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YESTERYEAR? AH YES,

I REMEMBER IT WELL

The beginning of a year is a time for remembrance and thoughts go back to days in the past with Riddle Memorial Hospital.

Do you remember February 18th, 1963 and Media PA? The right place and the right time for a much needed hospital to open its doors to the public for the first time. It was founded by a man, Samuel D. Riddle, who was devoted to his community - so much so, that he left a large share of his estate to be used in building OUR hospital.

Do you remember five years before in 1958, those most involved in helping to write the first chapter of the History Of Riddle Memorial Hospital? A group of ladies who foresaw the needs of the future fledgling hospital - they went to work as a Woman's Committee for the first Riddle Country Fair And Horse Show, and raised all of \$6,000.00!!

Do you remember Skip Baird in addition to her duties as President of Middletown Auxiliary, and Secretary of the Associated Auxiliaries, accepted the job of Chance Chairman?

Do you remember 1962 Country Fair credits to Wynn Eisenhart, Men's Committee, for his physical arrangement of the Fair? Helen Laimbeer, Fair Chairman.

Do you remember "knock knocks", saddle shoes and Song Sheets??

Do you remember Linda (all of 9) and Beth, 10 daughters of Middletown Auxiliary President Betty Wilkinson held their own Country Fair and Pony Rides in their back yard and earned \$1.89 for Riddle Memorial Hospital?.....

Do you remember you dreaded going to the dentist, - not the Supermarket.....a Saturday Night Special was a double dip chocolate soda?

Do you remember December 8th, 1963 Lima Auxiliary Cocktail and Dinner Party held at President's Elma Albright's home. Great fun, and earned \$130.00 for RMH!

Do you remember "melt down" meant defrosting the refrigerator.....you got a real kick out of finding a quarter in the pocket of an old coat?

Do you remember Penny Post Cards.....and 2¢ newspapers.....Spit Curls....Middy blouses?

Do you remember on March 17th, 1963, Mrs. John J. Monahan Jr., of Newtown Square, gave birth to a 7 pound 10 ounce boy, William James, the first baby to be born at RMH. Bill is now 20 years old and has six brothers.

Do you remember the first Auxiliary to be officially formed? - BEATTY HILLS, on March 24th, 1959. Miriam McCafferty had the distinction of being the first president. By 1960, a Charity Ball was held and continues today as a lovely social event known as the MAN O' WAR BALL.

The MERRY TOKEN SHOP and MAJOR TREAT SNACK BAR continue to provide a needed service in the Hospital. The THRIFT SHOP has been a money-making project since its opening in December of 1961.

Do you remember the Christmas house tours? Homes of Mrs. L. N. Mitchell, Mrs. William Watson and Mrs. John B. McClatchy.

Do you remember record players with a crank?.....Fur muffs for women to keep their hands warm....."The Music Goes Round and Round".....Thomas Dewey elected president (in Chicago).....-"Yes, we have no bananas"?

Do you remember Mary Mallon unopposed for President of the Women's Board, June 1963.

Do you remember September 17th, 1960? Ground breaking ceremonies were held. Construction was completed two and half years later. RMH officially opened its doors on February 18th, 1963.

DO YOU REMEMBER OUR NEW ADMINISTRATOR, MR. DONALD L. LAUGHLIN, OCTOBER OF 1963. HOW FORTUNATE FOR RMH.

Do you remember Charles A. McCafferty, President of RMH'S Board of Directors, - told the women at the last Board Meeting, June, 1963, "we are blessed having you part of our team". Do you remember at that time, all our ladies were wearing HATS!!! By the time of the 2nd Country Fair and Horse Show, on September 26, 1959, there were 10 Auxiliaries.

Do you remember Esther Read and her beautiful smile and her many efforts for RMH - especially in the Volunteer Office?

Do you remember when "lights" not people, were turned on and off -- and charity was a virtue, - not a deduction!

Do you remember Mrs. George A. Wilbur (Donnie) of Lima Auxiliary was in charge of the Major Treat Snack Bar.

Do you remember Candy Strippers being screened for the first time in May of 1963? Do you remember two pretty candy strippers, Nina and Duchess Mallon?

Do you remember the first Annual Riddle Derby in May of 1964 at the new Strawbridge & Clothier brought a total of \$1,089.00. Mrs. Fannie Feaster was Chairman. Mrs. Jeannette Pappas rendered GOD BLESS AMERICA.....Our lucky Pink Riddle Dresses.....RMH Annual Dinner Dance was held December 28th, 1964 at Aronimink Country Club. We danced to the music of Vincent Lopez. 220 people attended.

