St. Peters Hospital receives name change

St. Peters Hospital, the first acute care facility added to the new Barnes healthcare system, officially became known as Barnes St. Peters Hospital on June 1. Barnes purchased the 119-bed community hospital in St. Charles County from HealthTrust, Inc., earlier this year.

Barnes St. Peters Hospital will continue to be operated by the present administrative team as an independent corporation within the Barnes system. The current medical staff will continue to serve the hospital's patients.

Presently, the name change is being incorporated in updating the hospital letterhead, forms, business cards and signage. This process will continue over the next several weeks.

Barnes St. Peters Hospital was officially introduced to the St. Louis community with an eight-page advertising insert in the Sunday, June 5, St. Louis Post-Dispatch Magazine. The report to the community contained news and feature stories designed to create awareness of Barnes St. Peters Hospital and its recent affiliation with the Barnes system. Areas highlighted included Suite Beginnings, an innovative concept in obstetrics care allowing labor, delivery, recovery and post-partum care to take place in the same room; emergency services; concentrated care module; and ophthalmic and plastic surgery.

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Revised incentive plan raises earnings potential

An enhancement of the Barnes Hospital incentive program for 1988 will give employees the potential to increase their share in the hospital’s gains. The new gain-sharing program will enable employees to receive up to 9 percent of annual individual earnings based on overall hospital performance.

The incentive program, established in 1986, is designed to encourage all employees to become involved in improving productivity and hospital-wide profitability. The previous incentive program rewarded employees based on overall hospital financial performance and, separately, on individual department productivity.

“The new plan focuses primarily on improved earnings through working together toward the common objectives of controlling costs and generating revenues,” said Bill Behrendt, Barnes vice-president for human resources.

John Hermann, director of medical staff support, meets with assistant director Patti Crimmins, who previously served as assistant director of marketing, to discuss departmental objectives.

Hermann named director of medical staff support

John Hermann has been promoted to director of medical staff support at Barnes Hospital, a newly developed area that provides services designed to increase the efficiency and convenience of physician practice in the doctor’s office and at Barnes.

Mr. Hermann, who joined the Barnes staff as assistant director of medical staff support in September, will direct the activities of consultants, outreach coordinators and the medical staff secretary in that effort. In that capacity, he also will be responsible for the promotion of Barnes Hospital and its services to physicians, provision of business practice consulting services and coordination of joint ventures, medical staff relations and physician recruitment with the chiefs of services.

Mr. Hermann came to Barnes from St. John’s Mercy Medical Center in west St. Louis County, where he served as project coordinator in the practice enhancement program. A 1983 graduate of St. Louis University with a bachelor’s degree in psychology, he previously worked in the professional practice division at St. Louis University School of Medicine.

The medical staff support area will work closely with a second area currently under development, physician practice management, which will enhance the medical practices of individual doctors and multi-specialty physician groups through a variety of services, including finance, human resources, facilities management, utilization review, quality assurance, risk management and management information systems.

Together, the two departments will strive to further develop and enhance physician relationships with Barnes Hospital to meet the common goal of providing continued high quality care to patients within a changing health-care environment beset by increasing financial regulations.

Home Health merger expands service area

Barnes Home Health has merged home care services with the former Regional Home Health Care of St. Charles, effective this month. The blending of services expands the service area of Barnes Home Health beyond St. Louis City and the St. Louis, St. Charles, Jefferson and Franklin County areas into Lincoln and Warren Counties. In addition, the joining of the home health care services will ensure continuity of care for clients in those areas, in tandem with the recent Barnes Hospital acquisition of the former St. Peters Community Hospital.

Barnes Home Health will operate a separate, fully functional branch out of offices in the medical building at 6 Jungerman Circle, on the Barnes St. Peters Hospital grounds. "This location will be ideal for servicing the hospital, physicians and surrounding geographic areas," said Helayne O’Keiff, director of Barnes Home Health.

