ext. 6680.

Employees Participate In Observation Weeks



Marilyn Smith (left) and Ann Snyder, both of Respiratory Care, TAH site, care for a premature baby attached to a ventilator.

For More Information On Observation Weeks, See Page 4 and 5.



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Four Students Graduate From Radiologic Program



Caption: The four recent graduates of TAH School of Radiologic Technology are (from left): John Yoder, Kim Klush, Jodie Sillers and Bonnie Bird.

TAH School of Radiologic Technology graduated four students recently during ceremonies held in the auditorium.

Among the graduates of the school's 20th class is Kimberly Klush of Pittston, who will join the Radiology Department's Ultrasound Division at TAH site. She will complete a year training period at TAH site, after which she will be eligible to become registered in ultrasound. Other graduates are Jodie Sillers of Lehighton, who will join TAH site radiology staff, Bonnie Bird of Asbury, who will complete her bachelor of science degree requirements in radiology technology at Bloomsburg University and John Yoder, who will complete a year training course in radiation therapy at Geisinger Medical Center.

Besides performing at least 4,000 varied X-ray procedures during the twoyear program, all graduates completed about 3,000 hours of clinical experience in TAH site's Diagnosis Department and related areas and approximately 700 hours of required classroom instruction.

Upcoming Seminars

The Twelfth Annual Mid-Atlantic Burn Conference, sponsored by the Burn Center of TAH—LVHC, will be held on Friday, Nov. 3 at the Holiday Inn, routes 22 and 191, Bethlehem. The two-session conference is designed for nurses, physicians and other health care professionals who are part of the burn team. The conference will address critical issues involving the care of the burn patient with a focus on medical and legal ethics and the psychological stresses experienced by the caregivers. Research and project presentations by member hospitals will also be included.

There is no charge for employees for the afternoon session, but the breakfast session fee is \$8. Deadline for registration is Oct. 20. For more information and

to register, call ext. 8733.

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Caring for Yourself While Caring for Patients with AIDS will be presented as part of TAH—LVHC Regional Symposium Series on Friday, Nov. 3 in LVHC site auditorium.

The symposium, featuring a national guest speaker and TAH—LVHC health care professionls, is designed for employee health professionals, infection control practitioners, nurses, human resource professionals and other disciplines involved in direct patient care. Topics will include the social, ethical and psychological aspects of caring for patients with AIDS.

The cost for employees is \$5, which includes lunch, nutritional breaks and materials. For more information and to register, call Human Resource Development at ext. 8320.

Educational Happenings

Monday, Oct. 16

LVHC — Employee Orientation; 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; auditorium.

Wednesday, Oct. 18

TAH — Stroke Team; 9 to 10 a.m.; cafeteria conference room.

TAH — Tour TAH site; 1 p.m.; lobby. **LVHC** — Tour LVHC site; 2:30 p.m.; lobby.

Friday, Oct. 20

LVHC — "Gerontology: Present and Future Nursing Issues;" 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; auditorium. This seminar will feature Maggie Kuhn, co-founder of the Gray Panthers Organization, Philadelphia. Employees will be charged a \$5 fee for lunch. Registration required; call Human Resource Development, ext. 2430.

Saturday, Oct. 21

LVHC — "Computers in Health Care: Symposium and Expo."; 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.; auditorium. This program is designed for physicians, nurses and other health care professionals. Employees will be charged a \$5 fee for lunch. Registration required; call Human Resource Development, ext. 8320.

Tuesday, Oct. 24

TAH — "Stress and Burnout: Care for the Caretaker;" 9 to 11 a.m.; School of Nursing auditorium. Registration required; call Human Resource Development, ext. 2430.

Wednesday, Oct. 25

LVHC — "Laboratory Contributions to the Diagnosis of Infectious Diseases;" 7:30 p.m.; auditorium. This two-day seminar is designed for physicians, nurses and pharmacy and laboratory staff. No charge for employees. Registration required, call ext. 8150. TAH — Stroke Team; 9 to 10 a.m.; cafeteria conference room.

