

SECRET

MEET THE STAFF OF RMP

Visitors to Area V headquarters, who may occasionally experience difficulty finding various staff members, might be pleased to have this latest information on everyone's whereabouts:

Dr. Russell D. Tyler, Dr. John S. Lloyd, Dr. Robert H. Pudenz, Dr. Gladys Ancrum, Miss Vivien E. Warr, and Leon C. Hauck now have offices in an "Annex" located on the main floor of our building and reached by a mysterious, unidentified door on Garfield Avenue.

Once inside the annex, popularly known amongst the staff as "The Cave" you will be greeted by Mrs. Pat Neff or Mrs. Sandy Santilli who, between them, are taking care of the secretarial work of the "first floor" staff.

Up in the main office on the second floor, some changes in personnel have occurred recently: Miss Sonja Deaton is now Secretary to William A. Markey; Mrs. Louise Gonzalez, formerly our receptionist, is now Secretary to Mrs. Kay D. Fuller, Dr. George C. Griffith and Dr. Lee Cady. Our smiling receptionist, Mrs. Lydia Ortiz, is new to RMP.

Now, here's the rest of the crew: Mrs. Marjorie Crump is the lady to contact about Frank Aguilera, Luis A. Pingarron, and the RMP East Los Angeles activities. Mrs. Gabriela de Hulse is currently managing the work of Clyde E. Madden, Dorothy E. Anderson and Toni Moors. Mrs. Gertrude Zelenitz keeps track of all of us, as well as of the considerable records of AREA V and its several operational projects. It should be mentioned that Mrs. Kathryn Halligan, Secretary to Dr. Donald W. Petit, undertakes each week the hectic job of typing up the V-MINUTE NEWS. Getting our publication printed and into the mail is the responsibility of Mrs. Dolly Saldumbide, who assists Mrs. Florence Miller, head of duplicating services and arrangements for the many meetings held at AREA V headquarters.

When you need to reach any of us, the number is still 576-1626.

WILBUR Y. HALLETT, M.D., PROJECT DIRECTOR, REPORTS ON
THE AREA V PROJECT FOR PHYSICIAN EDUCATION IN EARLY
CHRONIC RESPIRATORY DISEASE

Since recruitment began in January, 61 physicians have entered the project. The number of physicians who expressed a desire to participate was even higher but some of them unfortunately could not take part because their patients were not available for evaluation. It is now expected that 300 rather than the anticipated 200 physicians will receive instruction through the project each year.

These physicians have been assigned to four different groups to compare methodology in postgraduate education. Thirty patients have been or are being evaluated by the project as part of two of these programs. All of the patients entering the project had major findings of chronic respiratory disease by the Breathmobile screening program of the Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association and the project seeks to assist physicians in the early detection, diagnosis and management of the chronic respiratory diseases.

Seventeen physicians have been assigned to the program offering them individualized patient-centered instruction and so far, eight visits have been made by project faculty to physicians' offices to provide this service. Twelve physicians will receive similar instruction and teaching materials by mail instead of by personal interview. Fifteen physicians will participate in seminars, and seventeen physicians have been assigned to a "control" group.

Each physician has a pre-test, then at the conclusion of the study period, each is given an identical post-test to evaluate changes in attitude, behavior and knowledge.

Preliminary information about the participating physicians indicates that they have an average age in the lower 50s and represent all of the geographic and socio-economic areas of Los Angeles. As expected, most are general practitioners but eleven have been internists. All of them felt that the chronic respiratory diseases were a rather small but rapidly growing part of their practice. Only three of them were already using spirometry tests in their own offices and less than 20% have had any recent postgraduate experiences in respiratory disease.

In addition to the direct physician and patient assistance offered by the project, participating physicians may refer office personnel to the project for instruction in office spirometry, and once patients have been evaluated by the project, they may be returned at a later date for follow-up evaluation to determine the efficacy of treatment.

AREA V REGIONAL MEDICAL PROGRAMS
CALENDAR
May 1970

Friday, May 8

SEMINAR

A presentation of the Area IV RMP
Northeast Valley Project

9:30 a.m.
RMP Conference Room

Saturday, May 9

RMP-ELA

Workshop Conference re ELA
Community Reaction to the
Bauer Report

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Laguna Park Gymnasium
3864 Whittier Blvd.
Los Angeles

