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UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS chairman, Edward A. Dickson, left, discussed the organization of Women's Auxiliary of UCLA Medical Center with Mrs. Stafford Warren and Walter Pidgeon at the recent luncheon where latter was master of ceremonies. Eddie Hoff photo



CO-ORDINATOR of Volunteer Services at UCLA Medical Center is Mrs. George F. Wasson Jr., who has served as a temporary chairman of the Women's Auxiliary. Times photo by Don Cormier

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While it is not necessary for all volunteers to be auxiliary members, Mrs. Wasson

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How big is bigger? Well . . . it's bigger than you think, if you're contemplating a tour of the UCLA Medical Center with its more than 11 miles of corridors and 17 acres of floor space.

It's yours, Mr. and Mrs. California Citizen, and it cost \$23,500,000 for buildings—not equipment—and it's only half

complete, according to plans submitted in 1949-50.

Dr. Stafford Warren, dean of the Medical Center, can easily explain in layman's language (and does, readily, at every opportunity) what makes the institution a Medical Center.

### Use of Facilities

Its educational facilities train medical students, nurses, therapists, medical teachers and technicians. It has 13 clinics, a 320-bed hospital (50 beds are allotted to student health), a 70,000-volume

medical library, to name only a few of its component parts.

(Incidentally, I saw Dorothy Warren, daughter of Chief Justice Warren, who is senior assistant in the library. She was as radiantly happy there as she was when I saw her last in London during the Coronation.)

Dr. Warren (no relation) describes himself as a salesman—and a good one he is. He wants to complete the center, to interest individuals in contributing to an endowment fund for research and to stabilize support of student loans and scholarships.

### Groups Formed

Not the least interesting undertaking in connection with the Medical Center has been the organization of its Women's Auxiliary and Volunteer Services, the purpose of this story.

Mrs. George F. Wasson Jr., named several years ago by former Gov. Warren to the continuing committee on mental hygiene, has been temporary chairman during the auxiliary organizing process.

She now has been named co-ordinator of volunteer services, a project that will operate separately from the auxiliary and directly under the center's administrators. The auxiliary will help recruit volunteers, and Mrs. Wasson will co-ordinate the services.

Although there are some opportunities at present for the trained volunteer to serve in the outpatient clinics and in doing clerical work in various departments, the volunteer program within the center will not be in full progress until early in 1956 when a volunteer training program will be instituted, said Mrs. Wasson.

Two weeks after the auxiliary organization was climaxed at a luncheon in the Beverly Hilton where memberships were available to everyone present and to groups (they still are), \$4000 in memberships and 150 offers of volunteer service had been received.

Mrs. W. Jack Campbell, formerly of the Junior League in Tulsa, Okla., is the full-time volunteer in the auxiliary of-



PRESENT AT INAUGURATION of Women's Auxiliary of the UCLA Medical Center were Mrs. Sidney Gaylord Sonneland, left, and Mrs. Donald E. Ross. They were guests at luncheon tables reserved for the Woman's Auxiliary of the Los Angeles County Medical Association. Eddie Hoff photo

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explained that they are invited to join.

## 'Be Patient,' Request

"Be patient," is Mrs. Wasson's gentle request to those who may have volunteered already. It will take a bit of doing to co-ordinate a volunteer program for the tremendous and departmentalized center. The auxiliary board has named Mrs. Alexander B. Ripley chairman of a nominating committee to present a slate of officers for election next month at a general membership meeting, thus putting the auxiliary on a permanent basis.

The auxiliary will take on the added responsibility of either creating or helping to obtain scholarships and a student loan fund, one of Dr. Warren's great hopes. The auxiliary will help arrange tours through the center, an inspection that your reporter heartily recommends — but with your most comfortable shoes.

## Doctors Serve Center

Dr. Warren reported that there are 325 clinical doctors, who have their own private practice, but who serve the center without salary to teach the "art of practice" and to supervise the students.

Each patient is a teaching case, you'll discover and probably demand, as I did, "Let me be a lesson to you!"

But one must be a problem case, one referred by one's own physician, to be a hospital patient. The outpatient clinic, however, will accept anyone provided services are paid for, either in full or as ability to pay is determined. In the latter case a patient sponsor may make up the difference in charges.

Indications that the outpatient clinic is becoming known is its monthly record: June, 880 cases; July, 2009; August, 3380, and Sept. 3328.

## Volunteer Service

With volunteer professional assistance, volunteer lay services, endowments, scholarships and loan funds, the center will be less like a State institution, Dr. Warren believes.

Among groups subscribing to membership are the UCLA Medical Faculty Wives, Mrs. Charles W. Tidd, president; Guild for the California Institute for Cancer Research, Mrs. Thomas Ellsworth, president; Westwood Hills Junior Women's Club, Mrs. Gordon Paxon, president, and the Patronaires whose president is Mrs. Byron Reynolds Jr.

## Tours for Groups

Mrs. John Dillon is volunteer chairman of tours for groups of 10 or more persons each Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m., so write or telephone Mrs. Wasson if you're interested.

Mrs. Franklin Ashley is acting ways and means chairman with interests and activities directed toward raising funds for clinical and hospital patients' complete needs. Mrs. Augusta Rose is chairman for the patients' library now being established and Mrs. Melvin Frank is chairman of an inpatient program in the psychiatric unit stressing occupational therapy.

The UCLA Medical Students' Wives are making tray favors for hospitalized children and the Westwood Hills Juniors just completed and presented large boxes of toys for the outpatient pediatrics department. Groups of businessmen are volunteering for service on week ends.

The auxiliary charter will remain open for memberships until Nov. 1, according to Mrs. Wasson, who invites any and all interested individuals to become members in any one of several categories, depending upon fee.