TAH — CPR Recertification; 27 continuous hours beginning at 7 a.m.; Pediatrics classroom, fifth floor. Continued Oct. 26. For additional study guides or more information, call Human Resource Development, ext. 8320.

Board of Directors

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the 13th installment in an ongoing CheckUp feature which provides brief biographical sketches of community leaders who volunteer their time and talents to serve on our boards of directors.

Alan B. McFall, Esq. HealthEast

Alan B. McFall, esquire, a partner in the law firm of Cassebaum, McFall and Molnar, joined the HealthEast Board of Directors in 1986. In addition, he has been board chairman of Slate Belt Nursing and Rehabilitation Center since 1986, joining that board in 1979. McFall also serves on the HealthEast Audit, Communications and Planning committees.

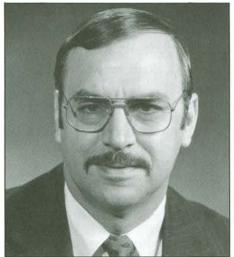
His educational background includes a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Pennsylvania State University, master of business administration from Indiana University and juris doctor degree

from Temple University.

McFall serves as director for both the Bangor Area Foundation and Lafayette Bank. His community activities include membership in the Bangor Elks Lodge No. 1106; Pen Argyl Lodge No. 594; Free and Accepted Masons; Pen Argyl Band Boosters and the Wind Gap Athletic Association, serving as Little League umpire.

In his leisure time, McFall enjoys music and sailing.

"I feel that being a member of the HealthEast Board of Directors is important because health care is an important factor in maintaining the



Alan B. McFall, Esq.

high quality of life in the Lehigh Valley and I am pleased to be able to work toward quality health care as a board member," comments McFall.

Robert E. McNabb TAH-LVHC

Robert E. McNabb is not a stranger to the HealthEast system. He joined TAH board in 1977 and served as chairman from 1985 to 1987. He is also a member of the Building and Quality Assurance committees.

McNabb was president of Allentown Roofing and Sheet Metal Company, Inc., before retiring in 1985. Lehigh University is his alma mater, where he received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering.

His community activities include serving as second vice president for



Robert E. McNabb

the Lehigh Valley Motor Club; a member of the Allentown Rotary Club Foundation Board; and a board member of the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired of Lehigh Valley.

Big band and Dixieland music are McNabb's favorites. He also finds time to enjoy golf and occasional travel.

"Although I became a board member in 1977, I am still learning the complexities and vastness of a hospital's operations," McNabb says. "I have become aware of the vast army of hospital employees, medical personnel and volunteers it takes to run such an operation, all working together to provide the best possible service at the lowest possible cost. Being a board member is educational, fascinating and satisfying."

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following TAH site employees who received \$100 U.S. savings bonds for perfect attendance. June's winner was Vincente Pantoja, General Services; July's winner was Rita Bushner, Intensive Care Unit; and Dawn Roth, Business Office, was the winner in August.

The "special delivery" stork has once again been working overtime, making deliveries to several TAH—LVHC employees. William Orlowsky, budget manager, Finan-

cial Services (TAH-LVHC), and his wife, Diane, became proud parents for the second time on July 23. Nicholas Joseph weighed 8 pounds, 12 1/2 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Joan Batch, RRT, respiratory care therapist, Respiratory Care (LVHC), and her husband, Robert, welcomed their new son on Sept. 15. Andrew Nicholas weighed in at 6 pounds, 12 ounces. Michele Rohrbach, respiratory care technician, Respiratory Care (LVHC), and her husband Eric, Level V technician, Cardiac Cath Laboratory (LVHC), became the proud parents of a 7-pound-2-ounce daughter, Sarah Michele, on Aug. 14. Ronald Smith, incinerator operator, Engineering (LVHC), and his wife, Michele, welcomed their son, Joshua William, on May 7. Diane Seremula, R.N., staff nurse, 5C (LVHC), and her husband, Joe, became the proud parents of a baby girl, Courtney, on July 5. Nancy Thompson, L.P.N., staff nurse, 5C (LVHC), and her husband, Bob, welcomed their new baby girl, Ashley, on July 30.

