

# what's happening

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MAY 13 WAS MEDICAL RECORDS DAY, and a gift of flowers had a secondary message to physicians: "Start Your Day the Medical Records Way." The message is a subtle suggestion that physicians begin their day by signing off on their records. Medical Records observed its day with the theme "Health Information Professionals—Doing Our Share Because We Care." (A/V Photo)

## The courtyard is where the beef is

The summer courtyard is back! The first burgers of the season will be flipped Monday, June 1, when the outdoor grill opens for business. A special attraction this summer will be a series of "Guest Chefs," featuring some MMC notables as you've probably never seen them: in charge of a barbecue grill.

First up will be Executive Vice President Don McDowell, on June 1. He will take spatula in hand at High Noon, and cook "MMC's McDee L.T." until 12:30 PM.

Other Guest Chefs (watch *What's Happening* for details!) will try their hand at the courtyard grill over the course of the summer. All will be under the watch-

ful and practiced eye of Food Services Production Manager John Romano.

Courtyard prices are unchanged this year. A grilled cheeseburger with your choice of lettuce, tomato, onions, and coleslaw will be only \$1.50. Hamburgers will be only \$1.25, hot dogs \$.95.

Come and join the fun!

## NorDx is new name of Ventrex Reference Labs

Maine Medical Center has announced a change in the name of its recently-acquired subsidiary, Ventrex Reference Laboratories. The name will be Northern Diagnostic Laboratories, or NorDx.

"The name was chosen," says Northern Diagnostic Laboratories Chairman

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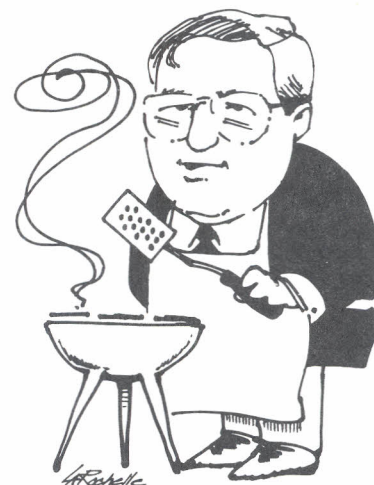
## Corporators to vote on restructuring

Maine Medical Center's Board of Trustees has voted to recommend a corporate restructuring proposal to the hospital's Board of Corporators. The Corporators will take action on the recommendation at their June 17 meeting.

The restructuring proposal would create the Maine Medical Center Foundation. This new nonprofit corporate entity would coordinate the activities of MMC, NorDx (formerly VRL, Inc.), and other tax-exempt and tax-paying corporations that might be developed to further the mission of Maine Medical Center. The

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## MMC's McDee L.T.



Look Who's Cookin'

## Don McDowell

Monday, June 1  
MMC Courtyard  
Noon to 12:30 p.m.





THE HOUSEKEEPING DEPARTMENT won itself a coffee break in the 1986 Holiday Window Decorating Contest. They collected their prize last week, with Vice President for Employee Relations (pouring, above) and Employee Benefits Director Don Sedenka doing the honors. (A/V Photo)

## New Employees

PHLEBOTOMY: Thomas Haron

DATA MANAGEMENT: Janet Hodges

CENTRAL SUPPLY: Charles Baker Jr.

HOUSEKEEPING: Paul Cress, Sandra D. Grubb, Alan W. Leet

FOOD SERVICES: Dennis Kilmartin, Doreen Merrick

LINEN PROCESSING: Chanthy Sok

COMPUTER MAINTENANCE: David Valentine

PHARMACY: Alison D. Bridges

SWITCHBOARD: June D. Morris

PHLEBOTOMY: Robyn C. Webb

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existing structure, governance, and operations of the hospital would be unchanged.

A vote of the Board of Corporators is required in order to change the hospital's corporate structure. The Corporators are 353 members of the communities served by the hospital, elected as the "owners" of the corporation. They serve as uncompensated volunteers, and have the primary responsibility of electing from their number the hospital's Board of Trustees.



## Continuing Education

Nursing Staff Development

### • "Basic Management Principles for the Charge Nurse"

Thursday, June 4 8 AM-4 PM

Prior registration only

(seven contact hours awarded by MSNA)

## Please Note

The MMC Library is now operating on summer hours. The schedule, effective through September 8 is:

- Monday through Thursday, 7:30 AM to 7:30 PM
- Friday, 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM
- Closed Weekends

The restructuring proposal was developed by a trustee committee after months of background research and deliberation. It was carefully tailored to ensure that the hospital's mission would remain foremost, with the holding company operating exclusively for the benefit of Maine Medical Center and its affiliated organizations. The trustees of the holding company would serve simultaneously as trustees of the hospital, and both would have the same Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer.

## Board approves staff appointments, changes

The Maine Medical Center Board of Trustees at its April meeting approved the following new appointments to the Medical Staff.

Richard J. Daly, M.D., Courtesy Staff without Admitting Privileges, Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Daly practices in Kennebunk.

