

what's happening

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Child cancer program gains social worker

The Maine Children's Cancer Program has reached a milestone with the hiring of its first social worker. The program, born at Maine Medical Center and now a freestanding organization, is dedicated to all-encompassing care for Maine's pediatric oncology patients. The social worker position is jointly funded by MMC and the MCCP, with major grant support from the Maine Elks Association.

The addition of a social worker is a major step toward the MCCP's goal of providing comprehensive care, according to Program Director Julie Russem, MPH. Russem, who with pediatric oncologist Stephen Blattner, M.D., Medical Director, founded the program in 1984, says the program's goal is the "truly cured child." That requires "treating the whole child and family," she says, "in all parts of their lives."

The new addition is Christine Clark, MSW, LCSW, a social worker with ten years' experience working with children and families. Her position continues the program's association with MMC, being half funded by the MCCP and half funded by the hospital. She will be working with outpatients at the MCCP's Congress Street offices and with inpatients at Maine Medical Center.

The position also continues the support of the Maine Elks Association. The group made two grants of \$15,000 and \$20,000 to the MCCP to help fund its portion of the Pediatric Oncology Social Worker position. The Elks have been supportive since the inception of the program, having made a \$10,000 grant in the Fall of 1984, when the MMC-based program was known as the Childhood Cancer Support Program.

Other significant support for the program has come from the Visiting Board

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Helpful hints for photo contestants

The deadline for the 1987 MMC Employee Photo Contest is 5 PM Friday, June 26. Following are some helpful hints for those preparing entries, courtesy of A/V Resources Photographer Ron Gillis.

"This article is not meant to be the last word on the subject, but rather a way to look at your photography and photographs in a different light.

"Composing a picture is an initial key step. How much do you want to include in the picture? Remember: the simpler a photograph is in terms of visual content, the more impact it has. In other words, you don't want extraneous detail in the picture to blunt the importance of the subject.

"If you're photographing scenic land-

scapes, try shooting in the early or late part of the day, when the sun is closer to the horizon. You'll get better color saturation and contrast, warmer tones, and more three-dimensional depth in

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Blood Drive returns to MMC June 18-19

The Bloodmobile returns to MMC Thursday, June 18 and Friday, June 19. The Red Cross will be set up in Classroom 7, 11 AM-5 PM on Thursday, and 6 AM-4 PM on Friday. This is the second blood drive of 1987.

If you cannot be at the Blood Drive on those dates and would like to donate, you may call the Red Cross Blood Center at 775-2367 and arrange to donate there. You may have your donation there added to MMC's tally.



WITH FRIENDS AND CAKE looking on, Coordinator of Transportation Rita Hughes prepared to celebrate her retirement from Central Services after more than 20 years of service to MMC. A formal retirement coffee was held May 15.



MMC'S INTRAMURAL BOWLING LEAGUE, sponsored by *HealthStyles*, presented trophies recently. First place went to the "B" Team, and the trophy was accepted by (rear, from left) Parker Wigton and Ralph O'Brien IV, and (front, from left) Edie McCormick, Bob Hersey, and Maxine Woodbury. Second place was captured by the Sugarbears, represented below by (rear, from left) Mike McDonald and Phil Terrano, and (front, from left) Diane McDonald, Sue Terrano, and Doris McDonald. (A/V Photo)



More Marketplace

WANTED: Child care in our home, USM area. 9 AM–1 PM for teacher's child. Starting Sept. Call 775-1113.

WANTED: Ride from/to Bath/MMC. I work part-time nights. Call 1-785-4058.

FREE: Kittens to good home. 2 white, 1 black female; 1 white male. Call Debbie at 774-9398 after 6 PM.

FREE: Cat to loving home. Call 774-9613 after 5 PM or leave message.

FREE: 55 gal. fish tank. Call Janet at x2911.

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your photographs.

"If you plan to use a flash indoors, try "bouncing" the flash off a ceiling (preferably white). This gives the room and subject a feeling of "natural" light that is softer and more pleasing to the eye than a straight-on flash burst.

