



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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MEETING METRICS

MMC received a publication last week that lists at least 13 reasons for American hospitals to adopt the metric system, and urges that health care institutions--already partly on metrics--lead the way for the rest of United States industry. Here are some of the reasons: It's the preferred system of measure in science and medicine worldwide; all new drugs are expressed in metric units; a single measurement system will eliminate a source of errors; calculations are easier; all medical formularies use only the metric system.

The book recommends that the metric system be learned by itself, without reference or comparison to other systems. Don't try, in other words, to convert Fahrenheit to Celsius...just remember that water freezes at 0° Celsius, boils at 100° Celsius, and that the normal body temperature is 37° Celsius. More on metrics later.

MISS FAHEY REAPPOINTED

Pauline M. Fahey, R.N., associate director of Nursing, was re-appointed last week by Governor Longley to his Council on the Status of Women. Also re-appointed was Judy R. Potter of Saco, a member of the faculty at the University of Maine School of Law. Miss Fahey, a past president of the Maine State Nurses' Association, joined the MMC staff in March, 1970. She was first appointed to the Governor's Council on the Status of Women in 1974.

NEW 'PHONE LISTING

Two of the busiest nurses at MMC these days are Sylvia Martin and Vonla Lovejoy, MIS Nursing Coordinators. They're working with groups of their colleagues to familiarize them with the use of the MIS video terminals and printers against the day about three weeks off when MMC's first nursing units will go "on line." They can be reached now at extension 2594.

Clint Cooper, administrator for MIS, is now working from a new office located in the General Building Annex.

THE ISLAND BRANCH

Community Medicine and Family Practice are closely involved in plans by the Casco Bay Health Council, a Peaks' Island group, to set up a health center on the island. MMC trustees have approved operation of the station by MMC in facilities that will be provided by island residents. The plan calls for the station to be operated by Marge Erico, R.N., F.N.A., with supervision from the Family Practice Unit physicians.

CUTTER TRUST FUND GIFT

Maine Medical Center has received nearly \$40,000 from the John Cutter Trust Fund, an unrestricted gift, which has been allocated to provide the Adult Procedures Room (Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory #1) on Richards 8. This reduces the indebtedness of MMC for that facility by a like amount. An appropriate plaque will soon be placed in the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory to honor Mr. Cutter's memory and to recognize his generous gift.

BETTER BREATHING

Maine Medical Center will host a meeting of the Portland Area Better Breathing Club Thursday evening, Aug. 28. The program will be presented by Lise Wilson, MMC physical therapist, who will explain and demonstrate how exercises can improve breathing. The meeting will be held in Rolland Irish Classroom 2 at 7 p.m. and will be convened by Christine Hanscome, MMC Respiratory Nurse Specialist.

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ANNUAL MEETING

Members of the Employees' Activity Committee will meet for dinner at the Red Coach Grill, Thurs., Sept. 11, for an annual meeting and social evening to mark the beginning of the group's activities for Fall.

UPDATE ON THE KEYSTONE

The EAC project to preserve the Maine General Hospital keystone--removed during construction of the New Diagnostic Facility--has been completed. The stone has been cleaned, placed in front of the MGH building, shrubs planted on either side and redwood slatting added to the top surface make it a comfortable bench for lunch or a coffee break.

HERE AND THERE

Blood Bank: Jean Boucher has recently joined the MMC Blood Bank staff. Jean trained at Augusta General Hospital where she received her CLA certification...Peggy Nielson recently moved to the midwest where her husband will attend medical school...Mim Tanguay is planning a September wedding and will move to Nevada.

Personnel: Linda Irvine will leave MMC this week to enter the Licensed Practical Nurse course at SMVTI.

Obs/Gyn/Nursery: Members of this staff enjoyed a round of parties during the summer months. The events honored Dr. Barbara Wilkinson, Linda Williams, R.N.; Julie Foster, LPN; Myrtle Rogers, LPN; Shellie Pinkham, NA; and Jean McCarthy, R.N.

Housekeeping: Pat O'Brien is trying to locate an MMC employee whose former name was Doris Blake who once resided on Austin St., Westbrook. An out-of-state relative, visiting with the O'Briens, is an old friend and would like to get in touch with Doris.

WANTED, SALE OR RENT

FOR SALE: C.B. Radios, mostly new, some used, below retail prices. Contact Ralph LaMarre, Jr., Pulmonary Medicine, or at 284-8173.

FOR SALE: Rabbit-fur car coat, size 10-12. Double-breasted. Excellent condition. White w/brown markings. Asking \$50. Call 774-8414.

FOR SALE: 11½' Kite Fiberglass Racing Sailboat, \$600. R. Foster, Patient Accounts or call at 774-4201.

FOR SALE: UMP area, last house on pretty dead-end street. Very roomy, new kitchen, small yard, excellent condition. \$36,000. Call Dr. Cannon at 772-8403.

WANTED: Opportunity to care for two or three children in my home near MMC. Experienced and excellent references. Call 774-0173 anytime for further details.

FOR SALE: Large Lazy-Man Gas Barbecue, never used. Valued at \$150. Asking \$75. Contact Lillian Moore in Dietary or call 772-8591 after 3 p.m.

FOR SALE: 1971 Kirkwood Mobile home, 60 x 12, w/refrigerator & stove (unfurnished) plus metal shed & skirting. Located at Red Wagon Trailer Court in Yarmouth. Asking \$6000, call 846-3529.

FOR RENT: Furnished apartment, 3 rms. & bath, all utilities. \$35 weekly. Apt. 3 37 Crescent St. for info. Call 773-3652.

FOR SALE: Zenith console stereo-radio combination, \$150. Also boy's roller skates size 5, \$10. Call after 5 p.m. at 773-7008.

FOR SALE: ABC trailer, 10 x 60, 3 additions. Excellent condition \$4500. Purchased last Sept., moving out-of-state. Call Myrtle Rogers 883-3189 after 5 p.m.

FOR RENT: 2-bedroom cottage on Little Sebago in Gray; furnished, nice beach, place to launch boat; \$70 weekly. Call 883-2798 after 6 p.m.

FOR SALE: 1971 Toyota Corolla wagon, blue, 4-cylinder standard, 52,000 miles. Any reasonable offer. Patty Sanville, Pharmacy, or at 772-1335.

FOR SALE: Black/white TV & stand. Stereo w/2 speakers & stand. Kitchen table & 3 chairs. Many other household items and scrap lumber. Call evenings at 773-3650.

FOR SALE: 1972 Honda CB500 with hooker headers, road pegs, sissy bar with pad, 550 high performance clutch. 7,200 miles. Asking \$1,525. See Diane Herrick, Anesthesia, or call Craig Herrick at Standish 642-3082.

WANTED: Someone in Hollis-West Buxton area who would like to share driving to MMC on 7 am/3:30 pm shift. Please call 727-5275 or see Priscilla Scammon, Cardiology.

FOR SALE: 15-ft. Corson Fiberglass boat 40 HP Evinrude, battery, self-starter controls, 17-ft. boat trailer, dolly, jack and winch, many other accessories. Asking \$1400. See Rosy Hassell, Hospital Engineering, or call 772-5259.