## Toasted by 2,000 supporters

# Dems honor Mrs. Carter at local bash

troit Plaza Hotel in the Ren Cen as "the night they lost the salads."

That was a couple of years ago when the mammoth structure was still under construction. And somewhere in its awesome towers, a downed elevator kept hundreds waiting for those appetizers.

ters.

Mrs. Carter's most recent visit to the betroit area went more smoothly. She was in town last weekend as the guest speaker before the state's Democrats' biggest fundraiser of the year — the

More than 2,000 Democrats from the Detroit area as well as the state were on hand to toast Mrs. Carter, only the third woman to be so honored before their dwman to be so honored before the gathering. She follows Patricia Harris, secretary of Housing and Urbain Development, and Eleanor Rossevel. In addition to Mrs. Carter, former 12-year governor of Michigan and present Michigan Supreme Court Justice G. Mennen Williams was also honored by the groun.

the group.
The sell-out occasion collected more

Senator Carl Levin, First Lady Mrs. Rosalynn Carter and Michigan Democratic Chairman Morley Winograd chat during a reception prior to the Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner Saturday. (Staff photo by Teresa

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"GENERALLY SPEAKING, it's more of a back slapping kind of thing," said Maxine Berman of Southfield. "Future candidates are walking around talking to the right people."

MS. Berman was one of the co-ordinators of the dinner. It was her job to arrange sealing for the crowd.

"People come here, some by obligation, and some because they want to give to the party," she said.

Robert Picano, a Livonia attorney and active member in the Wayne County Democratic Club, mostly weed the event as "a good time." However, he added that such a festive occasion is considered a reward for active campaigners.

And for those who couldn't afford the ticket price of \$50, some large organical.

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Kathy Brown, the party's Oakland County chairperson from Troy, gave some insight into the conversations originating from close knit encounters.

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"They're talking about the state of the party," describing it as a time to compare notes with other local party groups.

"I think the party, statewide and in Oakland County, is moving to new directions — like getting more involved in state issues and becoming an effective lobbying force. We want to deal with human issues continually year-round, not just at election time when we have a candidate we want to sell to the voters."

going on," she said. She explained that's because political watchers are just beginning to get a feel for where other's ambitions lie in facing an approaching lection year. However, she added, the atmosphere was more relaxed than one in an election year.

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Overall, she said, the evening is a coming together for those "grassrooters" who are not from Detroit or Lansing.

State Sen. William Faust, (D-Westland) estimated about 100 Democrats from his district, covering Westland, Garden City and Canton Township, attended last Saturday night. "The Jefferson-Jackson dinner) pays about half the bills for the state organization."

MOST PEOPLE enthusiastically agreed it was a bonus to the party to snare Mrs. Carter as the guest speaker. Statuesque and dressed in a soft white dress with a gardenia corsage, she reminised over her previous visits to the state. Additionally, she threw in a few plugs for her husband's successes, plans and ambitions, breifly pointing to his new energy plan to be broadcast this week.

But before the revening was through.

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ANOTHER PARTY MEMBER, who recently worked on the unsuccessful campaign of a state candidate, described the evening as "almost like ablind date." "There's a lot of shucking and jiving "There's a lot of shucki



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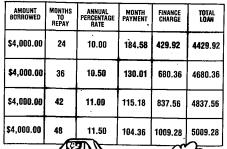


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