

Dining rooms enjoy new popularity

As lifestyles change, so do areas within the home. Dining rooms and basements have undergone many changes in this century.

The separate dining room almost disappeared from the American scene for several years in new construction. Architects and builders believed it was the one room that families would use least. It's now back, by popular demand, because living patterns have changed. Despite the space squeeze, more and more people have a sophisticated attitude toward the pleasures of dining.

No doubt about it — a dining room is nice to have. With its potential to be a quiet hobby center, or party area, it's more important than ever. Since more people are staying home and entertaining rather than dining out, the dining room is used for formal as well as in formal entertaining.

THE DINING ROOM is used for a variety of things from dinners, to conversation area. Often, tables are moved to make room for entertainers hired for small parties.

Because the dining room has such versatility now, it has freed the den for a more formal sitting situation.

Chair seats from the dining room can be wisely upholstered in the same fabric as living room or den furnishings so they can be brought into each room for extra seating.

Social and economic changes are affecting our lifestyles and old ways are adapting to new needs. Lived-in rooms are now the prime requisite of homeowners.

Take your home and re-evaluate the dining room space. Isn't there room for a dramatic new approach to living full circle?

ON THE SUBJECT of recreation: There are big sports and little sports in every household. So it's democratic to provide a fun room where all generations can play. For those lucky enough to have a basement, now is the time to review how it's being used.

Such an activity need not be obviously designed for play. Most of the time it can function for everyday needs such as sleep area, storage and study. Then, when all the chores are done and the family wants to share some recreation, the fun room comes to life.

Pool tables, ping pong tables, TV, card tables, games and sport can be available to be brought out, used and enjoyed and put away in storage cabinets after use.

Musical instruments, stereo and the like can be enjoyed in this entertainment center. Parties and dances can be held in this extra part of the house.

A basement is a bonus. If you have one and you aren't using it to its fullest advantage, you are losing valuable activity space.

YOU CAN use this area for guests. Bunk beds are fun for the younger set. Extra refrigerator and freezing units can be used and even a cooking area installed.

A part of your basement can be covered with tile, another part with soft carpet and still another with indoor,

outdoor grass carpet, if Dad wants to sharpen his golf stroke.

A toy room, play area for the very young, and sewing room space for the seamstress in the family could be included.


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Tickets are \$10 each and are available in the center on Farmington Road,

north of 10 Mile Road. Advance reservations will be made by calling the center, 477-8404.

The fall fashion show is one of the biggest benefits staged for the center, and will be chaired this year by Kay Blakeney. Centerpieces and decorations will be donated for the affair by members of Hill and Dale Garden Club and Farmington Garden Club. Door prizes and raffle prizes are donated by a host of area businesses.

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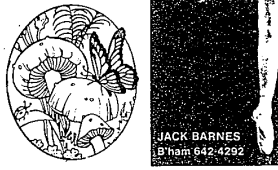
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