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COMINGS AND GOINGS

In-Hotel

These changes at the Mayflower: **Brad Jencks** to assistant manager; **William Carr** to chief of security; and **Ken Dare** as manager of the Town and Country restaurant . . . at the Bayshore Inn: **Leo Pendl** to assistant banquet manager; **Doug Greenwood** to chief steward and **Wally Thom** to manager of Trader Vic's . . . at the Washington Plaza: **Nancy Wendler** to management training; **Sandy McMurray** to personnel director; and **Helen Achterman** to personnel secretary . . . changes at the Crown Center include: **Randy Guthrie** to senior assistant manager; **Gerald Boyle** to assistant director of catering; **Rick Rojek** to director of convention services; **Rich Barrera** to banquet manager; and **Bill Taylor** to assistant banquet manager . . . at the Hotel St. Francis: **Hans Kuster** to room service manager; **Joe Mott** to assistant manager of the Dutch Kitchen, **Mark Goldstein** to assistant manager room service; **Rick Layton** to assistant manager, Victor's; **Dan Desmond** to assistant manager, reservations; **Carl Pfaffenberg** to beverage manager; and **Craig Johnson** to manager, The Penthouse . . . at the Continental Plaza: **Rick Stoepler** to assistant manager rooms; **Toe Tokarski** to acting manager of the Cantina; and **Robert Gilley** to assistant controller.

Transfers

Frank Finneran is named executive assistant manager at the Olympic and **Keith Logdahl** to the hotel's sous chef . . . to the Michigan Inn goes **Ken Jensen** as controller; **Lon Kellstrom** as senior assistant manager; and **Richard Jensen** as F&B director . . . **Jim Wilson** to WIH Rooms Division as director-front office operations . . . **Tom Heder** to the Hotel Benson as executive assistant manager . . . **Ron Sleutel** to the Bayshore Inn as banquet captain . . . **Daryl Francis** to controller at the Cosmopolitan.



Executive Offices Report:

The Spirit of Christmas . . .," is the theme running throughout this holiday issue of Front!

The meaning of that spirit and how it is expressed throughout our Western International Hotels world is as varied and as individual as is each one of us.

For each of us it is a personal accumulation of past memories, experiences and traditions plus the addition of present anticipations.

But for all of us the spirit of Christmas holds one thing in common. This is the peace, goodwill and joy of the season that we want to share with all others.

It is in this spirit that we want to share with you our best wishes for the holidays.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

LYNN P. HIMMELMAN
Chairman and Chief
Executive Officer

GORDON BASS
President

OUR CHRISTMAS COVER —

"The spirit of Christmas . . . is alive and well and living in the hearts of children of all ages."

For these two children of Hotel St. Francis employees, a part of that Christmas spirit is in such wondrous delights as Hansel and Gretel's gingerbread house.

This elaborate confection, which was displayed last year in the hotel's lobby, was the creation of award-winning pastry chef Otto Eckstein.

The youngsters are Andrea Gammeter, daughter of Hotel St. Francis F&B director Hermann Gammeter, and Christopher Robin Dawel, the son of Gammeter's former secretary. Sharing in on the occasion is William G. Quinn, vice president and general manager, Hotel St. Francis.

Correspondents

This is the list of *Front!* correspondents. Please get in touch with your correspondent if you have any news for your paper:

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CONFERENCE REPORT

Rooms people answer 'opportunity' knock

Opportunity came knocking . . . and to the attending delegates, its message was loud and clear!

The delegates were selected hotel rooms people -- mostly department heads -- attending the annual Rooms Division Conference held at the Washington Plaza in mid-November. They represented housekeeping, the front office, engineering and related departments from WIH properties throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.

The conference theme was "Opportunity". And it was the exploration of opportunity -- particularly in the positive and potential people, product and profit opportunities that our company's future holds in store -- that dominated the three-day sessions.

Source for the theme was Western International's committed plans for greatly accelerated growth within the next few years -- both in hotel expansion and in its operations. An overview of Western International's physical growth plans was presented by **Tom Ohrbeck** of the Development Division who detailed some of the exciting projects underway or well along in negotiation.

But it was "people growth" that was of most vital Conference concern. The real challenge presented to the attendees was in their own development and in that of their department people to meet projected physical growth demands.

Accordingly, much of the Conference agenda was devoted to opportunities in planning, training and management development. It dominated the discussion group sessions. It was extensively detailed in the Personnel Division presentations. And, it was among the prime Rooms Division objectives for 1974.

