

Feminists flock to hear Ms. Steinem

By CAROLINE PRICE

Surrounded by women in their "Dress for Success" best, feminist Gloria Steinem reaffirmed that the sisterhood is powerful.

Visiting the area to boost the Women's Justice Center of Detroit and her own Ms. magazine, she had choice words for everyone from George Romney — "the Ayatollah of Michigan" — to Pat Boone, "the white Wonder Bread Ayatollah."

The Women's Justice Center received the financial benefits from the recent dinner at Plymouth's Hillside Inn.

The magazine received considerable attention in Ms. Steinem's talk.

She told the capacity audience the magazine started in the early 1970s with the help of Warner Communications, "who made the public relations

gesture in return for 25 percent of the company."

Now the largest feminist publication in the country, Ms. has a circulation of more than 3 million and has become part of the Ms. Foundation for Education and Communications.

"We wanted it to be a woman-controlled magazine," Ms. Steinem said in describing the early days with Ms. "It was a fluke that we got started."

"We started out the adventure saying with great defiance that it would last forever and with the conviction that it would last six months."

MS. STEINEM, still sporting the long, streaked hair and aviator glasses that have become her trademark, told her predominantly female audience that versions of Ms. have been started throughout the world.

She added that the original is fast approaching its "turnaround point (the

point at which a new publication becomes profitable)."

According to Ms. Steinem, the new decade will bring changes not only in the magazine, but in women as well.

"Ms. has redefined sexually, violence, work and art (crafts were pastimes for women and natives) and we have begun to feel a long-term commitment with each other," Ms. Steinem said.

"We have at last realized what's wrong — now we can move into the '80s for a solution."

The feminist leader said she believes women become more radical as they grow older. "I expect to see an army of grey-haired women take over the world." And, although she said women made many strides forward during the '70s, their fight is far from over.

"The tactics in the '80s have to be much more imaginative. We must work

inside and outside the system in order to surround our goal."

The magazine, which has been given a redesigned format as of last month's issue, will be reflecting the new concerns.

Ms. Steinem said the editorial staff was considering an issue entitled, "Is God Against Women?" which would deal with patriarchal religion.

Other issues in the future are to focus on women in traditional female jobs, such as clerical employees. Women in these types of traditional jobs, dubbed "pink collar workers" by Ms. Steinem, "have to be emphasized."

In answer to a member of the audience's suggestion that Ms. do more articles on feminist homemakers, Ms. Steinem said she "sometimes feel like a sitting dog being told to sit."

She said she has always supported the homemaker and the feminist goal

to give that status respect and economic security.

Passage of the Equal Rights Amendment remains a top priority at Ms. "It has to be a bottom line issue," she said. We just can't support anyone (as a political candidate) who is not for the ERA and reproductive freedom."

Ms. Steinem's comments drew enthusiastic applause from the audience of Detroit and suburban women.

At one point the speaker noted the "Free Lenore Romney" buttons worn by many of her listeners and then alluded to George Romney's recent statement. He had called many backers of ERA "moral perversers."

"We are going to change the whole world," Ms. Steinem said. "George Romney hasn't got the faintest idea how radical we can be."



Gloria Steinem talked about Ms. magazine at a fund-raiser for the Women's Justice Center of Detroit. (Staff photo by Bill Bresler)

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Farmington Community Concert Band

14 acts line up for 'the show that really rolls'

By LORAIN McCLISH

Fourteen acts are lined up and ready to go for "All Sports and Variety Show," the every-other-year fund-raiser that keeps the Farmington Community Band in the black.

As the name implies, show acts are mixed with athletic exhibitions in a fast-paced three hours that has been subtitled by the backers as "the show that really rolls."

Because the band is not about to turn its back on a winner, the format remains the same with some old favorites returning along with new local, state, national and world champions demonstrating their skills.

The format is twofold. One facet pertains to timing, the other to quality.

"The timing is exactly as a circus. No intermission. Just one act after another going on continually. Guests come and go as they choose."

"They can get up any time to go to the snack bar," said Ralph Chapman, a professional fund-raiser who has been

called back to bring the show together for the third time.

As for quality, "Only the tops," Chapman said.

"I do all the auditioning myself. I don't ask committee about this."

