

Making Wheels Turn

TOM DEE has come to feel like a member of a large and happy family in the few months he has been chief operating officer of Butterfield Hospital.

"It's really an outstanding institution, whether you are a patient or work here," he said. "You don't find this level of caring in many hospitals. The staff members really care about the patients — and they also care about one another."

Dee, a native of Pittsburgh, grew up in upstate New York, where his father was the manager of a Sears store. He married his high-school sweetheart, Rita Stewart, and was encouraged to enter hospital administration by his father-in-law, Jerry Stewart, administrator of St. Claire's Hospital in Schenectady.

On graduation from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Dee remained on campus to study for a master's degree in hospital administration, which he received in 1980. An administrative residency followed at Vassar Brothers Hospital in Poughkeepsie.

Dee joined the Vassar Brothers staff as administrative assistant in charge of support services, and a year later, in 1981, he became administrative assistant in charge of professional services.

He came to Cold Spring and Butterfield early this year after a year as chief operating officer of Highland Hospital in Beacon.

DEALING with the financial intricacies of hospital management is the area in which Hugh O'Connor works at Butterfield as assistant administrator for finance.

He came to Butterfield three years ago after gaining wide experience in hospital finance and administration in the South.

A native of the Bronx, he is an accounting graduate of Manhattan College and served as an Air Force budget officer in Colorado, Japan and Texas before receiving a master's degree in business administration from St. Mary's University in San Antonio.

O'Connor worked for three years as fiscal manager of the University of Texas Health Center and as controller of Doctors Hospital in Laredo, Tex. Then he went back to school to earn a master's degree in hospital administration at Trinity University in San Antonio. A 12-month residency at the University Hospital and Clinics in Oklahoma City brought appointment as administrative assistant on the staff.

He and his wife, Pam, a former nursing assistant at the Montrose Veterans Hospital, live in Highland Mills with their three children, 7 months, 2 and 14.

CAROL LAHEY, assistant hospital administrator and director of medical records, has lived in the Cold Spring area all her life and has spent her working career at Butterfield Hospital.

A native of Manitou and a Haldane High School graduate, Mrs. Lahey started as a night switchboard operator in 1960 and later worked in admitting before she went to the Medical Records Department. She now also serves as acting director of medical records at Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel.

As director of medical records at Butterfield since 1967, Mrs. Lahey has earned accreditation by the American Medical Records Association.

She and her husband, Philip, a retired Philipstown Highway Department foreman, live in Cold Spring. Their daughter, Carol Lynn Hopper of Cold Spring, is a medical secretary. Two sons are at home, Bryan, who is an assistant manager of the Fishkill National Bank, and Shawn, a high-school student.

When Mrs. Lahey is not working, she finds relaxation in her kitchen preparing sumptuous meals for the constant household of family and friends. She says it is no chore for her because she really likes to cook. Her specialties? Anything people enjoy eating.



Hugh O'Connor

Reactions From Ex-Patients

In all my 65-plus years I've spent but 3 days in a hospital (1 day for a tonsilectomy and 2 days for a vocal cord polyp) prior to this year. I entered Butterfield for what turned out to be an 8-day visit. My visit to Butterfield was such a pleasant experience I feel impelled to tell you how I feel.

The care was excellent and cheerfully performed, and I have a feeling of love for everyone on the second floor. This feeling extends to each and everyone; from Jane Hannon (who came herself several times to check my I.V.) to the maintenance people who came to clean every day. I never saw anything but a cheerful face and attitude the whole 8 days. (They even put up with my strange sense of humor without a grimace or complaint.)

I also thought the meals were excellent considering the problems I know exist when preparing for the various types of diets required. There was even a willingness to cater to my food whims as long as they fit the diet prescribed by my physician.

You have my permission to use this letter in any way you see fit. Certainly I hope you will share it with your department heads.

Sincerely,
W.F. Wirz

I recently was a patient at your hospital and would like to let you know how great my stay was.