Emphasized throughout the Conference was our company's commitment to product excellence. This not just in physical concepts of hotel design and systems, but in "our most important product", our standards of guest service . . . the continuing excellence in the attitudes and professionalism of each employee.



OPPORTUNITY . . . to listen and participate in general conference discussion



. . . to zero in on specific department objectives in workshop session



. . . and to get to better know each other in social get-together

Innovative systems in relation to guest service were also explored. A lively pros and cons evaluation of in-room movies systems was presented by **Tom Gurtner** of The Hotel St. Francis and **Ray Sylvester** of the Mayflower.

Attendees viewed a slide program on a topic of growing concern -- hotel guest security. The presentation, entitled "**Peace of Mind**", discussed the actions needed to be taken to assure the continued in-hotel safety of our guests and their possessions.

WIH Director of Management Information Services, **George Williams**, previewed the new WIH reservations system scheduled to begin operation through UAL's highly sophisticated "Apollo" system later next year.

Opportunities for profit in the year ahead was another challenge facing the group. It was pointed out that due mainly

to escalating costs, economic indicators for 1974 are not as favorable as they were last year. But assurances were given by Division office personnel that they would redouble their efforts in whatever way they could in contributing towards achieving individual hotel and corporate profit goals. This would include accelerated on-site assistance programs, new tools for training and development and new management aids.

Support from the Division level to include greater on-site assistance during the coming year was pledged by WIH Rooms Division Director, **Larry Morris**; WIH Director of Housekeeping, **Hanne Dittler**; Engineering Consultant, **Jess Thompson**; Director of Front Office Operations, **Jim Wilson**; and Laundry Consultant, **Harry Price**, and emphasized as a major 1974 Division objective.



BARBARA DANUKE of the Bayshore Inn draws listener attention as she expresses a viewpoint.

'Back to basics' for marketing members

It was "back to the basics" for the ten WIH sales people attending the Marketing Training Course at the Washington Plaza in mid-October.

Represented in the group were members of WIH properties and regional offices from throughout the western U. S. including Alaska, western Canada, Mexico and from WIH corporate offices.

Two weeks later, at the Continental Plaza, a second group of sales staffers had gathered for a similar course presentation. The eleven attendees at this session had been selected from WIH properties and regional offices located in the mid-West and eastern U.S. and Canada.

The duplicate three-day sessions initiated the first step in an on-going program to upgrade sales professionalism — the 1973 objective of the WIH Marketing Division's long range training plan. Presentation of the two regional courses was designed for a two-fold purpose.

Partially, it was to involve sales people, as selected from geographic regions, in a thorough review and refresher of basic selling skills.

Most importantly, attendees were drilled in course administration techniques. After completing the course, the attendees would serve as meeting leaders in conducting the same "basics" course for their hotel or regional office people.

Rather than the concentrated three-day sessions, the field presentations are scheduled as ten weekly meetings, each of one and one-half hour duration. Participants in the local courses—now in progress throughout WIH in Canada, the United States and Mexico—include not

only sales department people but personnel from catering, front office and reservations as well.

According to marketing's Vice President Bruce McKibbin, plans have also been arranged for the presentation of the training course to personnel of overseas properties and offices.

Course subjects covered in the initial regional sessions were based on the WIH Sales Training Manual recently developed by the marketing division offices. It is also the "text" guide being used by the meeting leaders in local course presentations. Supplemental training materials being used include visual aids and cassette tape recordings.

But the format of each class session places its strongest emphasis on group participation — in stimulating discussion interchange and in the sharing of ideas and experiences.

In an introduction to the basic training course program, WIH Executive Vice President Harry Mullikin commented, "The Western International Hotels Marketing Training Course is the first phase of an on-going program of very real interest to your company. Our company is moving into new markets on a world-wide basis and we are building more and larger hotels . . . there will be more and more career opportunities in marketing for those men and women who accept the challenge and demonstrate their qualifications to create innovative approaches to hotel sales and in their ability to provide professional leadership. We're going back to the basics because they make up the foundation upon which we can develop a truly professional marketing effort."

INN BASKET

REWARDING — Last September a well-to-do Texan (are there any other kind?) checked out of the Hotel St. Francis, leaving behind a \$3,000 ruby ring in the room. Room maid Larten Alexander discovered the bauble and immediately turned it in to her supervisor. When the ruby ring and its owner were once again reunited, back came a thank-you note and an early Christmas present for maid Alexander—a reward check for \$300!

