



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

PUBLIC RELATIONS DEPARTMENT ■ MAINE MEDICAL CENTER ■ PORTLAND, MAINE 04102

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TWO ANNIVERSARIES

The EXPRESS, in its 25-years-ago column this week, carried this item from the editions of May 14, 1950: "The Maine General Hospital is more than a hospital--it has become a medical center for Maine, its director, Donald M. Rosenberger, said yesterday. Rosenberger spoke at a dinner that ended a special hospital day program for its medical alumni."

Also looking back, Dr. Douglass W. Walker, MMC Medical Director, sent his congratulations and best wishes this week to Dr. Alice A. S. Whittier on the 50th anniversary of her graduation from Yale Medical School. Dr. Whittier, a former Chief of Pediatrics at MMC, is still an active member of the Medical Staff.

FROM ALL DEPARTMENTS

Overlooked in the EXPRESS coverage of Honor Night were the remarks of Miss Pauline M. Fahey, R.N., who responded for employees to the tributes paid by Board Chairman Hugh C. Saunders, Medical Director Douglass W. Walker, M.D., and Executive Director Philip K. Reiman. Miss Fahey, associate director of Nursing, attributed the life-saving success of the Neonatal Intensive Care unit and other MMC programs to the talents and training of all hospital departments, and to MMC's leadership for bringing it all together. About 350 employees and retirees attended Honor Night, filling the dining room for the usual fine meal, and a program that included the MMC Chorus, the speeches and entertainer Bill Gagnon's hilarious dialect comedy.

TWO 'PHONE CHANGES

Chief Operator Delores Norton has announced that on and after May 23, next Friday, users of blue-disc telephones must dial 82 to reach the WATS lines, the toll-free circuits for calls throughout Maine. Callers used to dial 8 for these lines. Direct access to the Boston exchanges will be available from Blue-disc phones by dialing 84. MMC people will be oriented to these changes at a series of sessions in Classroom 1, Monday, May 19, and Tuesday, May 20. The training sessions will be repeated every half-hour from 8 to 5 both days, and all employees are urged to attend.

NEW AND COLORFUL

Bright plywood-and-formica wall panels that are artistically related to the new drapes (we're told) were installed this week in the Emergency Division reception area. Designed and painted by Mrs. Hannah Russell, Mrs. Joan McGorrill and Mrs. Margo Foley, members of the FRIENDS, the panels are part of a long-term project of the organization to brighten up and improve hospital waiting areas. Already completed by the FRIENDS are the visitors' areas on R7, at SCU, on R5 and R2.

TO CLOSE MMC CAREER

Henry W. Ingraham, director of Purchasing Services, will close his MMC career this week. The Portland native and retired Air Force medical supply officer came to MMC in 1972 after serving as administrator of Northern Cumberland Memorial Hospital, Bridgton, and as materials manager at Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston. He will assume new duties next month as director of a group purchasing organization associated with several Western Massachusetts hospitals.

BILL SAYS 'THANKS'

Bill Murphy, who retired as patient accounts manager a while back, has asked us to pass along his "thanks and appreciation for a very wonderful and heart-warming send-off. I also would like to give my 'good-byes' and thanks to those who could not come to the send-off. It has been a most rewarding experience for me to have worked at Maine Medical Center."

ATTENTION, BASEBALL FANS

The bus for the Red Sox/California game, Saturday, May 24, will leave from the Bramhall entrance at 9:30 a.m. and make a non-stop trip to Fenway Park. A few tickets are still available at \$11 for combination bus fare and box seat game tickets. Call Ethel LeFebvre at 2419 or see Art Stevenson. Next baseball trip: Red Sox/N Y Yankees, Saturday, June 23.

FOOD SALE: Wednesday, May 21, 7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., in the Admitting lobby sponsored by the MMC Employees Activity Committee. Donations of home-baked food for the sale will be welcomed. Beverly Cookson, Dietary, is chairman.