

Ball benefits new outpatient center

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BOTSFORD INN's sesquicentennial costume ball raised \$22,000 for Botsford General Hospital's new Family Services Center, an outpatient addiction recovery center slated to open June 1.

"Guests at the festivities Saturday evening dressed in attire typical of 1836, the year the Botsford Inn, then a stagecoach stop, opened."

"A seven-course dinner — replete with cookie pyramid centerpieces — was prepared from authentic 1800s recipes. Decorations and protocol also closely resembled an elegant dinner party set in the mid-19th century."

"Innkeeper John Anhut was dressed as inn founder Orrin Weston might have been 150 years before. The inn is Michigan's oldest operating lodging facility."

"The 215 guests were served champagne and hors d'oeuvres in the inn's brick-paved courtyard before being called to several dining rooms."

"AFTER DINNER, the Olde Michigan Ruffwater Stringband provided thematic music tracing the history of popular dance tunes from 1836."

"Glen Morningstar and David Park Williams called the dances and taught steps appropriate to the 1800s. Sets formed at the sound of the cornet, courtesy of the Ypsilanti Historical Society."

"Anhut joined hospital president

Gerson Cooper in underscoring the natural ties between the Inn and the hospital."

"Their greetings to ball guests read, in part: 'As a registered historical site, Botsford Inn makes an important contribution to our community as a keeper of the past. It offers us a vital, enduring reference point on our journey into the future.'"

"Not content to remain the past, however, the Inn has joined in a partnership with its neighbor, Botsford General Hospital," the greetings continued."

"Together, they are lending support to those living with chemical dependency, one of the most widespread health problems of modern times."

BOTH ANHUT and Cooper view the idea of generating support for the Family Services Center through the sesquicentennial ball "as an opportunity to further strengthen the ties that bind the inn, the hospital and the community."

The new Family Services Center will be located on Grand River, one mile east of the Farmington Hills hospital.

The outpatient approach to alcohol or drug dependency treatment is intended to not only reduce health-care costs, but also provide counseling and treatment without the inconvenience of an overnight stay.

"When faced with the prospect of leaving family, career and friends to go and dry out, we believe that many



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patients either put treatment off or avoid it altogether.

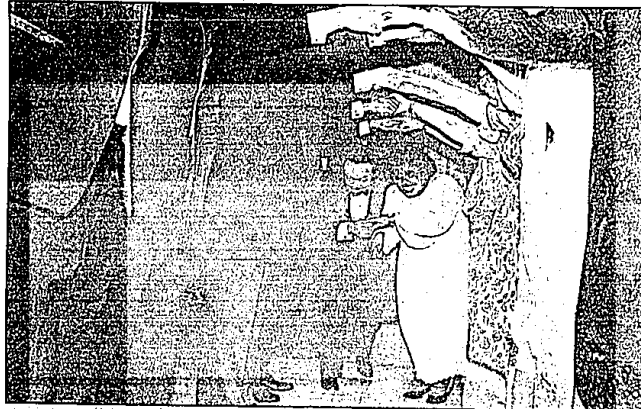
"By keeping patients in familiar surroundings and allowing them to meet their personal and professional obligations, we can build on the strengths of individuals and families to overcome abuse problems," reads a promotion for the new center.

CENTER PROGRAMS will be tailored to meet individual needs — from intensive daily treatment to traditional support sessions. Some counseling sessions will be just for patients, others for patients and family members and still others for groups of patients sharing common goals.

All center services will be provided under the direct supervision of medical and nursing personnel with training and experience in the clinical management of the chemically dependent patient. Graduates may seek longer-term help through Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Al-Teen or Narcotics Anonymous.

The center also will provide outreach programs on chemical dependency, on how addiction affects relationships, and on nutrition and wellness.

Botsford General Hospital hosted the sesquicentennial ball, in cooperation with the Botsford Inn Sesquicentennial Committee. Angela Bukos, Margaret Reimer, Arlene Remmer, Shoula Stefos and Barbara Zeiser served on the steering committee.



Botsford General Hospital board chairman Edward Hodges III of Detroit and his wife, Be-

atrice, showed their versatility on the ballroom dance floor.



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Ralph Lorenz (left), owner of the Mayflower Hotel in Plymouth, with his wife, Terry, and Botsford Inn innkeeper John Anhut.



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Kathy Chapple of Port Huron, Alana Barter of Walpole Lake and Sheila Atkinson of Rochester Hills pause on the dance floor for a picture. Chapple's husband, Sonny, is the hospital's respiratory care director. Barter's husband, Edward, is vice president for administration. Atkinson is patient services manager.

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Pre-parade banquet set

The Farmington Area Veterans Council will sponsor the annual pre-Memorial Day parade dinner-dance Sunday, May 25, in the Groves-Walker American Legion Post No. 346, 31775 Grand River, Farmington.

Tickets are \$12.50 per person. For reservations, call 474-8554. Cocktails will begin at 6 p.m.

The Veterans Memorial Day Parade Committee, chaired by Wally Christensen, have been at work preparing for the Farmington area's annual Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 26.

This committee is comprised of representatives of the three local

veterans service organizations. This year's honored branch of service will be the Air Force.

The Air Force presence, including a possible "fly over," will be featured, while other Armed Forces units, veterans organizations and civilian components will pass in review.

MEMORIAL SERVICES to pay respect to the war dead will be held at the downtown monument, just west of Farmington Road.

This program will include a few remarks from a featured guest speaker, presentation of "Best of Class" awards, invocation by a local member of the clergy, and the

firing squad and taps.

The parade on Memorial Day begins at 10 a.m. at the Farmington Plaza on Grand River, west of Orchard Lake Road. Participants may meet at 8:30 a.m. for coffee and doughnuts at the Grove-Walker Post prior to lineup.

Following the services at the downtown monument, all may attend an open house for refreshments at the VFW Post 2269, 23414 Orchard Lake.

"All area residents are urged to join with us in paying respect to those who made the supreme sacrifice for their country," Christensen said.

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