

## Women realtors 'Dress for Success'

Women's Council of Western Wayne-Oakland County Board of Realtors will stage a "Dress for Success" luncheon and fashion show tomorrow for its scholarship fund.

Women's Fashions will come from Designs on You for the event that begins at 11:30 a.m. (Oct. 14) in The Elks Club, 23666 Orchard Lake Road.

The women realtors take the name of their fund-raiser from the Dress for Success books by John Malloy.

"We're responding to his you-are-what-you-wear and you-act-like-you-dress statement," said Diane Stocking, a member of the council.

Sherry Giesler, co-owner of Designs on You, will be commenting the fashion parade that puts emphasis on the working women's wardrobe.

Guests will be viewing the classics — the blazer, the tailored skirted suit and the shirtwaist dress which can all be dressed up or down for versatility.

Ms. Giesler's commentary will include a mini-course in accessorizing.

**THE WOMEN** realtors council was initiated as a self-help group for women going into the business.

The scholarships are given to their members "for women starting out, those struggling in the business who need any manner of academic courses that will help" said Verna Kay, chairman of the fashion show.

"Women are outnumbering the men now," Ms. Kay continued. "In my office we have 26 saleswomen and four men. Even so, we're still sticking together."

Base of operations for the council is the United Northwest Realtors Association on Drake and Grand River in Farmington.

"We're having our convention in November in Anaheim, Cal. and most of us will be able to attend now, through the council," Mrs. Kay said.

**THE WOMEN** became acquainted with Designs on You through its owners who also own and operate the beauty salon, Carnaby Street. Both shops are in Drakehills Shopping Center, on Grand River, east of Drake.

For one of its meetings the council chose to meet in Carnaby Street for a session on make-up and hair styles.

"That was a kind of forerunner to our Dress for Success show," Ms. Kay said.

Mrs. Giesler and her partner Rosemary Fraib also give "Put your self Together" parties, which accent accessorizing and camouflaging tricks for groups and clubs.

Fashions for men for the show will come from Modern Men's Shop in Farmington's Downtown Center, on Farmington Road and Grand River.

Reservations are \$9 each and will be taken by Ms. Kay, 851-0600.



Plaids in the soft pastel shades of mauve, teal and cream can be worn from now through next spring. Patricia Cork (at left) and Diane Stocking choose casual business dressing from The Personal line.



Verna Kay models a 100 percent silk afternoon dress in cranberry from the FML Sport line. Ms. Kay is chairwoman for the fashion show to be staged Oct. 14. (Staff photos by Randy Borsi)

## Junior Women clubs take stand on safety and crime reduction

Farmington Hills Junior Women's Club and the Clawson Junior Women's Club co-hosted the 34th annual fall conference for juniors throughout Michigan.

Delegates representing 25 clubs attended the conference in Franklin High School in Livonia, marking the beginning of a two-year term for the newly installed Michigan Junior Board members.

Seminars were conducted to provide information and guidance regarding the state emphasis project, attacking the increased crime rate, and the Junior emphasis project, traffic-pedestrian safety education.

The current project of Michigan clubwomen is "Take a Bite Out of Crime" and encourages all clubwomen to actively participate by informing residents, school boards, merchants, businessmen, and the elderly how to prevent crimes against themselves and their property.

This program has received a \$33,000 federal grant and the Women's Clubs of Michigan will be the implementing agency. A crime reduction seminar with emphasis in shoplifting, domestic violence and personal crime prevention was led by Inspector James Humphrey of the Detroit Police Department.

Another seminar conducted by Dr. Marie Emery,

director of Michigan Women for Highway Safety, provided training to become qualified speakers on traffic-pedestrian safety with an emphasis in safety education at the elementary grade levels.

**THE HIGHLIGHT** of the conference was the announcement of the Clubwoman of the Year, Jeanne Coulter of Kalamazoo Juniors. This award is presented annually to the Michigan clubwoman who has given endless hours of volunteer work to her club, Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs, her community and church, while continuing to strengthen her family life and personal interests.

There were 11 women nominated by their clubs this year. The Farmington Hills Juniors nominated Teresa Kruggel, the club's past first vice president.

The door prizes presented during the luncheon were contributed by several Farmington merchants: Executive Office Supply, Everything Else Shoppe, Golden Fleece, Curiosity Shoppe, Pier I, Godmar Rexal Drugs, Hinkles, Bolinas Reef, and This 'N That.

During the wrap-up session the Michigan Juniors were encouraged by Darlene Berent, President of the Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs, to return to their communities and continue to serve with renewed enthusiasm.



Pat Bentley, a regular visitor to Williamsburg, Va., will share her knowledge of the Colonial ways of Christmas decorating when she appears in the Fabulous Fridays series Oct. 17. (Staff photo by Randy Borsi)

## Holiday trim created 'The Williamsburg Way'

Authentic, hand-fashioned holiday decorations will be the focus of "In The Williamsburg Way" set for 9:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 17 in Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Rd.

Pat Bentley, Williamsburg-style craft expert, will demonstrate from scratch the method of putting together traditional Christmas wreaths and centerpieces that add an old-fashioned warmth to the holidays.

The event is the third in a series of seven Fabulous Fridays designed to provide something for everyone.

Ms. Bentley says, "After decorating our front door and Christmas tree today we feel we're finished. Not so in yesteryear. The entire house was coordinated with the dried fruits and berries gathered from the fields. The yard was also decorated."

Ms. Bentley has participated in many workshops and walks

throughout the Williamsburg, Va. area and has prepared a slide show for the event in the center.

The Birmingham resident has owned her own shop, Fruitful Endeavors, for the last seven years and formerly was associated with Robert Creations in Grosse Pointe.

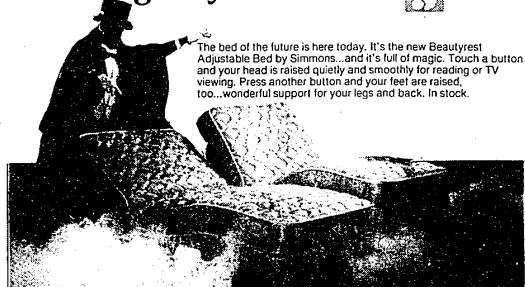
She has participated in the Kingswood Show and Marian High School's Calico Luncheon.

The offering for Oct. 24 is "Patsy Price Designs With Sheets." Guests to this Fabulous Friday will watch as the versatile decorating fabric is transformed into coverings for walls, cushions, tented ceilings, tables, beds or wherever fancy strikes.

This program is back by popular demand. Early registration is suggested.

Reservations, at \$5 each, will be taken by calling The Center, 477-8404.

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