The History
of the
Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
Women's Board

Supplemental
(1987-1990)
Foreword

In 1987, the Women's Board directed that its history be updated every three years at the end of each President's administration. The 1987-1990 supplement is herewith presented. It was compiled from the records with additions from the author's personal notes.

Eloise B. Bowers
Historian
Mrs. A.V. Klotz
President 1987-1990
Women's Board TJUH
When Mrs. A. V. Klotz became President in May 1987, there were 198 members on the Women's Board.

In September at the executive board meeting Mrs. Bruce Northrup announced that the Barton Department would sponsor a financial seminar to be conducted by First Pennsylvania Bank in two sessions beginning October 21, 1987. The fee of $75 would include luncheon with the speakers.

Mrs. Murphy reported that her committee was working on a revision of the bylaws.

The Emergency Aid Bazaar was scheduled for November 1-2, 1987 at the Holiday Inn in King of Prussia.

Mrs. Vauclain reported a profit from the Penny Wise Shop of $99,724.24 for the year. The decrease from the previous year was substantial. A calendar was established by which the six departments of the Board would assume volunteer responsibilities at the shop. Mrs. Vauclain's report showed that the profit from the Jefferson Jewel Party held in May 1986 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Bluemle amounted to $16,642.68.

Mrs. O'Donoghue reported that the Magic Moments V would be held in Jefferson Alumni Hall on April 30, 1988.

Mrs. Amsterdam reported that the name of Dr. Loretta Finnegan had been submitted for the Gimbel Award.

A discussion of the application for membership arose. It was decided that the question of an applicant's religion be deleted from the application form.

At the October meeting Mrs. Klotz introduced Mrs. Susan Miller, who replaced Miss Mabel Prevost as the administrative liaison. Mrs. David Levin, Mrs. Thomas Inssinger and Miss Mabel Prevost became new members of the Board.
Mrs. Bowers, historian, reported on a meeting with Judith Robbins, new director of archives, to discuss future collection of data from the Board.

Mrs. Klein reported that the baby pictures continued to be a good source of income for the Maternity Department.

Mrs. Griffith announced the loss of three longstanding members of the Social Services Department; Mrs. Anna Scheffey, Mrs. Isabelle Mohler and Mrs. Mabel Jaeger.

The Penny Wise Shop contributed a check for $50,000 as its semi-annual dividend to the Board.

Mrs. Klotz reported that the proceeds from the Charity Ball were $13,980.50. Pennsylvania Hospital ranked first and Jefferson second in the number of contracts obtained.

Mrs. Amsterdam reported that Lynn Yeakel of Women's Way had received the Gimbel Award.

Mrs. Klotz announced the final selections of the Women's Board projects for 1987-88 as follows:

- Directional telephone $ 6,000
- Vacuum Wall Suction $ 5,000
- Oximeters $36,000

The Martha Jefferson Department donated $700 to purchase a coma chair. The Florence Foerderer Tonner Fund donated $1,400 to renovate the intensive care and transitional nurseries and to purchase a pediatric video library.

The report on the financial seminar held in October indicated that 35 members attended, and a profit of $2,258.46 was realized.

Mrs. Blacklow reported that Jefferson was first prize winner in the booth display at the Emergency Aid Bazaar. Profit from the Bazaar was $1,559.80 and 15 people made donations of baked goods.
Mrs. Poinsard proposed and the Board approved the following budget:

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The Board decided to have the historian prepare a supplement to its history at the end of each three year administration.

A special executive committee meeting was called on January 19, 1988 to distribute and review a second list of projects for the Women's Board for 1987-88. Seventeen suggested projects were reviewed by Susan Miller. The Board requested that future potential projects be more patient care oriented.

Mrs. Perelman, chairman of the Nan Duskin/Le Bec Fin Benefit, reported that the dinner was oversold. Revenues for both events totalled $25,214.93. Disbursement for expenses totalled $10,206.

At the January 1988 general board meeting, attended by 45 members, Mr. Bradley presented Mabel Prevost with an engraved crystal bowl for her many years of dedicated service to the Women's Board.