"Cropping is another integral part of the photographic process. If you plan on printing your own photographs or depend on a photo lab to print your negatives or slides, be sure to specify which area you want printed. If you're not specific with instructions, the lab will crop your picture and possibly miss the portion you wanted in the picture.

"The last step in submitting photographs in a photography contest is—and should be—the hardest. Lay your photographs in front of you and pick out the ones that are the strongest visually, not personally. Ask yourself: does it have the basic ingredients of good lighting, composition and dramatic impact. If it does, you might be a winner in the MMC photography contest. Good luck!"

Please Note

As was obvious to everyone, including the writer of the caption, the window decorating winners pictured in last week's *What's Happening* were from Food Services, not Housekeeping. There's certainly no excuse (the writer was standing nearby as the coffee was poured) other than a temporary lapse.

Our apologies to all.

New Employees

NURSING: Susan M. Duquette, Gregory P. Fahey, Lisa M. Ostrom, Kandy J. Sturges, Mary L. Smith

FOOD SERVICES: Angela E. Forstner

SOCIAL WORK: Stephanie J. Hauser

CENTRAL SERVICE: Karen N. Johnson

SWITCHBOARD: Ann J. Pelosi

PHLEBOTOMY: Debra L. Peters, Janice M. Taylor

DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY: Tami J. Shaw

HOUSEKEEPING: Rita B. Anastacio, Helen L. Frost, Donna A. Janelle, Susan T. Lano, Sally Penny, Melissa F. Twombly

FOOD SERVICES: Joseph E. Bogolawski, Robert J. Doherty, Lawrence M. Dyer

NURSING: Eleanor E. Carpenter, Marie E. Snow

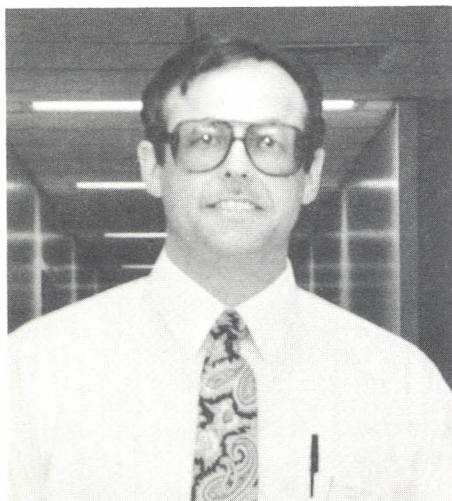
Variety of times set for weight classes

In response to a number of requests to bring back a more varied schedule for the "Weight Watchers at Work" program, *HealthStyles* offers the following schedule.

Each of the classes offered below will need to attain a minimum enrollment of 20 people to run as scheduled. The cost is \$72 for 10 weeks, and you'll be eligible to receive a 50% rebate provided you attend at least 9 of the sessions. (MMC employees are eligible to receive a total of up to \$100 in *HealthStyles* reimbursements each year.)

Here are the schedules being offered: Mondays, 12 Noon-1:00 PM, June 8-August 10; Tuesdays, 4:00-5:30 PM, June 9-August 11; Wednesdays, 1:30-2:30 PM, June 10-August 12; Thursdays, 4:00-5:30 PM, June 11-August 13.

If you'd like to register for a class, or if you have any questions about this program, call the Office of Training and Development, x2824.



DANIEL NEIN of Westbrook is the new **Director of Housekeeping**. He replaces Michael Swan, who was recently promoted to **Associate Vice President for Administrative Services**. Nein is a Waterville High School and University of Maine at Orono graduate, and most recently was **Director of Institutional Services** at Pineland Center in Pownal. (A/V Photo)

EAC News

What's the Employee Activity Committee up to now? Something about a trip to Hawaii in March, 1988? Details to follow soon...

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of Children's Hospital, the Department of Pediatrics at MMC, the Charles A. Dana Foundation, the Maine Division of Maternal and Child Health, and a number of corporations and community groups.