Wedding bells rang for two TAH site employees. **Peggy Ritter**, transcriptionist, Radiology, and **Mike Weaver**, transporter, Transport Service, exchanged wedding vows on Sept. 9.

National Observation Weeks Recognize I

CheckUp congratulates the many employees who celebrated national observation weeks, recognizing their occupation, this month.

Several TAH—LVHC departments contacted CheckUp with information regarding their activities.

Mayor Proclaims Oct. 9-15 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist Week

Allentown Mayor Joseph Daddona has proclaimed this week, Oct. 9 through 15, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) Week in the Lehigh Valley. The proclamation is in conjunction with a celebration of the Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists.

CRNAs represent one of the first professional groups to specialize beyond general nursing. They signify a long-standing commitment to achieve and maintain high quality care in a demanding field.

CRNAs administer 65 percent of the estimated 20 million anesthetics done annually in the United States. Additionally, they are involved with community efforts to enhance medical awareness and assist with education of the public.

Both nationally, and within the Lehigh Valley, CRNAs can be identified in all practice settings. Currently 47 percent of all CRNAs are employed by hospitals and surgical centers, 38 percent by physician groups and 12 percent contract their services. The

Respiratory Care Plays Vital Role

Each day members of TAH—LVHC's Respiratory Care department play a vital part in sustaining patient lives.

For example, consider the 18-yearold victim of a car accident who owes her very life in part to the high-tech respiratory care she received at LVHC site.

Also, consider the parents of premature newborns who watch Respiratory Care workers at TAH site maintain the ventilators that keep their tiny babies alive until the infants' lungs develop so they can breathe on their own.

The department recently took advantage of National Respiratory Care Week, Oct. 1-7, to inform their co-workers of their occupation. Educational efforts included speeches and a lobby display.

Experts in caring for air passages, members of Respiratory Care, an allied health profession, work closely with patients, physicians, nurses and other medical professionals to provide quality care both in the hospital and at home. In the face of everchanging patient needs, Respiratory Care professionals respond with dynamic technological advances to provide new therapeutic treatments.

Respiratory Care deals with nearly every patient that comes through the hospital's doors and is the reason many walk out.

Technology called a high frequency jet ventilator made the difference in the case of the accident victim,



David Gessner of Respiratory Care, LVHC site, works with the high-techology respiratory equipment in the Shock Trauma Unit.

according to Eric Bakow, associate director of Respiratory Care (LVHC). The young woman, a Lehigh Valley resident, received serious facial and orthopedic injuries after hitting the windshield and being thrown from her Volkswagon. She was brought to the Shock Trauma Unit at LVHC site, underwent surgery, and later developed life-threatening lung complications.

"We quickly ran to the end point of our technology in terms of getting oxygen into her blood," Bakow says, adding that she was put on the high frequency jet ventilator. In northern Pennsylvania, LVHC site has the greatest experience in this area, Bakow said.

"We were able to successfully manage that patient, who was eventually discharged to home without subsequent oxygen and is walking around today because of that technology and this department's ability," he says. "I feel the recovery of that patient was, in part, a result of the staff's high level of skill in providing this type of care."

At LVHC site much of Respiratory Care's work involves trauma patients and its members assist in the Operating Room. In the units, they must always be able to respond to emergencies, such as alarms indicating the patient has become disconnected from the ventilator. Sometimes the

Employees' Contributions

scope of practice includes all types of surgery, obstetrics and dentistry.

Congress Declares Health Care Food Service Week

The U.S. Congress designated Oct. 1 to 7 National Health Care Food Service Week and the HealthEast system joined the celebration.

In recognition of the week, a display in the lobbies of TAH site and the Anderson Wing of LVHC site show-cased the broad range of services provided by Food and Nutrition Service Department. Also a small reception was held at both sites to recognize the department's employees.

