

what's happening

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'Tis the season to be jolly!

And jolly Maine Medical Center will be on Wednesday, December 16. That's the day of the annual Holiday Reception where good tidings and cheer are shared with fellow employees. This year's holiday celebration will be 6:30 AM–8:30 AM for night shift workers, and 2:00–6:00 PM for everyone else.

Throughout both receptions there will be music, door prizes, and even a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Judging will take place for the window decorating contest with the winner to receive a "Presidential" Coffee break delivered by President Edward C. Andrews, Jr., M.D.

The morning menu includes a festive holiday brunch. The afternoon's goodies include eggnog, cheeses, fried shrimp, assorted hors d'oeuvres, Christmas cookies, and desserts.

There will be no smoking in the cafeteria from midnight Tuesday, December 15, 1987 through 8 PM Wednesday, December 16, 1987 to accommodate the Holiday Reception. Also please note: the Coffee Shop will stay open until 7 PM the day of the Holiday Reception.

Coffee Shop to close its smoking section

Ventilation problems are forcing the closure of the smoking section in the MMC Coffee Shop. The Women's Board of Maine General Hospital, which operates the Coffee Shop for the benefit of MMC, says it will close the section January 1, 1988.

Women's Board President Lucille Mercer says the action was taken with regret, and only after all possible options for improving ventilation were pursued. She says the Board hopes the few weeks notice will help its customers prepare for the change.

MMC trustee named to MHCFC

Maine Medical Center trustee Rosalynne Bernstein has been named by Governor John R. McKernan to the Maine Health Care Finance Commission (MHCFC). The State Senate on November 19 confirmed Bernstein's nomination to serve a four-year term on the Commission.

Bernstein, who served as a Maine Medical Center trustee for nine years, has stepped down from her last year of board service to sit on MHCFC's five-member panel.

The Maine Health Care Finance Com-

mission is a regulatory agency that sets revenue limits for hospitals in Maine. Bernstein has been an outspoken critic of the agency's actions, and her appointment is viewed as a positive step towards improving its work.

"Roz is a woman of extraordinary talent," says Mrs. Herbert S. Holmes, Jr., Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Maine Medical Center, "she has served with a great deal of compassion and understanding for the needs in this community. She has put forth boundless time and energy to meet those needs, and we will miss her expertise."



IT'S A DUCKY CHRISTMAS at the Flower Box. A visitor peeks at a display of Christmas items now on sale through December 24. This year features mugs, ornaments and other articles with duck motifs. (A/V Photo)

Healthviews

"Mental Health Services and the Community"

Friday, December 11, 1987

7:00 PM

Channel 16

Community Cable Network

A discussion of services available to the community, and the changing patterns of demand and care. The panel members are: Gerard Robinson, Assistant Director, Consult Liaison Services; George McNeil, MD, Director, Psychiatric Residency Program; and Jonathon Morris, MD, Attending Physician, Community Psychiatry Division

1987 Holiday Reception Window Decorating Contest

All MMC Departments are invited to participate in the 1987 Holiday Window Decorating Contest. The decorations must have a seasonal theme. The contest is subject to the following rules:

CONTEST RULES

- Each hospital department may field only one group.
- Windows are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Distribution of windows will be by lot.
- In order to protect the windows, the hospital, and people, the following materials may not be used: glue, non-water soluble paint, flammable materials such as tinsel and live evergreens, electric lights or other electrical ornaments, and any other damaging material.
- The decorating must be done between 3:30 PM and 6:30 PM Monday, December 14 and Tuesday, December 15.
- The winner will be announced at 3:00 PM Wednesday, December 16 during the Holiday Reception.
- Each decorating group will receive \$10 to cover the cost of materials for the decorating, and light refreshments will be served to the crews. For information, guidance on materials, or to reserve a window, call Employee Benefits at x2973.

EAC offers computer savings

The Employee Activity Committee, in conjunction with ValCom Computer Center, is offering discounts to MMC employees on computer purchases as part of the Employee Discount Program.

Employees will have an opportunity to see the computers available for discount at an Open House hosted by ValCom, Thursday, December 10, 1987, 6 PM to 8 PM, at their office at 470 Forest Avenue, Portland.