Do you remember Mabyl Webb received her 100 hour pin for volunteering. Mabyl has continued to be an asset to the Auxiliaries and to RMH. Also in 1965, RMH was fully accredited by the JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION.

Do you remember when life was a lot simpler when we honored FATHER AND MOTHER not Credit Cards!

Do you remember when each Auxiliary sponsored individual activities, depending on the interest of its members. In addition to in-

dividual Auxiliary benefits, all Auxiliaries, under the guidance of the Executive Board, sponsored three major projects a year. The Country Fair, and Charity Ball (started in 1960) comprised two of these major events..

The organizational structure of the Associated Auxiliaries has remained basically the same since the Coordinating Committee was established. The Coordinating Committee became the Women's Board and expanded its membership to include not only the President of each Auxiliary, but another representative from the individual Auxiliary, plus the chairmen of standing committees of the Women's Board. Later, an Executive Board was formed consisting of the officers of the Women's Board. The Executive Board meets a week prior to the regular monthly meeting of the Women's Board, draws up agendas for the Woman's Board meetings, and outlines policies for Women's Board approval. The make-up of the Board was changed to include the President and Vice President of each Auxiliary, plus Women's Board standing committee chairmen. Every Auxilian is invited to attend the General Board Meetings.

Do you remember 1963 when Mrs. Henry Jordan (Natalie) of the Middletown Auxiliary added #5 to her family population. 9 pound 4 ounce boy, John Henry (who now attends VMI).

Remember when life was better when we had 10 speeds and bikes didn't?

Remember when it was a policeman who warned you to "slow down", - now it's your doctor!?

Do you remember 1964 when the Hospital ran into financial difficulties and petitioned the courts for assistance. Judge John V. Diggins had a difficult decision to make. It would have been simple to accept any of several offers that were made for mergers or private take-over of the facilities. Instead of taking this action, Judge Diggins appointed a conservator, John T. McCartney, to develop a plan of re-financing that would enable the Hospital to remain in public ownership. One of the main reasons he gave for this decision was the faith he had in the Auxiliaries' ability to help in this re-financing.

Do you remember November 13th, 1965- Riddle Memorial Hospital's Annual Founders Ball?

Guest of Honor was Judge John V. Diggins. The RIDDLE THRIFT SHOP moved to the old Post Office on West State Street from Monroe Street in Media.

Do you remember the Mary Poppins Dolls? Project of Lima Auxiliary (Beautiful dolls - Lima girls too!!)

Remember the big "SNOW" of 1966? Mr. Donald L. Laughlin and Miss Elizabeth Hazen, Director of Nurses were so proud of their loyal nursing crew and employees who showed up for work in spite of a BLIZZARD! We ARE blessed.

Remember April 1967 - Cornelia Burckhardt and her Committee already planning for a fantastic Country Fair. Followed by happy memories of a great "YULETIDE", - Rose (Anthony) Hopkins, Director of Dietary, won the award for the best decorations. Rose, today is still a winner for one and all. Donnie Watson, Chairman of the Ball. Donnie was the first Director of Volunteers. May 1969, Mary Mallon became Director. Dorothy Lentz retired from Provident National Bank -- welcome aboard.

Do you remember September, 1971 the new wing to Riddle Memorial Hospital was completed. The very same year, BEA OAS (one of our first Volunteers). Bea accrued 3,000 hours of service as a Receptionist at the front desk in the Lobby of RMH. A beautiful lady then, as she is now. Remember Santa Claus coming to town every year? Santa was portrayed by Mr. Edward J. Miller, Mary Mallon's dad.

Do you remember Deborah Wick receiving the Humanitarian Award for service to the community in March, 1972. Congratulations Deborah! The Annual Country Fair was in the capable hands of Helen Laimbeer and Dorothy Rolison. Dorothy was also President of the Women's Board that year. The Spring of 1973, the Thrift Shop being built on the grounds of our Hospital. Jan Parks received the "Golden Award" for Volunteering 5,000 hours.

Do you remember the Men's Auxiliary in the year 1974. Mrs. Edward (Sandy) Jaeger was Chairman of the Country Fair that year. Thank you Marge Zerweck, who was our very capable Treasurer of the Board that year.