PRIZE WINNING — The Mid-America Food Service Equipment Show, held this year in Kansas City, also featured a culinary art display competition. Participating for the first time in this annual event were members of the Crown Center Hotel's F&B staff. And how did they do? Well—five First Prizes, two Seconds, and a Third weren't half bad for the first time around! Congrats go to Crown Center's creative culinarians: Marcus Bosiger, Dennis Martig, Martin Haines, Kathy Mendez, Karen Templeton, Beat Richei, Ben Chavez and Eric Loreten—champs all!

WORD PROCESSING — The October issue of THE SECRETARY magazine featured an interesting and enlightening report of the Crown Center Hotel's "word processing center." A word processing center, for those unfamiliar with the operation, might be described as a space-age secretarial pool. It operates something like this — correspondence from the various hotel departments are dictated by phone and recorded onto IBM belts, then typed on selectric typewriters by a crew of three communications secretaries. The end result—greater speed, efficiency and a more perfect end product. Supervising the 24-hour operation is Executive Secretary Elaine Branham. Noting that the hotel was among the first in the industry to install such a system, THE SECRETARY article commented, "Crown Center Hotel, by choosing to implement this process, is indeed a leader in the hotel communications area . . ."

NAME SCRAMBLING — In the October issue of Front! the Design and Construction feature pictured Draftsman Scott Morris, but the photo caption listed him as John Scott. Sorry for the goof, Scott.



DETROIT — (above) The September event was indeed one for pleased smiles—the establishment of staff headquarter offices for the budding DETROIT PLAZA hotel crew. The 1500-room property, being constructed in Detroit's magnificent riverfront Renaissance Center, will be one of the company's largest when completed in July 1976. The brief, but historic, occasion was attended by (from left) WIH Vice President Dan McClaskey; Linda Roth, market research coordinator and Larry Stephan, director of sales, both of the Detroit Plaza; John Steinbach, regional sales manager, Detroit; and Bruce Mumford, WIH marketing administrator.



DENVER — For most of his 25 years as bellman with the COSMOPOLITAN, Kenny Bolsinger (left) has been satisfying the sweet tooth of hotel guests and fellow employees alike. From his "bottomless" pockets have come countless hand-outs of individually wrapped and locally made candy offerings. Recently, the National Candy Wholesalers Association, meeting in Denver, honored Kenny by presenting him with their Distinguished Service Award plaque for his candy promotion efforts. Kenny, who was a runner-up in last year's "Bellman of the Year" contest, is pictured with Cosmopolitan General Manager Bob Wilhelm.

ANCHORAGE — (Left) When the Alaska Loggers Association held their convention at the ANCHORAGE WESTWARD recently, everybody—but everybody—got into the act. Logging outfits worn by a number of the employees, including this front desk crew—Kathy Lone, George Bernardy, David Elder, Tom Cortabarte, and Rod Amundson — helped make the conventioners feel at home.



CHICAGO — Honesty is not only its own reward, but for Elnora Davis (left) of the CONTINENTAL PLAZA's housekeeping department, it had an added reward. Sometime ago Elnora found \$100 in cash and turned it in to her supervisor. After three months had elapsed and the cash remained unclaimed, the cash was awarded to Elnora by Assistant Housekeeper Dorothy Reed.



EDMONTON — When this construction photo of the EDMONTON PLAZA was taken on the first of October, it was a floor and a half away from top-off. That occasion has since been celebrated on November 15th. The 17½ story hotel is scheduled for opening next fall.



alive with the
memories of
Christmases past



PRESENTING . . .

some photo memories of last year's holiday scenes and festivities celebrating Christmas throughout our WIH world

And . . .

some personal Christmas memories too. Front! asked its hotel correspondents to poll a few of their fellow employees on what memories from their lifetime of Christmases they most fondly recalled.

Excerpts from these responses as space permitted are reported on the following pages.



A Christmas spirit tradition — the OLYMPIC's series of pre-Christmas parties for children featuring clowns, candy canes, fun and of course, Santa Claus and his sleigh.



DORIS PANKIW — Winnipeg Inn Pantry Lady

"As children on Christmas Eve, according to Ukranian custom, we said a prayer in front of our parents and received their blessing. Apples and candies were then distributed and we would have to go under the table and sit on the hay, which was put there before supper, and eat our treats. Those days and traditions will never return, but the memories linger on."



At the CENTURY PLAZA, employees compete in a spirited inter-departmental table centerpiece contest in conjunction with the staff Christmas party. First prize went to the front office group for this entry.



