

Adult classes offer leisure benefits

By JAN MILLER

Have you been looking for a rewarding, relaxing, enjoyable and educational way to spend some of your leisure time?

Why not consider enrolling in one of several of the 180 interesting courses being offered this spring in the adult basic education program through Southfield Community Schools?

Courses are offered under the general categories of business education, music, fine arts, cooking, sewing, physical education, languages, home arts, leisure enrichment and technical training. A wide spectrum of classes to satisfy virtually every one's interests is available.

There are classes in accounting and investments, for example, to allow students to explore the business field. Courses in knitting and macramé are offered for individuals wishing to learn a craft and relax after a busy working day. Other adult courses help sharpen particular skills like shorthand or a language.

ADULT EDUCATION classes are offered to Southfield residents on a noncredit basis. Non-residents are welcome to take part in the program for an additional \$1 fee.

"We aim through the adult education program to make skill and enrichment courses available to community residents," said Robert Melchuk, community education director.

In addition, we offer courses related to vocational opportunities and to help persons be better consumers.

Spring classes are scheduled to begin the week of March 29. Classes are eight weeks long except where indicated in the course catalog. Each class meets once a week for two to three hours in the evening or late afternoon.

CLASSES are in five major centers: Southfield Senior High, 24675 Lahser at Ten Mile, Southfield Lathrup High, 18001 Twelve Mile, Kiser Birney Junior High, 27225 Evergreen at Eleven Mile, Marion Simons Elementary School, 28601 Pierce, and Helen Melnikov Elementary School, 19600 Saratoga Blvd.

Area residents have recently been mailed the catalog of courses which lists each course by its assigned name, number, course description, the instructor's name, cost of the class and the time and location it will be offered.

Readers who have not received a catalog should contact the Community Schools office weekdays between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 264-1546 or stop by the office in Southfield-Lathrup High. Catalogs are also available at the Parks and Recreation Building, the library or the city clerk's office.

Pre-registrations for spring adult education classes are now being taken.

"WE ENCOURAGE interested residents and non-residents to pre-enroll now early to assure that they will not be closed out of a class," Melchuk said.

To register, a student simply fills in the application form provided and mails it along with a check made payable to the Southfield Public Schools to Southfield Community Center, 18001 Twelve Mile, Lathrup Village, MI 48076.

Students can also register in person daily between 1 and 4 p.m. at the Community School office at Southfield-Lathrup High.

A minimum of 14 students is required to assure continuation of a class. Course registrations will officially close April 1.

More than 300 students were enrolled in the fall program and almost 2,000 took classes during the winter.

"I'VE TAKEN several courses just to try and learn something new," said Ann Janik of Southfield. "I'd highly recommend the courses to other residents."

And, Barabozh believes that education is a positive thing.

"People should never quit using their learning processes," she said. "I decided to take a ceramics class because I like art. I've found it fun and educational."

Marcel Pepper and her daughter Alice explored the winter course in auto mechanics together. Mrs. Pepper said she had never taken a technical course before. "I really found the course fun and enjoyable. I didn't know much about cars before the class and felt I needed to for self-protection. Now I have knowledge of how a car works and the vocabulary related to a car," Mrs. Pepper said.

June Gibbons of Southfield explained that she has always wanted to take a drawing class and so decided to enroll. "I've learned all about shading and highlighting and generally found my basic drawing class very interesting," she said.

DOVE MCDONELL of Southfield decided to take the dabbler's workshop class just for entertainment.

"I wanted to learn a variety of art forms so I enrolled in the dabbler's class. It's a good way to see if you are artistically inclined and if there is one area you'd like to concentrate on."

Many of the residents and an added benefit to the program was being able to become acquainted and share ideas with other area residents.



Martha Hookama learns how to reupholster furniture in one of many classes offered by the community schools. (Photo by Jan Miller)

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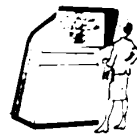
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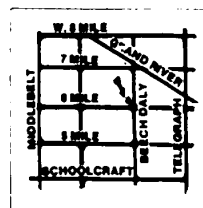


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Co-chairpersons are Mrs. Oswald Bostic of Southfield and Mrs. Kim Lee of Grove Pointe Park. Serving on the committee are Mrs. M.A. Ausse of Bloomfield Hills, Mrs. John Bielawski of Dearborn, Mrs. Edward Hall of Birmingham and Mrs. Paul Somby of Plymouth. Mrs. Stephen Semcoff of Bloomfield Hills is president of the auxiliary.

Following a noon brunch, spring and summer fashions from the men's, women's and children's departments of Himehoch's will be modeled by members, staff physicians and student nurses from the school of nursing. Mrs. Charles Himehoch will moderate.

Tables of 10 will be set up to encourage family participation to support the benefit. Proceeds of the party will go into a fund for special medical equipment.

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