Taking care of all the needs of patients has always been important, Russem says, but recent advances in pediatric cancer care have made it imperative. "A diagnosis of childhood cancer is no longer a death sentence," she says, "since the cure rate is now over 50 percent. And even those who will ultimately die will survive much longer and be able to enjoy a much higher quality of life."

"Even with the best possible outcome," she says, "the medical treatment takes the family through an arduous series of health problems, uncertainty, economic and emotional stresses, and family separation. For most families, the ability to pursue "normal" life at home, work, or school is threatened from the time of diagnosis onward, regardless of outcome. Supportive social work services are an integral part of comprehensive care for our patients."

Some of the components of the MCCP's comprehensive program include a highly active parents' organization called IMPACT, a summer camp program at Camp Sunshine in Casco, educational materials for parents, outreach education programs throughout Maine, public education programs, a school visitation program to ease the child's return to school, and a number of counseling and supportive services. These are integrated with the medical treatment program.

The program staff adopts a multidisciplinary approach to treatment, Russem says, and had managed to cope with the psychosocial needs of its patients. Having a trained professional on board will relieve that extra burden and provide higher quality, integrated care.

Christine Clark arrived in March to assume the Social Worker position, and brings more than 10 years experience with her. She has a Master of Social Welfare degree and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Before joining MMC and the MCCP, she maintained a private practice in Yarmouth, Maine, and served as a consultant for a number of area schools.

Mike's Swan-Dive Burgers



Look Who's Cookin'

Mike Swan

Wednesday, June 10
MMC Courtyard
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

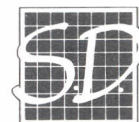
Deadline coming for nursing scholarships

The Scholarship and Loan Committee of MMC's Department of Nursing will soon be considering grants for the 1987-1988 school year.

Deadline for applications is July 1, 1987.

Any MMC employee who is enrolled in or has been accepted into an accredited nursing program (MS, BS, AD, Diploma, LPN, CNA), is eligible to apply.

Applications are available in the office of the Vice President for Nursing. For further information contact committee chairperson Lois Bazinet, RN at x2397.



Continuing Education

Nursing Staff Development

- "Creative Nursing Practice in the 80's: Pioneers and Survivors,"

Leah Curtin, MS, RN, FAAN

Wednesday, June 10
8 AM-4 PM

Prior registration only

(Seven contact hours have been awarded from MSNA)

Marketplace

FOR RENT: Willard Beach/Spring Point area. Cottage avail. weekly or monthly. Location is excellent; walk out to water; fishing and boating. \$150/wk. Call 799-2941.

FOR RENT: Friendship, Maine. Completely furnished oceanfront 6 BR cottage. Large, comfortable, private. 1½ bath, fireplace. Unparalleled view from glassed-in porch. July/August \$500/wk.; June/Sept. \$375/wk. Call Jan at 799-4604 after 5 PM.

FOR RENT: Woodfords area. 5 room, 2 BR apt. with LR, DR, large KT, bath, back porch, parking. Nice residential area. \$475/mo. plus utils. Avail. July 1. Call 774-2194.

FOR RENT: Near MMC. 2 BR apt. with custom KT, bath. Quiet residential area. No smoking; no pets. Call 774-0852.

FOR RENT: 28 Dow St. near MMC. Large, bright 1 BR 1st floor apt. Nonsmokers preferred. Avail. June 1. \$425/mo. plus utils. and sec. dep. Call 774-3373 eves.

FOR RENT: Ocean Park, Old Orchard. Brand new, fully furnished, 2 BR condo. Fully applianced KT, W/D. Avail. Labor Day-June 30, 1988. Complex has full fitness facility with pool, sauna, clubhouse. \$600/mo. plus utils., sec. dep., lease, refs. Call (617) 263-1711.

FOR RENT: Cape Elizabeth. 3 BR house on quiet street near water. LR with fireplace, DR with built-in china cabinet, fully applianced KT, 1 bath, rec. room, porch and 1 car garage. W/D. \$800/mo. plus utils. and sec. dep. Avail. July 1. Call 799-3224.