"We are very excited about the blending of services," said Mrs. O’Keiff. "Regional Home Health Care has built an excellent reputation in that area by developing good physician and patient relationships. We are merging not only services, but also the invaluable experience of home health professionals who will work side by side to provide the high quality of home care that clients have come to expect from both organizations."

In addition, added Mrs. O’Keiff, Barnes Home Health can offer specialized home care services not previously available to clients in those areas. Beyond the traditional home services such as skilled nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapy, nutrition counseling, and social services, Barnes Home Health provides specialized services not available through all home care agencies. Such specialized services include an early obstetrics discharge and home phototherapy program and respiratory, ostomy and orthotist programs.

For more information about Barnes Home Health services, call (314) 362-0200 or (314) 928-0477 in St. Charles.

Barnes publication nets Bronze Quill awards

BARNES Health News, the quarterly magazine of Barnes Hospital, was honored last month with two Awards of Merit from the International Association of Business Communicators (IABC) in the St. Louis chapter’s 1988 Bronze Quill competition. The Bronze Quill Awards recognize superior achievement in the field of organizational communication.

BARNES Health News, edited by publications coordinator Kim Kitson, was honored in the magazine category. A photograph depicting psychiatric illness in the elderly that appeared in the magazine’s October-November December 1987 issue also captured an Award of Merit. The photo was taken by free-lance photographer Patrick Watson.

Deneen Wallace, registered nurse

Deneen Wallace, registered nurse in the per diem pool, has been selected as the 1988 recipient of the Hospital Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (HAMSTL) Gold Medal Award for Barnes Hospital. The Gold Medal is awarded annually to a representative from each HAMSTL-member hospital who demonstrates extraordinary concern for the well-being of others by a significant humanitarian act or long-term commitment to caring for those in the community.

Mrs. Wallace, who has worked at Barnes for two years, was selected on the basis of her concern and quick action in assisting the passengers of a car involved in an accident last summer. Mrs. Wallace was on her way to work when a car in front of her on Highway 40 hit the median and then skidded to the opposite side of the road. She stopped her car, instructed another motorist to call an ambulance and administered first aid to the car’s four occupants, two of whom were unconscious, until paramedics arrived.

Mrs. Wallace later received a note of thanks from the car’s driver, Bertram W. Tremayne, Jr., who is the husband of Barnes Auxiliary Clara Tremayne. Mrs. Wallace’s story was featured in the August 1987 issue of Bulletin. She will be honored with other HAMSTL Gold Medal awardees at a luncheon June 21 at the Park Terrace Airport Hilton.

Other Barnes employees recognized by their coworkers with nominations for the 1988 award include Jackie Ewell, R.N., for her work as a volunteer with several charitable community organizations, including the American Red Cross, and Josephine Kendrick, R.N., for her work with “Concerned Parents—Food for the Hungry.”
Careers begin for 68 nursing graduates

Sixty-eight Barnes School of Nursing students received diplomas marking the beginning of their nursing careers during graduation ceremonies May 13 at Graham Chapel on the Washington University campus.

Yvonne Foppe, nursing student; Judith Newmark, St. Louis Post-Dispatch editor; and Mim Luetje, a 1986 Barnes graduate, offered commencement addresses at the 1988 ceremony attended by family members and friends. William Behrendt, vice-president for human resources, and Mary Jane Meyer, nursing school director, presented the graduates' diplomas and pins. Each graduate also received a rose from Susan F. Harris, alumni association president.

Nine graduates received special recognition during the ceremonies. Laura Ann Shocklee received the Sharon O'Berto Morad Award, established in 1982 by Dr. David Morad in memory of his wife to honor those students who exhibit exemplary care. Mrs. Morad was a nurse in Barnes' cardiothoracic intensive care unit for two years until her death from cancer in 1981.

Tina Maria Kessler received the Liz Rosenbaum Award for excellence in nursing care from Dr. Herbert Rosenbaum, who established the award in memory of his wife, a former Barnes nurse.

