

# Leukemia fighters call for volunteers

By LORAIN McCLISH

A small group of women who raised \$5,000 last year for research on serious blood diseases say they are down in numbers and need a boost in membership.

In the words of Terry Lifton, vice-president of the Michael Stark Chapter of the Children's Leukemia Foundation, "We need new manpower and some fresh ideas."

Mrs. Lifton works with Marilyn Silverman, chapter president, in a year-round effort of fund raising, with about 15 other women who come from Detroit's northwest suburbs.

They meet in one another's homes planning greeting card sales, auctions, jewelry, Tupperware and cosmetic parties, square dances or bingo games.

"We've done everything we can

think of but we're getting exhausted. There are just too few of us now," Mrs. Silverman said.

THE MICHAEL Stark Chapter of the Southfield-based foundation is the only one in this area. One other is located in Livonia, and another in Warren.

It was founded in 1963 by 10 northwest Detroit suburban women who wanted to form "some kind of service or charity group," Mrs. Silverman said.

While the idea was being bandied about, one of the founder's four-year-old son died of an illness not diagnosed as leukemia until after his death. The Michael Stark Chapter was founded within a month, in memory of the child.

The Stark family has since left the area and the membership has since

had its highs and lows, "but never so low as now," Mrs. Silverman said.

"Requirements for membership," Mrs. Lifton said, "is to attend one meeting a month and a willingness to work toward finding a cure for leukemia through research funds."

The women meet the first Monday evening of every month. The group is planning a membership party now to introduce them to new members and to introduce prospective members to the workings of the foundation. It will be held in the foundation's headquarters, 1922 Ten Mile, Southfield.

THE CHILDREN'S Leukemia Foundation of Michigan was founded to aid the victim of leukemia and the child's parents. The foundation is now 25 years old and has grown to aiding both adults and children with any

serious or cancerous diseases of the blood, lymph glands or bone marrow. None of the diseases are common, yet they claim the lives of about 17,000 per year, and account for approximately 10 per cent of all deaths from cancer.

The foundation's \$300,000 annual budget can only be balanced with its crew of volunteers, who supplement what comes from the United Way.

The foundation is the only blood disease organization in the state which offers free services to patients.

The women in the Michael Stark Chapter are in hopes of getting some help for their next fund-raising effort, a bowling day scheduled in the spring in Hartfield Lanes in Berkeley.

Mrs. Silverman can be reached by calling 547-2229. Mrs. Lifton, at 561-9580. They invite prospective members to call them for an invitation to their introductory party.



MARILYN SILVERMAN



TERRY LIFTON

## Soccer: An alternative to Little League

By LORAIN McCLISH

Farmington-area residents from 8-19 years of age filled Dunkin' Junior High School's gym this Saturday, waiting in line to register for the Farmington Soccer Club, headed by Armando Tavian.

Busy with ratings and evaluations to place the players on teams, club registrar Jorge Pacheco had not completed his count by late Saturday afternoon but he thought a total roster of 400 would not be unlikely for the 1977 season.

Soccer, now an alternative to Little League for some Farmington-area youths, has never gained a great popularity in the United States, but it has one big advantage over other sports: every one can play.

IN DONNA PACHECO's words: "You don't have to be six-foot eight to make the team."

Another parent supporter at the registration desk, Kathy Turgeon, added, "And that everybody we're talking about includes girls. Another big advantage of this sport is that the equipment is not super expensive."

Player registration fee is \$15, and Mrs. Pacheco estimated that about \$10 of that amount is allotted for shirts, shorts and socks. Players furnish their own soft cleat shoes.

Club president Tavian seemed undisturbed by the numbers of youths who streamed in the school doors Saturday and said he would furnish 33 teams for the Western Suburban Soccer League, if that many players registered.

"But," he said, "if we have 33 teams that means we need 33 coaches and 33 assistant coaches and we'll need more of those."

He invites any one who knows the basics of the game and has the ability to get along with youngsters to call Henry Klimes at 851-3749 for a coaching position.

KLIMES HAS several persons on his coaching team who have no children of their own playing in the club: they just like the game.

One of his newest coaches is Tony Dizeze, a native of Italy and now a Farmington resident.

Kireze will help the club this season because he says he misses the most popular spectator sport of his native country.

Mrs. Pacheco is enthused about soccer and would like to know if other women are interested in forming a woman's team.

She and Mrs. Turgeon were among the first to enroll their daughters when girls' teams were first formed. That was three seasons ago, and after

the first announcement, enough girls responded to form five teams with about 17 on each team.

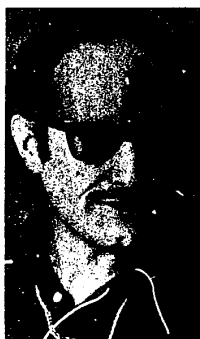
"Maybe the same thing would happen if we announced the beginnings of a woman's team," Mrs. Pacheco said. "Maybe we'll form a team and maybe we'll just scrimmage every once in a while."

Those interested in the sport for women are invited to call Mrs. Pacheco at 474-3105.

PRACTICE BEGINS almost immediately, but the club is totally dependent upon the weather because all play is out of doors.

"Ideally we should have the kids practicing all winter long, but we just can't afford to rent school gyms now," Mrs. Pacheco said.

Tavian added, "We can't play in the snow so we'll get in whatever practice we can between now and the first week in April when the season starts."



