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# POINTE COUPEE GENERAL HOSPITAL PROGRESS NOTES

*Progressing,  
Caring  
and Growing*

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## ADMINISTRATOR'S COLUMN



by:  
**JERRY  
MARQUETTE**

Periodically, managers of steam plants must schedule a time to open the flues and release built up steam. WHY? Because if not reduced, steam pressure can grow to enormous heights in the giant power facilities. Pressure can become so great, it can explode and destroy the plant, killing both workers and those living around it.

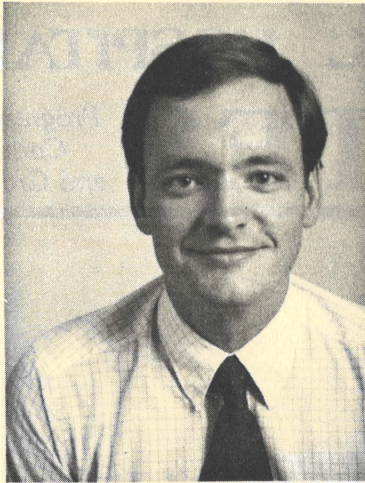
A similar thing can happen with hospitals – or some of it's services or actions – can turn hostile, building and building pressure until it has the potential of exploding into a “disaster.” What hospitals must do, just as people must do before this occurs, is to provide methods of releasing steam to avert the explosion.

This year at Pointe Coupee General Hospital we have tried to provide many mechanisms for all the Hospital Family to avert their pressures. We have a

monthly Departmental meeting, monthly Medical Staff meeting, monthly Board meeting, bi-monthly Police Jury meeting, Employees meet with the Administrator, Personnel Action Committee, Family picnic, etc.

These outlets help those who have been prepared and who have been willing to cooperate. We are facing many changes in the Health Care field and in the next five years that effect on Pointe Coupee General Hospital will be even greater because of Medicare and Medicaid.

We must continually be on our toes and work as a family, especially with our new physicians and new expansion at Pointe Coupee General Hospital. Keep in mind a good family goes through troubled times together, goes through bad times together, and meets every challenge directly. This is what we must do.



Dr. John Morrison is our ninth and newest full-time Physician at Pointe Coupee General Hospital.

He is a General Surgeon and has opened an office here as of July 11th.

Welcome to the Family, Dr. John Morrison!

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## IS THIS MY LIFE?

By: Rose Miller

What will I do with my life? This question is asked of many people, especially those who are in their teen years and early twenties. When I contemplate the many careers and jobs one can choose from, I can't help but marvel how it is a miracle that some people are able to know their special task in this life. It is the lucky person who sets goals early in life and then goes on to achieve them.

Some dream of financial security while others simply dream of success. Every person who brings his best skills to the performance of his job and knows that he is making a contribution to people around him is a success. If he makes the most of his resources to accomplish a worthy goal, he is successful. If he enjoys his job he is fortunate and happy.

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## BIRTHDAYS

### August:

- 3 - Cheri Garon
- 4 - Ellen Joseph
- 5 - Clarissa Desormes
- 10 - Pat Springstead
- 11 - Roy Guidroz
- 13 - Fran Talbot
- 15 - Joyce Patin
- 15 - August Page
- 20 - Janet Stephens
- 21 - Beverly Davis
- 22 - Yvonne Jones
- 25 - Cindy Hedge
- 25 - Janet Major
- 26 - Joan Straatmann

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### September:

- 1 - Greg Dickinson
- 3 - James Terrance
- 4 - Beverly Torres
- 4 - Doretha Jack
- 19 - Karen Nelson
- 20 - Sibert Terrance
- 21 - Gerald Ducote
- 27 - Mary Augustine
- 29 - Dr. Bobby Fulmer

### October:

- 6 - Gladys Foster
- 6 - Dr. Jan Hudson
- 7 - Dr. Steve Joelessaint
- 10 - Cindy Guidroz
- 12 - Barb Scallon
- 14 - Nettie Bonaventure
- 15 - Paul Easley
- 22 - Jean Ducote
- 26 - JoAnn Guerin

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### November:

- 3 - Lena Brown
- 4 - Kay Langlois
- 5 - Judith Bowkley
- 7 - Yvonne Roy
- 8 - Ethel James
- 9 - Marion Cifero
- 9 - Anne Gustin
- 12 - Dr. Ron Padgett
- 13 - Doris Gauthier
- 23 - Juanita Travasos
- 24 - Brenda Dukes
- 27 - Bertha Ellsworth
- 28 - Debra Laws
- 30 - Danny Chustz

