

Geraldine Elizabeth Hammond — a long-time resident of Portland — currently resides in Salem, Oregon.

Mrs. Hammond is employed with the Salem/Kaiser School District as an administrator who is coordinator of the Migrant Education, Indian Education and Chapter I programs.

She has been the principal of the following schools: Rosedale Elementary and Pringle Elementary Schools, Salem; Woodlawn, Rice and Wilcox Elementary Schools, Portland. She was also the Curriculum Coordinator with Portland Public Schools at Highland Elementary School, and she taught second grade at Highland (which is now Martin Luther King Elementary School).

Mrs. Hammond was the first African-American Tele-Teacher in the Northwest. Her program, the "Miss Geri Show", was seen on KBPS TV for two years — with her little puppet friends. She wrote and developed her own materials. The "Miss Geri" tapes are still being used on closed circuit for primary grade students.

Geraldine Elizabeth Hammond



She graduated from Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana, with a Cum Laude degree in Education (at the tender age of 17). Her graduate degrees are in Administration, Clinical Psychology and Curriculum Development. She did post graduate work at the Nova University in Florida where she was involved in the Doctorate program.

She is a member of the following organizations: Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority; Steering Committee, Salem Area, Jesse Jackson Campaign; Red Cross Volunteer; co-leader for the Senior High Youth of Morningside Methodist Church, Salem.

She is the mother of two sons: Dwayne Eric and Leneld Dedrix.

Her philosophy: "It is the the job for all support persons to help individuals to reach their fullest potentials through education, love, financial assistance; especially our youth. This I see is the responsibility of the church, schools, the family and institutions that impact the lives of the youth of today."



Kaiser Selects 1987 Employee of the Year

Myra Faison, interim supervisor of admitting was selected one of Kaiser Medical Center's 1987 Employees of the year.

According to Lorna Bunker, director of volunteers for the medical center, nominations are received from patients, staff and visitors for selection of an employee of the month. From the employees of the month an employee of the year is chosen. She was selected for her friendliness to visitors, patients, fellow employees and hard work and dedication to her job."

In her 14 years at the medical center, Faison has worked in a

variety of positions within the admitting department. She likes the challenge and variety found in admitting. "You deal with a lot of people who want help or need information right away."

"Myra is an excellent choice for employee of the year," says Bunker. Myra knows her job well and is pleasant to everyone.

Bess Kaiser Medical Center, 5055 N. Greeley, Portland, is one of two non-profit community medical centers providing hospital care to more than 310,000 Kaiser Permanente members of the prepaid health plan in Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington.

Japhena Hall, R.N.

Japhena Hall has been employed with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oregon for 13 years, and currently holds the title of Supervisor of Hospital Audits.

She began here career with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oregon in the Medicare Department as Inpatient Claims Reviewer. In 1976 she was transferred to Medical Affairs. She was promoted to Senior Hospital Review Coordinator in 1979 and became Supervisor of Hospital Audit in 1984. She has served on the credit union board for 6 years.

Japhena is married to Alexander Hall, Jr., and is the mother of four and grandmother of one.

She is a member of Sharon Seventh Day Adventist Church. Her hobbies include reading, playing the piano, singing and bowling. Japhena enjoys working with people in any capacity.

Japhena has been a resident of Portland for approximately 30 years.

Edna M. Robinson, longtime resident and community organizer, is concerned with the North/Northeast community and its residents, and shares their concerns of employment opportunities and crime protection within the community.

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MINORITY WOMEN



JUDI PITRE
PROGRAM DIRECTOR
LOW RENT PUBLIC HOUSING

In her 16 years with HAP, Judi has grown from her first position as an accounting clerk, to working with residents as a Service Coordinator, to now managing all HAP-owned properties as a Program Director.



MONIE SICHAMPANAKHONE
AUDIT STATISTICIAN

In just a year and a half with HAP, Monie has already moved up from working as a Rental Clerk to becoming HAP's Audit Statistician.

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