

Career convention for women focuses on high technology

Career women will have an opportunity Feb. 12 and 13 to take part in a Detroit convention that planners say could open up entirely new options for them.

Ann Greene of Bloomfield Hills and Randy Sher of West Bloomfield, the planners, said the two-day conference at the Westin Hotel (formerly the Plaza) will emphasize high-technology professions.

The keynote speakers are to be Jessica Savitch of NBC and Kate Rand Lloyd, editor of Working Woman magazine.

Attending will be representatives of a number of high-technology companies such as Rockwell International, Bendix and Burroughs Corporation, which will sponsor exhibit booths.

Ms. Greene said she also has received positive "vibes" from the White House to information she delivered there during a recent Washington visit. It is possible, she said, that First Lady Nancy Reagan will put in an appearance during the convention.

FOUR MAIN attractions with well-known personalities will be featured each day. And 24 workshops will be led each day by experts in their fields.

Panelists will be presented featuring such diverse personalities as Detroit Mayor Coleman Young, Dr. Corin Gibb, director of Detroit's Urban Planning Council, and Beverly Payne Draper of Channel 2. Throughout the convention exhibit booths will be manned by company representatives.

Ms. Sher is president of A Better Way Inc., a Southfield company that tries to place unemployed people in jobs. She said that it is important for

companies to participate in the career convention because it can serve as a cost-efficient way to fill current and future hiring needs.

Although she does not guarantee that each exhibitor will be looking for new personnel, she said that their participation will serve to demonstrate an interest in women, inform women of current and future personnel needs, and provide a positive feeling about the city and state's future.

THE CONVENTION will be directed toward the needs and goals of currently employed women as well as those about to leave college to enter the job marketplace, she added.

The Detroit convention is an outgrowth of similar ones held in other cities, said Ms. Sher. The idea traces its roots to a career convention in Chicago at which Ms. Greene heard guest speakers Gloria Steinem and Dr. Joyce Brothers.

Not long after, Ms. Greene, who owns her own sales business, attended a career seminar at Wayne State University where she heard Ms. Sher speak. During a subsequent conversation, the two women decided to put on the first of what they hope will become an annual event.

The convention is sponsored by A Better Way Inc., with cooperation from the State of Michigan Governor's High-Tech Task Force, and the City of Detroit.

Tickets, \$15 for each day, are available at all CTC Outlets and J. L. Hudsons, and may be ordered by sending a check (payable to Women's Career Directions) to A Better Way, 4000 Town Center, Suite 1030, Southfield 48075. For information call 352-4328.


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Betty Haynes, a member of the National Guild of Decoupeurs and Canadian Decoupage Guild of Toronto, will lead two workshops in Farmington Community Center in February.

Cloisonne Flowers, a one-session workshop, is scheduled from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 5, for a \$12 fee plus materials.

Mrs. Haynes will teach an underlay process using small flowers cut from delicate papers and etched with gold foil, to be placed under glass. Students will create flower shapes with the look of cloisonne, arrange artistically, and

take home a finished dish garden.

Decouper, or the art of creative cutting, will be practiced in Porcelainized Flowers, a two-session workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, for \$16 plus materials.

Mrs. Haynes will teach the art of cut-

Valentine's Day concert features clarinetist

A 3 p.m. concert for chamber music lovers on Valentine's Day in Farmington Community Center features Bradley Wong, clarinetist, accompanied by Fontaine Laing, piano, and Richard Pippio, cello.

Wong received his master's degree in music from University of Michigan and is clarinet instructor for Detroit Community Music School and clarinetist with the Pastiche Wind Quintet.

Among the group's accomplishments have been a three-week tour of Italy and a year as artists-in-residence in the Dominican Republic where Wong was instructor and clinician at the Cultural Center of Santiago.

Fontaine Laing received her master's degree from University of Michigan in piano and chamber music. She teaches at her Novi studio and the Detroit Community Music School.

Richard Pippio has a master's in music from University of Milwaukee, has performed with the Milwaukee Symphony and Chicago Chamber Orchestra and teaches at Wayne State University.

The Valentine's program will include, "Concertino" by Tartini as well as works of Debussy, Stravinsky and Beethoven.

Tickets are \$4 or \$3 for students and seniors and may be purchased in the center.

Service award winners announced by Jaycees

Farmington Area Jaycees gave out their first Distinguished Service Awards in a program initiated for 1982 by member Ed Matysiewicz.

Winners were chosen by a committee from nominations submitted by area residents during December in eight categories.

Children's librarian Denise Albrecht, active in both the local library as well as Michigan Library Association, took the award for librarians.

Fred Hughes, an auditor for Michigan Bell, took the award in the busi-

nessman or businesswoman category, and Al Lanigan, principal of Larkshire Elementary School for 15 years, won the award in the category for education.

Dick Murphy, a sergeant in the juvenile section with Farmington Hills Police Department, won the award in the fireman-police category, and Loraine McClish, editor of Suburban Life section of Farmington Observer, took the award in the news category.

Earl Oppenheimer, retired after working as a township trustee, City

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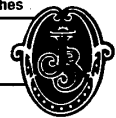
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