Paul D. Ritger, M.D., Associate Attending Staff, Department of Pediatrics. A current MMC Resident, Dr. Ritger will be joining Drs. David Lynch and Susan Talbot in July.

Girard E. Robinson, M.D., Associate Attending Staff, Department of Psychiatry.

### David Sumner Wyman, M.D.

David Sumner Wyman, M.D., 61, died May 3 at his home after a brief illness.

Dr. Wyman was born in Portland and attended Portland schools. He was a 1952 graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons at Columbia University.

Dr. Wyman served his internship at Strong Memorial Hospital at the University of Rochester from 1952 to 1954. He later served his residency there and at the New England Medical Center, Boston. He served his senior residency at Maine Medical Center from 1956 to 1957.

Dr. Wyman had his private practice in Portland and South Portland in internal medicine from 1957 until his illness this year.

While at Maine Medical Center, he was senior attending physician for the Department of Internal Medicine. He also served on the staff at Mercy Hospital.

Dr. Wyman served as chairman and member of numerous hospital committees at Maine Medical Center. He was vice president of the medical staff, a member of the Executive Committee, a director of the Division of General Internal Medicine and served as clinical assistant professor of Medicine at the University of Vermont. He also served as chairman of the hospital's Pharmacy and Therapeutic committees for ten years.



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John DiMatteo, "to reflect the regional scope of NorDx and the broader diagnostic capabilities available through the combined resources of NorDx and Maine Medical Center. A greater number and variety of diagnostic procedures are now available locally, with improved turnaround time."

NorDx currently serves some 400 clients throughout northern New England, including allopathic and os-

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teopathic physicians, hospitals, clinics, other laboratories, industrial health organizations, and veterinarians. NorDx employs 52 at its comprehensive facility in Portland, and serves northern New England by courier.

Gene Putz, Ph.D., Laboratory Director of NorDx, says "service to NorDx clients has been enhanced through the availability of the medical and technical staff of the MMC laboratory. The hospital staff assists in consultation, education, and support of clients."

DiMatteo says "we expect to continue expanding NorDx diagnostic testing services. Expanding services and adding new technology like flow cytometry testing will make the laboratory an even more valuable resource, not only in Maine but throughout New England."

## Please Note

The Pine Tree State Chapter of the Association of Rehabilitation Nurses will meet Friday, May 29, in Classroom 1 at Maine Medical Center. A business meeting at 6 PM will be followed by "The Role of the Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist," presented by Doris Legere, MSN at 7:30 PM. All interested personnel are invited to attend.

For more information, contact Susanne Morse, RN, Head Nurse, R4, at x2564.

The Volunteer Office is always in need of magazines for the hospital. Any donations would be appreciated.

## Pension changes affect vesting, survivors

Two significant changes have been made in Maine Medical Center's pension plan. The changes, which affect vesting and surviving spouse benefits, were approved by the Board of Trustees last month upon recommendation by the Pension Committee.

Starting July 1, 1987, qualified employees will be vested in the pension plan after five years. The plan currently provides for ten-year vesting.

The new federal tax reform law would have required MMC to reduce the vesting schedule before July 1989. The hospital has taken the action now in response to the level of concern expressed in the recent employee attitude survey.

The second change is to the "surviving spouse" clause. The current plan provides a monthly annuity payment to a surviving spouse, beginning at the time the employee would have turned 55. The change allows a surviving spouse the option of taking a lump sum benefit at the time of death.

Further details available in the Employee Benefits Office, x2973.

## 1987 Annual Fund sets \$280,000 goal

Kenneth H. Brownell, Chairman of the 1987 MMC Annual Fund, has announced a \$280,000 goal for the campaign. He made the announcement at the May 6 kickoff meeting for the campaign, co-chaired by Col. Roger Willock, USMC (Ret.). The Special Committee of the Medical Staff, chaired by Robert B. Waterhouse, M.D., began its campaign at a May 13 kickoff meeting.

The 1987 goal is substantially increased from the \$240,000 1986 goal, which realized \$261,988 in gifts. The ambitious goal represents a challenge to the volunteer committees and to the hospital's supporters in the community.

The 1987 Annual Fund committee consists of 87 volunteers from the community, and the special Medical Staff committee includes 75 members of MMC's Medical Staff.

The Annual Fund seeks gifts and pledges in five principal areas of need: patient care, health education, research, capital purposes, and unrestricted. Anyone wanting more information or to make a donation may call 871-2669.



**DONORS TO MAINE MEDICAL CENTER'S 1986 Annual Fund** were treated to "Appreciation Days" this month. The two programs, one during the day and one in the evening, are designed as a "thank you," giving Annual Fund donors an insight into MMC's activities. Above, Col. Roger Willock, USMC (Ret.), co-chair of the 1987 Annual Fund, talks with another donor. (A/V Photo)



# Marketplace

**FOR RENT:** MMC area. Attractive newly renovated 2 BR apt. including private off-street parking and storage shed. \$500/mo. plus lease and sec. dep. Call 774-9183 after 5:30 PM.