Holiday Specials:

IBM PS/2 Model 25-004

- Integrated design with (2) 720KB, 3.5" disk drives
- 512 KB RAM
- MCGA Color Graphics
- IBM DOS
- IBM Sampler, including personal productivity, education, and entertainment software

KAYPRO PC-30

- (1) 30mg fixed disk drive
- 768KB RAM
- (1) 360KB disk drive
- Hercules Graphics Emulator
- Monochrome monitor
- DOS, Basic, and WordStar Professional, version 4.0

The following printers will also be available at discounted prices:

Epson LX800

- 180CPS, 9 pin, with auto load single load feature and pull tractor

NEC 2200 Pinwriter

- 170 CPS, 24 pin, with built in push-pull tractor and convenience feed

For further information contact User Services at x2150.



MARY ELLEN MAHONEY, RRA, has accepted the position of Director of Medical Records. This announcement was made by Karen Fletcher, Associate Vice President, Patient Services.

(A/V Photo)

Blood drive schedule released

The MMC blood drive has been scheduled for the following dates:

Thursday, December 10, 1987
11 AM-5 PM

Friday, December 11, 1987
7 AM-1 PM

A sign-up table will be located outside the cafeteria for persons wishing to sign-up or receive more information.

Sign-up times are:

Monday, December 7, 1987
Tuesday, December 8, 1987
Wednesday, December 9, 1987
(all sign-up times are 10 AM-4 PM)

The Grand Total in MMC's
1987 United Way Campaign
\$69,401.41

Thanks for everyone's support

CENTERVIEW is MMC's new magazine

Maine Medical Center is pleased to announce the release of the premiere issue of CENTERVIEW, the hospital's first quarterly magazine.

The cover story for the first issue is "The Gift of Life," which looks at the miracle of kidney transplantation.

"So What's Right with Nursing?", an editorial by Judith T. Stone, R.N., Vice President of Nursing, addresses the positive aspects of the nursing profession.

The magazine also includes articles about lasers, the state-of-the-art surgical tools being used in MMC's operating rooms; three MMC departments, all behind-the-scenes; and an overview of significant developments at MMC.

This week 8,000 copies were distributed throughout Greater Portland's business community and to hospitals and health care organizations nationwide. Department heads have received their copies, and any employee wanting their own may stop by the Public Information office, or call x2196.

Employees must submit enrollment forms

If you are one of the 300 current participants in the Supplemental Life Insurance program, (you are if a weekly deduction is taken out of your pay check for Life Insurance), you are about to lose that life insurance coverage. Employees who wish to continue their coverage or purchase an additional amount of coverage must fill in a new enrollment form. Every employee must complete a life insurance form regardless of whether you wish to participate in this supplemental life plan or not. It should be noted that this plan does not change your current basic life benefits.

If you are one of the eligible employees (regularly scheduled employee) and have not completed a Pre-Tax Premium/Reimbursement Enrollment Form, you have 6 days to get your form into the Employee Benefits Office. All eligible employees *must* indicate whether they want to participate in any of these benefits or not.

Forms are only available in the Benefits Office. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Employee Benefits Office at x2973.



Lillian Goupil (seated left) was honored for 42 years of service to the MMC Coffee Shop. Friends and co-workers gathered to surprise Lillian with a corsage and gifts. Pictured from left are: Lillian Goupil, Clara Smith, Mary Bell, and Jean Cronkite; standing from left: John Wiley, Paula Pitts, and Tina Salamone. (A/V

Photo)

Caution required in holiday decorations

All hospital employees are asked to observe the following fire prevention policies concerning decorations:

- Evergreen trees or live greens, in any state, are not permitted on hospital properties.
- Electric lights or electrified ornaments cannot be allowed.
- Decorative materials-tinsel, posters, hanging items, or materials which are easily ignited (e.g. flammable crepe paper) cannot be permitted.
- Materials should not be placed so that they impede hospital traffic or jeopardize personnel/patient safety (e.g. hung so that they could catch an IV pole or strike a person's face or eyes.)
- Materials cannot be placed over glass in fire hose cabinets or vision panels in doors. As always, discretion should be used in the manner in which items are attached to painted surfaces so that tape does not remove the paint.

