



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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A TIME OF CAUTION

Measures to save time and money in the operation of the hospital continue in these after-Christmas days, reflecting Mr. Reiman's discussion with department heads early in the month. He called it "a time of caution" rather than a time of crisis, and urged all concerned to make savings wherever possible "as a firm foundation for future problems." Although everyone is involved, the leadership has been assigned to Administrator Eugene Loubier, who is actively seeking workable ways to save throughout the hospital. Also in the forefront is Controller Mike Kilmartin, who this week asked department heads to evaluate the ways things are being done with an eye to improved efficiency and economy. "We're not asking people to work harder," he said. "We're asking people to work smarter." Mike suggested several areas where savings might be made, suggesting greater care on the ordering of supplies, and revealing that photocopying alone cost MMC \$73,000 last year.

What about your ideas? If you have a suggestion that could lead to savings of time, use of facilities or cash, let us know, and we'll use it in this publication. Maybe we can have an "Economy Corner" or some such as a regular feature. So if you have an idea--even for a tiny saving--let us know.

THE MAILING LIST

On the day after Christmas, department heads received a batch of forms on which each employee will be asked to give his/her name and present address, return it to the department head who'll pass it along to the Personnel office. It's an effort to prepare a new and accurate mailing list of employees for a number of purposes, all to the advantage of the hospital family. We hope everyone will complete these forms and get them started back for eventual computerization. Hopefully changes will be made in the list on a monthly basis, but everyone's help will be necessary if the scheme works. We hope you'll help.

EAC SKI WEEKEND

By popular demand, as the saying goes, the Employees' Activity Committee is planning a ski weekend at Evergreen Valley for MMC employees and friends. It's scheduled Feb. 8-9, and here's what you get for \$35: all-day lift tickets for the two days... Saturday and Sunday; a smorgasbord dinner and fondue party Saturday night; overnight lodging and Sunday breakfast. Also available--no extra charge--the heated pool and sauna, skating and sliding. For an extra \$4 per, there'll be bus transportation from MMC and return. If children accompany parents, a cot will be provided in the parents' room for \$4, but children's meals will be extra.

The package has been set up on the basis of 80 reservations maximum, and reservations must be made before Jan. 17, with a deposit of \$20 required. These deposits cannot be refunded unless the entire trip is cancelled. Louise Gibson, Personnel department, is taking the reservations on a first-come, first-served basis, starting now.

.....other EAC events: A Variety Show is in the works, scheduled for early Spring. A sign-up date has been set for performers, directors and backstage helpers. It's between 3 and 6 p.m., Monday, Jan. 6, Cafeteria Conference room C.....The first meeting of a Camera Club is scheduled at 5 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 2, in the Med Photo department, with meetings every other Thursday, same time and place. MMC people are invited to come and learn more about this popular and fascinating hobby...but don't forget your camera. Doug MacKenzie has more information, if you'd like it.....the EAC's annual bus trip to the Ice Follies is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 17, the holiday weekend. Ethel LeFebre, Physician Billing, and Betty Dickey, Central Registry, are handling reservations. Ticket price has been kept the same as last year at \$12 for combination bus fare and excellent seat for the performance.

WELBY AND KIDNEY DISEASE

We realize that medicine, as practiced on TV, may leave a little to be desired, but a two-part series on kidney disease is scheduled on ABC's Marcus Welby, M.D., Jan. 7 and 14. The series will be seen on Channel 8 in the Portland area at 9 p.m., both nights, and may be interesting to MMC people.

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