National Physical Therapy Week

National Physical Therapy Week, Oct. 1 to 7, focused on "Hands-on Health," a theme that allowed TAH—LVHC Physical Therapy staff and Lehigh Valley Rehabilitation Services to highlight their continued commitment to providing quality patient care.

Activities to commemorate included a T-shirt day to honor the profession. In addition, each patient received a "hand," or a badge of tribute to their efforts and success in therapy.

alarms sound simultaneously. Expertise and flexibility are key characteristics of Respiratory Care.

At TAH site, respiratory patients range from tiny infants in their first days or even minutes of life to elderly people in their last. In addition, they work with renal patients and children with respiratory diseases, including asthma and chronic cystic fibrosis.

John DelVillaggio, technical director of Respiratory Care, TAH site, likes working with children best, he said, adding they work on "the heartstrings." Even though their stories are sometimes heartbreaking, they also make the most miraculous recoveries, often responding quickly to treatment.

With children as well as adults, Del-Villaggio reminds the staff that patients do not understand the medical terminology with which they are so familiar. He urges them to explain everything to ease patients' fears.

DelVillaggio commends the staff for being so attuned to patients. For example, recently staff members spent their own money to replace a broken radio belonging to a blind dialysis patient.

"His radio was all he had," DelVillaggio said. "This fellow was ecstatic when it was replaced. I think we keep our humanity even with all of our technological help."

Respiratory Care at TAH site is involved with many of the most up-todate procedures, including an aerosol medication for patients with Acquired Immunity Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). The procedure was recently approved by the Federal Drug Administration. The treatment helps prevent pneumonia, thereby reducing the need for hospitalization and improving the quality of life, Del-Villaggio said.

The majority of TAH respiratory patients, however, are elderly, he said. "Most of our patients on ventilators have diseases that just don't go away." Many are long-term patients who become very close to the staff.

Likewise at LVHC site, Respiratory Care personnel become very attached to their long-term patients, said Eileen Fatzinger, evening shift supervisor.

"We get to know them and their families," she says. Sometimes they even get the chance to share precious family moments. Respiratory Care made it possible for one long-term patient to attend the wedding of her only daughter. Members of Respiratory Care accompanied the woman, who relies on a ventilator.

Respiratory Care not only shares the family's joy, but also their sorrow. "Occasionally we'll have long-term patients die, and it's a devastating day when that occurs," she says.

At both TAH and LVHC sites, members of Respiratory Care said it is the close teamwork that allows them to deal with the difficulties they encounter from the cases and the stress-filled days. In addition, TAH—LVHC offers Respiratory Care professionals the opportunity to constantly fine tune their skills.

Kisner Named Slate Belt CEO

Richard J.
Kisner has been appointed president and chief executive officer for Slate Belt Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.
Kisner brings to



the position an extensive knowledge of hospital operations.

Most recently, Kisner served as senior vice president of TAH—LVHC. Previously, he was vice president and assistant vice president of TAH site. Before joining the HealthEast family, he served as administrative assistant and director of Rehabilitation for Charlton Memorial Hospital in Fall River, Mass.

Kisner received his master's degree in health administration from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, New Orleans. He holds undergraduate degrees in psychology and mental health from University of Bridgeport, Conn. and a nursing degree from Quinnipiac College of Hamden, Conn. He is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives and the American Hospital Association.

In recognition of his six years of dedicated service to TAH—LVHC, receptions were held in his honor on Oct. 3 in the president's room, LVHC site, and on Oct. 5 in TAH site cafeteria.

HealthCounts Helps You 'Kick The Habit'

Smoke Stoppers, a nationally recognized behavior modification program, will offer its next set of classes beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 1 at the Jewish Community Center in Allentown.

The fee for employees is \$80 with a \$20 refund for attending all or all-butone of the sessions for the scheduled classes. The first session will be free. For more information and to register, call HealthCounts at 821-2150.

