

She helps other realize their capabilities

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lot classes, groups of children of all ages, groups of adults of all ages, and "as many amputees as I can get in the water," she said.

"Any amputee who wants to swim can come to me for their first lesson. The technique is a bit different than for teaching a 6-year old and of course there is a lot of emotion to contend with. First time out they don't like an audience. My sensitivity on the stars has long since passed. They can stare all they want. "Exercise, exercise, exercise, it's so important, especially for the disabled. Why let a few stars prevent you from getting so much benefit and so much joy?"

Cornell's joy in swimming, coupled with a philosophy of good nutrition, a rich spiritual belief and a positive attitude toward life is summed

up when she says "It's not what you've lost. It's what you've still got and how to use it that matters."

CORNELL's philosophy spills over into Amputee Support and Service Group, the first group of its kind, which she organized in 1984. The group now has four chapters in Michigan, a mailing list of 300 and with its wide-spread publicity has made her into "something of a Dear Abby by telephone," she said.

The questions will run from "How can I sleep on my amputated side?" to "Where did you buy your crutch covers?"

"But most of them just want to talk, and a lot of times just talk out the anger and the bitterness," she said. "Talking is great therapy and the one big reason I started the group. When I had my leg amputated there was no one to talk to, not a single person. The doctors had never

gone through this. The nurses had never gone through this.

"It was essential, at least to me, that we all get together not only to support one another but also to give service to one another. Giving helps build up the confidence, helps you get involved, helps you get back to living so you can feel good about yourself."

Cornell is talking to student nurses

now, giving them lectures in their junior year in how to relate to amputees, and she, or one of her group, is talking to every new amputee she can contact in the state.

"And she is constantly giving by 'being the best example I can be in taking care of myself both inside and out,' she said.

On achey days when the bone disease starts flaring up, Cornell puts

on one of the snappy sweat-shirts or warm up suits she designed herself, gives special attention to her makeup, sprays on an extra bit of cologne, and fluffs up her mod pixie hair-cut. "It's the best medicine in the world," she said.

CORNELL WAS born in Nevada, raised in California, is married to Tom Cornell, has one 15-year-old son, and has lived in Farmington Hills for the past nine years.

She serves as a board member for Woodbrooke, and is safety chairman for the pools and grounds. She is the social committee chairman for Westbrook Subdivision Association and secretary for the USA Masters Y Swim Team in Farmington Hills.

With the help of a friend who drives, she works as a volunteer to prepare trays for Meals on Wheels that leave the Farmington Hills

Senior Adult Center every Monday, and most recently she started a Bible study group in her home.

By means of a home computer she writes the Amputee Support and Service newsletter, and has made a breakdown of its members concerning age, sex, address and type of amputation.

"That's because so many of the members want to talk to a person of the same sex, or of the same age, or has a problem or an amputation that is similar," she said.

"What I learned from this is that I'm learning a lot about diabetes. Almost three-fourths of our members had their amputation because they are diabetics. The second most common cause of amputation in our group is summer motorcycle accidents," she said. "Only a few have some sort of a weird bone disease like me."

'I want to reach all the amputees who are hiding in their homes, and particularly those who think they will never swim again.'

— Beverly Cornell
Hills swimmer

Permits sought under new Hills massage law

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licensing or regulating the massage business. The state is also not preventing anyone from entering the profession, according to Judith Dennis, administrative secretary for the state Board of Massage.

The ordinance exempts certain types of businesses from compliance. The businesses or professions exempted include registered nurses, athletic team trainers, licensed barbers and beauticians, among others.

But skin care salons and beauty in-

stitutes are also exempt if the massage therapists employed at these businesses are certified members of the American Massage Therapy Association and International Myomassages Federation (Michigan State Association of Myomassagists).

Those businesses and employees who provide massages and do not fall under the exempt categories, must obtain an operating permit.

When seeking an operating permit or a renewal, the applicant is required to provide a signed affidavit from a physician stating the appli-

cant is free of any contagious or communicable disease. Individual employees seeking a license or renewal must do the same.

According to the application submitted for Sentations, one of the prospective employees also has submitted an application for a massage license under the city's ordinance, Dwyer said.

The ordinance was enacted by the Farmington Hills City Council in February and stemmed from the

Hills police department's investigation into complaints about health spas providing alleged sexual activity.

Farmington Hills Special Patrol Operational Team members raided five Oriental health spas Oct. 7-8 last year following a six-week investigation of residents' complaints that sex-related offenses were occurring at the storefront spas.

The raids led to the arrest of one Korean-born man, one Japanese-

born woman and 15 Korean-born women on soliciting-related charges. All 17 either pleaded no contest or were convicted at jury trials. One of the women is appealing her conviction.

During the raids police also ticketed seven men for loitering in a place of illegal occupation.

Police continue to cooperate with the Michigan State Police, the FBI and the Immigration and Naturalization Service to determine if there

is any connection between the local spas and an Asian-based international prostitution ring, Dwyer said.

Each of the five Oriental spas operating in Farmington Hills last year was closed following either the October police raids or subsequent court proceedings.

One spa, Tokyo, reopened March 14 pending a hearing under the city's business licensing ordinance. The city refused to renew the spa's 1986 business license.

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