

HOT TICKETS



A calendar of fund-raisers

GALA CELEBRATION: The Dearborn Community Fund will present its annual Gala Celebration at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in Dearborn. The event includes a cocktail reception and dinner catered by Andiamo Italia and a performance by Marvin Hamlich with Dearborn's own Vanguard Voices. An afterglow will feature the dance music of the Simon Vitale Band. Tickets are \$300 and may be purchased by calling Paula Durant at 1-313-943-5478.

ANNUAL FUND-RAISER: Taylor Ballet Americana will hold its second annual Fashion Show fund-raiser for the dance program at 2 p.m. Sunday at the Ford Senior Center. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$12 for children 12 and under. Par-Fection of Brownstown will cater a buffet dinner of Chicken Marsala, Pasta Marinara, redskin potatoes, vegetables, tossed salad, cheesecake and ice tea and coffee. Fashions will be provided Traffic Jam of Wyandotte and Bloomer's & Britches of Riverview. For information and reservations call Debra Hamilton at 1-734-374-3906 or Joy Squire at 1-734-374-3904 (after 4 p.m.).

SOJOURNER FOUNDATION: The Sojourner Foundation will honor five outstanding women at 6 p.m. Oct. 8 at the Roostertail Catering Club in Detroit. Tickets are \$75 per person for the dinner and program and \$125 for a reception, dinner and program. The honorees, Francine Dorn, Donna Darden-McClung, Debra Keller, Jackie DeBeau and Joy Reilford, demonstrate the mission of Sojourner, that of increasing opportunities for women. For ticket information call 1-313-534-4263.

SPAGHETTI DINNER: The Southgate Lions Club will hold its eighth annual spaghetti dinner from 5 to 8 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Southgate Civic Center Annex, 14700 Reaume parkway. Tickets are \$5 per person and children 5 and under will eat free. Carryouts are available and tickets will be available at the door. All proceeds will be directed to charities supported by the group as well as an annual scholarship.

NIGHT AT THE OPERA: Friends of the Opera of Michigan begins a 15th season with A Night at the Opera, a special presentation of musical performances from the greatest operas, beginning at 8 p.m. Oct. 9 at the Ford Community & Performing Arts Center in Dearborn. Tickets are \$15 and are available in advance by calling 1-313-943-2354.

ENCHANTED FOREST: The second annual benefit for The Henry Ford Health System Nathanson/Rands Endowment for Breast Cancer Research will be held Oct. 10 at the Detroit Athletic Club. The black-tie event will feature silent and live auctions with Joseph DuMouchelle, entertainment by The Rennie Kaufmann Trio, cocktails and dinner. Tickets begin at \$300 per person and can be ordered by calling 1-313-876-9324.

KEVIN SANDS IN CONCERT: The Amici Club, Inc., will celebrate its 25th anniversary with a dinner dance featuring Sinatra-style vocalist Kevin Sands and the Monroe Big Band on Oct. 11 at the Polish Roman Catholic Union Hall, 1430 Oak St., Wyandotte. Tickets are \$50 per person and will include a sit-down family-style dinner with baked chicken, mostaccioli, rosemary roasted redskin potatoes, California medley vegetables, corn, salad, rolls, beverage and dessert. There will be an open bar. Doors open at 6, dinner at 7 p.m. Music from 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Contact co-chairmen Bob Quillico at 1-734-675-5273 or Bob Morgan at 1-734-287-0710 or e-mail rquillico320059@comcast.net.

TOUCHDOWN: The Trenton Touchdown Club, a fund-raising organization for the Trenton High School senior cheerleaders and football players, will host a scholarship spaghetti dinner from 4 to 8 p.m. Oct. 11 at Westfield Activity Center, 2700 Westfield, Trenton. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$7.50 for students, and 5 and under are free. Carryouts available. Call Dava Springstead at 1-734-692-9133.

Realtors leave their mark in Taylor

Penrickton Center to receive \$25,000 donation

BY JENNIFER MITCHELL
THE NEWS-HERALD

Many believe that if everyone used their money and time for the greater good, the world would be a better place.

Diane and Marc Newman of Buy Me Realty in Trenton don't just believe it; they are trying to make it happen.

The couple just gave a hefty \$25,000 donation to the Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor. The money will be paid in monthly increments over a five-year period.

The money will be used to sponsor a bedroom in the five-day residential center.

It's a way, the Newmans say, to help pay off the more than \$2 million in upgrades that were done at Penrickton last year.

The upgrade allowed the center, which is the only one in the area that is designed to enable blind, multi-handicapped children, to accommodate a larger number of clients.

Besides the residential program, Penrickton also operates a daycare center.

"We see the value in spon-



Diane Newman (left) with her husband, Marc; Kurt Sebal, director of the Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor; and Julie and Brandon Edstrom (right), the couple's daughter and son-in-law, gather in a room they recently donated to Penrickton.

Photo by E.L. Conley

soring a room," Marc said. "Our goal this year is to get other people to do the same thing."

The Newmans also spend two days a month operating the center's mailroom. The mailings they send out generate more funds for the operation.

Marc said those funds are essential because the services the center provides are free for the children that use them, including the ones

enrolled in the residential program.

During the winter holiday season, the couple even puts together baskets for children's families. Sometimes they give food or clothes while other times they may give gift cards.

Marc said it all depends on what the family in question needs.

He and Diane have even recruited his daughter, Julie, and her husband,

Brandon, to volunteer.

