



# Dr. Pat Smith's NEWSLETTER

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## WESTERN STAFF EVACUATED FROM KONTUM HOSPITAL;

### The Work Goes on

Last Monday evening's newspaper headlines read "Saigon Pulls Out of Pleiku, Gives Up Central Highlands". Dr. Pat's hospital is at Kontum, one of the three provinces in the central highlands. As the result of the South Vietnamese decision that it was impossible to defend this area, Dr. Pat, her sons Det and Wir, and all the Western staff at the hospital were evacuated to Saigon. Until word

reached Seattle late Monday night, the status of the staff and the hospital was not known. A phone call assured local parents and friends that all were safe. Dr. George Christian and Dr. Ed Baker, chose to stay to carry on the overwhelming work of the care of 340 inpatients at Kontum Hospital, assisted by well-trained native nurses and aides.

Peggy Braile and Mary Reigel, Seattle nurses arrived for a year's service in Vietnam only two months ago, are uncertain as to the situation regarding their passports. Dr. Pat has sent word that for now and for as long as it looks feasible, she will set up and work in a clinic on the edge of Saigon to treat the thousands of wounded and ill natives who are streaming into the city.

### President's Letter

I could hardly believe what I was reading in Dr. George Christian's last "missal" from Kontum. He wrote to tell us of the conditions he found upon his return to Kontum from the States in January. The most startling statistic was that of the 340 inpatients at the hospital, 50% to 60% were children, mostly under six years old.

The trustees on the board had asked Dr. Christian to tell us of the most critical needs at the hospital and their costs. As a result of the findings, we are going to increase our monthly allocation to operational expenses at the hospital by \$500 a month. The food fund will be increased by \$500 a month and a long time dream of Dr. Pat's, a pediatric unit, will be started into realization. I am going to suggest the project title, PUP. What is more lovable to a child than a puppy? In this case a \$30,000 pup, a Pediatric Unit for Pat. We will need your help so write and let us know if you can assist us with this goal.

— Tim Harn

### Trustees for KHF Elected

Voted in to serve on the board of trustees for the coming year are the following members: Dr. Louis E. Braile, Don Brazier, Mrs. Iris J. Lohman, Mrs. George J. Fleck, and Dr. Donald M. Wright. They will work with the officers, Tim Harn, president; Ainar Johnson, vice president; Wilma L. Warner, secretary and Richard R. Steen, treasurer. Mrs. Melba Badders is executive secretary for the board.



Mother and Child at Kontum

**THIS MEANS THAT HER NEEDS ARE GREATER THAN EVER. THE KONTUM HOSPITAL FUND WILL DOUBLE EFFORTS TO SEND SUPPORT WITH DOLLARS AND PRAYERS TO DR. PAT AS LONG AS SHE NEEDS THEM.**



### 3rd Annual Benefit Luncheon

Mrs. James Fox will be chairman for a benefit luncheon to be sponsored by the Chosi unit of the Junior Federated Womens' Clubs on Saturday, May 31. The party featuring a fashion show and door prizes will be at Christ the King Church hall, 11556 Phinney Avenue North. It will be a "farewell" party for Sister Fay Hauer and Liz Desimone, nurses going to work with Dr. Pat. They will be special guests. Call Mrs. Fox at 778-8490, or the office at 622-8341 for tickets costing \$4.00 each.

### A Happy Way To Help

St. Patrick's Church hall will be the location for a benefit pancake breakfast after 10 a.m. and noon masses on Sunday, April 13. Orange juice, sausages and pancakes are on the menu with the meal prices at \$1.50 for adults and 50¢ for children. Sister Fay Hauer and Liz Desimone, Seattle nurses headed for St. Pat's hospital the first of June, are co-chairmen. All profits from the breakfast will go to help Dr. Pat with her work.

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**ALL GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE**

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# Report From Kontum

Until the situation changed in Vietnam for Dr. Pat's hospital last weekend, word from Dr. George Christian and John Havican at the hospital was that all was quiet thus far. The hospital was caring for 340 patients, the highest number ever to be at Kontum at one time. Six nurses, not Montegnards, were on duty. The large number of cases perhaps, was the result of the unusually warm winter that Kontum had had, increasing the incidence of malaria. Dr. Christian and Dr. Pat have agreed that the most pressing need at Kontum is for a pediatric ward so that the ill children may be served in their own area. The food fund could stand bolstering because the cost of rice has risen 50% since 1973. Dr. Pat estimates that there are about 75,000 people in Kontum and the surrounding area.