Barnes Auxiliary president-elect Norma Stern presented annual awards to seven graduates who excelled in academic performance or specialty care. The 1988 honorees were Mary Johnston Shelton, Joyce Lynn Johnson and Lisa Marie Leclerc for academic performance; Margaret Jean Costello, maternity nursing; Laurie Ann Hermann, medical-surgical nursing; Donna Louise Feldmann, pediatric nursing; and Kelly Frances Jurcic, psychosocial nursing.

Barnes cafeteria named among tops in St. Louis

The Barnes Hospital cafeteria was named among the top 10 cafeterias in the St. Louis area, joining the ranks of such local favorites as Miss Hulling's and Pope's, in a recent survey published in The Riverfront Times' "Restaurants '88" insert. Barnes' was the only hospital cafeteria to garner a position in the top 10 listing.

The Barnes cafeteria, which serves some 7,500 meals each day to employees, doctors and visitors, features a unique and efficient servery system that disperses cafeteria volume by enabling customers to make selections from among a dozen scatter lines before checking out at one of 10 cashier lines. Visitors to the cafeteria enjoy a daily selection of freshly prepared hot entrees and vegetables, salad bars, fresh fruit, hot and cold deli items, grilled sandwiches, pizza, desserts and beverages.

Important Phone Numbers

- Main Switchboard: 362-5000
- Barnes Physician Referral: 362-2255
- Local: 362-2255
- Toll-free: 1-800-392-0936
- Emergency Department: 362-9123
- Patient Information: 362-5460
- Speakers Bureau: 362-5290
- Health Education and Screening Center: 362-1390
- Employment: 362-0700
Human resources, including the employment/recruitment, employee relations and compensation and benefits departments, moved into its new office space in early May.

Former employees of the one-time grocery warehouse near the intersection of Clayton and Newstead Avenues probably wouldn't believe their eyes. The cavernous, 233,000-square-foot building that once housed mountains of grocery supplies has been economically transformed over the last year and one-half into a contemporary, tastefully decorated Barnes Hospital office building, providing space for several of the hospital's behind the scenes departments.

Purchased in 1986 from Tom Boy, Inc., the Clayton/Newstead building provided the key to achieving Barnes' goal of increasing accessibility for patients and visitors within the main hospital building by offering much-needed space for indirect patient service areas. The availability of off-site space also increases options for future planning of new and expanded services.

Barnes' new Clayton/Newstead facility is located southeast of the main hospital complex, near the intersection of Clayton and Newstead Avenues.
Moving indirect patient service departments and some administrative areas off-site to the Clayton/Newstead building just blocks away has freed space for the planned renovation and redesign of the first floor lobby area. Phase one of that renovation was completed with the opening of the pedestrian bridge in March.

The next phase calls for the centralization of services commonly used by patients and visitors, such as the admitting department, outpatient laboratory facilities, gift shops and health education centers, on a first floor mall. That phase will also create a single, straightened corridor from the pedestrian bridge and main first-floor lobby at Barnes Hospital Plaza to the emergency department and clinics at Audubon Avenue.

The carefully designed plan depends on step-by-step completion of each phase of construction and renovation. The Clayton/Newstead building first received new occupants in December 1986 when Barnes Home Health became the first department to make the move to new quarters.

Last October marked the completion of the hospital’s $4.7 million laundry and linen services at the renovated facility. The 48,500-square-foot laundry, which expanded the laundry area by 270 percent, is the most technologically advanced laundry in the state.

The most recent renovation phase ended last month with the completion of 50,000 square feet of administrative offices. Beginning in late April and throughout May and June, the accounting, human resources, planning, security, purchasing and management information systems departments completed moves to newly constructed offices at the Clayton/Newstead site.

