



WHAT'S HAPPENING...

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

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SUPPLY, DEMAND AND HUMAN LIFE

Dr. Joseph F. Stocks, who was named by MMC Trustees last week as Chief of Pathology, discussed the new Regional Blood Bank program with department heads Thursday, urging them to participate, and to become familiar with the workings of the plan that now supplies the blood needs of MMC and other Portland-area acute-care hospitals.

It works, he said, because people throughout Maine are donating blood which is processed at centers in Bangor, Waterville, Auburn and here in Portland, and used in participating hospitals. He said donations have been sufficient to eliminate the need of any hospital to buy blood from out of state, and to take the risks that go with it.

Dr. Stocks explained that MMC employees, if enrolled in the plan, will be fully covered, and that their blood needs and those of their dependents will be met. There is no charge for this blood, and hospitalization insurance plans cover processing.

What is the obligation of membership? It's merely to give one pint a year when called upon, or to arrange a substitute donor. Persons who are medically unqualified to donate blood will be covered by the program at no charge.

But because many persons are unable to give blood, those who are able are really responsible for making the program work here at MMC and throughout the state.

So, during the next couple of weeks, all hospital personnel will be approached to enroll in the program. When blood is needed, Regional Blood Bank people will call enrollees, giving them an appointment for a blood donation. The blood will be drawn by RBB personnel here at the hospital during the work day, eliminating the need for MMC people to go to the Riverside Street laboratory, or to the new RBB station in the Arcade downtown. It will be convenient, quick and safe for MMC people to participate.

Regional Blood Bank literature and membership forms will be available from MMC department heads this week. You'll be helping others, if you sign up, and providing a good protection package for yourself and your family.

COMPLETE CORONARY COURSE

Seven MMC nurses completed a four-week course in coronary care nursing Friday. Awarded certificates were Beth J. Martin, R.N., SCU; Charlotte A. Paolini, R.N., R7; Mary Lee Specht, R.N., R7; Karen A. Farrington, LPN, R7; Dianne E. Vanier, LPN, R7; Cynthia A. Harms, R.N., SCU; and Catherine A. Giles, LPN, R7. Jeanette Pelletier, R.N., and Carol Crosby, R.N., served as instructors for the course.

ST. PATRICK'S PARTY

Members of the Employees Activity Committee are making last minute plans for the St. Patrick's eve dinner dance March 16 at Trudeau's, Saco, at which time Chairman Bob Dubec will drive the snakes out of York County. Tickets are on sale at \$4 per person, and the event will begin with a social hour at 6:30 p.m. There'll be a buffet with roast beef, and dancing later. This is the first really social event to be planned by the EAC, and a good turnout is expected. Also being planned by the EAC: a Spring bus trip to Boston, April 7...round trip tickets, \$5...see Louise Gibson, Personnel, or Bob Anderson, Library.

THE ART OF SELF DEFENSE

A four-session course in Self Defense will be conducted at MMC beginning Wednesday by Officer Thomas Carmody of the South Portland Police Department. The one-hour sessions, slated for 8 a.m. on R9, are scheduled March 7, 14, 21 and 28. The course has been arranged by the Security department, which suggests that interested MMC people sign up early. Classes will be limited to 30.

ROOMS AVAILABLE?

Social Service is asked frequently to find rooms near MMC for members of patients' families or for ambulatory patients. They'd be glad to talk with anyone who lives nearby and who has a room available for a night or a month, or anything in between. Interested? Call Virginia Andreason, 2261.

REMINDERS: MMC Chorus rehearsal, Tuesday at 5 p.m., Rolland Irish Classroom
MMC Employees Activity Committee meeting, Wednesday, 3 p.m.,
Rolland Irish Classroom.