I cannot get over the confidence,



HARD AT WORK — Tom Dee and Carol Lahey confer in the administrator's office under a portrait of the founder.

The Auxiliary Lends a Hand

THE AUXILIARY of Butterfield Hospital, under the leadership of Marian Andersen, its present, sponsors several fund-raising events every year. The activities include coffee breaks, the annual May luncheon and the annual fall dinner dance.

A flea market held this year proved to be a considerable success.

The Auxiliary also participates actively in the hospital's annual fair, which is one of its major fund-raisers.

Mrs. Anderson, widow of John Andersen, who served for many years as the hospital's building services supervisor, has lived in the area since 1966 and has been active in the Auxiliary for a number of years.

She invites anyone who would like to join the 150-member organization to call her at 265-3629.

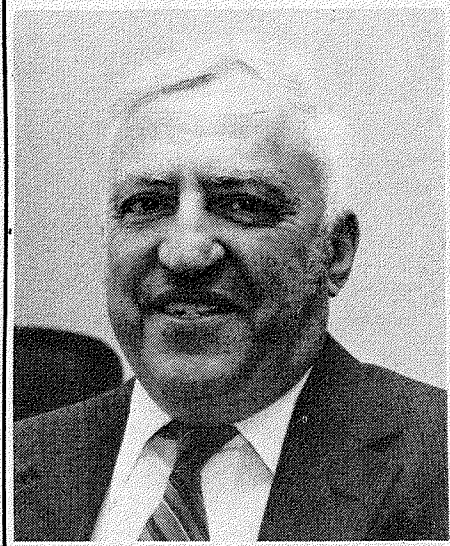


Marian Andersen

Retired but Active

DR. EUGENE LUSARDI, retired as a staff surgeon last year after 31 years on the Butterfield staff. A resident of Cold Spring since 1951, he is a native of Brooklyn and a graduate of Manhattan College and the New York Medical College. He was a surgeon in the Army Medical Corps in World War II.

Now that he is retired, Lusardi is thinking about returning to school to learn more about mathematics, "I think that everyone needs something new to diversify life," he says.



Champagne Party

The Recovery Committee is planning a series of fund-raising events throughout the rest of 1983, the first being a Champagne party to be held from 5:30 to 7:30 P.M. Saturday, Sept. 10, at Boscobel. The proceeds from the sale of tickets at \$12.50 per person will be added to the fund. Tickets may be obtained by calling Mrs. Constantino at 265-3500 or the hospital at 265-3642.



STORK'S NEW ASSISTANT — Dr. Steven Weber, a new addition to the staff of Butterfield Hospital, is checking on the condition of a new addition to the family of Elizabeth Ledesma of Fort Montgomery. Her daughter, Gina Michelle, arrived July 8 with his medical help.

Ob-Gyn Practice Adds Doctor

DR. STEVEN WEBER has joined the growing obstetrics-gynecology partnership of Dr. M. Lawrence Giampe and Dr. Patrick O'Daly and has been admitted to the active staff of Butterfield Memorial Hospital.

The group has established a third office, on Route 52 in Glenham, in addition to its offices at the hospital and in the Robert Mark Complex in East Fishkill.

Weber, a Queens native, grew up on Long Island and is a graduate of New York University. He received his medical training at the Centro de Estudios Xochicalco in Cuernavaca, Mexico, and served an internship in obstetrics and gynecology at the New York Infirmary. This was followed by a three-year obstetrics-gynecology residency at the New

York Infirmary-Beekman Downtown Hospital. During his final year he was the hospital's chief resident.

Last year he was accepted as a junior fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and in June he became eligible to seek certification by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

When he is not engaged in an already busy practice, Weber enjoys putting in the garden of his home in Fishkill where he and his wife, Gail are rearing two sons, Aaron, 2, and Michael 4.

"I chose this area for pursuing my career because it is a good location with a nice climate and it is very pretty," Weber said. "I like Butterfield Hospital, where patients get a lot of personalized attention."