In addition to departmental offices, the new facility offers 12 conference rooms as well as a 6,000-square-foot cafeteria and break area accentuated by an expansive atrium. The building’s three parking lots provide 385 employee parking spaces as well as 38 spaces for visitors.

Originally built in 1947, the Clayton/Newstead building was expanded over the years with several additions constructed of various contrasting building materials, including brick, concrete and concrete block. A new exterior wall finish and insulation system unifies the appearance of the building while eliminating interior insulation costs. More than 100,000 square feet within the Clayton/Newstead building are available for future expansion.
Barnes after they were injured the day before in a freak cosmetic surgery, explained reconstructive procedures available to skin cancer patients. An invitation for nurses to be interviewed by popular KSDK-FM radio personality J.C. Corcoran May 3 during National Nurses Week was accepted by Barnes registered nurses Pam Becker, Annette Lueckensnote and Danny Kuehn. The program offered an opportunity to tell KSDK’s huge morning audience that nursing is both an enjoyable and rewarding profession. Ms. Lueckensnote was asked to a question about “nurses in soap operas,” said television viewers have fostered a misconception that all nurses work in hospitals. She said nurses also pursue careers in business and industry, medical specialties and healthcare administration.

Two Barnes doctors were interviewed for the April Laddie News. Dr. Jeffrey L. Marsh, plastic and reconstructive surgeon, explained how he corrects facial deformities, aided by 3-D computer imaging. Dr. Stephen R. Crespin, endocrinologist, said a cholesterol level of 200 is a desirable goal for patients 40 years and older.

Mental stress may play a bigger role than previously thought in silent ischemia, those heart attacks that occur without pain, based on a study published in the New England Journal of Medicine. Dr. Scott M. Nordlicht was interviewed May 10 by KSDK-TV’s Tom O’Neal. Dr. Nordlicht said additional studies are needed, but he suspects the combination of mental stress and undetected heart disease may be responsible for heart attack deaths in apparently healthy individuals. He urged anyone who feels stressed and who has known risk factors to be evaluated by a physician.

Barnes healthcare experts helped explain “the reason you’re sneezin’” in an allergies series airing on KMOV-TV the week of May 2. Allergists Drs. James Wedner and Anthony Kulczycki offered medical insights on the spring affliction, and Barnes employee Patti Crimmins shared how she tries to make allergies less miserable.

Breast cancer was explored in a KSDK-TV series May 15 through 20. Barnes general surgeon Dr. Jerome Levy was interviewed about lumpectomy, mastectomy and breast reconstructions. Dr. Levy’s segment also included video footage of an operation in which a woman underwent reconstruction immediately following a mastectomy. Dr. Robert Kuske, radiologist, and members of SHARE (Support Has a Reinforcing Effect), an education and support group for women facing breast cancer, were also interviewed during the series.

Travel tips can safeguard healthy vacations

No matter what Karl Malden says, nothing can ruin a vacation faster than illness. While no one plans to get sick on vacation, a little preparation and common sense precautions can keep the travel bugs at bay. The following tips are offered by Barnes/Sutter HealthCare.

Pregnant women, people on prescription medicine and those with chronic health problems such as diabetes or high blood pressure, should discuss their travel plans with their doctors for any special cautions or instructions.

If taking prescription medication, remember to carry enough of the medication to last the entire trip. Keep medication in the original container with the label intact, and carry it in handheld luggage, rather than baggage that can be lost or shipped to another destination.

The standard advice of “don’t drink the water” still holds true for many parts of the world. Stick to bottled or boiled water and coffee or tea made with boiled water. Avoid locally-bottled soft drinks, hotel or restaurant tap water and raw vegetables and fruit. Also beware of ice cubes in drinks; the ice may cause traveler’s two-step can survive freezing.

Hepatitis is a more serious problem, often contracted by eating contaminated raw shellfish. Hepatitis outbreaks can occur even in developed areas, such as Hong Kong or Shanghai, as well as more remote or exotic locations. Immunization prior to travel can offer protection against hepatitis and other diseases.