We are in the AGE OF PARADOX. We have mobile homes that never move, sport clothes for work, junk food that costs more than real food, and you wear sweat shirts for loafing.....Do you remember "elephant jokes"?

Looking back to the year 1960, Mary Mallon's 7 year old daughter, Alycia, bright with zeal, sold some book covers advertising the Monumental Life Insurance, and proudly turned over 110

Do you remember Middletown Auxiliary April 29th, 1973 PENN TREATY KENNEL CLUB DOG SHOW.

Do you remember saying "none of your bee's wax" or "let George do it".

Do you remember the second anniversary of the Riddle Thrift Shop -- a gala Man O' War Ball, Chairman Mrs. Thomas L. Millar (Jane)....the Eighth Annual RMH Employee Recognition Dinner took place, February 14th 1973. At the "heart" of the affair was the Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Donald L. Laughlin. The year - 1973.

Do you remember "Sweet For the Sweets" bake sale March, 1974 in the Hospital Lobby. Chairladies Carrie McDowell and Sue Milliken, and Mildred Juechter. How about "Christmas in July" Lobby Sale with the Merry Token Shop and the Thrift Shop's "Bag Sale" scored successes.

The year 1975 in June, the Annual Associated Auxiliaries Pledge fulfilled again Mrs. J. Van Dyke Fear (Dot), was President of the Associated Auxiliaries, and presented the check to Mr. Don Laughlin. Dr. Charles O. Rose, President of the RMH Medical Staff was the guest speaker. Do you remember "punch boards"?

Do you remember September 1976 - Country Fair Time again. The icing on the "Birthday Cake" a real big party for our successful Country Fair. Thank you Mrs. Peter Palena (Rosemary), Country Fair Chairman. How about what used to be television "station breaks" are now more like "compound fractures". Do you remember Bert Parks - Kate Smith - and Gable's Back and Garson's Got Him!!! March 3rd, 1976, the Thrift Shop honored Margaret Cleeland. The occasion was Margaret's 75th birthday. Margaret has been a dependable and loyal lady.

Do you remember April 2nd, 1976? The Board Of Directors of RMH honored the Associated Auxiliaries of RMH at a reception in recognition of their MILLION DOLLAR contribution milestone.

Do you remember Country Fair, 1977, Mrs. Paul Jones (Jinks) Country Fair Chairman... REAPING THE HARVEST OF OUR 20 YEARS OF EFFORT.

Do you remember when movies were rated on how good they were, not who was allowed to see them.....How about when five dollars worth of groceries wouldn't fit into one - bag - let alone one stomach?

Do you remember the year of 1978. Some of the highlights were - The Thrift Shop added additional parking facilities - the Snack Bar took on a new look with new wall covering and chairs. Merry Token Gift Shop also took on a new look. The long awaited window facing into the Hospital Lobby was installed, and fresh flowers were added to the stock - the Lobby was refurbished with new carpeting and chairs.

Do you remember 1979, the International Year Of the Child - remember.....what would a CountryFair be without the children to enjoy it? Handcraft Booth was reactivated under the direction of Nina Cruice. The Tel-Med Program was awarded a second year grant. Jane Schneider became a grandmother for the first time - a beautiful little girl Sarah. RMH announced that William J. Zintl, MD has been elected Chief of the Division of Surgery.

Do you remember 1980, Ann McElroy became President of the Associated Auxiliaries and Elma Albright was Country Fair Chairman - Mrs. Kenneth Pusey was Co-Chairman. Thanks to Ann Knox as well for being a competent Treasurer of the Fair. Lambda Chi Alpha for their years of helping at all our Fairs. Last but not least where would the Fair be without Mabyll Webb and Lorraine Gross who work so hard to make sure chances are sold as our "insurance money". The Man O' War Ball is the final activity of the Associated Auxiliaries season, and the highlight of the social program. The Chairman was Mrs. George Burckhardt (Cornie) and Co-Chairman Mrs. William Van Norden (Ann). Thrift Shop Manager, Marge Zultewicz, Helen Laimbeer, Dolores Thomson, Mame Stone, Emily Mallen working happily at the Thrift Shop.

Do you remember when you could buy a nickel's worth of something and pass it around.

