



PROFILE:HELEN CURNEY, R.N.

Anyone who works in the Operating Room Suite is rarely seen in the rest of the hospital. That's because once they arrive at 2S they're there for the day. Helen Curney, Operating Room Supervisor, is no exception. However if you've ever seen her, you'd remember her. She's an attractive, vivacious lady with sparkling dark eyes and a quick, open smile.

But she's not just another pretty face. She's a lady with opinions, and plenty of energy and brains to stand behind them. She believes that nursing should get back to the business of taking care of the patient instead of having all the paper work bogging down a nurse. And she believes in going to bat for those who work for her. That's why they love her.

Two people had a profound affect on Helen and her career. When she was in her early teens she decided on her course of life. Her grandmother suffered from diabetes and her leg was raw and open. When Helen passed by the bed her grandmother asked her to put her leg back under the cover. Helen disliked the chore intensely but her grandmother was so grateful that Helen decided if such a little thing could ease someone's suffering there must be many things she could do for ill people. This is when she made up her mind to go into nursing. The other person affecting her career was Virginia Nye (now married to Dr. Rumsey), who was her O.R. Supervisor at Chester Hospital. Virginia was quietness and coolness personified. Nothing seemed to ruffle her or be beyond her capabilities. She was Helen's shining example of what an O.R. Supervisor should be.

PROFILE, cont'd.

Helen trained at Chester Hospital and Graduate Hospital. In August, 1963 she came to RMH, because, as she puts it, "it was new and seemed like a challenge." She likes it now because it is small and friendly. She has always lived in the Chester area, however she is anything but provincial. Her travel-log reads like the index of a world atlas.

She's been to London and Spain several times, Australia, Japan, Hong Kong, Holland, Canary Islands, all over the U.S.--and she is definitely not through yet.

She especially wants to revisit the Canary Islands.

For recreation, other than vacation time, Helen enjoys tennis, table tennis, painting in water colors, watching football (she is an adamant Eagles fan, win or lose!), and she likes to go out to eat.

In fact, one gets the feeling that Helen Curney is quite interested in doing her own thing, but she is even more interested in doing things for others.

FIRE PROCEDURE & ALARM SYSTEM

If you work at Riddle and you don't know the procedure in case of fire, PLEASE ask your supervisor to fill you in on what your particular job would be. We have a lot of lives in our charge and it's important to know exactly what to do.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK - MAY 6-12

FOUND: Car Keys, 2 sets. Call Volunteer Office, ext. 357 or 358.



NURSES DONATE ELECTRO-SURGICAL UNIT

In the March RIDDLEGRAM mention was made of the new electro-surgical unit recently purchased with a donation from the Nurses' Fund. We frequently hear from patients commenting on the excellence of our nursing care. Our nurses' deep concern and dedication goes beyond the usual service expected from this professional calling. The \$1,000 the nurses donated to Riddle was generated from activities which they planned and worked for.

Pictured above with the Bovie Machine are, l-r; Helen Curney, O.R. Supervisor; Theresa Livingston, Recovery Room; and Elizabeth Hazen, Director of Nursing Service.

NEW LOCATION FOR PERSONNEL OFFICE AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

They are now located in the trailer behind the East wing of the hospital by the loading dock.

RMH BOWLING LEAGUE NEWS...The League is rolling merrily along with only 4½ games separating the first four teams. Terry Livingston and her "Stand Bys" are currently leading, followed by Tina McElvarr and her "Bombers," Sandy Tipton and her "Jets," and Dot Hill and her "Gad-A-Bouts." Plans are underway for the 1973-74 season, and any employes and volunteers who wish to bowl are urged to contact Dee McElvarr, PBX, or Rose Hopkins, Dietary.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Elma Armstrong and her family for the loss of her brother, Burrill Wood, and to Cornie Burckhardt and her family for the loss of her cousin, Cliff Renshaw. Both Elma and Cornie are faithful workers for RMH.

NEW FEATURE OF COUNTRY FAIR

All grandmas, granddads, moms and dads, aunts and uncles! Wouldn't you like to have the names of the young ones in your family on the "Children of Riddle--Treasure Chest" page of our Country Fair Souvenir Program? For details call the Volunteer Office, Betty Griffiths; LO 6-3979, or any Auxiliary representative working on the Souvenir Program.

TREAT YOURSELF: VISIT THRIFT SHOP

If you haven't been to our new Thrift Shop yet you've got a treat in store. Helen Laimbeer reports that they've got some very unusual items, besides the more usual type of thing.

