Maurice Chambers retires from Barnes board

Maurice R. (Dude) Chambers has retired from the Barnes board of directors after fourteen years of service. During his years with the hospital Mr. Chambers brought great honor to Barnes through his many achievements throughout the community.

Mr. Chambers, who has been in ill health, recently served as honorary chairman of the board of Interco Incorporated, formerly International Shoe Company, and worked there for 27 years. After holding several positions with the company, he came through the ranks to ultimately become the company’s executive board chairman prior to his retirement in August of 1982.

Throughout his monumental career Mr. Chambers always maintained the philosophy that businessmen owe a full measure of service to the community. He has been a major fund raiser for almost every project designed to promote the development of St. Louis, its institutions, its organizations and people.

Mr. Chambers held positions on the board of directors for 16 companies, 9 of which are the nation’s largest. He served twice as president of Civic Progress, Inc., which backs major St. Louis civic projects. He served two terms as president of the St. Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, and also helped raise $4 million to make Powell Hall the St. Louis Symphony’s permanent home.

Many who know Mr. Chambers say he was often sought to serve in a position of leadership with many organizations since he always becomes actively involved. He served as a board of directors member for Junior Achievement of Mississippi Valley, Inc., and the Municipal Theatre Association. He also served as a trustee of the David Ranken Technical Institute and Washington University.

Mr. Chambers received the Mark A. Edison Memorial Award and the T. Kenyon Holt Memorial Award presented by Two/Ten Associates. In 1971 he was named “Man of the Year” by the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The Sales and Marketing Executives of Metropolitan St. Louis named him “Distinguished Executive of the Year” in 1973. In 1973 he also received the “Chief Executive Officer of the Year” award from Financial World Magazine.

Credit union benefits increase for employees

In an effort to provide quality service and convenience to Barnes employees and other members, the St. Louis Teachers Credit Union has installed automatic teller machines at the Forest Park Blvd. location and the University City branch.

SLTCU and other area credit unions have begun operation of the CUE (Credit Union Exchange) automatic teller machine network. Members will be able to perform many credit union transactions including withdrawals from savings, share drafts and ready-cash loans; transfers between savings, share drafts and ready-cash loans; deposits to savings and share drafts; and balance inquiries. Transactions can be made seven days a week, twenty hours a day at locations throughout St. Louis. (CUE is not accessible between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m.)

To use the CUE system, a member must have a CUE card and personal identification number. CUE cards have been mailed to all members with share draft accounts or ready-cash loans. By simply returning the request for a personal identification number to the address indicated on the card mailer, a number will be sent directly to members. Members who have not received a card may obtain one by contacting the member services department at the midtown office.

To use the CUE machine, insert the card, cue in the personal identification number and follow the simple, step-by-step instructions. CUE automatic teller locations available to SLTCU participants include the SLTCU offices at 3651 Forest Park and 730 Olive St. Rd.; the Educational Employeers Credit Union offices at 10326 Old Olive St. Rd.; 11665 West Florissant and 4458 Lemay Ferry Rd.; and the Anheuser-Busch Employees Credit Union’s office at Tenth and Lynch streets in South St. Louis. More CUE locations will be opening later this year as more credit unions are added to the network. Currently, the Teachers Credit Union serves 28,000 members belonging to educational, medical, cultural and social service organizations. Barnes has been a member institution since February, 1977.

SLTCU savings interest rates are available at a higher percentage than most bank interest rates. The credit union offers six percent interest on all savings accounts. Vacation savings and Christmas savings accounts are also available. The credit union returns money in both accounts, plus the accumulated dividends in one check. Vacation checks are mailed the first week of July and Christmas checks are mailed the first week of November. Share draft accounts, similar to checking accounts, yield the same six percent interest on the unused balance of such an account. All accounts are compounded and paid quarterly on full shares of $25.

