

PAST FORWARD

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providence diversi'TEES'

From April 1 to 17, the Archives aired its clean laundry at the System Office with the premier showing of **providence diversi'TEES'**. The exhibit showcased tee-shirts and other articles of clothing created to celebrate new facilities or programs, anniversaries, health fairs and other events in the Providence Health System.

Forty items from the Archives textile collection were selected for this exhibit. On display were colorful shirts, jackets, a baby romper, and an infant's tee-shirt, along with hats dangling overhead and a Providence High School "student" modeling a sweatsuit and team cap. Small paper "tees" clipped with mini-clothespins served as labels, providing institution identification and dates.



The earliest exhibited items date from the 1960s, but the majority are from the 1980s and 1990s paralleling the increasing popularity of casual dress. Whether used for marketing, employee recognition, team building or just plain fun, the creative designs, colors and slogans reflect the diversity of the Health System and its employees.



Above: Three popular items: a purple romper from Providence WeeCare (Portland), a child-size 'tee' from the 75th Anniversary of Providence Hospital (Everett), and a tiny shirt for newborns boasting "I got my first hug at Providence Medical Center" (Seattle).

Left: The shirts were secured to exhibit panels and placed in a well-traveled lobby at the System Office. Sixteen institutions were represented, along with the System Office, the Sisters of Providence, and Providence Associates.

VISITING THE ROSE CITY

In May, Loretta Greene and Terri Mitchell traveled to Portland to attend the Northwest Archivists annual conference at which Loretta participated in a panel discussion concerning assistance to researchers. The trip to Portland was a perfect opportunity to visit several of the Portland Service Area institutions.

Heading south on I-5, Providence Centralia Hospital was our first stop. Sister Carolyn Koreski, Sister Representative/Patient Advocate, provided a cook's tour of the newly expanded facility, which includes the Rosary Manor skilled nursing center. Of special interest were the recently installed historical exhibits found in the main lobby and throughout the corridors. A photo collage with small artifact display windows highlights the blending of the history and mission of St. Helen Hospital, Chehalis (formerly operated by the Sisters of St. Dominic, Edmonds, WA), Centralia General Hospital, and Providence. Our textile collection expanded when Sister Carolyn donated a set of green scrubs marked with the Providence logo, a sample of the much-dreaded patient's gown, and a "Paint The Town" tee-shirt from the hospital's annual community service event.

The following day, whirlwind tours of Providence St. Vincent Medical Center, Providence Portland Medical Center, Emilie House, and Providence Child Center were equally informative. Sydney Clevenger and Carolyn Winter (St. Vincent's), Denece Boyer (Providence), Sisters Florida Hinse and Alexis Melancon (Emilie House), and

Mary Holstein and Shoshana Grammer (Child Center) graciously showed us their facilities and answered our questions. Again, we came away with some interesting memorabilia and a few historical artifacts to add to the Archives collection.

In addition, at each institution we discussed the need for guidance in the retention of non-current records and the preservation of historical records and artifacts. This will be a future project to coordinate with records administrators.

The nature of archival work gives us insight into the activities of an institution, but these tours gave us a real feel for the unique spirit and atmosphere alive in each ministry. One of the best outcomes was meeting the public relations, development and administrative personnel with whom we are frequently in contact as we all work to preserve and make known the ministry and history of the Sisters of Providence Health System.



NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS

The Archives has a new departmental e-mail address to receive and respond to requests, general questions, comments, ideas for the newsletter, etc.:

archives@providence.org

Personal messages can still be sent to individual mailboxes (<first initial><last name>@providence.org).

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PROVIDENCE CELEBRITY MATCH GAME



Match the name in the left column with the identity in the right column. Answers are on the back.