### December:

- 1 - Helta Bueche
- 3 - Judy Gremillion
- 3 - Cheryl LeCompte
- 4 - Gladys Dickinson
- 4 - Ronnie Callegari
- 9 - Dr. Joe Wheeler
- 9 - Nancy Witty
- 10 - Liz Crochet
- 13 - Sandy Pourciau
- 15 - Selma Shields
- 16 - Mirris Frederick
- 17 - Dolores Azard
- 17 - Leona Leonard
- 20 - Jerry Marquette
- 21 - Rose Guerin
- 27 - Bonnie Steinkamp
- 29 - Julie Smith
- 29 - Mae Cire
- 30 - Karen Brazzel
- 31 - Orelia Northern

## GRADUATION DAY!!!

We will soon have a new "crop" of Graduate Nursing Students from the Memorial Area Vocational School. The big day is August 19th. Congratulations are in order to these girls and their instructors who have worked so hard this past year toward a common good! **Way to go Girls!!!!**

Instructors: Bettye Marque and Myrtis Leonards

Graduates: Juanita Bougeois  
Mary Burleigh  
Myra Clifton  
Karen Fielder  
Debbie Jarreau  
Paulette Joffrion  
Donna Kimble

Faye Grady  
Charlotte Kent  
Rosemary Hollins  
Christine Rummeler  
Melissa Scallon  
Michele Short

## RETIREMENT

### Mrs. Helta Bueche

On August 31, 1983, Pointe Coupee General Hospital will be saying goodbye to Mrs. Bueche after a total of 33 years in our Parish Hospitals. Mrs. Bueche has worked in a variety of areas in the Hospital, the floors, Surgery and Central Supply since 1950. She has been Central Supply Supervisor at PCGH since 1969.

We all hate to see her leave since it has been such a pleasure working with her. She always has a smile for everyone and ever-ready to cooperate and help in any way she can. We'll all sure miss you Mrs. Bueche!

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Great

Lady



## UPCOMING!!!!

Don't forget our Talent Show being held on September 3rd, at the Scott Civic Center to benefit Muscular Dystrophy research.



It is easy to find fault with others when they do not conform to our pattern, but there may be reasons beyond their control for their behavior which we neither know nor understand.

## THE SPIRIT OF LOYALTY

By: Hattie Benton

Loyalty stems from the center of character and the will to do right. It embraces a myriad of old-fashioned virtues such as truthfulness, respect of authority, obedience and self-discipline. Self-esteem is a product of all of these.

Loyalty begins with the individual worker and his attitude toward his job and the rules and regulations of the institution. Attitude is contagious! The right attitude exudes wholesomeness, warmth and friendship. It promotes progress. The wrong attitude soon spreads like a virus from one employee to another, becoming a disease that is irreversible.

Think on it. Loyalty, when practiced from day to day, is embedded in the unconscious. It is then an integral part of the individual. It never goes unnoticed or unrewarded. It is the secret to success.

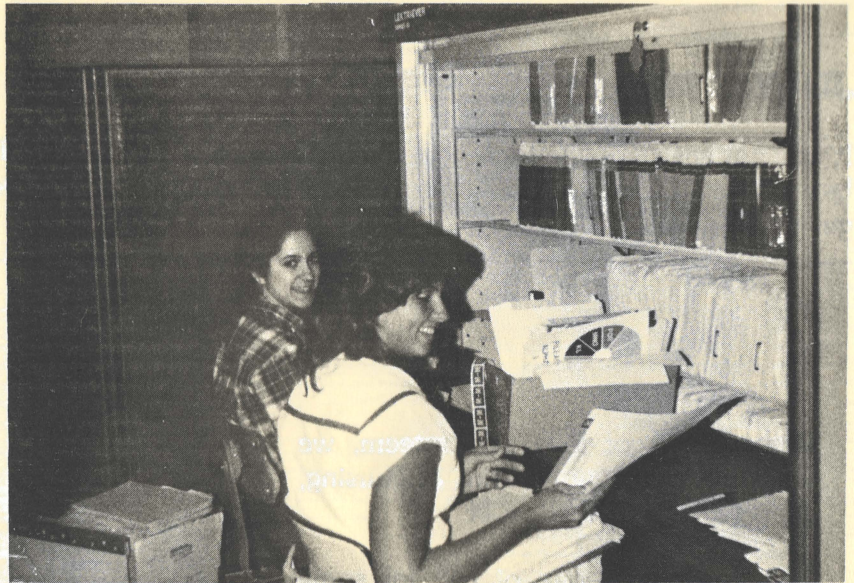


## CHANGES:

On June 4th a new "look" was added to the Business Office. A complete remodeling was done by tearing down walls and installing sound-absorbing partitions.

