MACLD opens season with membership coffee

The Farmington Area Chapter of Michigan Association for Children with Learning Disabilities (MACLD) opens the fall season with a membership coffee at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 27, the in Farmington Hills Community Library, 32737 12 Mile Rd.

The group is affiliated with the American chapter, which is the only national organization devoted to defining and finding solutions for the spectrum of learning problems.

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The membership, which consists of parents and professionals, invite new-comers to the coffee which will be highlighted by a film called "Why Can't I Learn".

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The film, which portrays the daily frustration of the learning disabled child, will be shown for the first time in this area.

abilities, and revving up for its state conference.

After-school gym sessions begin this week, on Wednesdays, in Mercy Centerweek, on Wednesdays, in Mercy Centerweek, on Wednesdays, in Mercy Centerweek, on Wednesdays, and the conceptual motor development.

Classes are geared so that each child works at their own pace in the areas of visual and auditory perception, number concepts, coordination, large and time motor control, low self image and memory retention.

"The most obvious changes come in the area of increased self confidence and improved self image," Glasgow said. Parents interested in placing their

children in the class are asked to call 553-4020. Participants must be a member of any branch of MACLD. In addition to the gym program, the group provides regularly scheduled programs with authorities discussing the many facets of learning disabilities, and sponsors a swim program for those children who cannot benefit from a regular type of swim instruction. The chapter helps sponsor Bucket Brigade, a tutorial program, and began the library collection for the learning disabled and their parents in Farmington Hills Community Library.

Members provide films and in-ser-vice programs to school personnel and reference and resource books to Farm-ington and North Farmington high schools.

THE GOAL of the group is to provide understanding for parents who feel alone with their pligh of coping with a learning disabled child.

A learning disabled child is of normal, or potentially normal intelligence, who does not perform well in school because of disorders in one or more the of the basic processes involved in understanding or using spoken or written language.

He or she may have behavior prob-lems, but is not primarily emotionally disturbed, mentally retarded or physi-cally crippled.

It is open to all parents and professionals who work with the learning disabled child with an aim toward providing a forum to obtain information and engage in communication regarding methods and techniques to assist both the child and the adolescent. This year it will be held in Farmington Hills Mercy Center, with specific workshops on the law, parenting, leaching strategies, psychology of living and working with the learning disabled and communication skills between teachers, parents and administration.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., fol-lowed by keynote speaker Alan Ber-

man, professor of psychology at University of Rhode Island.
His talk is called "Perspectives of Self Concept of Learning Disabled Youth.

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All told, 13 professionals, with various areas of expertise concerning the learning disabled child, will come from as many parts of the U.S. to lecture, sit in on panels or conduct workshops at the Control of the Control



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New Sources

Women help women in new network introduced Sept. 27

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New Sources, a network of women helping women, comes into the Detroit area by Shirley Aune and Joyce Sachs who will hold their first open house in Farmington Hills Community Library to introduce the Community of the Community Library to introduce the Community of the Community Community of the Community of t

ters degrees in guidance and counseling and have both been trained and are experienced in group counseling with women through Oakland Universi-ty's Continuum Center.

PREDICATED on past experiences as leaders of courses and workshops, Ms. Aune said, "We saw a need for something that was longoing, something that was always there, a support to fall back on when the going got rough."

The two woment traveled to California in July to attend a New Sources seminar there and will build their program here tailor—made to suit Detroit area women.

Members of New Sources work as individuals, as in an established company, helping each other with her particular goal.

"I don't care what the goal is," Ms. Aune said. "If the goal is to be happy, we'll narrow that down to something concrete and work out a plan of action." If you want to write a book or build a better moissetrap, the network gives you fresh ideas, new could want fulfilled."

The New Sources leaders' job is to keep the members together and in touch.

They do this through seminars, small and large get-logethers, brainstorming sessions, and a periodic newsletter.
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The newsietter, NS. Sachs said, "expands com-nuclations, conflacts, and sources, and will con-tain everything from book reviews to job openings."

No. Ames summed up the ultimate goal as, "Rocusing on each member's individual needs and goals and assist in making these become realities. It is working in California." she said.

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The two women credit this to the heavy emphasis that is put on timing in both the seminars and the business meetings, so that if an event is announced for two hours it will be exactly two hours.

"There is no room for bogging down and this is tremendous boon for today's busy woman," is a tremendous boon for today's busy woman," is Aune said. "We get right down to business and the business at hand is to make a positive change in each and every one of our members' lives."

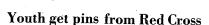
She continued by saying that this would be illustrated during the open house, which is 'without charge or obligation to any one who wants to be introduced to New Sources.

During the open house the women will also spell out what participants can expect at the first New Sources seminar, set for Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 6-7 in Farmington Community Center.

Subsequent open houses and seminars will be held in November in Birmingham and West Bloomfield, but all participants will all belong to the same Detroit area New Sources network.

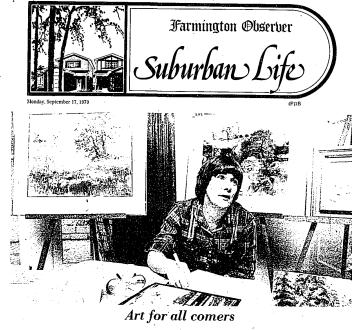
"We hope to attract all those women who had a plan, got fired up about it through a one-day workshop, or a one-shot deal, and then found themselves hanging in limbo with nothing to fall back on," Ms.

New Sources membership is forever. It will be there when you need it, and when you have accomplished your goal and want to start working on another."



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the young to find out if they like working with the aged and infirm. Many go on to make nurs-ing their career," Ms.



Beginners who want to learn basic skills, and the more advanced who want further exploration in watercolor and collage techniques are invited to Marjorie Chelstorp's wa-tercolor and drawing classes that begin Monday, Oct. 1, in

Farmington Community Center. Eight sessions run from 12:30-3 p.m. on Mondays. Registrations are being taken now by calling the center, 477-8404. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)



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