Do you remember sex education was learning to kiss without bumping noses. How about "mood" rings and pet "rocks"! How about "Christmas In The Mall" at Granite Run

Remember 1981, Ann Van Norden was Chairman of the Man O' War Ball. Ann had the prescription for an elegant and festive evening. The ground-breaking ceremony for the West Wing of RMH was held December 18th. Under the direction of Sallie McPhillimy we had another successful Country Fair. Sallie introduced the Balloon Derby which proved to be financially rewarding, and fun making people as far as Long Island, N.Y. aware that RMH was having a Country Fair. Do you remember a hero meant a person, not a humongous sand-

Do you remember a clover leaf brought you luck instead of confusion in traffic!

Do you remember 1982 - our "25th YEAR". We are proud to be a vital part of the very being of Riddle Memorial Hospital. We feel we have added another chapter to the book, able to point with pride with the results of our pledge. The Hospital has grown to keep up with the needs of the area. We have a larger new Intensive/Cardiac Care Unit consisting of 14 beds where critically ill patients are on constant visual and equipment monitoring, manned by specially trained Registered Nurses. We have a team of experts who are available at all times in the Emergency Room where MINUTES count! We have a Step-Down Unit not available in all hospitals. Step-Down Unit, as the name implies, is the next step down from critical care. It keeps the patient in a less monitored situation until they are fully stabilized and able to be moved to routine patient floor care. The Short Procedure Unit is also new, and affords the availability of lower costs and more convenience for those patients who would normally need to stay overnight. There is still much renovating to be done, but when all is completed, we will have one of the finest hospitals around. Do you remember Ann McElroy presented Mr. D. L. Laughlin a check for \$100,000.00. Alice Wilkinson of the Thrift Shop also turned in a check for \$40,000.00, making a total of \$70,000.00 for their year. Duchess Wynn has assumed the most important post in our Auxiliaries, PRESIDENT. Letty Clark is our First Vice President. Do you remember January 1982 and the decision to enlarge the Thrift Shop - UP AND OUT for both floors. A great renovation has taken place. From the beginning, who could ever forget EDNA NEILON! Edna, a steadfast and trustworthy Auxilian and Volunteer retired this year. ENJOY!

As we turn the pages of the calendar for 1983, take pen in hand and mark April 23rd, 1983. The Man O' War Ball will hold it's SILVER ANNIVERSARY in beautiful Longwood Gardens, - A FABULOUS AFFAIR IS ASSURED. This event will be an evening of charm and grace and one to be treasured. Also, we will have the "ever popular" Auction. Do you remember Man O' War Ball, 1982 with Articulate Auctioneer, Charlie Kipp (Doctor, we love you!). Just think how far we've come in the 20th Century. The man who used to be a cog in the wheel is now a digit in the computer.

There is a reason for this short history and profile of the Associated Auxiliaries. So much service and dedication to the continuing growth of our Hospital should not go un-

fine Medical and Nursing Staff, caring employees, wonderful Volunteers and Candy-Strippers - A WINNING COMBINATION!

Remember - Memories are everyone's second chance at happiness. And if you REMEMBER all this, - you are much older than you look!!!!

Yesterday

THEN & NOW



A VERY VERY SPECIAL "THANK YOU"

MAY WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS A SPECIAL SINCERE "THANK YOU" TO PEG HOFFNER OF ROSE TREE AUXILIARY.

PEG DONATED BEAUTIFUL FURNITURE TO THE NEW WING OF THE THRIFT SHOP, MAKING IT A PLACE OF SPLENDOR FOR THE WORTHY WORKERS.

IT IS THE GENEROSITY OF PEOPLE LIKE PEG THAT MAKES OUR DONATED TIME WORTHWHILE.

WE WOULD BE REMISS NOT TO MENTION CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE MERRY TOKEN SHOP MARION DUBOLINO. MARION HAS WORKED ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY.

AS WE REMINISCE, THERE ARE MANY WHO HAVE NOT BEEN MENTIONED. TO ALL OF YOU WE SAY, "THANK YOU"!!

25th Anniversary

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope all of you had a happy holiday and are looking forward to a brand new year.

1983

Our Hospital is growing and our Thrift Shop expanding. Why don't we make a new year's resolution to grow and expand our membership.

Let's all bring a friend, take her by the hand, and have her attend a meeting. As ole Ma Bell said, "Reach out and touch someone".

I would like to extend an invitation to all Auxiliaries to attend our Board Meetings. The meeting is the second Monday of every month at 10:30 AM in the Meeting Room of the new wing. We need and would appreciate your input into the organization.

DUCHESS WYNN