1. Bob and Dolores Hope
 2. Warren G. Harding
 3. Mark Morris
 4. Helen Hunt
 5. Esther Pariseau
 6. Gabriel Loire
 7. Dr. William Haglund
 8. Crystal Quintasket
 9. Thomas Wolfe
 10. Jeff Cirillo
 11. Theodore Roosevelt
 12. Felix de Weldon
 13. Suzanne Baughman, RN
 14. Bill Clinton
 15. Thomas Merton
 16. Debbie Reynolds
 17. Dr. Daniel J. Fortmann
 18. Phil and Steve Mahre
 19. Edith Head
- a. Internationally known French stained-glass artist who created the windows in the chapel of Providence Heights, Issaquah, WA
 - b. Family name of Mother Joseph of the Sacred Heart, foundress of the Sisters of Providence ministries in the west
 - c. Eight-time Academy Award winning costume designer who created a modified habit for the Sisters of Providence in 1964
 - d. U.S. President who visited a friend at Providence Hospital, Seattle, WA
 - e. Olympic and World Circuit ski champions born at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Yakima, WA, May 10, 1957
 - f. Milwaukee Brewers' third-baseman who is a graduate and supporter of Providence High School, Burbank, CA, Class of 1981
 - g. Sculptor of "The Raising of the Flag at Iwo Jima" who created the statue of Mother Joseph for Statuary Hall, Washington, DC, 1980
 - h. U.S. President who with his wife, Florence, visited St. Joseph Hospital, Fairbanks, AK
 - i. Miss Tall North America, 1965, staff nurse and graduate of Providence Hospital School of Nursing, Portland, OR
 - j. First published Native American novelist, attended Providence of the Sacred Heart School, Ward, WA
 - k. Contemporary choreographer and dancer whose sister, Maureen, is receptionist at Saint Joseph Residence, Seattle, WA
 - l. Academy Award winning actress and graduate of Providence High School, Burbank, CA, Class of 1981
 - m. First physician elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, served as Chief of Staff, Saint Joseph Hospital, Burbank, CA
 - n. Comedian and singer, benefactors of the Sisters of Providence ministries in Southern California
 - o. American author (1900-1938) who was a patient at Providence Hospital, Seattle, WA, shortly before dying from tuberculosis
 - p. U.S. President who hosted Sister Karin Dufault, SP, Chair of the Board, and other health care leaders to breakfast
 - q. U.N. Senior Forensic Advisor, investigator of war crimes in Rwanda and Bosnia, whose wife, Claudia, is Vice President of Planning and Policy Development, Sisters of Providence Health System
 - r. Academy Award nominee who donated proceeds from "The Unsinkable Molly Brown" to Saint Joseph Hospital, Burbank, CA
 - s. Trappist monk and author who gave a retreat to the Sisters of Providence in Anchorage, AK, just days before his death

BONUS QUESTIONS

Identify the celebrities in these photographs:



ANSWERS: 1 - n (Mrs. Hope is a charter member of the Saint Joseph Medical Center Guild); 2 - h (Mrs. Harding was not feeling well so she stayed in the car and visited with the sisters while President Harding toured the hospital); 3 - k (Recipient of a MacArthur Foundation "genius grant," Mark has won international acclaim for his work as a choreographer and director); 4 - l (Helen currently stars in the NBC series "Mad About You"); 5 - b; 6 - a; 7 - q; 8 - j (A member of the Colville Confederated Tribe, Crystal (also known as Mourning Dove) published Cogewa in 1927); 9 - o; 10 - f (Jeff returns occasionally to speak to the students; his birthday is September 23, which we all know as Mother Gamelin Day); 11 - d (When President Roosevelt visited in 1903, he noted that it was only the second time he had set foot in a hospital; the first was also in "Providence Hospital," one operated by the Sisters of Mercy on the east coast.); 12 - g; 13 - i (Shortly after receiving her crown, the six-foot "Miss Tall" accepted an engagement ring from her six-foot-nine fiancé); 14 - p; 15 - s (Father Merton stopped in Anchorage on his way to a conference in Bangkok, Thailand; ten days later, he was electrocuted by a malfunctioning fan); 16 - r (We just had to have a "Titanic" connection); 17 - m (All-Pro Guard for the Chicago Bears (1936-43), Dr. Fortmann was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1965); 18 - e; 19 - c (Her design was not accepted by the community; the modified habit adopted in 1966 was created by a committee of sister seamstresses).

BONUS: 20: Lenny Wilkens, coach of the World Champion Seattle Sonics, visits with the sisters at Saint Joseph Residence, Seattle, June 1979; here he signs autographs for Sisters Rose Caringella and Rita Bergamini. 21: Comedians Lou Costello and Bud Abbott present Sisters Agnes and Zepherin with donations to further construction at Saint Joseph Hospital, Burbank, 1951.

SCORING:

- 0-5: ☆ Better brush up on your hiSTARical facts
- 6-11: ☆☆ You're on the right track; keep reading Past Forward
- 12-17: ☆☆☆ You're ready for "Match Game, Part II ... The Sequel"
- 18-21: ☆☆☆☆ Have you ever thought about working in the Archives?!?

Did we miss your favorite Providence celebrity? Let us know!