Monday, May 11

AREA V

American Indian Free Clinic
Board of Directors and Volunteers

7:30 p.m.
Reg. Business Meeting
Compton

Tuesday, May 12

AREA V

Cardiac Coordinating Committee

12 noon
RMP Conference Room

AREA V

Area Advisory Group
Regular Meeting

7:30 p.m.
RMP Conference Room

Wednesday, May 13

AREA V

Staff Meeting

9:30 a.m.
RMP Conference Room

Friday, May 15

AREA V

Committee Chairmen

11:30 p.m.
RMP Conference Room

AREA ADVISORY GROUP MEETINGS FOR 1970

May 19 July 14 September 8 November 10

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN'S MEETINGS FOR JUNE AND JULY

June 5 June 19 July 10 July 24

STAFF MEETINGS SUBJECT TO CHANGES-- CHECK WITH OFFICE FOR LATEST
INFORMATION

LIBRARY SERVICES COMMITTEE

Third in the series of meetings being held in various sections of Los Angeles County to assess the needs for library services in AREA V drew an interesting group from those invited from the West San Gabriel Valley area, including librarians, chairmen of library committees, inservice directors and other representatives from St. Luke Hospital, Community Hospital of San Gabriel, Huntington Memorial Hospital, Alhambra Community Hospital, La Vina Hospital, Pasadena Community Hospital, from Cal Tech, California State College-LA, Pasadena City College, health officers from Monrovia, Alhambra, and Pasadena Public Health Districts. Resources and services of the various libraries represented were explained, needs were explored and enumerated, and the network concept of the proposal being developed by the Library Services Committee was presented. A liaison committee to represent the group which met was appointed: Joan M. Davidson, Chairman, Department of Nursing, Pasadena City College; E. R. Evans, MD, Chairman Library Committee, Huntington Memorial Hospital; Ernest R. Barnett, MD, Alhambra Community Hospital; and Roderick J. Casper, Head, Readers' Services, Cal Tech-Millikan Library. Attending from AREA V were: JOHN M. CONNOR, Chairman Library Services, VILMA PROCTOR, Ph.D., SZCZEPAN K. ZIMMER, Ph.D., and JOHN S. LLOYD, Ph.D.

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was represented by its newly appointed Acting Director Harry Margulies, MD, and by Richard Manegold, MD at a May 1 meeting of the AMA Board of Trustees Committee on Continuing Medical Education in Washington. Other Federal agencies attending were the Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications (rep. by Ruth David, Ph.D.), National Library of Medicine (rep. by Martin M. Cummings, MD, Director) and HEW (rep. by Roger O. Egeberg, MD). Discussion centered on the role of these agencies in influencing quality of care through continuing education. DONALD W. PETIT, MD, is Chairman of the Committee.

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recently requested from the California RMPs the names of individuals competent in fiscal management for the CCRMP Technical Review Panel and AREA V has nominated Mr. Yoshi Honkawa, Asst. Administrator, LAC Department of Hospitals, and Mr. John McClurg, Hospital Comptroller, LAC-USC Medical Center.

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DONALD W. PETIT, MD, is one of twelve persons named to a Search Committee by Mitchell W. Spellman, MD, Dean of the Charles R. Drew Post-graduate Medical School, to assist in the task of selecting a replacement for John A. Mitchell, MD. Dr. Mitchell's resignation as Program Director of Watts-Willowbrook RMP becomes effective May 31.

The American College of Physicians recently conferred upon GEORGE C. GRIFFITH, MD, the 58th Mastership ever bestowed by that organization. Dr. Griffith served as Governor ACP from 1955-1964, Chairman of the Board of Governors from 1962-64, and Regent from 1964-1970.

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CLYDE E. MADDEN is back following 4 weeks study at Centro Intercultural de Documentacion Cuernavaca (CIDOC) 50 miles south of Mexico City. He reports: "CIDOC, to quote the catalog, 'is not a university, but a meeting place for humanists whose common concern is the effect of social and ideological change on the minds and hearts of men.' Not only does CIDOC operate a department for the intensive teaching of spoken Spanish (in which I was enrolled) but also, through its Institute for Contemporary Latin American Studies, provides an opportunity to participate in courses, attend individual lectures, or organize informal conferences regarding a broad range of matters relating to Latin America. I was able to help organize an informal conference of persons interested in health care services. The group was composed of a child psychiatrist from Denmark, a pre-med student from Minnesota, a medical school graduate from St. Louis who was preparing for his internship in NY City where he will work with Puerto Ricans, and a Maryknoll sister who had just completed 2 years in Peru and 5 years in Bolivia as a public health nurse in communities where "modern" health care was non-existent. A major effect of my experience is the realization of how superficial our knowledge of Mexico is here in Southern California. We have neighbors who have so much to tell us, and from whom there is so much to be learned in all areas of life (and health care service is certainly no exception). I am more convinced than before of the importance for bilingualizing health care professionals--but even more so of the importance of becoming knowledgeable of the history and culture of Mexico."

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