



SCHENECTADY FOUNDATION GIFT — (Gazette Photo — Ray Summers) William Gustin, left, secretary of the Schenectady Foundation, and Dr. Henry Danms, vice president of medical affairs at the hospital's Family Health Center. The Schenectady Foundation donated \$20,000 for renovation of the Family Health Center, which logs about 17,000 patient visits



Announcing...

* St. Clare's Maternity Fair

Sunday, October 22, 1989 - Noon to 5 p.m.

St. Clare's Hospital Auditorium

- 12:30 pm Dr. Ellen Bentley — *35 and Pregnant: Needs and Concerns*
- 1:30 pm Dr. Fouad Sattar — *VBAC: Vaginal Birth After Cesarean (Section)*
- 2:30 pm Dr. Nicholas Montalto — *Prenatal Testing*
- 3:00 pm Fashion Show — *Presented by Lady Madonna/Bellini Juvenile Furniture*
- 3:30 pm Schenectady Anesthesia Associates — *Anesthesia and Delivery*
- 4:30 pm Pediatric Roundtable — *Local pediatricians field questions about newborns*

Maternity Unit Tours scheduled for 1, 2 and 4 p.m.

For more information about this *free* program,

Contact St. Clare's Maternity, 600 McClellan Street, Schenectady



GREETINGS — Steve Fitz, Irene Prazak and Bob Harrison, from the left, lift their hats in greeting to area residents planning on attending Saturday's annual Festival of Nations at the Schenectady Museum. All three will take part in serving as master of ceremonies during the daylong festivities, featuring displays and demonstrations by more than 20 countries, including the United States. Fitz is a WGY talk show host; Prazak, vice president of Norstar; and Harrison, development officer at St. Clare's. — Gazette Photos — Sid Brown

Vial of Life — a program that

By KATHY PETERSON

When the emergency call came in, the operator knew the ambulance had better hurry. The woman at the other end of the line said she was having chest pains and was becoming increasingly agitated. By the time the ambulance arrived, she was close to passing out and was unable to answer the sometimes life-saving questions asked by the emergency medical personnel.

If the woman had known about the Vial of Life, there would have been no need for the ambulance to have

Inside the refrigerator on the top shelf there would have been a pill bottle by the same red sticker, which the necessary information needs the victim of an emergency situation.

The Vial of Life is a joint venture of St. Clare's Hospital Auxiliary and Senior Citizens Services with the Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce. The vials are being distributed through senior services programs and are available at St. Clare's Hospital through contact by volunteers and can be coordinated by the hospital's auxiliary.

Stewart Is Elected C. of C. President

Jerome Stewart, executive vice president of St. Clare's Hospital, was elected president of the Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce for 1991 at a special chamber board of directors meeting yesterday.

Stewart and other new officers will be installed at the chamber's annual meeting.



MORE ROOM FOR DOCTORS — Construction progresses on a \$2.5 million medical office building at St. Clare's Hospital. The two-story building is intended to provide office space for 20 to 23 doctors in a variety of specializations. The project is a joint venture by the hospital and local doctors and is scheduled to be completed by December.

— (Gazette Photo — Garry DeLoach)

Junior volunteers lend a hand — and explore medical field opportunities

By Kathleen Dooley

"Our 50 junior volunteers have made a big difference in the care of patients at St. Clare's Hospital this past year," said Jeanne C. Swanson, former director of volunteer services at St. Clare's, who recently retired.

Swanson, executive director of the program for the past 14 years, brought a wealth of experience to the position. She previously was in charge of volunteers at a small Catholic hospital in Ohio.

Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It includes lectures by staff, tour of the hospital and work in making beds, feeding patients and instruction in proper use of a wheelchair.

The juniors, who range in age from 14 to 18, come in weekdays from 3 to 6 p.m. and on weekends from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Besides feeding patients and making beds, they run errands for patients and nurses in geriatric, pediatric, medical surgical, critical care, Medical, orthopedic, diabetes and out-patient nur-



Foundation Formed To Aid St. Clare's

Incorporation of a philanthropic charitable foundation to enhance the quality of patient care at St. Clare's Hospital was announced yesterday by Jerome G. Stewart, hospital executive vice president.



HOME SERVICE — The St. Clare's Hospital Laboratory began a house-call service in February for patients who cannot make it to the hospital but who still need regular blood checks. Post-stroke patients such as Robert Barrett (seated, right) of Schenectady and diabetes are among the people the laboratory staff calls on about 30 times a week, according to administrative medical technologist Nick Gatto (left). As for how the program works, Mrs. Barrett (center) said, "It's really very fine."