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WomenCenter

Courses tailor-made to answer women's concerns

By LORLAINE MCCLISH

Oakland Community College's (OCC) WomenCenter on Orchard Ridge Campus will be even busier this year than last, according to Mary White, the director.

During the last school season, WomenCenter offered six non-credit short courses for women. This year the number of courses has tripled.

WomenCenter will maintain its "drop-in" program, continue its referral services, have a new lecture series and conduct an all-day seminar (Nov. 12) focusing on the problems that modern women encounter.

"A COMMUNITY college is supposed to be a service to the community and I think we're meeting that obligation," Ms. White said. She mentioned that WomenCenter has received a very favorable response from women, has trained a number of peer counselors who volunteer their time to the center, has expanded its short courses and instituted new lectures to meet the growing demand for services for women.

Many of the short courses are tailored to help women who take advantage of "drop-in" opportunities, said Yvonne Strand, assistant director. "The great majority of the drop-ins are the about-to-be or recently divorced," said Ms. Strand, who is also an instructor for peer counseling training.

The drop-ins, she said, enjoy the one-to-one peer counseling given by knowledgeable and sensitive women trained in listening and problem-solving skills.

The peer counselors have been trained at OCC in the women-helping-women philosophy that is the basis of WomenCenter, she said.

IF A WOMAN has a chance to talk about her problem (with a peer counselor), get some new options and alter-



More short courses to answer the concerns of today's woman is the subject of WomenCenter staff meetings this month. From left, Mary White, Cindy Gioia, Yvonne Strand, Nancy Healey and Judy Johnson.

natives, she can then begin to work out her own problem and her own future," said Ms. White.

Peer counseling drop-in hours are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 5-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

The campus is at 27055 Orchard Lake Road. The WomenCenter is located on the second floor of Building J.

Ms. White said the center acts as a referral service for all manner of problems, and that all referrals "have been well checked out."

High on the list of concerns for women is the fear that some have of reentering the job market.

Ms. White teaches a course which provides methods for dealing with these trepidations and for combining

various roles a single parent might face in adapting to career-parent expectations.

Another interesting course taught this fall is "Self Defense for Women."

"It is a lot more than your garden-variety karate course," Ms. White said.

"The instructor makes his students think through all the psychology behind society's casting women in the role of

the weak and frightened sex," she said.

Other courses include financial planning for women, home maintenance, leadership roles for the working woman and death and dying.

The lecture series, which will be Wednesdays through the fall (listed in Community Calendar every week), also addresses special concerns of women.

On Nov. 12 the center will host a conference on the problems of American families. Titled, "Three Generations of Love and Conflict," the conference will include films, speakers and workshops for the single parent and the working parent. Subject matter includes family

politics, aging, rights and alternative life styles.

"We're very excited about that," Ms. White said.

Meanwhile, Ms. Strand is enthusiastic about another new short course called "Stepfamilies," tailor-made for those contemplating or into a second marriage.

"It's an area that has never been explored in a class setting, but it will answer a need for a great many people. We'll have it in our January brochure," she said.

Women artists display work

Women artists from all over Oakland County will show, demonstrate and sell their art at the second annual Fall Festival of Women's Works Oct. 11 and 12 in Springfield Oaks Youth Activities Center, Davisburg.

The festival will be from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Springfield Oaks Youth Activities center is located at Andersonville and Hall roads, Davisburg.

About 70 women artists will show artwork ranging from wool spinning, enameling, porcelain painting, jewelry making, pottery and Chinese brush painting. There will also be work in textiles, soft sculpture, photography and cake decorating.

Performing at the event will be musicians, dancers and mimes.

Exhibiting work at the festival will be Sharon Cohen, Judy Drobot and Lynnette M. Timlin, all of Birmingham; Cy Galey of Bloomfield Hills; Farmington residents Sheryl Curtis, Judy Fleck, Linda Joy Marx and Pam Sturm and Delores L. Petachenko of Farmington Hills.

Also showing work will be Denise Marie Brownrigg and Linda Weaver, both of Rochester, Troy residents Sandra Hill and Peggy Korovey, and Myreen K. Schmidt of West Bloomfield.

For more information about the event call 625-8133.

Making fun music

New chorus invites all

'The emphasis is on the fun of it all, providing fun music by people who like to make music for those who enjoy it.'

— Bea Scaglioni

By LORLAINE MCCLISH

Jim Whitten directs the new Farmington Area Community Chorus that begins rehearsals on Tuesday nights in Shawansee Recreation Center under the sponsorship of Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department.

"It's open to all comers, teens and adults who like to sing. The emphasis is on the fun of it," Whitten said.

"Music reading ability and experience in choral singing would be helpful, but not necessary. I'll help any one along who enjoys making music," he said.

There are no auditions. Singers are invited to show up at 7:30 p.m., register and start to prepare for the group's first community Christmas concert.

WHITTEN COMES to direct the new chorus from The Kendallarks, and takes those singers, their talents and expertise with him to form the basis of the community chorus.

The Kendallarks, an all-women group known for making fun music throughout the area for 23 years, ran into an overload of engagements that became more than the members could handle.

"We'd be booked for six or seven pre-Christmas programs alone and be traveling all over the Detroit area to do it," said Bea Scaglioni, speaking for the chorus. "With more of our members working outside the house and juggling that and our families and constantly updating our shows, it got pretty frenzied."

"We'll be happy to be doing two or three big concerts a year rather than so many little shows," she said.

Whitten will keep the community chorus format much the same as the Kendallarks with specialty acts, soloists, choreography, props, costumes and featuring groups within the group.

He'll be working again with Susan Garr, accompanist for the Kendallarks, who he works with in Garden Park Presbyterian Church, directing all the choirs and music programs there.

WHITTEN is a resident of Plymouth

who answered a newspaper ad asking for a director of The Kendallarks.

He was contemplating leaving a position as music teacher in an Oak Park middle school at the time "and thought that would be a good way to fill the spot that would be left in my music life," he said.

"Before he came, we'd all have a say in working out our shows," Mrs. Scaglioni said. "But Jim took over completely and we were glad to follow his lead. He directed the costuming, the choreography, the piano tuning, everything."

Whitten's philosophy remains the same as The Kendallarks, and dovetails with that of the parks and recreation staff, put into words by Mrs. Scaglioni:

"The emphasis is on the fun of it all, providing fun music by people who like to make music for those who enjoy it."

WHITTEN HAS already purchased the sheet music for fall rehearsals which include popular arrangements, show tunes and traditional Christmas songs for the first concert.

Chorus members are expected to memorize all music for performances.

"No one will be holding any sheet music in their hands on stage. They've got to know it. We'll be giving very professional performances," Mrs. Scaglioni said. "People who enjoy giving good performances will appreciate that."

Because the nucleus of the new chorus will be The Kendallarks, Whitten says he is in hopes of seeing a lot of men show up for rehearsals to balance out the section.

He is encouraging married couples to join the chorus by providing babysitting facilities during the two-hour rehearsal periods.

There is a \$15 registration fee to cover all costs, payable at the Tuesday rehearsal.

Registration is open to all persons, regardless of residency.

Shawansee Recreation Center is at 30415 Shawansee, between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt roads, corner of Tuck Road.



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