

Miss Grand Prix selected June 19

A quality control inspector, a teacher of learning disabled children, a hair dresser, an academic scholar, a junior advertising executive and a company president are all among approximately 100 contestants in the 1986 Miss Grand Prix Beauty Pageant set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 19, in Premier Center, Sterling Heights.

"The Miss Grand Prix beauty pageant adds to the positive image of Detroit as it comes under the world's microscope during the Grand Prix," said Annalisa Sokol, executive director of the pageant and a resident of Farmington Hills. "On a local level, it provides a challenging opportunity for many metropolitan Detroit women to demonstrate their personal and physical beauty in a rewarding competition."

Sokol has served as executive director of the Miss Grand Prix Beauty Pageant since 1983. It was formerly known as the Miss Detroit Raceway Beauty Pageant.

After winning the title herself in 1982, Sokol took an interest in keeping the pageant alive by providing an opportunity for many Michigan women to demonstrate their personal and physical beauty in competition.

Under her directorship, winners, runners-up and contestants have been able to gain valuable experience and expand their careers in

the modeling industry, she said. Born in Detroit, in 1981, Sokol earned an associate degree in marketing from Schoolcraft College. Presently a senior at Wayne State University majoring in communications, she is a professional model and a licensed cosmetologist.

She has been a modeling instructor at Barizon Modeling School and John Casablancas Career Center and has also lectured on personal development and modeling as a career in Detroit Public Schools.

WDTX RADIO personalities Jim Harper and Cynthia Gandy will host the event, which is sponsored by Metro 25 Car Care Centers, the nation's sixth largest cooperative of independent retail tire dealers and automotive service centers. A panel of local celebrities will select the winner based on poise and personal appearance during swimsuit and evening gown competitions, as well as a personal interview.

This year's Miss Grand Prix will receive the use of a 1986 Pontiac Sunbird Turbo GT from Stead Sales and Leasing, a full-length fox fur coat from Fashion Furs of JC Penney, a trip for two to the Bahamas from Hamilton, Miller, Hudson and Payne Travel Corp., a full modeling scholarship, courtesy of John Casablancas Modeling & Career Center, and a promotional contract with Metro 25 Car Care Centers, including an appearance at the Grand Prix Expo, June 20-23.

A special award will be presented to Miss Photogenic who will receive a test shooting in New York and an interview with Elite Modeling Agency. Fifteen finalists will also receive an audition to participate in auto shows from Affiliated Models.

Admission to the beauty pageant is \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. Tickets are available at the Premier Center box office. For further information, contact Sokol at 557-RACE.



Annalisa Sokol

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Nurse takes a bow

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Boysville open house is June 21-22

Plans are under way for the Boysville of Michigan 1986 Summer Festival and Open House Saturday and Sunday, June 21-22, on the grounds of Boysville's Central Campus, 8744 Clinton-Macon Road, Clinton.

The festival attracts a large number of visitors from throughout Michigan and northern Ohio and offers a variety of exhibits, entertainment and activities. This year's festival will include hand-made art and craft exhibits, lost arts demonstrations, a variety of live entertainment, games, amusements, and a number of food concessions.

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