It was the children of WASHINGTON PLAZA employees that enlivened the Christmas spirit at their staff party. The roles of Santa and his helpers were played by staffers Ron Olstad, Pat Jones and Michele Dudette.



CHUCK WEAVER — Antlers Plaza Supt. of Services
 "Among my fondest memories are hosting and being a part of the annual Christmas Party for retarded children from the Colorado Springs Rehabilitation Center.

JEAN GRIFFITH — Anchorage Westward Seamstress

"My best memories of Christmas are from my growing up years. The excitement of relatives arriving and watching the presents pile up under the tree. Then when everyone was around the table with heads bowed in prayer it seemed that there was no trouble anywhere and the whole world was at peace—which would truly be wonderful now!"

CHUCK WITTHAUS — Crown Center Assistant to Director of Catering

"The Christmas that stands out most in my mind was the first time I saw my 22 year old sister walk. She had polio at 18 months. Then, after 19 major operations, two years ago at Christmas time she walked into the room!"



The spirit of Christmas hospitality is reflected in the glowing tree and sparkling smile of Paula Reno, hostess at MARCO'S RISTORANTE, which is operated by the CALGARY INN.



An unusual floor show highlighted the CARLTON HOTEL's staff Christmas party with a spirited performance by Zulu and Xhosa dancers, singers and drummers.



At the HOUSTON OAKS family Christmas party, the spirit of Christmas is a whispered secret between Santa Claus—Ray Kintner, assistant purchasing agent—and a daughter of one of the hotel's employees.

RAE ROBERTSON — Hotel Benson Controller

"My childhood Christmases were spent at my grandparents. Everything was very traditional except for breakfast on Christmas morning. Besides the usual fare, my grandmother always served her special Boston baked beans and this to me was the highlight of the holiday."



LENA HOFFMEYER — Houston Oaks Manager of the employee cafeteria

"The Christmas I remember the most is when I was eight years old and found out about Santa Claus. In our home there were never any gifts under the tree until Christmas morning after Santa came. This particular morning all eight children woke up very early and ran into the living room for the gifts Santa had left, only to find no gifts at all! We all started to cry which woke up our parents. They had overslept, and told us to go back to our rooms and maybe Santa would come. In a little while we heard noises in the living room...my little brother sneaked into the room and, sure enough, there was his present under the tree. One by one, the rest of us went out to the living room and found our presents too. Then, just to see if there would be any more presents, we all went back to the living room and waited. When my parents realized what we were waiting for, I overheard my father whisper to my mother, 'What do they think we have going on in here—a toy factory!' Even though I was disappointed at the time to find there was no Santa Claus, I still smile when I remember the incident today."



Mary Hirata, SPACE NEEDLE waitress, demonstrated her contribution to the Christmas spirit by creating the eggshell ornaments that decorated the restaurant tree.



The spirit of Christmas glowed brightly in the hearts of SHANGRI-LA staffers who participated in the hotel's Christmas party given for 100 children from Singapore orphanages.



COPENHAGEN— One of the unique services available to guests of the HOTEL SCANDINAVIA is the free usage of the hotel's fleet of 16 bicycles. Like many other European cities, Copenhagen is a city of bicycles. (Just beyond the hotel gates is a miniature signal light to regulate bicycle traffic.) Setting out for a refreshing spin along one of the metropolitan cycle paths are WIH Chairman L. P. Himmelman and WIH Vice President Dwight Call.

Carlton 'gold mine'

The tour promotion recently developed by the Carlton Hotel's marketing department might be literally described as a "gold mine" or equally as applicable, a "diamond mine."

Beginning as of the first of January the department has made special arrangements for a series of exclusive hotel guest tours of South Africa's gold and diamond mining industries.

These set fee, all-inclusive package tours are unique to the Carlton Hotel and are currently being promoted through tour and travel industry sources. The hotel-originated tour programs are repeated on a weekly schedule.

The Thursday tour takes in a visit to the Premier Diamond Mine, the largest in South Africa and the producer of the fabulous Cullinan diamond, the world's largest. When working conditions permit, the tour includes an underground visit and/or tour of the surface workings.

On Fridays, the Hotel offers tour visitations to a diamond polishing works operation. Added, is a guided tour of the vast Carlton Centre complex wherein the Carlton Hotel is located.

The Saturday tour is to the Western Deep Levels, one of the largest gold mines in Southern Africa. A highlight of this tour is a ride down into the world's deepest mine shaft to a point two miles below ground level. Tour parties also visit the mine's surface workings and a training school for miners.