Special share certificates are designed for savers with more money who want a higher, secure return on their investments. The certificate program offers something for almost every saver. A variety of rates, terms and minimum amounts are available to let members meet their investment needs. IRA (Individual Retirement Accounts), Daily Interest Investments, and Tax Saver certificates are also available.

Loan rates are significantly lower at SLTCU than at a bank. Currently, the new car loan interest rates stand at 15 percent and 16 percent. Other leading services offered are used car, home improvement, furniture and appliances, ready-cash and signature loans. Share-secured, stock-secured and certificate-secured loans also can be obtained.

A “Phone-A-Loan” program and a Group Legal Services Plan are included in credit union benefits.

To join the credit union, a $25 share savings deposit is required. This can be done in person or through payroll deductions which Barnes offers. Once a person has joined, the member’s father, mother, sister, brother, spouse, children and grandchildren are eligible to join and use the credit union services.

Barnes employees interested in further information on the credit union, including its business hours, should call 354-7610 or 721-5222. Barnes human resources office is also supplied with membership packets.

Doctors to be honored for 25 years of service

Ceremonies on July 28 will honor 14 Barnes doctors who have joined the ranks of those with 25 years or more of service on the active staff of the hospital.

Dr. Richard Bradley, general surgeon; Elmer B. Brown, physician, William S. Coxe, neurosurgeon; Robert Deitchman, psychiatrist; Anthony P. Fletcher, physician; M. Kenton King, physician; David M. Kipnis, physician; C. Alan McAfee, general surgeon; George E. Murphy, psychiatrist; Albert Roos, anesthesiologist; George Scheer, orthopedic surgeon; William L. Smiley, obstetrician/gynecologist; and Malcolm H. Stroud, otoaryngologist, will join the doctors whose names are inscribed on the 25-year plaque in the Barnes corridor.

The 14 doctors and their spouses will be special guests of honor at awards ceremonies at 5 p.m., Wednesday, July 28, in the Queeny Tower dining area. Barnes board chairman Harold E. Thayer and hospital president Robert E. Frank will present the honorees with 25-year pins.

The guest list will include doctors who have already celebrated their silver anniversaries, Barnes board of directors and administrative staff, Auxiliary board members, Barnes Hospital Society officers and the chiefs of service for those being honored.

The tradition began in 1977 and the recognition plaque is updated every year in July “to honor those who have centered their professional lives around this institution.”
Red Cross substation opens at Barnes

A blood donor substation staffed by Red Cross personnel and Barnes Hospital volunteers has been opened on the second floor of Barnes for the convenience of relatives of patients, evening shift employees and others in the St. Louis area who would like to donate blood.

The substation is open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., in the old kidney dialysis room (directly across from the blood bank).

Especially during the summer months blood is needed and is in short supply. Many donors are on vacation. Organizations and schools that sponsor blood drives are not in operation. Economic situations also contribute to the short supply of blood this year. Because of labor cutbacks at many industries blood drives have been cancelled at those companies.

During times of extreme shortages, the Red Cross has insured that Barnes may retain the blood products collected at the substation so that operations may proceed as scheduled. "The substation facility will not replace Barnes employee blood drives," said Barnes vice-president Rose Dunn. "These will continue to be held monthly in the nurses residence.""
Wishing Well to remain open while remodeling

The Wishing Well gift shop is receiving a facelift, from floors to ceiling, according to Barnes Auxiliary president Dolores Shepard. Along with the changes in decor will come a reorganization of the physical plan of the shop to better serve customers, she said.

During the entire remodeling process, about two months, Mrs. Shepard said the shop will remain open for business as usual. The shop’s new color scheme will feature shades of slate blue, camel and rust brown, with wood trimming. The new decor features a more open look, according to Mrs. Shepard, and will help avoid congested lines at the cash registers. There will be two check-out areas, and one central entrance to the shop also.

The remodeling is being done by Pharmacy Design Consultants, Inc., the same firm which constructed the Wishing Well flower shop. The cost of the project is expected to be approximately $40,000, said Mrs. Shepard. The remodeling committee members from the Auxiliary are: Lynn Bachmann, Doris Smith, Harriet Williams, and Joan Kaseberg. The permanent Auxiliary Wishing Well chairman, who had been serving as acting chairman, is Maisie Breckenridge.

