

Botsford's volunteer corps is honored

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cent increase in numbers from the approximately 70 working at the hospital when Emmer arrived.

"They came into the hospitals late in the lives of hospitals," Emmer said of volunteers. "It's taken a long time to change their role. We're still working to change the image."

CONTROLLING The volunteer division requires a great deal of coordination by Emmer. A colorful board in her office details volunteer jobs in the 38 hospital departments and where each person fits in daily or weekly. Each time the hospital opens a new department, such as the recently opened day care center,

"we have to shift the hours," she added.

Volunteers work a minimum of four hours per week. Each receives a free meal while at the hospital, a 25 percent discount on hospital bills and entertainment discounts available to other employees. "Many come because they feel they'd like to give back something for others."

Of the four individual groups volunteering at the hospital, some contribute more than free time. The Botsford Guild, active at the hospital for 15 years, puts proceeds earned from the facility's gift shop, plant sales and other activities back into hospital coffers.

Most recently, the group donated \$100,000 toward a hospital chapel.

Emmer estimates the group has contributed a quarter of a million dollars total since its inception.

GUILD MEMBERS also take items directly to the patients' rooms by cart, work in the surgical waiting room, emergency waiting room, ambulatory surgery, assist in physical therapy, perform escort services and work at the front desk.

A group totaling 62, the Friends of Botsford aid the hospital in the areas of patient accounting, patient services, library, escort services,

stores, quality assessment and medical/surgical, plus others.

Springing from this group in 1983 came the Junior Friends, a 40-member group of 15-17-year-olds representing 19 different high schools throughout the area, Emmer said. These young people work in various areas including dietary, medical records, patient services, pediatrics, pharmacy and radiology.

Topping the list of the four groups for hours donated at Botsford are: Botsford Guild member Cleo Schultz of Redford Township, with 8,529 hours; Red Cross volunteer Edna Becker of Detroit, with 6,177 hours; Friends of Botsford member Ed Tanderoy of Redford, with 1,780 hours; and Junior Friends member Heidi Merkle of Farmington Hills, with 515 hours.

Bicycle safety boosted

"Alex the Always Alert Talking Bicycle" — the most popular bicycle safety program ever offered by AAA Michigan — visited Gilt Elementary School, Farmington Hills April 14. The visit is part of a three-month statewide program aimed at reducing bicycle injuries and deaths involving students riding in traffic.

"Before school is out, 150,000 school children will hear Alex's safety message in 480 assemblies across the state," said Robert Cullen, AAA safety and traffic manager. "Alex's message is that bicycling is fun, but there are certain safety rules that must be followed."

"Alex instructs the students about bicycle courtesy, basic riding techniques and how and when to mix with traffic," Cullen said. "He also explains about riding one on a bicycle, night riding, bicycle maintenance, and what side of the road or street to ride on."

ALEX IS a talking BMX-type bicycle.

A AAA Michigan safety consultant and Alex tell the assembled students about bike safety.

Last used in 1979, Alex has been refurbished and his message has been updated to include the latest bicycle safety, security and maintenance information. Separate programs have been developed for kindergartners through third grade and fourth through sixth grades.

During 1984, 47 bicyclists were killed and 3,857 injured in 4,197 accidents. The number of accidents probably is much higher because many minor injuries never are reported, Cullen added.

"Since youngsters under age 15 account for 57 percent of the deaths and 51 percent of the injuries reported in bicycle accidents, it is important that every student understand the correct safety procedures," Cullen said. "The safety message is especially important as youngsters get their bikes ready to ride as warmer weather approaches."

obituaries

ROBERT G. (WHITIE) BURKE

Mr. Burke of Smyrna, Ga., died Feb. 17.

A native of Detroit, Mr. Burke was employed by the Stone Container Co. in Atlanta, Ga. He was a graduate of St. Mary of Redford and the University of Detroit.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie; mother, Bernice; sister, Dorothy Wilson. A memorial mass will be held at St. Mary of Redford Catholic Church Saturday, April 26.

SALLY R. WOLEBEN

Mrs. Woleben, 77, of Farmington Hills died April 11 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Mrs. Woleben was a homemaker. She was a member of Farmington Neighbors Club, Muirwood Bridge Club and Meadowbrook Country Club.

Survivors include her sons, Paul and Roy; a daughter, Jeanne Fleweger; sister, Dorothy Knoll; brother, Ralph Carmona; seven grandchildren.

Services were April 16 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

Ingen. Mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church with the Rev. Arthur Jacob and the Rev. Ken Cronin officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

WINIFRED V. DEAN

Mrs. Dean, 74, of Farmington Hills died April 13 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills. Born in County Down, Ireland, Mrs. Dean was a nurse aide.

Survivors include her husband, John; sons, Sean, Timothy, Terry and Brian; sisters, Eileen and Margaret; brothers, Patrick and Christopher; 11 grandchildren.

Services were at the Heenev-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. Mass was celebrated at St. Alexander Catholic Church with the Rev. James Wright officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

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AILEEN E. KRAUSE

Mrs. Krause of Farmington died April 13 in Oak Hill Care Center.

Born in Minnesota, Mrs. Krause was a retired switchboard operator for Highland Appliance. She was a member of the Finnish Center in Farmington Hills.

Survivors include her son, Daniel Krause; brother, Renold Anderson; two grandchildren.

Services were April 15 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Andrew Morgan of Ward Presbyterian Church officiating. Cremation was in Evergreen Crematory, Detroit.

Memorials may be made to the Finnish Center.

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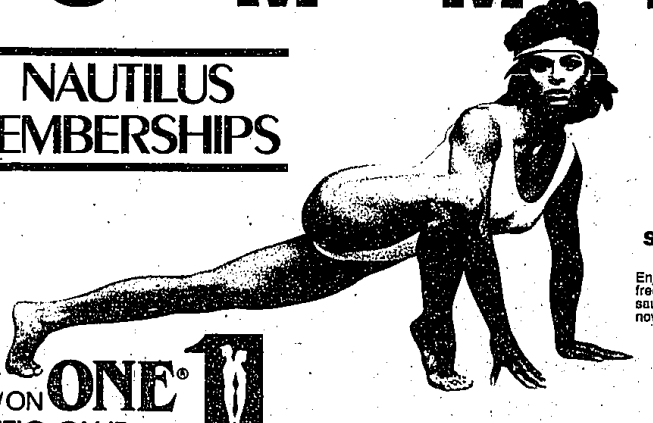
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