**FOR RENT:** Cumberland Foreside on water. 1 room with kitchenette and separate entrance. Call 781-4455.

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

**FOR RENT:** Year-round house directly on Lake Arrowhead (adjacent to Lake Ossipee in North Waterboro). 30 miles commute to MMC. Full appliances, W/D, one car garage, woodstove and gas heat. Swimming pool, tennis courts, sauna avail. at community club-house nearby. Avail. beginning of June. \$500/mo. Call 247-5861 or (617) 935-0849.

**FOR RENT:** Luxury apt. within walking distance to MMC. Yard, patio, beautiful KT. 1 person preferred. No smoking; no pets. \$275/mo. plus utils. Call 774-0852.

**FOR RENT:** 3 BR raised ranch in Gorham. Garage, W/D, large basement. Avail. Sept. or Oct. \$650/mo. includes all except heat. Call 839-2854.

**FOR RENT:** 1 BR in private home 1/8 mile from Gorham campus. \$250/mo. includes all. Avail. immediately. Call 839-2854 in early AM.

**FOR RENT:** Thompson's Point, Naples. 3 BR winterized cottage on Sebago Lake. LR with woodstove, 1 1/2 bath, eat-in KT, deck and dock. Avail. June-Sept. \$400/wk. (Oct.-May monthly). Call 799-1401.

**FOR RENT:** Orono. New fully furnished 2 BR townhouse. 1 1/2 bath, deck, fully equipped KT. Avail. now-August. 15 min. walk to U of M campus; 10 min. to Eastern Maine Medical Center. \$550/mo. plus utils. (weekly rates avail.). Sec. dep. and lease. Call 799-1401.

**FOR RENT:** 2 BR house on Highland Lake, Windham (20 min. from MMC). W/D, woodstove, fireplace. Beach and woods. \$375/mo. plus utils. Avail. July 1. Call Larry at 892-8855.

**FOR RENT:** South Portland. 5 room waterfront (overlooking Portland harbor) 1st floor apt. Parking; W/D. \$575/mo. plus utils., 1 yr. lease, sec. dep. and refs. Call 767-2315.

**FOR RENT:** Ocean Park, Old Orchard. Brand new fully, furnished, 2 BR condo. Fully appliance 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:** 1 room in quiet residential house in Westbrook. Bathroom and KT privileges. \$60/wk. Call 797-2558.

**FOR RENT:** 2-3 BR home in Cape Elizabeth. 1 1/2 bath, family room, LR with fireplace, formal DR, hardwood floors. Excellent condition. 1 car garage; large private yard. Private beach rights. \$850/mo. plus utils., 1 year lease, refs. Call 799-4943.

**FOR RENT:** Highland Lake, Falmouth. Large modern 4 BR house. June 14-July 31. Canoe, sailboat avail.; swimming raft. \$400/wk. June; \$550/wk. July. Call 773-2723 days; 799-8416 eves.

**FOR SALE:** Saco; by owner. 1825 brick Federal style house. 4 BR, LR, DR, family room, den, KT, shed and 4 unfinished rooms. Finished living area 2,500 sq. ft. 3 coal stoves. Within walking distance to all amenities. \$92,500. Call 284-7293.

**FOR SALE:** Westbrook bungalow. 3 BR, 2 bath, LR, large eat-in KT, laundry room, sitting room with brick hearth, oversized garage, 28' above ground pool with decks. Located on 110' x 100' lot in excellent neighborhood. \$96,500. Call 854-1196 and leave message.

**ROOMMATE WANTED:** Portland area. Female nonsmoker. Avail. July and Aug. Call 767-2085.

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**ROOMMATE WANTED:** Female non-smoker to share spacious, sunny, newly renovated 2 BR flat in good location. Hardwood floors; large yard. Avail. June 1. \$275/mo. Call Liz at 774-2291.

**ROOMMATE WANTED:** Female professional seeks M/F to share 2 BR apt. in Tamarlane. Avail. immediately. \$300/mo. plus utils. Call Virginia at 772-8896 days; 775-7118 eves. and weekends.

**FOR SALE:** 1983 Ford Escort. Low mileage, AM/FM stereo with cassette and 4 speakers, rear window defrost, 5 tires, 5-spd.; great condition. \$4,000 (negotiable). Call 773-6798 before 2 PM.

**FOR SALE:** 1978 Ford Mustang. Current sticker; new muffler and tires. Best offer. Call 883-5821.

**FOR SALE:** 1984 Nissan 300 2X. 2 + 2, wine colored, 35K, CC, AC; mint condition. \$11,500. Call 833-6397.

**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:** Size 10 wedding gown, \$250. Call 892-3366 days.

**WANTED:** Child care. Professional couple seeks loving, energetic, outdoor person to care for our 3 yr. old twin boys. Our home or yours. Mon.-Fri. 7 AM-5 PM. Call 797-5094 eves.

**CHILD CARE:** Little Falls, White Rock area, Gorham. Mother of 2 will provide child care starting Sept. Hours and fees negotiable. Call 892-5457 after 6 PM.

**FREE:** Needed good homes for older spayed cats; several colors. Call 773-4217 days.

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