The Barnes Auxiliary is an organization which sponsors many in-hospital services such as the gift shop, flower shop, and Baby Photo. In turn, the group works with the Barnes volunteer office to staff the various services. The Auxiliary’s purpose is to render service to Barnes Hospital, its patients, and to assist the hospital in promoting the health and welfare of the community.

Barnes offers toll-free numbers for referral calls

Barnes Hospital now offers physicians and patients throughout Missouri, Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Indiana, Louisiana, Mississippi and Wisconsin, toll-free telephone numbers for referrals to specialists at Barnes.

Persons throughout Missouri can call 800-392-0936, toll-free. Those living in Nebraska, Kansas, Illinois, Iowa, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Indiana, Louisiana, Mississippi and Wisconsin, can call 800-325-0737, toll-free. Metropolitan St. Louis area residents can continue to call 454-2255 for referral service.

Barnes has had a referral service for the last two and one-half years. During that time, Loyce Rutherford, medical staff secretary, has referred over 10,000 persons from across the country to specialists at Barnes. Because of the overwhelming response, the toll-free numbers were installed in Missouri and surrounding states to meet the needs of persons in search of medical specialists.

Hours for the referral service are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Emergency referrals may be made through Barnes emergency department (314) 454-2604 at other times.

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Doctor’s training began as a Barnes junior volunteer

Bill Sullivan, a recent graduate of the University of Missouri’s school of medicine in Kansas City, became interested in the medical profession as a Barnes junior volunteer. He reflects on his experience at the hospital in the following letter to Barnes.

In June of 1972 I was fourteen years old and a freshman-to-be at University City High School. I had a notion that I might want to pursue a science track through high school, with a career in medicine as an ultimate goal. So that June I began to spend two-and-a-half days a week as a junior volunteer at Barnes Hospital. I was anxious to work with patients so the volunteer director assigned me to 1418, an all-male ward that cared for male medicine patients, most of whom were from the clinic service. There I learned about MI’s, Hodgkin’s lymphoma, tuberculosis, and many other afflictions; yet what I learned best was how people, the physicians and nurses, cared for other people not only with medicines and therapy, but with genuine concern. After a year-and-a-half on 1418 I moved on to the emergency room (with brief stints in dispatch on 10400 also) where I stayed through the summer of 1976. All but the last six months were spent as a volunteer.

On May 15th this year I received an M.D. degree from the University of Missouri-Kansas City school of medicine. I feel that my days at Barnes were instrumental in my achieving this goal. I have reflected on clinical experiences, the friends I made, and the lessons I learned countless times over the past six years. Many nurses, house officers, other volunteers, and administrators gave their time, energy and knowledge to insure a positive, incredibly invaluable experience for me. To all of you I wish to express my deepest gratitude. Also, a very special thanks to the volunteer department for providing the opportunity to be associated with such a fine institution. Without the dedicated people in that department I could not have gotten the start that influenced me to such a great degree.

From Kansas City, I will be moving to Dayton, Ohio, with my wife and our new daughter, born March 24th. In Dayton I will be a first year resident in pediatrics at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base/Children’s Medical Center. My wife, also a 1982 graduate from UMKC, will be a family practice resident at the Wright State University program.

Barnes Hospital . . . thank you! You have made me a better person.

New level to be added to parking garage

To provide additional employee parking, another level will be added to the garage located at Duncan and Taylor streets, according to Robert Shircliff and Dillon Trulove, Barnes vice-presidents. Construction is scheduled to begin in July, conclude by early fall, and will provide spaces for an additional 212 cars, bringing total capacity to over 1,000.

Mr. Shircliff said that approximately 200 cars will be displaced during the construction. During that time, employees who are unable to park at the garage may use the Busch lot located at Clayton and Newstead.