A check for \$13.43 arrived at the Kontum office in Seattle this month — sent by a waitress, Jennie, 60 years old, in Spokane. She sends her tips to the missions and as a result of hearing about Dr. Pat, chose to send it to her. A most generous gift from an unselfish giver.

## Tiptoe Through The Tulips

A lovely new fund raising idea is being planned by the Women's Auxiliary to the King County Medical Society for the second or third Monday in May. Charlotte Larson will be chairman for a tour of an outstanding private rhododendron garden in West Seattle. All proceeds will benefit Dr. Pat's work. A wide variety of species of our Washington State flower will be in full bloom and guides will be provided. More later about this Spring tour.

## Memorials

Rose E. Alvanick gave in memory of William Dettborn  
Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Bader gave in memory of John Sperbeck  
Mr. and Mrs. B.H. Barden gave in memory of their parents  
Rose Anita Berry gave in memory of Ted F. Berry  
Cora and Gertrude Bates gave in memory of their deceased parents  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Betz gave in memory of Gerard Betz  
Dr. and Mrs. Louis Braille gave in memory of Peter Cheney  
Mrs. A. Carr gave in memory of Hugh Carr  
Rita Chudecke gave in memory of Alfred P. Dilly  
Leroy and Maureen Clemen gave in memory of Anna Clemen and Walter Hawley

Mrs. Emilia Colarossi gave in memory of Joseph Colarossi  
Richard Cunningham Family gave in memory of Arther Isaacson  
Ted and Adeline Dahlstrom gave in memory of Stephen Carabba  
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dallman gave in memory of their son, Samuel  
Joseph L. Doyle gave in memory of his wife, Mrs. Joseph Doyle  
Mr. and Mrs. C.C. Flora gave in memory of Hal Hanson  
Mr. and Mrs. George Franchini gave in memory of Mr. C.B. Haddon  
Mrs. Gordon Gross gave in memory of Dr. J. Gordon Gross  
Elizabeth Grosscup gave in memory of Mildred Sharkez  
Mrs. H.M. Ivers gave in memory of her husband, Henry T. Ivers  
Ralph Josifek gave in memory of his wife, Lucille Josifek  
Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Kennedy gave in memory of our dear departed Souls  
Bob and Mary Jo Kilian gave in memory of Bob and Patricia Schwartz  
Bernadette Klapinski gave in memory of Edward J. Klapinski  
Vinnie and Gerry MacAdam gave in memory of Mary Moore  
Chris Mannino gave in memory of his deceased relatives and friends  
Dr. and Mrs. Emmett McKillop gave in memory of Mrs. Boucher  
Mrs. Edith McSweeney gave in memory of Thomas McSweeney  
Marion Meserney gave in memory of her mother  
Mrs. Roy Mettler gave in memory of Roy Mettler  
Rose Moroni gave in memory of Sister Albertina  
Bernice Murray gave in memory of Richard Duncan  
Mr. and Mrs. W. O'Neal, Jr. gave in memory of Alma Swanson, R.N.  
Mr. and Mrs. George Pease gave in memory of Jo Grey  
Mary and Estelle Schilferth gave in memory of Amelia Schilferth and Katie Rost  
Eugene Schmidling gave in memory of his wife, Catherine  
Mrs. R.C. Story gave in memory of her mother, Mary Chapin Bowen  
Mrs. Anne Surek gave in memory of her mother, Mary Kisch  
Dr. Edward Toomey gave in memory of Dr. Paul D. White  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Waller gave in memory of their daughter, Stephanie Jill Waller  
Wilma Warner gave in memory of Mrs. C.K. Flansburg  
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wilson gave in memory of Ray Shannon

## Other Gifts

Rose Anita Berry gave in honor of J.A. Slavin  
Dr. and Mrs. Louis Braille gave in honor of Alice Fuller for hours of service the past five years  
Diane Duyungan gave in honor of Liz Desimone  
Marge Flach gave in honor of Margaret Schultz  
Mrs. Ray Ford gave in honor of her husband  
Peter and Susan Holm gave in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Johnson for their birthdays  
Sister Margaret O'Farrell gave in honor of the poor of Kontum Hospital  
Sisters of Providence gave in honor of "Women's Year" and Dr. Pat Smith  
Bill Rose gave in honor of Kerry and H'Cham as a wedding present  
John Simms gave in honor of the people in Vietnam  
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Zettler gave in honor of Mrs. Val Motowski  
The following people gave in honor of Dr. Pat Smith:  
Mr. and Mrs. Lamar Gaines  
Mrs. Linda Hayes  
Bernice Pritchard gave on her birthday in honor of Dr. Pat Smith  
Ken Standlee  
Mrs. Helen Shea

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