In February the treasurer reported the balance in the general fund as of February 16, 1988 was $13,913.17.

Mrs. Richard Gabel, formerly Mrs. Griffith, announced the 75th anniversary of the Department of Social Work. On March 21, 1988, John White, Jr., Pennsylvania Secretary of Welfare, spoke at ceremonies marking this event. The Women's Board received special recognition for significant contributions to the Social Service Department. Mrs. Klotz and Mrs. Gabel accepted the citation. A donation of $700 was made from the Ethel Goff Fund.
to support free seminars for Jefferson employees who became involved in the care of elderly family members or friends.

The Martha Jefferson Department scheduled a Ballet and Brunch at the Hershey Hotel for April 17, 1988.

Mrs. Foley's request that the Burt-Melville department be designated as the managing Department for the 1988 Charity Ball was denied. It was decided that the Maternity department would manage the event for another year. The Board decided to funnel all contracts for the Charity Ball to Susan Miller in the Women's Board office.

Mrs. Theodos became assistant treasurer for the Penny Wise Shop in April and Mrs. Knowles became vice-chairman. The Board mourned the death of Jane Trent, manager of the Penny Wise Shop for many years.

Mrs. Bowers reported that a professional manuscript typist would be hired to prepare the Board's history for publication. Mrs. Amsterdam and Mrs. Foley were appointed as proofreaders. The historian hoped to have the distribution ready for the October meeting.

The Burt-Melville Department proposed to sell holiday cakes as a fundraiser.

The Social Service Department voted $4,500 for Board projects. A plaque honoring the role of the Women's Board in founding and supporting the hospital's Department of Social Work was installed in the Department.

Mrs. Bowers recommended that Dr. and Mrs. Bluemle be given a token of appreciation for providing their home as a site for the Jewel Party the past ten years. It was decided to present them with tickets to *Les Miserables* and dinner at a local restaurant. The Jewel Party will be held at a new location in May 1989.

Mr. Bradley from Administration sent a courtesy card to all Board members entitling them to a 40% discount on meals in the Atrium.

At the annual meeting in May 1988 the balance in the general fund was $4,250.39. Receipts for the year were $110,482.89 and disbursements equalled $106,232.50. Contributions from the various departments for Board projects were as follows:
Barton Department  $ 9,000
Burt-Melville     $ 9,000
Curtis House      $ 2,000
Martha Jefferson  $10,000
Maternity         $20,000
Social Service    $ 4,500

$54,500

Receipts from the Charity Ball program were $19,987.50. The Penny Wise Shop gave $34,750 and $40,000 in dividend checks this year. The Martha Jefferson Department benefit, Brunch and Ballet realized $4,500. Contributions for the Women's Board projects in May amounted to $194,900.

Mrs. Marvin Hyett, secretary, resigned because of health. Mrs. Wallace McCune assumed her duties.

1988-1989

In June 1988 Curtis House sponsored a theater party trip to New York with luncheon at Sardi’s.

Mrs. Vauclair reported a profit of $77,852.91 at the closing of the Penny Wise shop on June 22, 1988. The shop was painted by the maintenance department of the hospital and a new roof was installed for $21,250.

The 1987 Jefferson Jewel party had a profit of $17,354.63. A $500 donation was received from the winner of the jewel. The profit from Magic Moments V, held in Jefferson Alumni Hall in April, 1988 was $17,942.73. Two hundred seventy-five people attended.

In September 1988, 300 copies of the Women's Board history were delivered to the Board office. Mrs. Bowers reported that the cost of printing the history had been absorbed by the hospital’s printing department. A copy of the history was presented to members present at the meeting and copies were mailed to all other members. Mrs. Bowers suggested the Board make a substantial gift to the printing department in appreciation of this and many
other contributions to the Board over the years. Mrs. Bowers was directed to confer with Mr. Bradley about an appropriate gift.

A special executive committee meeting was held on October 18, 1988 to discuss the Women's Board projects for 1988-89. At this meeting the Board requested that the Hospital confirm receipt of project donations from the Board.