"I do it because (Penrickton) appreciates it," Marc said. "They recognize that what we give them could pay for a nice vacation every year for us, but we don't take that vacation. We do something that makes more sense."

"Our goal is to have some type of fund-raiser for (Penrickton) in the future. We've taken ownership. We believe that this being the

only facility in the state that does what they do with kids."

Until that time, the Newmans will attend other fund-raisers, such as the annual kick-off dinner to be held at the Crowne Plaza in Romulus Oct. 24.

For more information on giving time, money or skill to Penrickton, or obtaining tickets to the upcoming dinner, call 1-734-946-7500.

Charity runner

MS Society to benefit from marathon

BY PAT ANDREWS
THE NEWS-HERALD

Runners are a different breed — all setting a pace for different reasons.

Take Greg Everal of Rockwood, for instance. When he hears the starter for the annual Free Press Marathon on Sunday, his mind not only will be on the finish line, it will be spinning with dollar signs.

For the past 11 years, Everal has been running to benefit the Michigan Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

A field service manager for Glassrock, a Detroit-based steel company, he chose to run for charity as a way of giving back to the community. And, over the past 10 years, he has been able to donate more than \$60,000 for research and programs.

Everal collects from family, friends and co-workers and said the response has been great.

The response from the MS society also has been great.

"As one of their major donors, they have given me a \$400 gift certificate as a thank you," he explained.

Everal said he turns around and donates the certificate to Holy Redeemer Church and its high school.

"They have a cross country team, and this helps them with the purchase of running shoes," he said.

Everal is friends with Pat Irwin, the coach at Redeemer, and at first didn't want to take the certificate donated to MS by Total Runner.

"Then I got to thinking about the good it could do for the team. The first year, Pat bought shoes for his seniors."

Everal is such a dedicated runner that he is now a member of the special 50-state marathon club.

"Yes, I've been in a marathon in all 50 of the states and it just started out as something I wanted to accomplish," he said.

"I quit smoking about 11 years ago and that's when I took up running."

Everal belongs to the Downriver Runner's Club



Larry Caruso/Photo Editor

Greg Everal of Rockwood trains to run for the Michigan Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society at the Free Press Marathon in Detroit this weekend.

and the Island Road Runners and can be seen most days training at Elizabeth Park in Trenton. His best time to date is three hours and 28 minutes.

Everal's wife, Jennifer is also a runner, but won't be in

the Free Press marathon this year.

Once the weekend race is over, Everal is paying close attention to his calendar. He has runs coming up in Delaware, Missouri, Montana and Idaho.

Chiropractors unite in benefit food drive

The "Apple For Ryan: Doctors With a Heart" program is going on this week at two chiropractic centers.

The food drive bears the name of Ryan Sergent, a 16-year-old from Flat Rock who died suddenly at the age of 16 of a rare heart disease.

In exchange for a \$10 donation of non-perishable food items, Porter & Clark Chiropractic in Flat Rock and Odette Chiropractic in Brownstown are offering several services.

Today through Friday there will be complimentary exams and X-rays for all new patients and complimentary adjustments for existing patients on Saturday.

Dr. Tom Clark said Oct. 9 will be the sixth year anniversary of Ryan's death

and the commitment he had to help others remains within a network of the "Ryan's Friends" organization.

In November of 1997, the organization was established to help community shelters.

The donations received by Oct. 10 will be distributed to area soup kitchens on Oct. 11.

The drop-off locations include: Porter & Clark Chiropractic, 29100 Gateway Blvd., Suite 100, Flat Rock; Odette Chiropractic, 20960 Allen Road, Brownstown; and Bates Elementary School 22811 Gudith Road, Woodhaven.

Additional information is available by contacting Clark at 1-734-379-9200 or Dr. Patricia Odette at 1-734-479-5130.

Dance away with prizes

Tickets are available for the second annual Fall Fashion Show on Sunday to benefit the Taylor Ballet American dance program and supporters might want to get their ticket just to be eligible for some unique raffle prizes.

Tickets are \$25 per person for adults and \$12 for children 10 and under for the 2 p.m. show at the Ford Senior Center in Taylor.

Organizers have secured several gift packages that include four tickets to the "Stars On Ice" program donated by Olympic skater Todd Eldredge and several autographed items; an

overnight stay at The Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dearborn with a special gift of terry cloth robes; and an opportunity to golf at the Tournament Players Club in Dearborn.

The event will include fashions from The Traffic Jam in Wyandotte and Bloomer's & Britches in Riverview.

Par-Fection of Brownstown Township will provide a buffet lunch.

Debbie Hamilton has additional information by calling 1-734-374-3906. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Honorees

Oakwood Health System recently honored its volunteers at the fifth annual Oakwood System Volunteer Recognition Luncheon held at the Ritz-Carlton in Dearborn. Pictured are Gregory Mahar (left), Brownstown, an Oakwood Southshore Medical Center board member; Norma Horvath, Trenton, president of the Southshore auxiliary; Agnes Borowski, Woodhaven, co-manager of the hospital gift shop; and Edith Hughes, Grosse Ile, division president.



City of Hope walk to aid cancer research

City of Hope is looking for walkers to participate in their annual Hope to Cure Breast Cancer event Saturday at the Detroit Zoo.

Registration is at 8 a.m. and participants raise donations by asking family, friends and coworkers to sponsor their walk or run. The minimum donation is \$25 for adults and \$15 for children in advance, or \$30 and \$20 on the day of the event. For more information, call 1-800-732-7170 or register online at www.walk4hope.org.