These policies apply to all hospital buildings.

Happy Holidays!

Come enjoy the seasons
cheer at the MMC holiday
reception

Wednesday,
December 16
MMC Cafeteria

6:30-8:30 AM (*night shift*)

2:00-6:00 PM (*all others*)

MMC participates in Toys for Tots

Employees at Maine Medical Center, in cooperation with the Salvation Army, are being asked to participate in the annual Toys for Tots program. The Housekeeping Department is coordinating the efforts. Anyone wishing to make a donation should bring their toys to the Housekeeping office by December 16, to allow ample time for distribution.

Marketplace

FOR RENT: Bedroom, sitting room, and ½ bath. Suitable for single person, laundry and kitchen privileges. \$250/mo., 10 minutes from MMC. Call 799-5790.

FOR RENT: Winter sublet, wonderful, 1 BR, carpeted, huge toasty bath, marble fireplace, living room, walking distance to everything, water view, parking, laundry, completely furnished, color TV, and dishwasher. Available from late December through late April. Call 772-8716.

FOR RENT: Gorham ½ duplex with garage, lots of storage, 3 BR, large yard, working fireplace, dishwasher. \$650/mo. heat included. Call 774-1189.

FOR RENT: 2 BR apt. spacious, hardwood floors, balcony, range, dishwasher, \$665/mo. utils. included. Call 774-9303.

FOR RENT: 3 BR, oil heat, hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen, \$575/mo. plus utils., Call 774-1189.

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FOR RENT: Crescent street apts. 1 BR, \$310 and up, plus utils. Please call 839-8146 evenings for appointment.

FOR RENT: 5 BR, 3 bath duplex, located on the West End, near MMC. Call 775-0146.

ROOMMATE WANTED: Nursing student desires non-smoking M/F to share fully furnished 4 BR house at Ocean park. \$300/mo. total. Call 774-1189.

FOR SALE: Original Banana Republic Navy wool cape with hood. Mid-calf length, size large. Excellent condition, \$50. Call 774-4155.

FOR SALE: Lowery Organ, \$200. 19" black & white solid state TV, \$50. Call 934-5511 after 5 PM.

FOR SALE: Apple Computer monitor, tilt-screen, excellent condition, \$100. Panasonic Color Video Camera PK956, 6:1 auto focus with power zoom lens, electronic view finder and case, less than 50 hours use, \$850. Call 829-6269 after 6 PM.

FOR SALE: 21" RCA console TV, \$100 or best offer. New women's White Stag ski jacket, size 14, \$50, ski hat, \$10. Call 775-0346 after 6 PM.

FOR SALE: Full size firm mattress, box spring, frame and head board. 4 years old, excellent condition, \$125. Call 854-8839.

FOR SALE: 1976 AMC Hornet wagon. 97,000 miles, asking \$700. Call x2755 or 772-7193.

FOR SALE: 1982 Volvo wagon, excellent condition, 96,000 miles, 4 speed, over-drive, asking \$5,300. Call 775-3446, days.

FOR SALE: Oil-fired forced hot air furnace, 78,000 BTU's, \$100. Call 883-5821 after 5 PM.

FOR SALE: Hammond Spinet organ and bench. Used 4 months, \$2,200. Call 797-5452.

FOR SALE: 1986 Cavalier, hatchback, a/c, excellent condition. Priced to sell, \$5995, call 282-4064.

FOR SALE: 2 family house, 6 rooms and bath each floor. 2 car garage. Very good condition. Near St. Joseph's school, off Steven's Avenue. Call 797-4244.

WANTED: Children to care for. Will provide child care in my home, Monday through Friday. Please call 773-2697.

WANTED: Child care for a 14 month old girl on Wednesdays. Call 775-3003 days, and 775-0250 evenings.

WANTED: Disabled senior citizen needs 1 BR apt., 1-2 steps okay, in South Portland. Call 799-6247 after 5 PM.

WANTED: Children to care for in USM area, family day care for 18 months and up. Lots of family love. Call 773-8839.

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