

# Senate sends tribute to leukemia fighter

Sylvia Brown, the Farmington Hills resident who founded the Children's Leukemia Foundation, opened her mail the other day and found a resolution of tribute from the Michigan State Senate.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 461, adopted by the Senate with concurrence from the House, recognized Mrs. Brown upon her recent retirement from the executive director's post of the foundation.

Describing her as "the guiding force behind the foundation's growth and development," the resolution said she is as "an outstanding individual who has won a place in the hearts of people throughout the state."

Children's Leukemia Foundation was born in 1952. Mrs. Brown became the organization's first paid staff member and director in 1958. She retained that post until her retirement in September.

A leader in the fight against leukemia and a supporter of community services for many years, Mrs. Brown led the foundation from its beginnings as a volunteer group supporting research, to a statewide agency serving about 500 Michigan residents in 1981. It also provided nearly \$300,000 to serious blood-disease research.

**SYLVIA BROWN** took the United Foundation Pioneer Award in 1956 and was named one of Detroit's Top Ten Working Women in 1985.

She won the Michigan Community Blood Center Award in 1975 and the Spirit of Detroit Award in 1977. In 1981 she took the United Way of Michigan Outstanding Service Award.

She has received recognition consistently for outstanding efforts in her work for the Torch Drive, every year



Sylvia Brown

from 1966-1980.

Children's Leukemia Foundation is a Torch Drive-United Way agency which supports research and provides services to victims of life-threatening blood disorders, adults as well as children.

Mrs. Brown's successor is Glenn Trevisan, also a Farmington Hills resident.

Mrs. Brown's tribute was offered by Senators Doug Ross, D-Oak Park; Harold Scott, D-Grand Blanc; John A. Welborn, R-Kalamazoo; David A. Plawecki, D-Deerborn Heights; Michael J. O'Brien, D-Detroit; Jack Faxom, D-Detroit; and Edward C. Pierce, D-Ann Arbor. Rep. Lucille H. McCollough, D-Deerborn, cosponsored the resolution.

# Story league meets

Alice McCoy is hostess for Detroit Story League which meets at noon March 20 in her home at 25324 Stonycroft, Southfield.

Her co-hostesses are Mary Jeffrey of Livonia and Mary Lampe of Redford.

Theme for the day is "Fairy Rings" with storytellers Katie Allam and Doris Cooney, both of Redford and Ruth Brecalt of Westland.

Ms. McCoy will lead the workshop called "How to Find Stories."

The group works to promote the art of storytelling while members stand on call to accept storytelling engagements throughout southern Michigan.

Roberta Ballough and Louise Chase, both of Livonia, and Violet Altschuler of Farmington Hills, headed up Young Author's Week during the second week of March in Troy's Costello Elementary School.

Ms. Ballough and Ms. McCoy did the storytelling chores for Milford Public Library's St. Patrick's Day party.

Storytellers will be the featured performers for Bushnell Congregational Women's Fellowship Easter breakfast, and after that stories with an Easter theme will be told at a dinner program in Unity Church, Livonia.

Guests are invited to the storytelling and story workshop session by calling Ruth Kroepel, 477-5622.

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