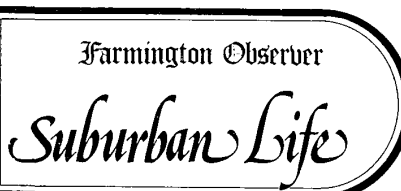
HENRY KLIMES



Lisa Finlayson, an 11-year-old student at Larkshire Elementary School, is one of 400 youngsters from the Farmington area expected to be playing soccer this spring.



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Jerry Potter, (at right) doubles at the tryouts, rating and evaluating the players' skills for team play which gets under way the first week in April.

## International Women's Day offers day of workshops

The Oakland Community College Womencenter, at Orchard Ridge Campus, sponsors its sixth annual celebration of International Women's Day March 10 with workshops and programs running continuously.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. in J Building's rooms 303 and 306.

All area residents are invited to the free programs, films, counseling services, and entertainment. Babysitting is free of charge.

Lunch can be purchased in the cafeteria, or guests can bring their own. Registrations may be made for all activities of the day, or any of the offerings.

Women's Day is celebrated internationally by women who join with all working people to express their unity with others fighting for economic, social and political justice around the world.

JUDITH McCOMBS, a Farmington resident and feminist poet and teacher at the Society for Creative Studies, will read her poetry at 10 a.m.

At 10:30 a.m., Rowena, an Oakland County folk singer, will share some of her songs and feelings about women.

"We're Alive," a film about women in prison, will be shown at 11 a.m. This will be followed by an address by Sister Joanne, who will speak about the film. Sister Joanne is a social worker for the Detroit Legal Aid and Defender's office.

After lunch, Sadie Davis, a single parent and OOC faculty member, will

speak and show the film "Chris and Bearnie" about two mothers who raised their children alone.

Throughout the day, Gary Sklar, from the Pontiac Welfare Rights Or-

ganization, will give public assistance strategies, and counsel those who request it, on the subjects of food stamps, Social Security, and Aid to Dependent Children.

## FYA volunteers make the camp program go

The Farmington Youth Assistance (FYA) staff has begun its annual campaign to give area children a camp experience this summer that they might not otherwise have.

"No matter how many applications we get from children we really feel can benefit from a camp vacation, we generally are able to swing it," said John Pinkerman.

Pinkerman is one of two case workers who work out of the FYA office. He said he has "a feeling there are kids out there who qualify but we just don't know them."

Persons with low incomes who think their children might be eligible, are invited to call Pinkerman at his office, 476-3940.

Several churches and local organizations regularly give campships. Some movies come from both cities to subsidize a child's camping experience.

Other children are sent off on a summer's vacation to fill vacancies that occur in any one of five Michigan camps:

BUT THE BIG push to give a child this kind of new experience comes from the volunteers who work with FYA.

The volunteer chairman for this year's camp program are Margaret Bowland and Carlene Mitchell. Both are in the process now of lining up volunteers who will provide transportation for the youngsters. The transportation crew might be asked to drive a child to or from camp, or to and from a doctor or dentist for the required pre-camp examinations.

Medical services are likewise volunteered. Another volunteer committee will be concerned with the acquisition of clothing, blankets or material needs of the child while he is away to make for a pleasant stay.

Screening of applications begins March, and April is generally set aside to get new campers through local examinations.

Camp clothing and camp equipment is lined up in May, and the first camper is sent on his way in June.

## Full calendar:

### LWV sponsors EMS display, discussion on urban problems

The West Bloomfield-Farmington League of Women Voters will host an emergency medical services (EMS) display at Orchard Mall Monday-Saturday, March 12.

The mall is on Orchard Lake Road just north of Maple.

On March 12, LWV members will also demonstrate first-aid procedures, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and telemetry equipment. The movie "Cry for Help," provided by the Oakland County EMS Council, will be shown continuously in the mall's community room.

League members will also be distributing free literature on emergency services available in the area, answering questions about their EMS study and promoting the LWV speaker's bureau on EMS.

THE AREA LEAGUE will join other metropolitan LWV to sponsor an urban problems meeting beginning with registration at 9:30 p.m. Friday, March 18, at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Luncheon and tours of the in-

stitute are also available.

A variety of views of Detroit and what it means to metropolitan area residents will be presented.

"The Reality of the Urban Vision" is the theme of the all-day program planned by the league with the Center of Urban Studies at Wayne State University.

Registration for the day is at 9:30 a.m.

The program will open with Corinne Gibb, history professor at WSU, discussing "The Meaning of the City." Fiscal problems of the city will be outlined by former Detroit City Controller Bernard Klein, professor of political science at the University of Michigan-Dearborn.

Responding to their views will be Frederick Cummings, director of the Art Institute; Diane Edgcombe, executive vice-president of the Central Business District Association; and Beverly McAninch, chairwoman of the SEMCOG housing committee and a Plymouth city commissioner.

AFTERNOON SPEAKER will be WSU economics professor John Matitia, who has just completed a study of jobs and industry in the metropolitan area. Responding those issues will be Lowell Baker, director of employment for New Detroit, Inc.

This meeting is the first in the Detroit area devoted to a national LWV "Study of the Problems of Large Cities," according to Jo Roberts of the West Bloomfield-Farmington LWV.

Plans will be made for future activity on the issues by the local league and the 15 other leagues in the tri-county area.

All LWV activities are open to the public.

Reservations for the March 18 session on urban problems must be made by March 11 with the West Bloomfield-Farmington LWV by calling 626-4686.

The \$5 registration fee includes lunch and tours of the Art Institute after the program.