

Caribbean trip can be a Christmas gift

How about a trip to the Caribbean in your Christmas stocking?

Or a class on gourmet cooking, or a ski trip to Zermatt?

Youngsters may welcome tickets to live stage shows planned just for them.

"Christmas gift certificates have become a popular item with Santas looking for some really different gift ideas," said a spokesman for The Community House in Birmingham. "The thing that we can offer is a range of experi-

ences — and experiences don't wear out, become obsolete or have any problem fitting."

These Christmas gift ideas, as well as numerous others, are available through The Community House. For several years, The Community House has offered Christmas gift certificates for the many events that happen in the busy center, as well as for activities on its outreach program.

Among interesting gift possibilities

are tickets to The Community House travel film series and ethnic dinners, luncheons and plays at Meadow Brook Theatre, a week of skiing in Switzerland, a gourmet Caribbean cruise, and a week-long Florida vacation trip.

OTHER IDEAS INCLUDE enrollment in any of 75 different classes of-

ferred at The Community House, a spring trip to the British Isles or an educational journey to the Winterthur Museum (the 175-room DuPont estate).

For further information about Community House gift certificates, interested persons may call Miss Mader, at 644-5832.



Robert Moberly as Charley's aunt loves getting kissed by Deborah Eckols (left) and Denise Bessette.

Theater package offers show and transportation

Meadow Brook Theatre's holiday attraction is its production of "Charley's Aunt," the Brandon Thomas Comedy.

The Community House in Birmingham makes it easy for theater-lovers to attend the perennial favorite by offering a pre-theater luncheon, as well as round-trip transportation to the matinee performance.

The Community House has reserved seats for the Dec. 19 performance.

Under the direction of Terence Kilburn, "Charley's Aunt" tells the

madcap story of a young student, persuaded to impersonate a friend's aunt, and his escapades as charmer for two young ladies. The play is a quick-witted comedy that has kept audiences laughing since it was written in 1892.

Reservations for the luncheon/theater/transportation package can be made by calling The Community House at 644-5832. The Community House is located at Bates and Townsend.

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Restaurants expecting merry holiday business

This year's holiday look bright for most Michigan restaurateurs, who predict business will be equal to or better than last year, according to a recent survey conducted by the Michigan Restaurant Association (MRA) of its 1,500 restaurant members.

Of those members responding, 54 percent predicted their business would improve an average of 9 percent during Christmas and New Year's. Twenty-one percent estimated their business would stay the same, while 25 percent said they expected business to be down an average of 14 percent.

"Most of our members are optimistic, and we think that's a good sign for business in general," said MRA President Henry Montague. "This news means it's even more advisable than ever to make your holiday reservations well in advance."

"That ubiquitous, jolly gent, Santa Claus, will fly around the state visiting several restaurants before Christmas, including the Old General Store in New Baltimore. He will sit down for a special luncheon at the Roman Terrace in Farmington Hills on Dec. 22.

His elves will pay a visit to the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills, leaving behind decorations that manager John Anhalt says are "fantastic!"

ONLY A FEW RESTAURANTS will actually be open on Christmas Day, with restaurants in the state's hotels leading

the list. The Detroit Truck Stop in Woodhaven will offer turkey, ham, and pork chop dinners to holiday travelers.

New Year's Eve will see special dinners and parties offered at many Michigan dining establishments including The Gnome, Rocco's and the Hotel Pontchartrain in Detroit, Scale House in India, Piper's Alley in Troy, the Holiday Inns in Howell and Grayling, Win Shuler's in Ann Arbor, the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Hills, Murdock's in Auburn Heights, Machus restaurants in Birmingham, Butler's Steak House in Royal Oak, Jim's Tiffany Place and Alex's in Lansing, the Golden Mushroom in Southfield and the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn.

A dinner theater production of "Runny Girl" is in store for guests at the Paradise in Detroit.

"No cover, no minimum — spend all you want" is the motto at Rip's in Pontiac, where food and entertainment are on tap New Year's Eve. A banjo sing-along is in store at Pappy's Pizza Parlor in Lansing.

New Year's Day football fans will do well to call ahead before heading to their favorite restaurant for a Rose Bowl celebration. The survey indicates that little more than one-third of the MRA members plan to remain open.

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