LifeFund Contributors Win \$50 In Drawing

Ten TAH—LVHC employees who contributed to LifeFund, a campaign to raise money for a new building for Miller Memorial Blood Center, recently won \$50

each in a random drawing.

The Miller Memorial Blood Center, a not-for-profit organization, provides safe and adequate supplies of blood and blood components to hospitals in the Lehigh Valley. TAH—LVHC uses 55 percent of all blood products processed by Miller Memorial. Miller Memorial's new building, which will cost an estimated \$2.7 million, is being constructed in the Lehigh Valley Corporate Center, Schoenersville Road and Route 22, Hanover Township, Northampton County. It will replace the current facility on the Muhlenberg Hospital Center campus, Bethlehem.

The LifeFund winners employed at LVHC site were Andrea Jones, R.N., Short Procedure Unit; Donald Jones, head nurse, General Intensive Care Unit West; and Teri Lippowitsch, R.N., Shock Trauma Unit. TAH site winners were Pauline Reitenauer, housekeeper, General Services; Gwendolyn Rosser, instructor, Human Resource Development; Steven Roth, cook, Department of Food and Nutrition; and Susan Shovlin, reimbursement specialist, General Accounting. Prize recipients with responsibility for both sites were Bonnie Smith, vice president, Administration; Mary Anne Keyes, senior vice president, Nursing Administration; and Luis Martinez, senior vice president, Human Resources.

Several of the winners donated their booty to charity. Jones and Keyes contributed to Friends of Nursing; Martinez donated to ALERT—Partnership for a Drug Free Valley; and Smith gave to Lehigh Valley Poison Center. For more information regarding the fund, please contact Barbara Salvadore, assistant to the president, at ext. 8415 or Marie Rapella, LifeFund, at 791-2222, ext. 202.



Caption: Richard Kisner, former senior vice president of TAH—LVHC (currently president and chief executive officer of Slate Belt Nursing and Rehabilitation Center) and Marie Rapella of LifeFund, present checks to some of the lucky winners: (from left) Mary Anne Keyes, Luis A. Martinez, Pauline Reitenauer, Gwendolyn Rosser, Steven Roth and Susan Shovlin.

Credit Union To Open Office At TAH Site

The HealthEast Federal Credit Union is sponsoring a raffle to celebrate the grand opening of a fullservice branch office at TAH site beginning Nov. 1.

Services offered at the office, on the third floor of the School of Nursing, include loans, savings accounts, vacation and Christmas clubs, and payroll deduction.

Raffle winners, to be announced

Dec. 1, can select \$25 in shares or \$25 in Pennsylvania lottery tickets. To be eligible, make a transaction at either Credit Union site. Stop by the Credit Union to enter the drawing and receive a small token of appreciation.

Mon. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Tues. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. **Wed. and Fri.** noon - 4:30 p.m. **Thurs.** 3 - 7 p.m.

Pediatric Surgical Services Dedicated At TAH Site

The Pediatric Operating Room (O.R.) Holding Area, dedicated Oct. 10, decreases the amount of time children are separated from their parents

before surgery.

Debra Butz, R.N., head nurse, Recovery Room, said that previously, a child would be admitted to the Pediatric unit and then would be escorted to a holding room by a nurse while the parents were left in the unit. The new system allows parents to accompany their child and a nurse from the pediatric room to the O.R. holding area, a non-threatening chamber stocked with toys and games. During surgery, parents wait for information in the O.R. waiting room.

"This concept is in place at only a few other facilities in the northeast, including St. Christopher's Hospital for Children in Philadelphia and Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Staff nurse Candace Kubek, R.N., Recovery Room, and Sara McCoy, work study student, helped develop the O.R. holding room program at TAH site after visiting St. Christopher's and Johns Hopkins. "The program, in its first of two stages, is going extremely well thanks to Kubek and McCoy," Butz says.

The second stage will allow parents to hold and comfort their children in the Recovery Room while they wake up from anesthesia. Studies have shown less pain medication is required when parents are present during recovery.

