



# HOTLINE

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## ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYEES WITH BENEFITS CLAIMS AND QUESTIONS

Individual assistance for employees completing medical benefit forms, submitting claims to Aetna, as well as responding to employee concerns or questions relating to insurance and related benefits has been initiated by the Personnel Department.

According to Steve Iverson, Personnel Director, the expanded assistance is provided to help employees most effectively utilize the various insurance options available from the University.

"We have become increasingly aware that many employees are having difficulties in filing insurance claims and in understanding the various options available to them," Iverson said. "Beginning immediately, Eleanor Schmitt, PPPL Benefits Coordinator, will be available to work with employees on an individual basis completing and submitting insurance claims and responding to questions or concerns that relate to the Insurance and Medical Plans offered to Laboratory employees," he added.

Employees wishing assistance should arrange an appointment with Eleanor Schmitt by phoning ext. 2046. Appointments will be scheduled during normal office hours.



*Eleanor Schmitt, PPPL Benefits Coordinator, counsels John Nicol.*



It's definite! PPPL Family and Community Day will be on Saturday, May 2, rain or shine.

Plan to bring your family and friends and show off where you work. Displays on the Laboratory program, self-guided tours of TFTR, PLT, PBX, and S-1, refreshments, and souvenirs are planned.

Diane Carroll is coordinating the arrangements. She can be reached at ext. 2751.

## — ORC Task Force Expanded —

Six nonsupervisory employees have been named members of the ORC Follow-Up Task Force, expanding the group to 14 members. The new participants are drawn from each of the Laboratory's staff classifications as follows:

Dolores Bergmann - Office and Clerical

Janardhan Manickam - Research

Harold Murphy - Lab and Shop

Michael Viola - Engineering and Scientific

Bill Walker - Senior Lab and Shop

Arlene White - Administrative

In early April, employees were asked through the HOTLINE to volunteer by completing a nomination form and returning it to Jim Clark, Chairman of the Follow-Up Task Force. The six new members were recommended by the Task Force members from the list of volunteers and appointed by the Director. The expanded Task Force will remain in operation for at least one year to help implement a series of approved laboratory-wide actions aimed at improving the quality of work-life at PPPL. The Task Force is developing new programs and activities to enhance staff capabilities and strengthen Laboratory performance.

### Contributions Sought for Woolsey Children

PPPL employee John Woolsey and his wife Kathleen died tragically on March 27. They are survived by their four children: Gregory 2, Joseph 5, Kristen 8, and John 10.

The Hamilton Fire Company has established a trust fund to help provide for the Woolsey Children. PPPL employees who would like to contribute to the fund should contact Bobbie Cruser, ext. 2101, or their area fund coordinator from the following list. Checks should be made payable to the J. Woolsey Children's Fund and forwarded before April 30.

M. Brown	LOB 3rd Floor	<u>Ext.</u> 3045
C. Bushnell	CIT	3038
B. Cruser	Personnel	2101
A. DeMeo, Jr.	Info. & Admin. Serv.	2755
W. Dorn	Safety	3525
J. Faunce	S-1	3712
G. Gettelfinger	TFTR	3519
E. Gilsenan	Maintenance	2887
J. Hengeli	Vacuum Shop	3031
E. Hill	Neutral Beam	2784 or 2692
S. Holcombe	Warehouse	2328
S. Monaghan	IRM	3531
J. Mount	C-Site Machine Shop	3144
D. Olivieri	Procurement	2436
E. Perry	Tech Shop	3016
W. Persely	MG Group	3078
J. Rushinski	Drafting	2095
J. Savino	TFTR LOB 3rd Floor	2292
L. Schaufler	ME Division	3006
J. Semler	PBX	3176 or 2865
D. Simmonds	Computer Div.	2216
C. Springer	Accounting	3506
G. Tompkins	ESU	3166
J. Wood	Coil Shop	3039



## Obituary



*Henry M. Chandler, Jr.*

Henry M. Chandler, Jr., 65, died in the Medical Center at Princeton on March 27 after a short illness.

Born in Middletown, Connecticut, Henry graduated cum laude from the Hill School, Pottstown, Pennsylvania in 1938. He received his bachelor of science degree from Princeton University in 1942 and his masters degree in 1947, after returning from active duty during World War II. From 1949 to 1951, he did post graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania.

