

Group Health HMO Coverage Offered Diocesan Employes

Diocesan employes living in the Rochester area will have the opportunity during September to select a new kind of health care coverage. For the first time, they may choose the Genesee Valley Group Health Association (Group Health) as their health care program for the coming year.

Group Health is a federally qualified group practice health maintenance organization, affiliated with the Rochester area Blue Cross and Blue Shield. HMOs are pre-paid medical plans which deliver comprehensive health care services to members for a fixed premium with few expenses remaining for the patient to pay directly. The current group health premium is slightly higher than the Blue Million premium and this differential is the responsibility of the employe-member. However, the membership premium does cover all treatment no matter how many medical services the member may need.

Group Health members receive their health care at either of two health centers in the Rochester area — the Marion B. Folsom Health Center, 1850 Brighton-Henrietta Town Line Road, and the Joseph C. Wilson Health Center, 800 Carter St.

The full complement of medical services available at the centers ranges from primary care physicians, to pediatrics, OB/GYN and physical therapy. Group Health members choose their personal physician from the medical group staff. Those requiring a specialty service not available at the centers may be referred to an outside specialist.

Both centers are modern, fully-equipped facilities offering a wide selection of services, including X-ray, eye services, pharmacy and optical shop. As part of its HMO philosophy, Group Health stresses preventive health care and a full schedule of health education classes are offered.

Group Health is different from traditional forms of health insurance because it goes further than plans which simply provide reimbursement for covered services. Group Health assumes responsibility for the member's total health needs, from routine office visits to coverage for all medically necessary services if a member is hospitalized. Emergency medical situations are covered 24 hours a day, both inside the service area and when they travel outside the county.

All benefits are provided for the set premium and a nominal \$3 registration per calendar day for services received at the health centers. The \$3 per day registration fee also covers referrals to outside specialists.

Group Health has been providing health care services in the Rochester area since 1973. The Folsom Center is undergoing a major expansion to improve its services. During late September, a new health care program for senior citizens, the Senior Care Group Health Plan, will provide a greatly improved package of benefits at a lower premium than any other plan now in the area.

The initial offering of Group Health membership to Rochester area employes will be made this month, with enrollment continuing until Jan. 1. A series of meetings will take place in Rochester area parishes to give employes the opportunity to talk with a Group Health representative.

The meetings will run from Sept. 19 through Sept. 29. Dates, times and locations

are listed in the ad on Page 16.

Those wishing more information should consult the Employee Benefits person in their parish or contact the Group Health marketing Department, 253-3460. Tours of the health centers are provided; at Folsom, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, and at Wilson from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesdays. No reservations are required.



Father Cuddy Feted

Father Paul J. Cuddy, above, seated, was honored by some 500 parishioners, friends and relatives at his 75th birthday party last Wednesday night at Sweet's Party House in Webster. Father William Hart, above, pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, where Father Cuddy resides, welcomes the crowd before delivering the invocation. In background is Kevin Doran, master of ceremonies for the evening and manager of radio station WLEA, Hornell. Left, Father James Lawlor, pastor of Old St. Mary's, downtown, jokes with the birthday "boy."



Seton Sale to Be Oct. 8

Nazareth College's Otto Shults Center will host the 27th annual Seton Sale and Swimathon sponsored by the Seton Branches of St. Mary's Hospital. The sale will run 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8.

"Many of the items have a definite country flair this year," said Annabelle Pugliese, sale chairperson. She and co-chairperson Barbara Pacitti, and members of the Sale committee have been preparing for the event since last Fall.

On sale will be antiques, folk art, food, handmade baby and children's clothing, hand knit sweaters, cookbooks and even a donated child's birthday party.

Booths featured include the indoor garden, the 'silent auction,' the mitten tree, and the 'something special' booth, according to Mary Ann Thomas, projects chairperson.

The Swimathon, the Sale's special fundraising attraction, will run 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Swimmers recruit sponsors on a pledge-per-lap basis. Registration information is available by calling Maryann Dempsey, 248-5623.

FASHION SHOW
The Social Committee of Nazareth College's Casa Italiana has scheduled a fashion show and dinner with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30, Sept. 14, at the Rochester Hilton Hotel. Tickets, \$20, are available from the Casa Italiana, 586-8744.



Special Swimmers

Seton sons and daughters are checking out the pool at Nazareth College in anticipation of the Oct. 8 Swimathon to benefit St. Mary's Hospital. Swimmers are (left to right) Mike Chaney, Karen Dempsey, Colleen Dempsey and Charlie Maloy Jr.