FOR RENT: West Falmouth, 25 min. to downtown Portland. Beautiful contemporary passive solar home, Field, woods, view, privacy. 1 extra large BR, open living area, shop, utility room. Furnished including baby grand piano. \$1,500 June 28-Sept. 6. Utils. included. Sec. dep. and refs. required. Call Don or Donna at 797-6567.

FOR RENT: 1 BR apt. in quality building close to MMC. 1 nonsmoking person preferred. \$325/mo. heated. Call 772-1295.

FOR RENT: 2 BR furnished cape in South Portland. Near water; dead-end street. \$650/mo. plus utils., sec. dep., lease and refs. Avail. June 15 or July 1. Call 767-2650.

FOR SALE: 14 acres in Madawaska plus hunting and fishing camp with swimming pool. 3 miles from town and Canada. \$28,000. Call 797-0605 after 8 PM or leave message.

ROOMMATE WANTED: M/F professional to share new 2 BR townhouse with 1 person plus cat. 1½ bath, deck, full basement, parking. Nonsmoker. \$295/mo. plus ½ utils. Call Patty at 761-0840.

ROOMMATE WANTED: Nonsmoker to share sunny house in North Deering. Large yard, garage. \$275/mo. plus share utils. Avail. immediately. Call Mary at 797-5919.

ROOMMATE WANTED: Westbrook. M/F to share 3 BR 2 bath townhouse. \$300/mo. includes all; \$200 sec. dep. Call Peggy at 854-9372.

ROOMMATE WANTED: Professional woman over 40 to share Western Prom area condo. \$350/mo. including heat and off-street parking. Call J.B. at 772-2991.

FOR SALE: 1984 Toyota Corolla SR5 sport coupe. 37,000 miles; automatic; many extras; excellent condition. Call 929-4505.

FOR SALE: 1978 VW Dasher wagon. One owner; 77,000 miles; standard shift. \$900 or best offer. Call 773-1902 eves.

FOR SALE: 1980 dark blue Pontiac Catalina. 6-cyl., 4-dr., sedan, air conditioning, cruise control, AM/FM stereo, new motor. Books at \$3,300; asking \$3,000. Call 883-2669.

FOR SALE: 1976 Dodge Dart. Good running condition; new tires; recently tuned-up. \$800 or best offer. Call 854-5830 after 5 PM.

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FOR SALE: 1984 Plymouth Horizon. 5-spd., AM/FM. Call 781-4999 after 5:30 PM.

FOR SALE: 1979 Saab 99 GL. 120,000 miles, AM/FM cassette. Asking \$1,450. Call 865-9268.

FOR SALE: 1983 Buick Skyhawk wagon. Low miles; rustproofed. Asking \$5,000. Call 799-6123 after 5:30 PM or anytime weekends.

FOR SALE: 1983 red Pontiac Firebird. 5-spd., 6-cyl., 51,000 miles, t-roof. Excellent condition. \$5,000. Call 854-1196.

FOR SALE: 1986 Toyota Corolla SR5. Red, 2-dr., coupe, 5-spd., AM/FM stereo, electric sunroof, 8,700 miles. Great condition. Moving; must sell. \$8,500 or best offer. Call 773-3471.

FOR SALE: 1982 Corolla station wagon with 74K miles. Call 829-6672.

FOR SALE: Mistral Competition light sailboard complete with 2 regatta sails. \$800. Call 829-6672.

FOR SALE: 16 ft. Hobie Cat sailboat. Excellent condition; many racing extras, trapeze and harness. Galvanized trailer with sail box included. Call 247-5861.

FOR SALE: Matching refrigerator and stove. Also, clawfoot bath tub in excellent condition. Call 774-1722 eves.

WANTED: Alert great-grandmother will share home convenient to USM/Barron Center/hospitals in exchange for light housekeeping. Housemate can have daytime job or activities. Call 772-4601 mornings or eves.

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