According to Dave Appleton, Carlton Hotel director of marketing, these mining tours have opened up an exciting new facet to the tourist industry in South Africa as well as an exclusive and popular booking incentive for the Hotel.



JOHANNASBURG — SEATTLE — Recent visitor to Seattle offices was David Appleton, director of marketing for the Carlton Hotel, shown above reviewing the hotel's slide files with WIH publicity department administrative assistant, Pat Carey. Appleton's business and orientation tour included visits to WIH regional sales offices in the United States and Canada.



WIH DE MEXICO — Controllers for WIH de Mexico properties pose for their group portrait during the opening ceremonies of their annual convention held at the Camino Real in Mexico City. Among the other hotel executives attending was WIH Vice President Kenney Mallory (fourth from left).



A WIH Christmas Carol

(Sung to the tune of "Deck the Halls" – sort of)

The lobby tree is all aglow
 Fa la la la la la la la la
 Hung with lights and cotton snow
 Fa la la la la la la la la

Outside icy winds are blowing
 Fa la la la la la la la la
 Inside red poinsettas growing
 Fa la la la la la la la la

Garlands on stair rails entwining
 Fa la la la la la la la la
 Twinkling lights where guests are dining
 Fa la la la la la la la la

Holly wreaths hang on entry doors
 Fa la la la la la la la la
 Children skipping 'cross the floors
 Fa la la la la la la la la

Groups of carolers joyfully singing
 Fa la la la la la la la la
 Their voices through the lobby ringing
 Fa la la la la la la la la

In bars and lounges friends are meeting
 Fa la la la la la la la la
 To toast each other in holiday greeting
 Fa la la la la la la la la

People in town for Christmas shopping
 Fa la la la la la la la la
 Have taken rooms and housekeeping's
 hopping
 Fa la la la la la la la la

Chocolates by the box are passed
 Fa la la la la la la la la
 Hang the diet – they're going fast
 Fa la la la la la la la la

At the front desk clerks repeating
 Fa la la la la la la la la
 Welcomes with a Yuletide greeting
 Fa la la la la la la la la

Busy bellmen keep on the run
 Fa la la la la la la la la
 While doormen long for summer's sun
 Fa la la la la la la la la

Pastry chefs have worked for weeks
 Fa la la la la la la la la
 On gingerbread huts with sugary peaks
 Fa la la la la la la la la

Catering's burdens are far from light
 Fa la la la la la la la la
 With holiday functions day and night
 Fa la la la la la la la la

The employee party plans are humming
 Fa la la la la la la la la
 Bring the kids 'cause Santa's coming
 Fa la la la la la la la la

Each hotel's message is loud and clear
 Fa la la la la la la la la

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
 AND HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Christmas Menu Puzzle

It's time for Christmas feasting.

Hidden in this puzzle is a full Christmas menu as may be served in any of our fine WIH restaurants on Christmas day. To make it easier for you to find the menu items, and in the spirit of Christmas giving, menu items are given below:

Christmas Puzzle Menu

- Consomme • Relish Tray • Tom Turkey • Baked Ham • Apple Raisin Dressing • Oyster Dressing • Asparagus Spears • Candied Yams • Mashed Potatoes • French Peas • Glazed Carrots • Giblet Gravy • Cranberry Sauce • Mincemeat Pie • Rum Sauce • Orange Sherbet • Rolls • Coffee • Tea • Milk.

A S P A R A G U S S P E A R S
 P M E R R Y C E M M O S N O C
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 I H R I N S T K L I M M O M A
 N S M E G R R Y C G A R I S T
 G L A Z E D C A R R O T S M A

Last Minute Christmas List

- TO ALL BELLMEN – Lightweight luggage and heavyweight tippers
- TO ALL ROOM MAIDS – Self-cleaning bathrooms (dial it and it's done!)
- TO ALL CHEFS – Daily compliments from dining room guests
- TO ALL KITCHEN PERSONNEL – Daily compliments from the Chef
- TO ALL SALESMEN – Meeting groups that let you decide on their booking dates
- TO ALL SECRETARIES – Typewriters that hardly ever make "mistakes"
- TO ALL MAITRE d's – Seating for every guest and guests for every seating
- TO ALL PBX OPERATORS – Six extra hands when the whole board lights up
- TO ALL BARTENDERS – The supreme accolade, "the best martini around!"
- TO ALL DOORMEN – Climate controlled hotel entries
- TO ALL COFFEE SHOP WAITRESSES – Rush hour tested track shoes and bumper guards
- TO ALL BUSBOYS – Silver, china and glassware that bounces back up to you when dropped
- TO ALL ROOM CLERKS – A "drop-in" replacement for every "no show"
- TO ALL ACCOUNTANTS – A Playboy centerfold in every ledger
- TO ALL HOTEL MANAGERS – The liveliest lobbies in town

Happy Old Year!

