

# Hospital's volunteers whoop it up at birthday

By LORAIN McCLISH

Luncheon for 600 was the order of the day when members of Sinai Hospital Guild got together in Southfield's Congregation Shaarey Zedek to "Shout Happy Birthday."

The original musical of that name was the highlight of the afternoon event which celebrated the guild's 25th anniversary.

"Shout Happy Birthday," written by Dorothy Mahlin, told the story, in

music and dance, of the guild's history with the hospital.

During the birthday party, members saw Jean Shapero, a Northville resident, accept the presidency of the organization that started with 36 women and now has a roster of 5,000. She assumes a position that makes her the ex-officio head of 40 departments within the hospital either initiated or assumed by guild members through the years.

Her vice-presidents are Esther

Greenhouse of West Bloomfield, Anne Parzen of Detroit and Marion Weisberg of Franklin Village.

OUTGOING president Jane Blumberg of Franklin Village accepted her thank-you gift from the membership via her mother, Mollie Hartman. Mrs. Shapero's welcoming speech was given by her mother-in-law, Ruth Shapero.

Mrs. Hartman and the senior Mrs. Shapero were both among the day's honorees who had served the guild

since its inception. Two generations of volunteers are not uncommon, and just early this year, the guild was able to boast one three generation family of volunteer service.

Money earned through the guild's gift shop made possible a gift of \$5,000 to research this year. This makes a total of \$585,000 given exclusively for research.

All told, however, the guild's money gifts alone, without adding up the innumerable hours of time given, now exceeds \$1 million.

THE SEVERAL dozen guild members who turned chorus girl for the day's entertainment staged an elaborate and polished performance directed by Rose Greenberg.

Lois Spector was lead singer for the fantasy-comedy telling the joys and frustrations of one who had been a volunteer since the days of Noah's Ark.

The clever lyrics told such things as the hospital's parking woes, the "millions" of baby pictures that had been taken, and a lament over not being chosen as a guild president.

In one staging, a salute to past presidents was enacted as a beauty pageant with David Hermelin acting as master of ceremonies, announcing each beauty.

Another salute went to The Pulse, the publication that keeps the members informed of all the guild activities.

Other incoming officers that start the guild off into its next 25 years are Rosalyn Arrowood, Fyllis Siporin and Roz Sobel, all of Southfield, and Forence Burrows of West Bloomfield.

It's legs, legs, legs in the guild's energetic chorus line (at left). At right, Peggy Miller plays the part of a newsboy passing out copies of the guild's publication.

## Art tributes for '78 go to Edee Joppich, Sr. Ignatius

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Edee Joppich, a co-owner of Garet Galleries, has taken the 1978 Artist in Residence Award, and Sister Mary Ignatius Denay, an art teacher at Our Lady of Mercy High School, has won the Distinguished Service in the Arts Award.

The tributes are given for the third consecutive year by the Farmington Area Arts Commission, with a grant from the Michigan Council for the Arts.

The two winners will be guests of honor at a reception beginning at 2:30 p.m. June 11, in Mercy Conference Center, 28500 Eleven Mile. Following tradition, the event is open to the public to honor the winners.

Musical entertainment will come from Denise and Rick Sharette. There will be art exhibits from former winners Joe Clark and John Glick. Detroit Free Press columnist Bob Talbert is the guest speaker.

WINNING AWARDS is not a new experience for either of the women, though Mrs. Joppich said it was the first award she received "that made the tears start to roll up."

She described her feelings as having the best of two worlds. "It is so wonderful being a housewife and mother and then being able to get a tribute like this."

Sister Ignatius, the only teacher in the United States who has ever submitted nine students' portfolios and then had nine accepted for final judging in the Scholastic Arts Award Competition, received another service-to-

the-arts award this week from sponsors of that contest.

Nationally, she is believed to have won more scholarships for her students than any other art teacher through the Scholastic Magazine's annual competitions, and she wins her award from that organization for 30 years of contribution to the arts.

Her response to this is "I want only to beautify my own little corner of the world by sharing my art talent and then just hope it spreads."

MRS. JOPPICH grew up with a family actively involved in the arts. Her father directed plays. Her mother worked on production. She and her sister sang and played the piano and organ. She acted with the Catholic Theater of Detroit.

Before marriage to Ed Joppich, she studied art at Marygrove College and took graduate courses at Wayne State University. The couple have five children—Glenn, 20; Jan, 19; Rick, 18; Dan, 16; and Steven, 11.

While they were growing up, she devoted most of her time to them, but did manage to squeeze in some architectural renderings.

"I taught some classes at U-D's architectural school, some painting classes at Marygrove night school and started the art department at Bendictine High. I painted some residential murals, sketched my children and painted as time permitted," she said.

When the family moved to Farmington in 1962, she joined the Farmington Artists Club and won a first (Continued on page 5B)



Leading the singers for the Sinai Guild's birthday bash was vibrant Lois Spector. (Staff photos by Gary Friedman)



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Sister Mary Ignatius Denay, winner of the Distinguished Service in the Arts Award, has been a contributor to the arts for 30 years. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)