On the same subject, Katie Lipski, publicist for the group added, "It is a show for everybody. One you can bring your granddaughter to see. One you can bring your grandmother to see."

SHOW TIME runs from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 29, in Harrison High School's gym, with general admission tickets running for \$5 each or \$3 for seniors, students and children.

The goal is a profit of \$20,000, a sum Chapman calls "not unreasonable considering what we've made with the past two shows and the acts lined up for this one."

He adds, "How many opportunities do you think there are to see a world champion trampoline exhibition and the University of Michigan Gymnast Team in one night?"

He cited the U-M gymnasts, winners of 12 Big Ten and two NCAA titles in the past 15 years; the Echoes of Ukraine, assembled from nine universities to comprise the best folk dance group in the country; and the Redford Township Unicycle Club, 1979 national champions, as examples of top quality performers coming for the show.

Chapman's method for enlisting such acts, he said, was a year-round-go of read, clip, file and phone, "keeping tabs on the best in the field."

WHILE MANY members of the band and the central fund raising committee for the show are out hawking tickets for the All Sports and Variety Show, others are pushing advertisements for the programs and rounding up Farmington Community Band patrons.

"It is a community band and consequently a community affair," said Bill Conroy, a long time member and supporter of the group that was founded by its conductor, Paul Barber.

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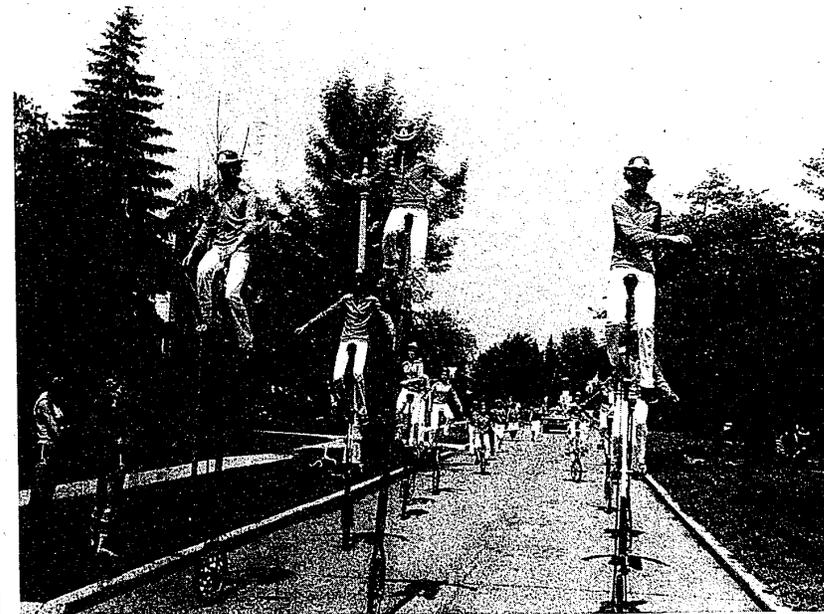


Miss Pompon USA is 17-year-old Lisa Potvin, who comes to The All Sports and Variety Show from Plymouth Canton High School. Lisa credits her win to 13 years of jazz, ballet and tap dancing.

Ten hours a week of practice with the Canton Chiefettes and another 10 hours of dance rehearsal every week keeps her in top form for her spot with the Grand National Pompon Squad.



"Zeke the Wonder Dog" belongs to Sally Bronersky who plays an amazing game of frisbee. With a jump measured at eight feet, Zeke took the Michigan Regional Championship in the frisbee dog competition, then placed fourth in the national tournament. Sally and Zeke are on the All Sports and Variety Show bill.



The Redford Township Unicycle Club began in 1975 with 12 riders and now draws riders from throughout the state for performances in their bright red, white and blue outfits. The members, who now number 40, racked up a banner year in 1979, beginning with a summer performing tour of Europe and winding up with the national championship title. The feats that won the unicyclists that title will be a

part of The All Sports and Variety Show. They will stage a Wild West Show and do a square dance, responding to all the traditional square dance calls. Among the unicyclists is Carol Bahorich, from Garden City, who earned the highest number of points in the national competition for girls in the 11- to 12-year-old category.

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