Mrs. Theodos reported that in accordance with the new tax laws for all charity events, the amount of tax deductions allowable must be printed on all invitations to these events.

Membership bills were sent to 195 members. As of November 1988, 151 had responded. As of February 1989, 170 members had paid their dues. Mrs. Rinciliffe, a longtime member resigned and the deaths of Virginia Dooley and Ann Baldridge were recorded.

Mrs. Bowers reported that $3,300 was authorized to purchase a velo-binder for the printing department. Letters regarding this gift were sent to Mr. Bradley and Mr. Lagansky by Mrs. Bowers.

The membership files were updated, reorganized and color coded. Sixty-five invitations to Magic Moments had been returned as undeliverable to the addresses on file.

The Burt-Melville Department was asked by the Rehabilitation Department of the Hospital to consider funding two projects--$1,500 for a poster showing success cases who had been patients, and $2,500 to update a patient family handbook which is used in the Spinal Cord Injury Center. Approval for these projects was granted by the Board.

In February 1989, Mrs. Blacklow reported that only 12 members had attended the Emergency Aid Bazaar and made a motion that the Board consider discontinuing this project. After the motion carried, Mrs. Klotz said that the Administration would be consulted before the Board made this decision. In April the Women's Board voted to discontinue participation in the Emergency Aid Bazaar and Mr. Bradley suggested that Jefferson Park and Methodist Hospitals be approached to take over this event. Profit from the final Emergency Aid Bazaar in November 1988 in which Jefferson participated amounted to $1,586. Seventeen hundred thirteen dollars of this amount represented sales at the booth.
The Maternity Department's proposed trip to New York was cancelled.

The Martha Jefferson Department scheduled a jewelry sale for April 1989 in the West Atrium.

The Maternity Department requested and received permission to spend $1,400 from the Foerderer Tonner Fund for two birthing beds.

The Women's Board voted to discontinue the newsletter which had been instituted in 1981.

Early in the year the Penny Wise Shop hired two full-time employees. Ernestine Latona was named manager of the Shop.

Department allocations for the Women's Board projects for 1988-89 were as follows:

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Burt-Melville Department gave an additional $15,845 to the Rehabilitation Department for furniture and special projects. Martha Jefferson Department gave an additional $400 for a health education library and Maternity Department gave $1,400 for 2 birthing beds. The Project account stood at $40,000 and the Penny Wise Shop contributed $40,500. Mrs. Klotz said that project expenditures for 1988-89 totalled $52,000. The projects were as follows:

- 1 non-invasive pacemaker $12,000
- 1 cardiac monitor $30,000
- 1 computerized communications system $10,000
- Patient education Transplant programs $2,000
- Overhead Hallway Monitor Alarm $2,500
- Patient safety railings-Star Pavilion $5,000
- Portable Blood Pressure Monitors $21,000
Bed Scale for dialysis patients $ 4,000
Cribs for critical newborns $ 6,270
Refurbishing 4 wheelchairs $ 1,200

The approved projects totalled $93,970 at this time and an additional contribution of approximately $100,000 was to be made in September 1989.

A letter to the Board from Hugh Lavery, Acting Manager of the Dialysis Program, requested permission to use $18,500 remaining from a $21,000 donation made in May 1987 for a hemodialysis machine, for waiting room seating for the unit and exercise equipment for chronic patients. The request was granted.

Mrs. Klotz and Mrs. Bowers attended the awards dinner sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association of Hospital Auxiliaries at the Adam's Mark Hotel. All auxiliaries with more than 75 years service were recognized and certificates were awarded to the hospitals across the state. Jefferson receiving a certificate for 81 years service, was a relative newcomer. Children's Hospital recorded 134 years, Lankenau Hospital 127 years and Germantown Hospital 119 years. A copy of the history of the Women's Board was requested by and presented to PAHA and one was sent to the American Hospital Association.

Mrs. Hamilton announced that all members of the Board would be invited to participate in the President's Club. The Jefferson Alumni Association invited the Board to participate in the Caribbean Cruise in the spring.