Recreation Committees Merge

The recreation committees of TAH and LVHC sites have merged, taking the new name of the Employee Activities Committee.

The newly elected officers are: Vicki Hackett, president; Joann Haros, vice president; Brenda Rocchino, secretary; Carol Mutchler and Susan Fitch, co-treasurers. New members are currently being sought. Any one interested should contact an officer.

Briefly Speaking...

Annual Italian Dinner And Raffle To Be Held Nov. 2

The Annual Italian Dinner and Raffle, sponsored by the Auxiliary of TAH site, will be held Thursday, Nov. 2 in TAH site dining room. The first sitting will begin at 5:30 and the second at 7:15.

The cost of the dinner, including live music, wine and candlelight, is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children under 10. Tickets are available at TAH site in the

Alcove Gift Shop and the Medical Affairs Office.

Brain Tumor Support Group To Sponsor Second Raffle

The Brain Tumor Support Group of the Lehigh Valley will sponsor its second annual raffle in November, due to the tremendous success of last year's lottery.

Only 1,000 tickets will be available through Oct. 31 for a \$5 donation each. The raffle will have a winner each day throughout the month with prizes totalling more than \$950 in merchandise from local businesses.

For more information, contact Delores Fioriglio of the support group at

776-2566.

Register Now For CPR Certification Classes

Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and obstructed airway maneuver for adult, child and infant will be taught during classes to be held in November.

Part I, theory and demonstration, will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2 in the School of Nursing (SON) auditorium, TAH site. Part II, testing, will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7 in the SON auditorium and 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8 in the SON, room 900. Registration is required; call Human Resource Development at ext. 2430

Musicians Sought To Give Holiday Performances

The Arts Advisory Council of HealthEast is seeking interested musical groups or individuals to donate some time during the holiday season by performing at TAH—LVHC.

Volunteers are needed at each site from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6 to 8:30 p.m. Dec. 11 to 27. The music will help create a festive atmosphere for patients, employees and visitors. For more information, call Terri at 967-3260 or Eva at 434-1977.

Bloodmobile To Visit LVHC Site Oct. 30

The Miller Memorial bloodmobile will be in classroom 1, Anderson Wing, LVHC site from 2 to 5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 30 and 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Oct. 31.

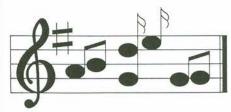
At least 80 donors are needed. Registration will occur in the lobby. To make an appointment, call the Employee Health Office at ext. 8869.

Cholesterol Screenings Scheduled This Month

CountDown Lehigh Valley, a TAH—LVHC program supported by the Dorothy Rider Pool Health Care Trust, will sponsor cholesterol screenings in Bethlehem and Allentown this month.

The first screenings will be held from 10 a.m to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21 at Jerusalem United Church of Christ, East Susquehanna Street, Allentown, and from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22 at the American Heart Association Festival in the rose garden at Cedar Beach park.

The Muhlenberg Hospital Center will co-sponsor the last screenings, to be held from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, Oct. 26 to 28, at the Westgate Mall in Bethlehem. A \$5 donation will be requested at all screenings.



Sing-Along To Benefit Hospice

"Play It Again, Abe," a sing-along benefit for Lehigh Valley Hospice, will be held on Friday, Nov. 10 at LVHC site auditorium. A reception will follow at 9 p.m.

On piano will be Abram Samuels, retired chairman of the board of Automatic Devices Company and a member of the HealthEast Board of Directors; on drums, Robert McNabb, retired president of Allentown Roofing and Sheet Metal Company, Inc. and a member of TAH--LVHC Board of Directors; and on gutbucket, Robert Tallman, an attorney for the law firm of Tallman, Hudders and Sorrentino, legal council for HealthEast.

The program will be introduced by Michael F. Luck, Ph.D., president of the HealthEast Trust Fund. Guest speakers from Lehigh Valley Hospice will be William Dunstan, administrator and the Rev. Anne Huey, coordinator of Pastoral Care and Bereavement.