It's traditional during this season to exchange our best wishes for the New Year. But for all of you who have made this year drawing to a close a more pleasant one for yourselves and others, Front! looks back for a moment and extends "Happy Old Year" greetings to each of you . . . including:



Mary Fraser of the Calgary Inn's house-keeping staff.



Front offices staffers Tom Gurtner, Rick Layton, William Walcom, and John Burns of the Hotel St. Francis.



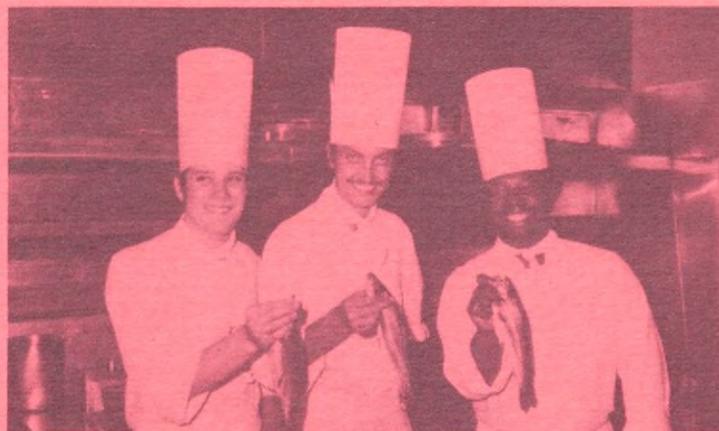
Hotel Benson's banquet captain Darrel Kanehe.



Judy Elmer, Washington Plaza Beef Room waitress.



Winnipeg Inn reservations crew: Lana Burkalow, Terry Farber, Evelyn Bayda and Cathy Wilson.



Antlers Plaza kitchen crew members Dave Richey, Helmut Wind and Lawson Smith . . . and finny friends.



Bayshore Inn's executive chef Xavier Hetzman and Polynesian friend (Candid taken at staff party)



Jane Michael, room service cashier at the Olympic.



Dave Paulon, Space Needle general manager and Restaurant Manager, Steve Bullock, (who is receiving his Hard Corps membership certificate).

Happy New Year!



A very special
Christmas party
at the
Antlers Plaza Hotel

Giving, receiving, sharing. That's much of what the "Christmas spirit" is all about.

And, that's definitely what the annual children's Christmas party presented by the employees of the Antlers Plaza Hotel is all about.

Each year for the last half-dozen years or so, the hotel's employees have played hosts for a very special Christmas party. The guests are a group of mentally and physically handicapped youngsters from the Rocky Mountain Rehabilitation Center.

The party is an eagerly anticipated event for hosts and guests alike. Gifts and goodies are given to the young guests. To the hosts, the joy of a gratifying experience is received. And for both some wonderful moments of fun and laughter are shared.

Over 130 children came to last year's party which was held in mid-December in the hotel's Grand Ballroom. But preparations for the party had begun weeks—even months—before. This included a number of employee sponsored fund raising events, the selection of the party committee and sub-committees and the big job of party planning.

Everything for the party, except the refreshments—which were supplied by the hotel—were either donated or paid for from employee fund-raising monies. Employees also contributed their time and talents to decorating the ballroom, providing the entertainment and in assisting the children during the party.

Some of these funds are used to provide gifts for each child. Each gift was suitably selected for girls and boys of various age groups and wrapped in gay Christmas paper by the employees.

Of course there was a Santa Claus and his helpers to receive each one of the children and present them with a gift surprise from under the huge Christmas tree.

Two hotel employees, dressed in clown costumes, circulated among the children inducing delighted squeals of laughter with their clown antics. A singing group led the children in a round of

Christmas carols. Program entertainment also included skits presented by other employee members.

As the children left the party—their little heads now filled to brimming with wonderful and exciting memories—they were each presented with an apple, orange, a balloon and a candy-filled stocking.

And for the participating Antlers Plaza employees—maids, cooks, waitresses, secretaries, engineers, etc.—they, too, left the party gift laden. Each took with them a heart filled to brimming with the spirit of Christmas giving.



(Above) A physically handicapped youngster reaches out for his gift from Santa.

(Left) Lovely ladies and funny clowns spark party festivities.