Some of the less mundane things they've sold are: a hand-tooled saddle, \$40; a Lilly Pulitzer dress; satin glass, \$5; Heisey glass (6 plates), \$3; Danish plate, \$2; gold wedding band, \$3; Towle lamp, \$5; Towle tray from Caldwells (new), \$4. Four antique dealers visit the shop regularly for bargains, and there have been many donations of clothing--some brand new. Come in before you miss a real bargain! We may have just what you've been looking for.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The Women's Board is proud to announce the new officers for the year 1973-74. President-Dorothy Rolison, President-Elect-Dorothy Fear, Vice President-Sandra Jaeger, Recording Secretary-Ann McElroy, Corresponding Secretary-Miriam McCafferty, Treasurer-Margery Zerweck, Assistant Treasurer-Dorothy Lentz. For the benefit of all new auxiliary officers a seminar covering the bylaws, and other aspects concerning the Board will be offered on May 21 in the meeting room at the hospital at 10:30. All are asked to attend. Open Board Meeting will be held on June 11 in hospital meeting room beginning at 11 a.m., followed by lunch and regular annual meeting. Jane Millar, KI 3-2732 for reservations.

Riddle Memorial Horse Show, a Pennsylvania Horse Breeders Association registered show, May 19 beginning at 8 a.m. sharp, on Rose Tree Hunt Club grounds. Food & Spons. help needed.



DOROTHY ROLISON, NEW PRESIDENT OF
RMH WOMEN'S BOARD

The new president of the Women's Board is not unused to being a president or chairman. She was president of her high school sorority and after graduating from Wayne State University in Detroit she worked at the Detroit Bank & Trust Co. for 16 years, being the manager of the Analysis Department when she left to come East with her husband Sam.

She also served as president of the Zeta Beta Chi Business Women's Sorority, and chairman of the Women's Division, Detroit Chapter, American Institute of Banking.

Being so involved in Detroit she was less than enthusiastic when her husband and his business partner decided to pull up stakes and move their company, The Eastern Flame Hardening Co., now in Chester, to the East.

As soon as they moved here fourteen years ago she joined the Moylan-Rose Valley Auxiliary and has gotten steadily more involved with RMH. She has been at various times president of Moylan-R.V. Auxiliary for 2 years, treasurer for 3 years, and corresponding secretary for 1 year. She has also served as co-chairman of the Fair, chairman of the Ball, and chairman of the Art Show. She and Sam have one daughter, a sophomore at college, and a dachshund named Gretchen. They travel when they have time and vacation in the Poconos. Dot also plays an occasional game of golf.

She is a moving force for RMH and we feel it is Detroit's loss, but our gain!

CANDY STRIPER NEWS NEEDED...Please contact BETTI STEVENSON or SUE ZEBLEY. They are eager to write a good column for our junior Volunteers and want any news concerning school or activities.

"Giving" is a funny thing. If you give your love, or compassion, or talent, or time because you care--really care--it comes back to you in multiple doses. Maybe not the way you expected it, or wanted it--but you always get more than you give.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION LUNCHEON --
ROSE & JIM HOPKINS GREAT HELP

The Volunteer Office and all the Volunteers who attended want to say THANK YOU to Rose and Jim Hopkins for the delicious luncheon they catered for our Awards Ceremony. We were pleased to see so many of you and hope you enjoyed it as much as we enjoyed having it for you.

We would like at this time to clarify the system used in giving awards. Hours accrued up to January 1, 1973 were counted. Hours accrued after that time will be recognized at next year's award ceremony. Our booklet only included the Volunteers who served in 1972. So to all you new Volunteers who joined our ranks this year, don't feel left out. You'll be listed next year.

--Mary Mallon

CANDYSTRIPER CLOSE-UP

If you have ever been to the Reception Desk on Sunday, between 9 and 1, and met Holly you'll know it. Everyone who has met Holly admires her and can tell that she enjoys and loves her work. But RMH Reception Desk is not the only place that Holly is seen. She can also be seen at Penncrest H.S. where she is a senior. Holly, who was a member of the cast of the senior class play, "Bells Are Ringing," plans to attend Penn State University where she will study to be a teacher. Recently Holly has become a Pink Lady, but is admired just as much in either capacity. In the 1½ years, or 322 hours, that Holly has worked here she has brought much joy and happiness to the patients and employes of RMH. Congratulations and thanks a lot, Holly! from the people of RMH.

By Betti Stevenson & Sue Zebley

"IT WAS THE BEST VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION LUNCHEON EVER!"