Along with adding attractiveness and color, the partitions give the office a business-like atmosphere.

An electronic power file was also installed. Color-coded file folders have also been added to the system. All of these changes have tremendously increased productivity.



Our new Nursery Technicians seem to enjoy their jobs. They must be doing a fine job as no babies have voiced any complaints!

A father took his son to the hospital to see the family's new arrival. The child stood in front of the nursery window peering in at the 10 tiny cribs, 8 of which were filled.

"Look Daddy!" he suddenly exclaimed, "They have two more traps set!"

## CONGRATULATIONS

... to employee Janet Major on the birth of her daughter, Ashley Nicole.

and

... to Yvonne Jones and her new little girl, Chelsea Alyssa.

and

... to Bonnie Lorio and Whitney Landry on their upcoming wedding.

What's going on over in Medical Records anyway???



## We Want To Welcome Our New Employees:

Cindy Hedge  
C. J. Tumminello  
Terry Nick  
Deborah Paul  
Lize Crochet  
Billie Oliver  
Patty Gauthier  
Joyce Patin

Lee Anne Speed  
Paula Turner  
Mickey Shoemaker  
Merilee Bryant  
Yvette Major  
Pamela Mitchell  
Jeanne Strate

Anthony Joseph  
Robert Crouch  
Roy Guidroz  
Orelia Northern  
Mary Martin  
William Helm  
Chad Major

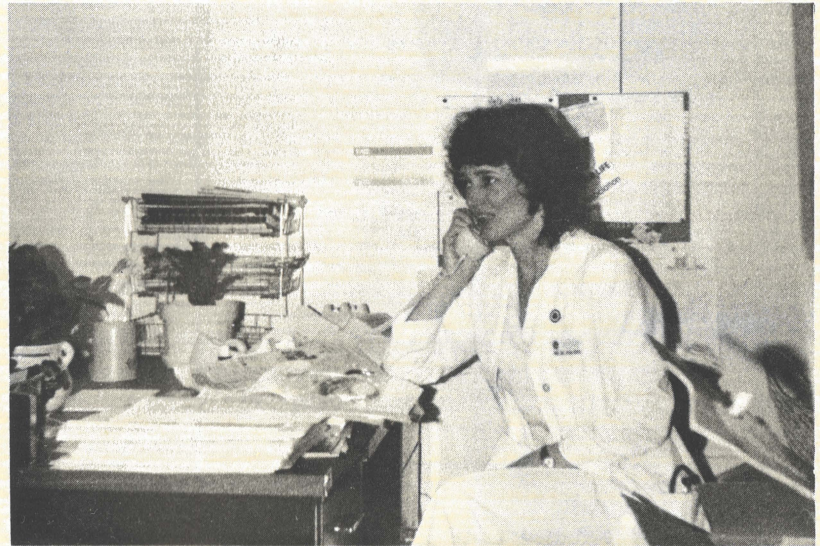
## JULY, 1983

It was not easy to say goodbye to Maria Harrington, our former Nursing Director. We miss her but wish her the best of everything in her "Mountain Home in Arkansas." There, rest and relaxation await her arrival. Don't forget us Maria.

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With tokens of love and esteem, we welcome our new Director of Nursing, Jean Ducote, B.S.N., R.N.

She has been "one of us" for some time, first as a Staff Nurse and recently as Assistant Director of Nursing. We welcome her with gusto as our leader at Pointe Coupee General Hospital!



On May 8th, a "Mother's Day Run" was held at PCGH. It was well attended and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. Prizes and free refreshments were given, along with the trophies.

The proceeds benefit the Pointe Coupee Cancer Research Study currently being done.

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Two truck drivers had made several unusually tiring trips together. Although one driver was twice the age of the other, he seemed to thrive on the long hours. After one such trip, the younger driver mentioned to the other how rested he looked. "It's all in your attitude, son" he said. "Whereas you 'went to work' this morning, I 'went for a ride in the country.'"

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The Ambulance Helicopter Landing has become a reality right out in front! That's Acadian Ambulance Service - *out in front!*