The sing-along will benefit Lehigh Valley Hospice, which provides special caring and comfort for those facing death and for their families. This program falls under the auspices of HealthEast Trust Fund, an organization which serves as the primary channel for philanthropic support for all the hospitals and health care programs in the HealthEast family.

The benefit is open to the public with seating limited to 200 people. A donation of \$17.50 a person for tickets will be allocated to Lehigh Valley Hospice. Special categories of giving include "Best Supporting Performer" for a \$25 to \$99 contribution; "Star" for a \$100 to \$249 contribution; and "Superstar" for a \$250 contribution or more. These levels of giving will be acknowledged on the program.

For more information, call the HealthEast Trust Fund at ext. 7990.

Kudos To Security

CheckUp received the following comment regarding security:

"I would like to thank the Security guards at TAH site, where I work the 3-to-11 shift. One night after my shift, I went to my car and found that I had a flat tire. Security assisted and helped me get home. They are a bunch of great guys. Thanks a lot."

CheckUp joins this employee in applauding the members of Security for their kindness and dedication.

Help Sought For Nurse Victimized By Fire

Fire tragically struck the lives of Sue Moyer, R.N., and her family in the early morning hours of Sunday, Oct. 1, when the blaze gutted their Lehighton home.

Fortunately, Moyer and her sons Andy, 16, and Jessie, 15, and daughter Julie, 12, were not injured, but all of their belongings were destroyed.

The staff of the Transitional Open Heart Unit, (TOHU) LVHC site, where Moyer works, is seeking help and plans to hold a fund-raiser to benefit the family within the next few weeks. Donations of food, clothing, household goods and similar items will be gratefully accepted. To help, please call TOHU, ext. 1550 for details and watch for information regarding the fund-raiser.

Cancer Center Receives Half-Million Dollar Grant

The Pennsylvania Department of Health has awarded TAH—LVHC's Comprehensive Community Cancer Center (CCCC) a \$512,000 three-year contract, State Sen. Roy Afflerbach announced recently.

The grant, funded by the Pennsylvania Cancer Control Prevention and Research Act of 1980, will support 67 specific projects designed to improve cancer patient care. The projects are primarily designed to encourage collaboration among oncology professionals.

Ronald DeLorenzo, CCCC administrative director, said that in addition to the grant, TAH—LVHC will contribute more than \$330,000 of its own resources for these projects to be conducted in Lehigh, Northampton, Carbon and Schuylkill counties.

"State Sen. Roy Afflerbach has been instrumental in helping the Cancer Center secure this grant," DeLorenzo says. "We appreciate his support of our efforts to improve cancer patient care in our community."

Among the oncology-related projects are a clinical rotation program; a mini-fellowship for primary care physicians; cancer risk assessment and screenings; regional physician conferences on clinical trials and pain management; conferences for social workers and clergy supporting cancer

patients and their families; nursing education programs; public education and support groups and weekend retreats for cancer patients and their families. In addition, the grant will support the hospital staff's continuing efforts in teaching cancer prevention and early detection techniques in local school districts.

CCCC Starts Support Group For Friends, Families

The Comprehensive Community Cancer Center (CCCC) is sponsoring a new support group for the loved ones of cancer patients. The group meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at TAH site, conference room B.

The group, titled Spouses, Family and Friends of People with Cancer, a free program, held its first meeting, Oct. 3. It is a spin-off of Make Today Count, a support group for cancer patients and their friends

and families, which meets each month at 7:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday at TAH site, conference room B.; and at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday at LVHC site, presidents' room.

CCCC also sponsors education programs at 7:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month at LVHC site, presidents' room. Currently, the I Can Cope educational program is being held. For more information, contact CCCC at ext. 2582.



A Preview: New LVHC Site Cafeteria

Remember those less fortunate in the community and contribute to the United Way.

TAH—LHVC and HealthEast campaigns end Wednesday, Oct. 18.