When the garage was constructed in 1980, parking for 800 cars was created for the benefit of Barnes employees, free of charge. Construction of the garage also made more parking available to Barnes patients and visitors within close proximity of the hospital.

The new fifth level will be accessible by steps and an elevator service to four garage levels will continue as usual after construction, but added that it was not originally designed to accommodate additional levels.

Contracted by McCarthy Parking Structures, the firm which originally constructed the garage, the new addition is expected to cost $906,000.
Before returning home to Charlotte, North Carolina, bone marrow donor Faye Kucera was able to play a few games of cards with her brother Tony.

Seven-year-old Judy Lord of Marquand, Missouri, has always been “shy of needles and hospitals, but they’ve been real gentle with her,” explained her mother, Sandra Lord. The young patient, who had her tonsils and fluid behind her ear drum removed, was proud of a surgical cap her doctor gave her and said her favorite flavor of ice cream is vanilla. Judy originally went to a doctor in Fredericktown, Missouri. However, she became a Barnes patient on a referral. “This is the second time Judy has been to Barnes, and everyone has just been great. She is especially proud of her doctor, and the nurses have been wonderful. They’ve really waited on her hand and foot. Her stay has been a real pleasant one—and she just loves going to the gift shop,” she said. “Being some distance away from home isn’t a problem because I know she’s well taken care of.”

For the third time in three years Sylvia Asher is a patient at Barnes. Formerly from Missouri, Mrs. Asher now resides in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, but visits St. Louis frequently since she has relatives here.

Although she was hospitalized for a general check-up this visit, Mrs. Asher first came to Barnes on the referral of another doctor after complaining of pain around her kidneys. “They discovered that I had cancer, and I now have only one kidney,” she explained. “But if I had gone to a smaller hospital that didn’t have as much expertise or equipment, I might be dying of cancer today.”

Mrs. Asher said that being at a medical center such as Barnes has distinct advantages, “especially since they have everything to work with. People are very pleasant and they really give people good attention. It’s the best we have in the state. The doctors are really wonderful, and that’s important when you go into the hospital. They know what they’re doing.”

Georgia Kyriakis works at a hospital back home in Clearwater, Florida. She knows the feeling that many patients experience when they do not feel well or are a little scared. And when the patient is far away from home in unfamiliar surroundings, those feelings may become more intense, but then again, not necessarily.

While she missed being in her city, Miss Kyriakis was comfortable at Barnes. Referred for treatment here by another doctor, she was hospitalized for removal of kidney stones. Initially, in Clearwater, Miss Kyriakis thought she would have to have a kidney removed. “But one of the main reasons I’m here is because my doctor at Barnes gave me a more hopeful diagnosis,” she explained. “You have to be very careful when you’re seeking a second opinion, you know.”

Although her sister flew from Clearwater to be present during and after the operation, Miss Kyriakis said she never felt alone during the remainder of her hospitalization—other relatives in St. Louis and the hospital staff provided the support she needed to keep an optimistic outlook on things. “Barnes is huge, and a very nice hospital. The employees are very courteous, too,” she explained. “There’s a lot to offer at a large institution like this one, and there are also a lot of doctors. That’s important because when you have that, you have a lot of minds working together.”
In addition to serving patients from the metropolitan St. Louis area, Barnes also treats those who come from the far corners of Missouri, Illinois and the country to benefit from the large, experienced staff equipped with the most up-to-date medical expertise and technology.

Over the past two and one-half years Barnes has referred over 10,000 persons from across the nation to specialists here. And because there is such a demand for referrals, toll-free numbers were recently installed for physicians and patients throughout Missouri (1-800-392-0936), Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Indiana, Louisiana, Mississippi and Wisconsin (1-800-325-0737). Below several patients share their recent experiences at Barnes.

