

Youth Hostellers is for young and old

By SUZIE MARKS

Are you young in spirit? Looking for adventure? Do you enjoy recreational pleasures like sailing, bicycling and cross-country skiing?

Would you like share your leisure time activities with others?

The American Youth Hostels (AYH) may be the group for you.

The Oaklanders, a division of the AYH Metropolitan Detroit Council, has moved its meeting location from Pontiac to the Forum of West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road.

The group gathers on the last Wednesday evening of each month to discuss future outings.

Mike Bennett, 31, president of the Oaklanders, says the club meetings were moved to West Bloomfield last November to attract new members.

However, no vast increase has been recorded. Only 25 persons participate in the club's hosting activities.

There's no age limit for AYH members. "We have people from eight-years-old to 77," Bennett said.

Anyone may join the non-profit, non-sectarian and non-political group.

TO BECOME an Oaklander, an AYH membership must first be acquired. A person either applies for a junior membership if under 18 or senior membership if older than 18.

The cost is \$5 and \$11 for the two age groups. When you're accepted into the organization, an AYH card is sent to the member. This entitles the person

to discount rates in AYH shelters in the United States and abroad. The membership also includes a subscription to the Hostel News.

Of the 26 shelter hostels in Michigan, the most popular is Blue Lake near Kalkaska, Bennett said. A new hostel will open soon near Flint.

Home hostels are houses where AYH members may stop and spend the night. The more conventional and prevalent hostel is a dormitory, designed for a large group and complete with cooking facilities.

"Staying in hostels is only a small part of what we do," Bennett said. "We backpack, hike, sail, bicycle, ski and take trips. Some are for the day, some weekends and some a week long."

The AYH's most famous bicycle trip is the tour of the Scioto River Valley, which is a bike ride from Columbus to Portsmouth, Ohio. During the summer, more than 3,500 riders participate in the two day ride.

Another two day ride is MELT, known as the Millford to EastLansing Tour. For tired adventurers there are fruit stops set up every 25 miles along the path.

Sag wagons to pick up tired bikers are also part of MELT.

Bennett urges all persons who enjoy fun and recreation to attend the March Oaklanders meeting, skiing activities area planned for the month.

For more information concerning the group, contact Phyllis Mottershead at 642-6534.



Graceful Mover

Gymnast Bill Beno of North Farmington recently competed in the state meet. He placed sixth in both the floor exercises and the trampoline. (Staff photo)

Week's agenda set

COUNCIL MEETING

City of Farmington

7:30 p.m.

March 20, 1978

23600 Liberty

The Farmington City Council will hold a public hearing to consider the proposed use of federal revenue sharing funds before the general meeting begins.

Business includes consideration of an ordinance regulating automatic sprinkling systems in mid-rise and institutional buildings; authorization to negotiate a new three-year contract for rubbish disposal; consideration of House Bill No. 4945 to limit municipal liability on roads; and a request from St. Gerald parish to conduct a three-day carnival.

Council also will receive bids for construction of a parking lot on State Street and hear a presentation on the progress of the construction of the Old Winery

Restaurant, on Grand River.

Review of a preliminary report from the Michigan Municipal League, concerning a constitutional convention, is scheduled as well.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Farmington School District

8 p.m.

March 21, 1978

22500 Shawwassee

The board agenda includes consideration of a request from Oakland County to place a request for one mill for special education on the ballot; adoption of a preliminary budget for the 1978-79 school year; approval of high school graduations; consideration of the purchase of a piano for Harrison High School, and regular business items.

A curriculum report will be made on the elementary science program by instructor Ken Barry.

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Obituaries

GRACE MARIE PLUNK

Mrs. Plunk, 35, of Farmington Hills died March 1 in Redford Community Hospital.

Surviving are her husband, Robert; parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cammarata of Farmington Hills; in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Plunk of Melvindale; son, Robert Joseph; daughter, Nancy Ruth; and brother, Fred Cammarata.

She was a saleswoman for Crowley's Livonia Mall store.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. James B. Wright of St. Alex-

ander Catholic Church, Farmington Hills.

MARGARET L. STRONG

Mrs. Strong, 77, of Farmington died Feb. 28 at William Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak, of heart disease.

Surviving are her son, Duncan of Livonia; brother, Carl Scherping; and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Strong, a homemaker, was born in Saginaw.

Services were conducted by the Rev. Raymond Lumley, with burial in Glen Eden Cemetery.

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MSU names winter grads

Farmington area students were among the graduating class from Michigan State University, recently.

James Devlin of 29782 Old Bedford, Farmington, graduated with a masters' degree in mechanical engineering. Alice Engelbrecht, of 28303 Forestbrook, Farmington, earned a masters of business administration in marketing.

Kathryn Hickey of 25580 Kilreigh, Farmington, received a bachelor's degree in special education. Kirk

Jaske of 21243 Robinwood, Farmington, earned a bachelor's degree in park and recreation resources.

Carole Massey of 23284 Lilac, Farmington, earned a masters in counseling.

Lorene Blake of 23675 Newell Circle, Farmington Hills, earned a bachelors in criminal justice. Brian Pyle of 8035 Glendarden, Farmington Hills, received a bachelors in degree in hotel and restaurant management.

Lady Liberty

French sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi used two models in designing the Statue of Liberty. The face was

modeled after his mother, with his mistress providing the inspiration for the rest.

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