A soup and make-your-own sandwich luncheon, including a table of French desserts made by Seton Branch 57 will round out the day. Luncheon tickets at \$5.50 are reserved by calling St. Mary's Volunteer Office 464-3255.

Funds raised from the Sale will be directed towards the medical treatment area of St. Mary's new Seton Ambulatory Center, according to Sue Ellen Graney, sale

publicity chairperson. This will help fulfill the Women's Board/Seton five-year pledge of \$500,000 to the hospital modernization program, she said.

"Our Seton groups have given the hospital more than just monetary support throughout the years," said Sister Ann William, DC, president of the hospital. "Their commitment and caring provides that extra spark that spells success."

Capsule Movie Reviews

"Merry Christmas, Mr. Lawrence" (Universal)
David Bowie and Tom Conti star in an English-Japanese production of a novel by Laurens van der Post about the clash of cultures in a Japanese camp for British prisoners during World War II. At war's end, with the Japanese prisoners of the British, there is an indication that perhaps humanity can bridge such cultural chasms. As usual, Conti is excellent as the only Brit who has some understanding of Japanese customs and language. Rock singer Bowie is less an actor than a novelty — which is exactly what is called for by his role as an eccentric character whom the guards come to believe is an evil spirit. The subject is almost a movie cliché and others have done it much better. Directed by Nagisa Oshima, the film has much hard-edged samurai violence and an ambivalent attitude toward homosexuality. The U.S. Catholic Conference rating is A-IV, adults with reservations; the Motion Picture Association of America rating is R, restricted.

"Private School" (United Artists)
It takes more than promotion to make a good movie, and in spite of heavy publicity, obviously aimed at the teen-age audience, this film is nothing more than grade-B pornography thinly disguised as comedy. From the vulgar lyrics of the opening song to the closing scene where the graduating class simultaneously indulge in an obscene gesture to the headmistress, there is an unrelenting stream of sexual scenes, jokes and dialogue. This is a film to be avoided. The Motion Picture Association of America rating is R, restricted; the U.S. Catholic Conference rating is O, objectionable.

"Strange Brew" (MGM-UA)
As in the dog-eat-dog comedies of Cheech and Chong, the comic duo of Doug and Bob McKenzie (Dave Thomas and Rick Moranis) are also spaced-out zanies, although in their case the addictive substance happens to be beer. These Canadian performers, known here for their weekly routines on a late-night TV show, lampoon mercilessly the Great White North as a land of rubes and rustics. An intentionally incoherent plot wastes whatever comic possibilities there might have been in casting Max von Sydow as an arch-villain and Paul Dooley as his cowardly lackey. Chiefly serving as a vehicle for this pair of aspiring funny-men, the film is a random collection of stale sight gag and boisterous stupidities that grow increasingly tiresome. Because of coarse language and a visual sexual reference, the U.S. Catholic Conference rating is A-III, adults; the Motion Picture Association of America rating is PG, parental guidance.

DEATHS

Robert J. Ryan

Elmira — Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 24 for Robert J. Ryan, Elmira Softball Hall of Famer, who died Aug. 21, 1983 at the age of 68.

The Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church was celebrated by Father Paul McCabe, pastor, and Father Francis R. Davis, Msgr. Leo G. Schwab, Father John A. Morgan, Father Gerald T. O'Connor, Father Dennis M. Bonsignore, and Father Joseph Catanise.

The son of the late Laura Sullivan and Daniel Ryan, Mr. Ryan was raised by the late John J. McNevin family after the death of his parents and brother Daniel.

He was a communicant of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, retired from Remington Rand and Our Lady of Lourdes, where he served as a crossing guard for the school children for 20 years.

A veteran of World War II, he served with the New York City Fourth Armored Division.

He is perhaps best remembered as playing softball for city and industrial leagues in the 1930s and 40s, and for



ROBERT J. RYAN

coaching Little League for many years in West Elmira.

Mr. Ryan is survived by his wife, Jean F. Reidy; son, Robert J. Ryan; son and daughter-in-law, Daniel and Dorothy Daniels Ryan of Hornell; daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia Ann and Raymond Prem Jr. of Miramar, Fla., and Mary Ellen and Carlton Fawcett Jr. of Elmira; three grandchildren; a brother-in-law, William H. Reidy; and several cousins.