Patients from afar

Tony Kucera

For Tony Kucera, Barnes is home for the next 100 days or so. The eighteen-year-old leukemia patient from Charlotte, North Carolina, recently spent 100 days at the University of Minnesota Hospitals before coming to Barnes for a bone marrow transplant. Tony was joined by his sister Faye, a May graduate of Bob Jones University in Greenville, South Carolina. She was admitted to Barnes for only a few days to serve as her brother's bone marrow donor, and then returned home to Charlotte.

Tony, Faye and their father (who is staying at the Ronald McDonald House in St. Louis) came to Barnes because it is one of the few hospitals in the country performing bone marrow transplants. "Being from North Carolina, it would have been more convenient to go to Duke University Hospital in Raleigh," said Tony. "But Duke doesn't do bone marrow transplants, nor does the University of Minnesota Hospitals."

Tony has captured the spirit of St. Louis and wears an Anheuser-Busch "Bud Light" cap. "Actually, I've worn this cap long before I even came to St. Louis and Barnes," admits Tony. "But it is appropriate to have it here. Barnes has a good reputation; everyone here has been very helpful in making me feel at home."

"I've always thought of Barnes as a wonderful hospital, especially since I used to live here in St. Louis," said Elberta Jensen, who now lives in Twist, Washington. "It's really one of the top facilities in the country, and I have confidence that they will do everything just right."

Mrs. Jensen originally came to St. Louis to serve as a kidney donor for her son who lives here. However, she was most recently hospitalized with a fractured back and compressed disc after a bad fall. Within six weeks she expects to be rested and ready to proceed with the transplant operation as planned.

"A kidney operation is no simple operation, so you can imagine that you have to be careful. The nurses and everyone have been very good and made my stay a pleasant one," she explained. "I have always thought of Barnes as the best."

"I really am a long way from home, but it's not so bad because some of my family is here. St. Louis is a nice place to be, even if it does mean waiting for a little while. It's nice to know once I come to the hospital, I'm always in good hands here."

Violet Morgan

"I went to four doctors in Terre Haute before I came to Barnes on a referral," explained Violet Morgan of Terre Haute, Indiana. People have been kind to me—you might even say overly kind. I haven't wanted for a thing. My doctor is very nice, too."

Mrs. Morgan, who was hospitalized for removal of a cataract from her left eye and a lens implant, explained that she was especially glad that someone at the hospital took time to thoroughly explain what surgery would be like. "Everything went very well, and I was in surgery for about an hour and a half. It didn't hurt at all. I was scared, but they told me before that if I had pain they could give me some pills."

"Barnes is a very clean hospital, I've noticed. It's got all the doctors and all the equipment. I'll be looking forward to going home most of all, but they've been very good to me," she said.
Wish comes true for Barnes patient

A widow with no children, Catherine Thomas (fictional name) had spent most of nine months in Barnes Hospital suffering from severe heart disease. Even after coronary bypass surgery, Mrs. Thomas was unable to return to living by herself. Her only wish was to join remaining relatives in Detroit.

It took a few phone calls, some coincidence, and a little extra caring for Barnes social worker Nancy Cossey and medical resident Jeffrey Kaine to help make Mrs. Thomas’ wish come true.

Ms. Cossey contacted Mrs. Thomas’ brother in Detroit and together they made arrangements with TWA for her flight. “The airline had certain stipulations that had to be followed in transporting a patient,” said Ms. Cossey. “First of all, a doctor had to accompany Mrs. Thomas on the trip, supplied with the necessary medications in case of an emergency. Oxygen was set up for her and she was scheduled for a seat in the non-smoking section of the plane.”

“I had been taking care of Mrs. Thomas throughout her hospitalization,” said Dr. Kaine. “I’m originally from Detroit and when I heard she needed a doctor’s escort, I volunteered to accompany her. It seemed to be a very logical answer to her problem: She’d be with her family, and I could spend a short visit with mine in Detroit. I really didn’t think my going was anything extraordinary.”

Ms. Cossey arranged to have the Barnes ambulance drive Mrs. Thomas and Dr. Kaine to the airport. “I also made arrangements,” said Ms. Cossey, “for an ambulance to meet them in Detroit and take them to the home of Mrs. Thomas’ brother, where oxygen had been set up should she experience any breathing problems.