The Centers for Disease Control track outbreaks of disease throughout the world and regularly issues traveler’s immunization warnings. Barnes/Sutter HealthCare, which offers a full range of traveler’s immunizations, receives these warnings, and can offer advice on the need for immunization when planning a trip. Barnes/Sutter offers convenient locations in downtown St. Louis, West County and Fenton.

If health problems do arise while abroad, the American embassy or consulate in that country or the Travelers Aid Society can recommend reliable healthcare. Be aware that while many
insurance plans cover subscribers while traveling, foreign hospitals may not bill the insurance carrier directly. Costs will need to be covered with cash or traveler’s checks.

While immunizations and other precautions may take some extra time and planning, they can guarantee that souvenirs and good memories will be the only lingering reminders of a cherished summer vacation.

Community calendar

Wednesday, June 15
Prepared childbirth classes are offered at Barnes as a six-week program for mother and partner taught by registered nurses. The series includes information on cesarean birth and a tour of Barnes’ delivery and maternity facilities. Monday and Tuesday courses are also available (see below). Classes, which meet from 7 to 9:30 p.m., are held in the Barnes Hospital Nurses’ Residence; room 228. There is a $40 registration fee. For more information or to register, call (314) 362-MOMS.

Wednesday, June 15
"Vision Changes in Diabetes" is the next in the free series of monthly lectures on diabetes presented by Barnes healthcare professionals. Hosted by Dr. M. Gilbert Grand, ophthalmologist, the lecture is scheduled for 7 p.m. in Barnes’ East Pavilion Auditorium. For more information, call (314) 362-1390.

Wednesday, June 22
"Arthritis: Causes and Treatments" will be discussed at this month’s free "Ask the Doctor" seminar hosted by Dr. Micki Klearman, arthritis specialist, at 7 p.m. in the East Pavilion Auditorium of Barnes Hospital. Following a slide presentation and lecture, Dr. Klearman will be available to answer any questions. Registration is required; call (314) 362-5290.

Monday, June 27
Prepared childbirth classes—Monday series begins. (See above for details.)

Tuesday, July 5
Male impotence is the topic of a monthly series of free, informal discussions hosted by Dr. John Daniels, male diagnostic specialist, at 7 p.m. in Barnes’ East Pavilion Auditorium. The program includes slides and printed materials as well as a time for individual questions and answers. Attendance is limited to allow ample time for discussion. Advance registration is required; call (314) 362-5290.

Tuesday, July 5
Prepared childbirth classes—Tuesday series begins. (See above for details.)

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Employee retirements

Ray Campbell, plant engineering, recently retired after 23 years of service to the hospital. He received a certificate of appreciation from Barnes president Max Poll at a reception in his honor. Mr. Campbell began his tenure with Barnes in 1966 and served as the department’s primary steam man. “There’s nothing about working with steam that Ray doesn’t know,” said director Don Braeutigam. Mr. Campbell, who once worked as a contractor and has an interest in real estate, plans to build a duplex or four-family flat during his retirement. Although he and his wife live on a lake, there are no fishing plans; Mr. Campbell hopes to spend his free time visiting their three sons, who live in South Carolina, Illinois and Oklahoma.

Gifts to Barnes Hospital Funds

Listed below are the names of persons (honorees in boldface) who have made contributions during 1988, 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 patients. Donations to the hospital may be made through the Barnes Hospital Auxiliary or the development office. Donations through MasterCard or VISA are welcome. The Auxiliary coordinates the Tribute Fund, which is used for specific hospital projects.

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It was a base hit for Dr. R. Morton Bolman III, head of Barnes’ heart transplant program, at an April 24 softball game that pitted his team, comprised of heart transplant recipients, against Barnes cardiothoracic nurses. The Heart Transplant Association’s softball team proved to be good sports as they lost the game but demonstrated that they are healthy and active members of the community.