

More women dying from lung cancer

The death rate for women due to lung cancer as a direct result of cigarette smoking is up by 85 percent in the last decade, according to the Michigan State Health Department in Lansing. In addition, the American Cancer Society (ACS) believes by the late 1980s or even

sooner, lung cancer is expected to exceed breast cancer as the number one cancer killer of women. Arthur I. Holleb, M.D., believes this rapidly rising death rate is due to increased incidences of smoking by teenage girls.

"According to a 1979 study, nearly 13 percent of teen-age girls between the ages of 12-18 are smokers, a rate 2 percent higher than that for teen-age boys."

Dr. Holleb states that this represents a marked change from the '50s to mid-'70s when girls were less likely to start smoking than were boys and those who did started at a later age.

He said, "More than half of the girls in the 1979 study reported smoking before the age of 13. The cancer risk is highest for those who start smoking at an early age. Those who start smoking when they are young tend to become heavy smokers and they smoke for the longest number of years."

ANOTHER CAUSE of cancer developed by cigarette smoking by women has yet to be revealed on an in-depth basis. This is correlation between cigarette smoking by women and risks resulting from occupational exposure to carcinogens. The 1979 Surgeon General's report

bears this out. It lists several ways in which smoking may combine with occupational environments to enlarge upon the increased risk of cancer.

For example, a working environment may facilitate body absorption of the toxic components of cigarette smoke. Cigarette smoking can transform workplace chemicals into more toxic substances or the health effects from environmental exposure can be concurrent with similar health effects from smoking.

Occupations which have been traditionally recognized as hazardous are those high-risk industries involving exposure to numerous dums, chemicals, radiation and other toxic substances.

Dr. Holleb believes peer pressure to be the number one reason teen-age girls smoke.

A study by Jeanne Stellman found that many working women smoke to relieve external stress related to the working woman's dual role as homemaker and income producer and dissatisfaction with lower paying, less satisfying jobs than men.

class reunions

DETROIT REDFORD 1941

The classes that graduated from Redford High School in January and June 1941 will hold their 40-year reunion Friday, May 15, in the Shenandoah Golf and Country Club, 5600 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield. The gathering will begin at 7 p.m., with dinner at 8:30 p.m. Members of the Redford High classes of 1940 also are invited. Reservations may be telephoned to Allen B. Hardenbrook, 846-2415, or Bob Siegmund, 591-6566 or 425-7040.

DETROIT OSBORN 1961

Plans are being made for a 20-year reunion of the Osborn High School class of 1961. Classmates who have not received information and are interested in attending may write to P.O. Box 28, Clawson 48073. Information on class members also would be welcomed.

DOMINICAN 1971

The class that graduated from Dominican High School in 1971 will hold its 10-year reunion June 13 at the Hillcrest Country Club. Tickets at \$50 include a buffet dinner, open bar, band and class profile book. Reservations may be made with Lorie (Bania) Farrow, 427-3158.

WESTLAND JOHN GLENN 1971

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