Point Hope clinic to be named for midwives

Beginning with this issue, we will feature a different Health Clinic each Newsletter.

This month's article will feature the clinic in Point Hope.

The present clinic was built in 1978. The city of Pt. Hope, with the assistance of the North Slope Borough and grant

funds, built the modern facility as it stands today. Several agencies combine their efforts in support of the operation of the clinic. The city of Pt. Hope, the Pt. Hope Health Board, Indian Health Service, Maniilaq Association and the North Slope Borough all contribute and share various responsibilities.

The Health Board and interested residents recently elected to name the clinic after two midwives, who dedicated their lives to the health care of their community. The Maligian and Innuraq Memorial Clinic will be formally dedicated to these admired women in the near future.

The Community Health Aides in Pt. Hope are very loyal and hard working. They see an average of 15 patients a day. Irma Hunnicut is the Primary I Health Aide and has achieved the status of a Health Aide Practitioner. She has been working as a CHA in Pt. Hope for the past 9 years.

Special congratulations go out to Irma for her recent election to City Council. We are certain she will be an asset to the position.

Helen Stein is the Primary II Health Aide. Congratulations are also in order for Helen because she has just completed Session III Training in Anchorage. Session III is a specialized course for Health Aides to further expand their knowledge and skills. This is a very difficult course and Helen did very well.

Martha Frankson is the Alternate Health Aide. Martha provides valuable back-up and weekend coverage. She recently completed an EMT course in Kotzebue with great proficiency and is to be commended also.

The CHA Program is very proud of these special ladies, who dedicate so much of their time and effort into providing care to the people of their community. Their sincere dedication is certainly appreciated and admired by all.