The Burt-Melville Department announced that Peggy Johnson, recently deceased, had bequeathed $6,000 to the Department of Rehabilitation and that the Holiday Cake Sale had realized a profit of $3,600--double that of the previous year.

The Maternity Department donated $250 to the Social Service Department and gave an Easter donation to the Pediatric Department for gifts. The Social Service Department gave $250 from the Goff Fund for much needed baby clothes.

Mrs. St. Claire sent condolences to Mrs. Gabel and Mrs. Mangan on the deaths of their husbands.
The Martha Jefferson Department announced that the Les Miserables benefit had raised $4,000.

Five rocking chairs at a cost of $1,250 and a video cassette recorder were provided to the Department of Psychiatry.

The Penny Wise Shop hosted a luncheon for volunteers at the Merion Cricket Club. It donated 40 pairs of crutches to the Emergency Department. A semi-annual dividend of $37,000 and a check for $56,000 were presented to the Women's Board. Profits for the period ending December 1988 were sharply reduced owing to the expenditure of $25,000 for a new roof on the Shop.

The Jefferson Jewel Party for 1989 was scheduled for May 28, 1989 at Cabrini College.

Mrs. Tabas reported that the Nan Duskin/Barclay dinner benefit held in December 1988 realized a profit of $10,840.21.

1989-1990

In November 1989, Mrs. Theodos proposed the nominating slate:

President
1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
3rd Vice President
Recording Secretary
Corresponding Secretary
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer

Mrs. William Bruce Murray
Mrs. E. Colton Donoghue
Mrs. Daniel J. Haley, Jr.
Mrs. Gilbert W. Klein
Mrs. G. Wallace McCune
Mrs. Stanton N. Smullens
Mrs. Harold A. Sukonik
Mrs. Paul Poinsard

This slate was approved and elected in January 1990. The new officers will be installed at the Annual meeting in May.

Mrs. Kelley reported the total receipts from the Nan Duskin Fashion Show held in December 1989 were $8,129 and a check for $345 from the Nan Duskin sales. The whole event at the new Rittenhouse Hotel was disappointing.
Mrs Samuel Vauclain and Mrs. A.V. Klotz Honorees of the Emergency Aid of Pennsylvania During the Year of the Volunteer, National
Left to right: Mr. Michael J. Bradley, Vice President for Health Services and Executive Director, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Mr. John White Jr., Pennsylvania Secretary of Welfare, Miss Margaret Hunter, Director of Social Work, TJUH, Mrs. Richard Gabel, Mrs. A.V. Klotz, President, TJUH Women's Board, and Dr. Lewis Bluemle Jr., then President of Thomas Jefferson University, Accepting a citation on the occasion of the 75th Anniversary of the Social Services Department.
Receipts from the tennis tournament amounted to $659.72.

The Barton Department reported a profit of $3,588 from the Phantom Fair and $1,200 from the Sweet Shop.

In October 1989, the Emergency Aid Foundation celebrated its 75th anniversary since 1989 was the national year of the volunteer. The Women's Board was asked to submit the name of one volunteer to represent all her colleagues. Mrs. Vauclain was selected for her years of service to the Penny Wise Shop. The Women's Board and Mrs. Vauclain were recognized by citation at a luncheon at the Union League on November 29, 1989.

Mrs. Poinsard reported total earnings for the year to be $250,247.15.

Mrs. Klotz reported on the PAHA meeting held at Children's Hospital. Auxiliaries from 66 hospitals were present. Sandra Kenton of Lankenau was named President of the Philadelphia region of PAHA.

The Martha Jefferson Department reported a net profit from the Atrium jewelry sale of $2,350. The Department voted to give $12,500 to the Women's Board projects.

The Maternity Department's share of Charity Ball receipts was $7,845.01. Geranium sales amounted to $4,240 and baby picture sales amounted to $4,613.50.

The Social Service Department from its Goff Fund donated to the Department of Social Work $6,000 for 1988-89 and $7,000 for staff development in 1989-90.