“The trip went smoothly and Mrs. Thomas is now residing with her family,” said Ms. Cossey. “I’m glad we were able to work everything out. Most of all I’m happy that we were able to help make Mrs. Thomas’ wish come true.”

Former patient praises dietetics department

The following letter was sent to the Barnes dietetics department by Carolyn B. Isaacs, a former patient.

I am so grateful for the lovely fruit basket that was sent to me upon my arrival at the hospital and want to send my sincere thanks.

Also, I must mention the Hospitality Room that is part of admitting. What a wonderful idea—and so very helpful to so many people. My sincere thanks for everything.

Dietetics department offers spice sampler

The Barnes dietetics department is now offering a “Spice Sampler” to all patients and employees. The sampler will include one ounce each of 12 different spices and a cookbook explaining how to use spices in a variety of recipes.

The sampler will be beneficial to persons restricted to low calorie diets and low sodium diets because it allows them to add flavor to their somewhat bland meals. The sampler is available for $12.50 from the Barnes dietetics department. For more information, call 454-3251.

Couple raced to Barnes for baby’s birth

Tammy and Chuck Risley, of South St. Louis, left for Barnes Hospital for the delivery of their second child around 6:15 a.m. on May 3. They almost didn’t make it to their destination.

Heading north on Interstate 55, their car’s cruise control stuck at about 80 miles per hour and the brakes failed. “I threw the car into low and used whatever braking power I could,” said Mr. Risley. “At the merger of Interstates 55 and 44, smoke was coming out from under the hood. I pulled off at Jefferson Street exit and turned into a gas station, slamming the car into park to get it to stop.”

Frantic, Mr. Risley told the attendant to call 911 because his wife was having their baby. Wayne Shearer, also of South St. Louis, happened to be at the station buying a pack of cigarettes. He overheard Mr. Risley’s predicament and volunteered to drive them to Barnes.

Mr. Shearer, a former drag racer, raced the trio to Barnes, arriving about 6:30 a.m. Emergency room staff wheeled Mrs. Risley to labor and delivery. At 6:47 a.m., Amanda Louise Risley was born.

The experience brought back memories to Mr. Shearer of his own daughter’s birth in 1968. His wife’s water had broken and his brother had taken his car. “Being a racecar driver,” said Mr. Shearer, “I used my B-modified dragster to take her to the hospital. We were clocking 137.7 miles per hour by the California Highway Patrol. I’m glad I was able to help the Risleys and get them to Barnes on time. Although I delivered two babies in Vietnam, I was just as relieved as the Risleys when we arrived at Barnes where professional and efficient medical and nursing staffs could handle the birth.”

“While we both thanked that Wayne was at the station when he was,” said Mr. Risley. “His concern and helpfulness will never be forgotten. I hate to think about what could have happened if he wasn’t there. It was perfect timing.”

Barnes exercise program helps dialysis patients

Physical exercise along with a sensible diet has always been a good way to keep fit and trim. But Dr. Andrew Goldberg, Barnes/WU endocrinologist, is applying that old prescription to help dialysis patients control type II, or Adult-onset diabetes.

Dr. Goldberg believes some dialysis patients can benefit from an exercise program since the physically inactive lifestyle many have could be linked to metabolic complications previously attributed to kidney disease. With a three-year $450,000 grant from the National Institutes of Health, Dr. Goldberg has established an exercise program at Barnes/WU, which has one of the country’s largest dialysis centers. Those selected to participate in the program had no medical problems that could worsen with exercise, such as congestive heart failure or arrhythmia. The patients had been on a regular diet and medication schedule, and expressed positive feelings about participating.

Dr. Goldberg’s first group of six patients began exercising in April, 1978, for two five-minute periods. Eventually they were able to begin walking rapidly and jogging. About 12 of the 30 patients now participating in the program run three miles weekly, jogging two miles per session at 70 to 80 percent of their maximum oxygen capacity according to Dr. Goldberg.