Henry was a member of the Electrical Engineering Department faculty at Princeton University from 1942 until 1959. During this period he co-authored a college textbook entitled "Introductory Electrical Engineering," with the late C.H. Willis.

Henry joined the Project Research Staff of Project Matterhorn in 1959. He was an electrical power engineer and played an important role in supplying numerous research

devices with high-energy from large motor generators (MG).

Henry worked closely with the Allis-Chalmers team installing and bringing into operation the Model-C Stellarator's group of three motor-generator sets, which provided 200 MW of three-second pulsed dc power from 12 separate generators. He took particular pride in achieving a far better-than-average balancing of these three massive MG rotors, eventually reducing the maximum amplitude to less than one-thousandth of an inch.

These MG sets have been used to supply power for several other experimental devices over the years, including the FM-1, ATC, PLT, PDX, PBX, and S-1. Motor generator power is critical to these experiments, and Henry was a key person. He was noted for being on the job all hours of the day and night throughout his career at PPPL.

Henry was also a pioneer in computer programming, going back to his time in the navy and continuing at the Lab. He gave several computer courses while in the naval reserve. He wrote programs that contributed to MG operations, work, scheduling, and cable documentation.

At the time of his death, Henry was head of the motor generator section of the Electronic and Electrical Engineering Division.

During World War II, Henry was on active duty as a Naval Reserve Electronics Officer. He was a member of the Navy League and the Retired Officers Association. He retired from the U.S. Naval Reserve

in 1986 with the Rank of Captain.

Henry was a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers, the American Society of American Engineering Education, and the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Henry is survived by a niece, Diana Kenner, and a nephew, Stephen Dilworth.

A memorial service was held at the Princeton University Chapel April 2. Memorial contributions may be made to either the Hill School in Pottstown, Pennsylvania or to the Princeton University Class of 1942.

## Obituary

**Maria Ivers Williams**, wife of Charles H. Williams, died in Clearwater, Florida in January.

Maria was a photographer in the Princeton University Physics Department. She took high-speed photographs of ballistic projectiles in flight.

Maria is survived by her husband, Charles, who was a buyer with PPPL for 34 years. He retired in 1979.

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## NEWS BITS



Barry D. Gould (left), Chairman of the 1987 Greater Trenton Science Fair, and Grand Prize winner Brian Brown.

Brian Brown, son of PPPL employee Mary Ann Brown, won the grand prize at the 35th Greater Trenton Science Fair. His entry, entitled "Liquid Crystal Electro-Optics,"

also walked off with three other top honors at the Fair: First place in the Senior Physical Division, the United States Air Force Most Outstanding Award, and the U.S. Navy Science Award for Distinguished Achievement.

As Grand Prize winner, Brian receives an all-expense-paid trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico to compete in the International Science and Engineering Fair to be held May 10-16.

A senior at Notre Dame High School, Brian will celebrate his 18th birthday next month. Brian plans to pursue a career in engineering, following in both his father's, Martin, and his brother's, Mark, footsteps.

Kenneth E. Wakefield, a former PPPL employee, will be honored by Saint Mary's Col-

lege, Winona, Minnesota with the Distinguished Alumnus Award. This award is given to alumni in recognition for outstanding achievements in their chosen profession. Ken, who graduated from Saint Mary's in 1942, will receive the award during Homecoming ceremonies in June.

Ken began his career at PPPL in 1958 as head of the Field Design Section in the Engineering and Development Division of Project Matterhorn. In 1973 he organized and headed the Fabrication, Operations, and Maintenance Division (FOM). When PPPL received authorization to build TFTR in 1975, he was given responsibility for directing all PPPL engineering on the project. In 1983 he became Chief Engineer for PPPL. Ken retired in 1985.

## CREDIT UNION

On January 1, 1987, the Princeton University Employees Federal Credit Union implemented a new, variable dividend rate for its prime share accounts and its share draft accounts. Approved by the Credit Union Board of Directors, it is believed that the new rate will encourage thrift and reinforce the incentive to save. The new rates, listed below, apply equally to prime share accounts and to share draft accounts.

