



# Production gets under way for 'Indian Disco' musical

Young people are invited to join Taty Jones' "Drama and Play Production" classes that will get under way Tuesday, June 26, which joins Indian dancing with a disco beat.

Each summer class winds up with a full-scale musical production, and the one scheduled this time around is "Indian Disco." The original musical was written by Ms. Jones, and original music by Sheila Devlin.

The young people rehearse each Tuesday and Thursday in Farmington Community Center, then move outdoors to the center's amphitheatre for the show on July 20.

Youth from 5-8 years have classes from 1-2 p.m. Those from 9-14 meet from 2-3 p.m.

Students will learn all aspects of producing a musical. On stage they will be acting, disco dancing, Indian dancing, singing the original songs of the show.

The backstage crew will be learning to do their own Indian make-up, building and painting Indian tipis, totem poles and campfires.

"MIXING INDIAN dancing with disco is not so unusual," said Ms. Jones. "The beat of the Indian dance fits very well into the beat of disco, and disco is what brings the Whiteman and the Redman together as brothers in 'Indian Disco'."

The story tells about the Bagawa tribe who has hidden out in the woods, not choosing to live with the Whiteman because the Whiteman has not always been fair to the Redman.

Little Bag, the eldest son of Chief Big Bag, is sent into the world of the Whiteman before he can become chief of the Bagawas. Little Bag brings back disco, but the Bagawas are not ready to accept a Whiteman's dance.

The tribe turns its back on Little Bag, telling him he will not make a good chief. Shunned, Little Bag returns to live in the Whiteman's world where he can sell his paper bag masks for a great deal of money.

This leaves Bag Foot, his envious brother as heir to the chieftom. But Little Bag is not happy about leaving his tribe, his family, and especially his sister Bagga, and his pet bear, Bag Bear.

But all turns out well once Little Bag convinces the Bagawas to try disco. They incorporate disco with their own native dance and the Whiteman and Redman dance together as brothers.

MS. JONES is the creator of Whistle Stop Theatre, now in its fourth year, conceived because she believes that all children should be able to enjoy live theater. For those who might never otherwise see live theater, Whistle Stop will come to them.

From its base at the St. Dunstan Theatre in Birmingham, Whistle Stop makes stops at churches, schools, community centers, retirement homes and organizations.

Registrations for Ms. Jones' summer sessions are now being taken by calling

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# Pat Levos to lead Girl Scouts

By LINDA FARHAT

Thousands of girls each year join the ranks of the Girl Scouts. Most quit before high school and never return. Pat Levos of Livonia did return and has been with the Girl Scouts for the past nine years.

Now she will be around for at least three more years because she is the newly elected president of the Huron Valley Girl Scout Council.

She returned to scouting when her oldest and only daughter, Tammy, now a senior cadette, wanted to join Brownies.

After being a leader for a year, Mrs. Levos became a troop service director (TSD) for five years.

TSDs recruit, train, replace girl scout leaders," Mrs. Levos said, "give moral support and information to leaders who need it."

FOR THREE YEARS she worked as an area association chairman. Her responsibilities included representing leaders when decisions were made by the board.

For the next three years she served as third vice president on the board and then was elected president in April.

"I really was surprised," she

laughed, "when the nominating committee called me."

Mrs. Levos is active in two other associations. She is in volved in the Roosevelt Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association, where two of her four children attend school, and she is membership chairman for the Michigan Association for Children with Learning Disabilities.

GIRL SCOUTS have changed a lot in the last few years, she said.

"Addressing problems women and girls face today is very necessary," she stressed.

"Safe in Social Awareness in Every-one," Mrs. Levos said, is one of many new programs developed for scouts today.

One talk, which is parent-scout oriented, deals with rape and sexual abuse. Trained personnel come and discuss topics with them. Another topic is conserving energy.

"Career Exploration" offers the scouts a look at non-traditional and traditional jobs.

"Girls aren't going to be satisfied with being mommies, nurses, waitresses, and secretaries anymore,"

Mrs. Levos added.

The duty of the president is a basic responsibility to provide leadership for the organization. Mrs. Levos said she plans to keep regular business hours one day a week and keep an open door policy for any volunteers who need help.

MRS. LEVOS was elected during the International Year of the Child. The project is very important to the scouts. On June 9, to celebrate the event, Huron Valley Girl Scouts will hold "Game Day" in Ryerson Stadium, at Eastern Michigan University. Prizes, games and food are some of many attractions. More than 2,000 girls will participate and meet sister scouts.

The Girl Scouts are headed by more than 3,000 volunteers without whom the organization wouldn't exist.

"There still is a shortage of girl scout leaders," Mrs. Levos said. "Many women have jobs and aren't home."

She feels that volunteering as a whole is good for people.

"I've grown in so many ways because of scouting," she concluded. "Volunteering is how America got started, people helping each other and sharing with each other."

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