(This is the comment heard from everyone in attendance)



Sally Young receives her 2000 hour charm (and a kiss) from Donald L. Laughlin, President of RMH, while Maryann Malton, Director of Volunteers, looks on.



Peggy Campbell receives congratulations from Shirley Purnell, President of Women's Board, for 1000 hours.



Gladys Dade receives her two bars from Betty Griffiths.



Fran Heffner seems to be counting her hours for Joe Albany.



Enjoying Rose & Jim Hopkins' scrumptious buffet luncheon are, l-r (faces visible), Margaret Davis, Ann Frederick, Jeanne Vivian and Alice Cooke.



Beatty Hills - Meeting and "Princess House" demonstration at the home of Lillian Raffo, Tuesday, April 24.

Concord - Dinner & Show, "Funny Girl," Candlelight Theatre, Arden, May 20 at 5:30 p.m. Tickets must be in by April 20. Send to Sally McPhillimy or any Auxilian. \$11 per person.

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Concord Auxiliary realized a profit of \$350 on their spaghetti dinner on March 31.

Country Fair Meetings - Exec. Bd. Meeting, Ap. 25, 10:30 a.m. Meeting Room.

Regular Fair Meet.m 10:30 a.m., May 10. Pictures taken for publicity. Exec. Bd. Meet., May 30, 10:30 a.m. Meet. Room

Regular Fair Meet., June 7, 10:30 a.m. Meet. Room.

Exec. Bd. Meet., June 27, 10:30 a.m. Meet. Room.

Media Auxiliary - Don't forget the Wine Tasting Party at the Holiday Inn, Media, from 2-5 p.m., Sun, May 6. 3.50 per person. Dot Lentz, LO 6-3586 or Bernice Page, LO 6-9400 ext. 332 or 333.

Middletown Auxiliary - Penn Treaty Kennel Club Dog Show, April 29. Barbara Clair, LO 6-6449 for tick.

Moylan-Rose Valley - \$600 made on Monte-Carlo Night.

Nether Providence - made \$500 on Wine Tasting Party.

RE M I N D E R S

Rose Tree - Annual Swim-Fun Party presenting Lionel Hampton at the home of Alice and Russ Case. Sunday, June 17, 4:30 p.m. \$12.50 per person, hors d'oeuvres, dinner, entertainment. Tickets from Jeanne Cotton LO 6-2963, Volunteer Office, or any Auxilian.

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Springfield - will hold its annual Spring luncheon on May 18 at the home of Doris Ford, Springfield. Cocktails at 12 noon, luncheon at 1 p.m. Tickets \$2.25. For reservations call Doris, KI 4-0589.

Springhaven - "April Showers" Bridge (duplicate & casual). Friday, June 8, 8 p.m. Springhaven Club. Director J. Hunter McDowell. Tickets \$2.50 per person. Call Ruth Thompson, LO 6-0530.

Swarthmore - Annual Gourmet Dessert and Fashion Show, Thursday, May 3, Old Mill, Rose Valley. Fashions by Tancreed's, Media. Also a Boutique Table. Tickets sold at Vol. Office or any Auxilian, or call KI 4-3912 or KI 4-5158. \$3 per person.

HORSE SHOW - May 19, beginning 8 a.m. Rose Tree Hunt grounds.

JUNIOR VOLUNTEERS COLUMN

WANTED: Criminal; Pickle thief, last heard using the name Alex Peters, approx. 5'3", brown hair and brown eyes. Last seen wearing white sneakers. May be seen in the Snack Bar.

by Betti Stevenson & Sue Zebley

WANTED: Criminal; Sue Alexander, approx. 5'6", brown hair and eyes. Last seen wearing pink and white uniform. Guilty of losing one P.T. patient on elevator.

GETTING TO KNOW YOU



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YOUR HEALTH...OUR COMMON CONCERN
by Lori Shockley

This year National Hospital Week will be observed May 6-12. We are cooperating with the other area hospitals in attempting to call to the attention of the public our genuine concern for their well-being. It has been suggested that on Sunday May 6, all hospital personnel wear their uniforms to church. Churches will receive prior notice for their bulletins. We are joining members of Taylor Hospital, Crozer-Chester

Medical Center, Paoli Memorial Hospital, Sacred Heart Hospital, among others, in this program. For those who do not wear uniforms to work, or for those who prefer not to wear their uniforms on Sunday, there will be buttons available identifying you as a "Concerned Hospital Worker. Buttons may be obtained through the Public Relations office.

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