<u>Account Balance (in \$)</u>	<u>Dividend Rate</u>
5 to 100	5.00%
101 to 500	5.25%
501 to 1,000	5.50%
1,001 to 2,000	5.75%
2,001 to 5,000	6.00%
5,001 to 10,000	6.25%
10,001 to 20,000	6.50%
above 20,000	6.75%

No dividend will be paid if an account balance drops below the required minimum. The fixed rate of 7.00% will continue on all IRA payroll accounts.

## Dotty Kerr Practices a Special Kind of Magic



*Dotty Kerr and birthday cake she decorated for members of the Princeton Area Office.*

What started out as a hobby and a way to do something special for her children's birthdays has turned into a "second career" for Dotty Kerr. Dotty is secretary to Milt Johnson, Acting Area Manager for the DOE Princeton Area Office.

Dotty enjoys seeing the happy and amazed expressions on her friends and customers faces when she presents them with one of her hand-decorated cakes. This is her main reward for the many hours she spends planning, baking, and decorating the scores of cakes she creates each year.

"Coming up with an idea can be difficult," she says. While some of her ideas come from books, she gets most of her them from the people or occasion for which she is making the cake. "They give me an idea of what they want, and then I try and reproduce it in cake form. I really don't know how I do it. I can't draw, but I can decorate a cake and," she adds, "the only formal training I have had is a six-week course in 1977."

The largest cake Dotty has baked and decorated was a wedding cake which served 250. "Wedding cakes take the most work. I have done five of them so far," she remarked.

Dotty bakes some of the larger cakes over several nights and freezes them until she needs them, but she does all the decorating at one setting. A simple cake can be decorated in as little as 10 to 30 minutes; a more detailed cake takes one to two hours or longer.



*Miss Piggy*

Dotty doesn't have a "most favorite" cake, but one of her most memorable was the one she did when her daughter, Karen, turned 17 and passed her driving test. "It was a simple sheet cake, but it was decorated in minute detail as a New Jersey driver's license," she remembers. Another favorite was the "Miss Piggy" cake she did as a special request.

In addition to cake decorating, Dotty also enjoys making jelly, canning, needlework and bowling. She has been a first-place winner at the Middlesex County Fair over the past

several years for both cake decorating (1982) and jelly making (1982, 1983, 1984, and 1986). Her bowling team, the Gutter Dusters, won the 1985-1986 Princeton University Mixed League Championship.

Dotty lives with her husband, Kenny, three horses, one dog, and several chickens in South Brunswick Township. She has two grown daughters, Karen and Dawn, and two granddaughters, Rachael and Jacqueline -- another generation of small ones to delight with her very special kind of magic.

## TRANSITIONS

The HOTLINE offers its congratulations to the following employees, who recently became proud parents:

### Marriage

The HOTLINE offers its congratulations to **Marilee Thompson** of the Computer Division and **Jim Bialek** of the Engineering Analysis Division, who were married on April 1.

### Births

**Sandra Weiner** of the Information Resource Management Division and her husband, Stuart, whose son, Jeffrey Mark, was born April 3.

Free to good home. Grey and white tabby, male cat. Approximately 1-1/2 years old. If interested call Kathy Dunn, ext. 3391.



## Professional Secretaries Week

PPPL secretaries will be celebrating Professional Secretaries Week with a luncheon at Scanticon-Princeton on April 29. The Secretarial and Office Support Staff Organization (SOSSO) is organizing, hosting, and providing door prizes for this event.

Professional Secretaries Week was first celebrated in 1952. It was the brainchild of Mary Barrett, 1952 National Secretaries Association President, and C. King Woodbridge, President of Dictaphone Corporation. The original purpose was to recognize the American secretary and to call attention to the tremendous potential of the secretarial career.

In 1955, the last full week in April was established as the annual date for recognition. Professional Secretaries Day is celebrated on Wednesday of that week.

Official recognition of the week has grown over the years. Today, the week is acknowledged by the President of the United States, the Prime Minister of Canada, many state, provincial, county, and municipal governments, as well as the private business sector.

"Creating Our Future," is the theme for 1987. It was chosen to emphasize that secretaries worldwide must take control of their own destinies and work to shape their own roles in the automated office.

April 20-26 is Professional Secretaries Week. Take the time to acknowledge your secretary's good work and to show your appreciation.



*PPPL observes  
Professional  
Secretaries' Day  
in years past.*