In the 1988-1989 year, the net profit from Magic Moments VI was $24,140.61. Toshiba American Medical Services, Inc. donated $2,000 for the next Magic Moments scheduled in May 1990. Forty-nine members of the Board supported his project.

Mrs. Poinsard, finance chairman, announced that the total profit from the Penny Wise Shop after taxes, operating expenses and distribution to consignors was $113,380.04.

At the February meeting Mrs. Klotz read a letter which she had written and proposed to send to all members and supporters of Magic Moments VII scheduled for May 1990 which
Left to right: Mr. James Stratton, Mr. Michael J. Bradley, Mrs. T.D. Klein, Mrs. John Shaw
Mrs. A.V. Klotz, Mrs. William B. Murray, and Dr. Lewis W. Bluemle Jr. at
MAGIC MOMENTS VI at the Union League, Philadelphia
was cancelled. A heated pro and con discussion followed, and agreement was reached to accede to the trustees' request that it be cancelled due to the planned retirement tribute for Dr. Bluemle to be held on May 20, 1990.

At the annual meeting in May Mrs. Kelley, treasurer, reported the balance in the general fund was $6,232.08. Total receipts for the year amounted to $78,800.44 and disbursements amounted to $65,000. Twenty-nine thousand dollars from the checking account was transferred to the money market fund.

Mrs. Klotz reporting briefly on her three-year term stated that a total of $580,000 had been donated to the hospital and thanked members for their support.

In her annual report, Mrs. Saukkonen thanked members for their support and said that Mrs. Bruce Northrup was the new chairman of Barton Department. Mrs. Northrup said that the $9,000 donated to the Women's Board projects was the largest donation that the Department had ever contributed.

The projects committee meeting to discuss plans for 1990-91 was scheduled for May 17th at the home of Mrs. Abruzzo.

Mrs. Klotz recommended the acceptance of the projects package submitted by the Administration which had been approved by an earlier meeting of the Executive Committee. She said that the Board's total donation for 1989-90 was $262,610.

Mrs. Klotz reported that crystal candlesticks were given to Dr. Bluemle on the occasion of his retirement as a gift from the Women's Board.

Mrs. Foley reported that $5,000 from the Haviland Fund had been approved for the purchase of a shower trolley to aid in the care of patients with spinal injury. She also reported that the cake sale netted $3,603 and that $3,000 was donated to Board projects.

Mrs. Reeves, for Curtis House Department, displayed samples of note paper that will be sold by the Committee to raise funds. Two-thousand dollars was donated to the Board projects.

The Maternity Department gave $28,000 to the Board's projects.
Dr. Loretta Finnegan, Gimbel Award Honoree 1989- the Women's Board's Nominee
Mrs. Rodgers, for Martha Jefferson Department, reported that two fundraisers in the past year netted $5,910.81. An additional $750 was granted to the Psychiatry Department for 3 video cassette recorders and $12,500 was donated to the Board projects.

Mrs. Gabel, for Social Services Department, reported a $7,000 donation to the Board projects.

Mrs. Vauclain reported that $40,000 was given to the Board projects by the Penny Wise Shop in 1989 and that since 1962 the total amount given to the Board was $1,728,500. She mentioned that much of the volunteer help in the shop is provided by friends of the shop, not by the Women's Board.

A check for $11,508 reflecting the share of income from the 1989 donations advertisements and ticket sales was received from the Charity Ball office.

The 1989 Gimbel Award was presented to Dr. Loretta Finnegan, the Board's nominee.

Mrs. Klotz was presented with a token of appreciation from the Women's Board. Mr. Bradley presented Mrs. Klotz with a crystal Constitution Bowl and each outgoing officer with a gift from the Administration. Mrs. Klotz passed the gavel to the new president, Mrs. William Bruce Murray, who then introduced the new officers for 1990-1993.
PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE WOMEN'S BOARD AT THE ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 1990

Left to right  Mrs. A.V. Klotz, Mrs. Paul Bowers, Mrs. Samuel Hamilton,
Mrs. Peter Theodos, Mrs James Cavanaugh, and Mrs. Samuel Vauclain