Smoke NoMore

Old habits traded for new ones for smokers who are signing off

By Loraine McClish staff writer

Phyllis Zieve Friedman will lead another session of Smoke NoMore beginning at 7:30 p.m. Wednes-day on Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Communi-ty College.

ty College.

"Another dozen or so people quit the last time around. That makes a pretty helty number since I started this," she said. She devised the classes, which are centered around changing the person's attitude towards cigarettes and behavior related to classifie. cigarettes.

"The core of the program is change," Friedman said, "We trade in old habits for new ones and offer a raft of tools for coping."

One such tool is to Sign-Off-the-Scene.

As Friedman explained, "A habit of lighting up every time you finish dinner would be one scene that you would learn to very quickly leave instead of lingering there where the eigarette urge lingers."

Robert Donovan learned to sign-off-his-bedroom scene first thing in the morning.

"Reaching for the cigarette the minute I got up was a tough one to change in the beginning," said Donovan, who is director of Jeep and Eagle Marketing for American Motors in West Bloomfield. "But I bypass that with a cold morning shower, and it works for me."

Donovan described himself as a chain smoker who found all of his instructor's thoughts on behavior change helpful, including one "that kept a coffce stirrer in my mouth through meetings and cocktail parties for weeks as a substitute for cigarcites," he said:

FRIEDMAN holds a degree in speech and sociol-ogy from University of Michigan. She turned to teaching smoking cessation as a group facilitator for American Cancer Society and American Health Foundation.

"I took everything I knew about the subject and put together Smoke NoMore accenting positive at-titudes, teaching that there is more to be gained from not smoking," she said.

"Each person can pick his own rationale. By the end of the program many tell how distasteful eiga-rettes have become to them, and the majority point out the improvements they have found in their new smokeless seats in life," she said.

"I'm happy to be able to recommend the course because I feel a heek of a lot better now," said George Czarulk, accounting manager for Americof-fee Corp., who attended Smoke NoMore sessions last fall.

The Farmington Hills resident said he had tried quitting before but felt that the course was "the perfect crutch for me because my desire was at the perfect pitch. The two went hand in hand. "Wanting to quit was the key for me, so it wasn't hard. You really need the conviction of wanting to quit. Then the little things she suggests for replacing the eigarcties — like the little ball I used to carry around to soueze in my hand — well. It carry around to squeeze in my hand — well, it makes a pattern, and it all falls into place," he said.

SMOKE NOMORE participants are encouraged to treat hemselves with kindness and respect while they are undergoing what for most is a major change in their lives.

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"They are encouraged to treat and reward them-selves often," Friedman said.
"That was hard for me to buy," Rosemary Hin-son said. "How could I treat myself with kindness when I was glving up my companion of 27 years? I never left my house without my eigarettes. They were with me all the time, and I wanted them with me all the time, and I wanted them

Hinson attended Smoke NoMore with her sister Roxanne Zahratian.

"I was a little dubious about her quitting smoking while she was trying to lose weight at the same time. But we've both stopped smoking, and she's still fighting the weight. One thing at a time, I guess," she said.

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But neither woman has suffered any aftermath of excessive craving for cigarettes.

"After all these years I can be around people who smoke, and I have no desire to light up. I don't understand that. It doesn't even make sense, I think that be to very odd, even though we did get a lot of material to read, and we did know beforchand what to expect," Hinson said.

FRIEDMAN believes a big part of her success comes from conducting Smoke NoMore classes in small groups so participants can receive individual attention, as well as support for their problems from other group members.

The individual attention includes follow-up calls by the instructor, especially during crucial times.

Crucial times can be long weekends, holidays, or times between the first few of the eight sessions when experience has shown participants will be particularly tempted to falter.

Because the small group format is intrinsic to Smoke NoMore success, class size is limited. Fee is \$35 and is payable at the beginning of the first ses-sion.

Registration information is given by calling the college at 471-7561, or by calling Friedman, 356-6000.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Phyills Friedman, who has devised her own method of smoking cessation, be-lieves that freedom from the addiction can be learned, even by the die-hards and those who have tried to quit before, without climbing the proverbial walls.

Unicyclists want new club members

Redford Unicycle Club, which holds the U.S. Championship title for 1982, invites newcomers to its spring practice sessions which begin this month. He was the session of the property of the session which begin this month. Statudays inside various churches and on church parking lots in Redford and Livonia, depending on the weather. "Several churches have been very kind to us," said Dominie Liparoto, a Farmington Hills resident who is vice president for the club. "When newcomers call us we can tell them where the next practice session will be." Newcomers can be any age, though the youngest cyclist in the club now is six years old. Previous experience on a unicycle is not necessary and residency

in Redford is not a requirement.

"Our membership comes from at least 10 surrounding communities, but we're down to about 25 active members now. Most of them are teens, so we can always expect to lose some of our best when they graduate from high school and leave for college." Liparoto said.

New members can expect to be called on for performances and parades with the club, mostly within the state.

In addition, the club is a regular entry into unleyele competition.

Carol Brichford will answer inquiries at 533-4677.

Oldest ark discoverer to speak in Southfield

"Discovery of the Oldest Sacred Ark in Israel" will be discussed by archeolo-gist Eric M. Meyers on Wednesday eve-ning, March 9 at Congregation Shanrey Zedek in Southfield

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Meyers, director of the graduate program in religious studies at Duke University, will describe his 1980-81 excavation in the ancient village of Natasacala.

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During the dig, a fragment of a Torah Shrine, commonly referred to as
the Holy Ark was recovered.

Mayers has a number of other archeological and educational achieve-

ments to his credit. He has been hon-

ored by the National Geographic Society, the Smithsonian Institute and the Memorial Foundation of Jewish Cul-

Presently on a sabbatical at Oxford University, Meyers previously carned a doctoral from Harvard, a master's degree from Bartandeis University and a bachelor's degree from Dartmouth. He has also studied at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, Hebrew Union College, and the University of Viendam Austria.

For more information call the syna-gogue at 557-5544.

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Brad is now a U.S. citizen Careers

Bradley Emigh, a second grader at Woodcreek Elementary School, is now a U.S. cilizen. The son of Bill and May-nadene Emigh took his Oath of Allegi-ence with about a hundred others in Oakland County Circuit Court Feb. 10.

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Brad's parents hosted an All-American dinner for their son's friends in celebration of the event with a menu that consisted of hot dogs, corn on the cob and apple pie. Neighborhood and school friends stuck to the All-American decenty glying him a gift of a softball and bat.

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Brad came from El Salvador to live in the United States about three years ago. He plays the plano, enjoys Cub Scouls, soccer, football, video games, fishing and walking in the woods.

Ariong those at his party was his new sister, Naney, who arrived from Korea about three weeks ago to live with the Emigh family.



class offered

Oakland University Continuum Center spon-sors a Careers in Transi-tion workshop, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Feb. 21-March 28 in Holy Spirit Church, West Bloomfield.

Careers in Transition helps people decide what job they want and then teaches them how to get that job.

To register for this or other job-finding pro-grams offered by the Continuum Center, call 277-3033.

Singer turns Eagle Scout

care center opens

New day



Opening date for Pathways to Learning Children's Center is Monday, Feb. 28. The new day care center is located at 30333 10 Mite Road, west of Middlebelt.

The center offers pre-school, kindergarden, half-day and full-day care, and a summer pro-gram. It will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and offers special rates to those with more than one child entering the school.

The center's new phone number is 474-0092.