Dr. Herschel R. Harter, Barnes/WU physician who directs Washington University’s Chromoly American Kidney Center, has observed that careful patient selection is of the utmost importance. Each patient must be evaluated by a cardiologist using a graded stress test. The patient’s exercise may have to be modified if unusual changes in blood pressure, abnormal electrocardiograms, chest pain, or dizziness is found.

Dr. Goldberg admits that an exercise program like the one at Barnes is not for every dialysis patient. He believes some patients are either too dependent or too sick to exercise. Others would have to spend too much money on extra trips to the hospital for the exercise sessions.

However, those who have had success with the program have been able to resume their normal activities, and they comment on how good it feels to work out. Results of Dr. Goldberg’s program have been striking—both physically and mentally—for the patients who are participating.

Hospital notes

Dr. Virgil Loeb, Barnes/WU medical oncologist, was a guest on “Doctor to Doctor” segment of KMOX radio’s “At Your Service” program on May 11. Dr. Loeb answered call-in questions about cancer.

Dr. Bahman Enami, Barnes/WU radiologist, and Dr. Carlos A. Perez, Barnes/WU radiation therapist-in-chief, were speakers at a cancer workshop presented here by the Washington University School of Medicine and Mallinckrodt Institute of Radiology on May 13.
Pre-transplant transfusion funded by NIH grant

Dr. Charles B. Anderson, head of the Barnes/WU renal transplant team, has been awarded a five-year, $668,000 NIH grant to expand investigation of a transfusion procedure that appears to increase the success rate of kidney transplants.

The procedure involves treating renal patients with blood cells from the kidney donor, plus immunosuppressive medications periodically over several months prior to transplant surgery. The pre-surgery treatment has increased one-year success rate from 60 percent to 90 percent for non-identical subjects. "The first year after transplantation is the most critical," Dr. Anderson pointed out, "because that is when most rejections occur."

The grant from NIH's National Institute of Arthritis, Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases will be used for intensive studies of the immunologic mechanisms at work while patients are treated simultaneously with donor-specific blood cells and immunosuppressive medications. The procedure has been under investigation here since 1973.

Other members of the Barnes/WU transplant team are Drs. Edward E. Etheredge andGregorio A. Sicard.

Former Barnes patient recalls pleasant visit

The following letter from Darryl W. Mezo, a former Barnes patient, was sent to the hospital recently.

I would like to take this time to thank Barnes and the staff for making my first visit to a hospital a pleasant experience. I have had many occasions to visit hospitals with my family and have never had the treatment as was accorded me here in Queeny Tower. Coming from me this is a compliment.

Also I would like to take the time to tell you about an LPN on 12:00, Ms. Malvin Toomer. She made our evenings very enjoyable with her pleasant personality and service. I think she should be commended in some fashion. Again, thanks, and may God be with you all.

Dr. Lischer dies

Dr. Carl E. Lischer, Barnes associate surgeon emeritus, died May 17 of a heart ailment. He was 70. Dr. Lischer had been executive director of the Regional Transplant Association and past-president of the Missouri Chapter of the American College of Surgeons. He is survived by his wife, Christine, and two children.

Gifts to Barnes Hospital

Listed below are the names of persons (honorees in boldface) who have made contributions during the period May 8 to June 7 to the funds at Barnes Hospital. Because Barnes is a private hospital and does not receive public funds, it relies on the gifts of individuals to continue providing quality patient care and to support research aimed at improving the lives of our patients.

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IN HONOR OF:
Mr. Victor's Birthday
M/M David Gutman

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IN MEMORY OF:
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Margaret Weber
Hypertension affects about 60 million people throughout the United States. Because the disease cannot be detected by symptoms, periodic blood pressure checks are a way to monitor its presence. During the May hypertension screening sponsored by the Barnes Auxiliary, over 400 visitors, patients and employees had their blood pressure checked.