

# Coalition sponsors forum for those with a chronic illness

The Chronic Illness Awareness Coalition of Michigan (CIAC) will sponsor a free public forum, "The Emotional Impact of Chronic Illness," Saturday, Sept. 27 in United Food and Commercial Workers Local 876 Hall, 876 Horace Brown Drive, Madison Heights.

The coalition was formed by 20 groups and agencies early this year and sponsored its first forum last March.

"The response was terrific. We filled the Sinal Hospital auditorium to capacity but were unable to accommodate 100 persons who requested reservations," said Maggie Champagne, from the Michigan Chapter of Arthritis Foundation, a member of the coalition. "We have more than doubled the seating capacity in the new location and will easily accommodate more than 500 comfortably."

Champagne added that evaluations collected from the audience after the March forum were positive and expressed gratitude, as well as a desire to attend any future programs conducted by CIAC.

The forum opens with an agency information fair from noon to 1 p.m. At 1 p.m., Ed Pernick, a counselor and educator specializing in human sexuality and disability, will talk on "Sexuality and Chronic Illness."

At 2 p.m. Sean Hogan-Downey, a social worker, will talk on "Family Relationships, Children and Chronic Illness."

Reservations are necessary, and can be made by calling National Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis, 424-8658.

Other CIAC member agencies are Alzheimers Disease and Related Disorders; American Lung Association; Epilepsy Center; Tourette Syndrome; Michigan Lupus Foundation; Mucopolysaccharidosis Research Funding Center; Detroit Blood Pressure Control; Multiple Sclerosis Society; Myasthenia Gravis Association; National Kidney Foundation; Huntington Disease Association; United Scleroderma Association; Parkinson Foundation; Blood Pressure Group; Child's Lukemia Foundation and Headway Rehabilitation Foundation.

# Britain's ancient past told in lecture series

Farmington Community Center offers a three session workshop "From Stonehenge to Camelot," at 3:30 p.m. Wednesdays, Sept. 24, Oct. 1 and Oct. 8.

The armchair adventure into Britain's past will be guided by Dr. Stephen Bertman, known for his lectures on the ancient world.

With the aid of color slides and commentary, the journey is from the silent sentinels of prehistoric Stonehenge to the days of King Arthur.

Sept. 24 "The Mystery of Stonehenge" will be discussed and whether it was a shrine that once witnessed the pagan rites of the Druids, or a Stone Age astronomical computer designed to predict eclipses.

On Oct. 1 the lecture will be "The Romans in Britain," telling about new discoveries beneath the city streets of London and in the English countryside that reveal the presence of ancient Rome.

The final lecture is "The Quest for Camelot." The remains of Camelot, home of the Knights of the Round Table and the fair Guinevere, may actually have been located.

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# Fall Rally leads off schedule of events at Children's Village

Lita Duncanson of Farmington and Elizabeth Lee of Novi are in the forefront of the volunteers planning a series of October events for the Redford campus of the Methodist Children's Home Society, Children's Village.

The schedule begins with the traditional Fall Rally when representatives from United Methodist Churches across the state will gather at the village Thursday, Oct. 2, for tours and programs.

The public is invited to attend Open House 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, for guided tours of the village, 26845 Six Mile, which will leave the Chapel Building, frequently between those hours. A brief program can be heard at 3 p.m.

The open house is given in honor of David L. Ball Jr., who will retire at the end of this year after serving as executive director of the organization for 19 years.

Ball has been involved in the care and treatment of disadvantaged and disturbed children since he graduated from Washington University with a master's degree in social work. Before coming to Michigan he served as executive director for two other private children's agencies, including 10 years at Methodist Children's Home in Missouri.

A group of volunteers, the League of Children's Friends, has scheduled its annual rummage sale for Friday and Saturday, Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, in Redford United Methodist Church, 22400 Grand River.

AT EACH OF the October events, the organization's Christmas cards will be on sale. The commissioned ink drawing on the cards is of wide-mouthed youngsters holding their song books.

Last year funds raised by the League of Children's Friends were used to relocate the 2,600-volume Children's Village Library. New bookshelves and carpeting were installed, tables and chairs were purchased. And to house a donated collection of 50 dolls, a lighted display case was made.

Duncanson calls the new room a "reading for pleasure library." The resource is supervised by Joyce Thomas, director of religious education, who is assisted in that job by volunteers.

Recreational and cultural off-campus treats also are provided by the league funds.

Robert C. Junhke, a Farmington resident, is president of Methodist Children's Home Society.

Residents of Farmington and Farmington Hills who are volunteers, working in one capacity or another toward the October events, are: Clare Carvell, Virginia Doerr, Lorene Junhke, Grace Duncanson and Don and Jeanne Dittmar.



Lita Duncanson and Elizabeth Lee are two of the many volunteers getting ready for three major events at the Redford Campus of Methodist Children's Home Society, sometimes better known as Children's Village.

# Couple's roles change with retirement

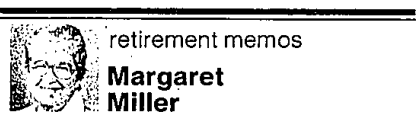
A SUMMER Saturday at our Florida condominium provided a fine example of how retirement life sometimes goes.

I had gotten myself involved in helping arrange a forum for political candidates at a nearby shopping mall. Besides some preliminary meetings and some running around, it required my being at the mall for something like 8 a.m. to dinner time.

So while I was gone Joe took care of the laundry, a procedure regularly on our Saturday schedule, and also remade the bed and had a delicious dinner ready when I returned home.

"No problem at all," my husband insisted. "You like getting out and doing things like that better than I do. So I do my share of community work by taking care of more things around the apartment so you can."

THAT DAY was maybe a bit extreme, but still it was quite indicative of the retirement lifestyle that has evolved for us. It's a far cry from the long-gone days when Joe worked one and sometimes two jobs and the home front was practically



retirement memos

**Margaret Miller**

all my responsibility, except when he grilled dinner outside.

It's also a far cry from a situation once noted by a retired former colleague. She said women in her retirement community complain a bit about husbands who either expect meals at all hours or keep invading their wives' kitchen sanctums.

But it's a home situation that was in the making long before we retired, and it's one that suits us both very well.

JOE HAD BEEN doing more and more of the cooking in the last few years we lived in Michigan. My office hours were as long as his at that stage, we often had different days off, and he enjoyed trying new recipes, so he was as likely as I to cook dinner.

His interest in cooking has increased since we came to Florida. We each have the entrees that we "do," but he has added more than I. And because I swim longer stretches and late afternoon is the best time for swimming, he is more likely than I to get dinner to the table.

We've also shared cleaning chores since the day when our faithful cleaning helper had to give up day work. We still do, more or less dividing it into bathrooms and vacuuming for Joe and dusting and kitchen for me.

Laundry, once my exclusive domain, is shared or done more often by my husband these days. Except

on the Saturday mornings when he has a condominium board meeting; then I get to do the wash. And I still preside most often at the loading or unloading of the dishwasher.

PEOPLE AROUND HERE have commented, often as I'm finishing my late afternoon swim, that I really have it made. I agree absolutely.

But Joe, while enjoying kidding me about getting dinner or doing the wash "because somebody has to," really doesn't feel put upon. Mainly he'd rather clean up than go to a meeting, and he prefers cooking to restaurant frequenting. And functioning as we do leaves both of us free to enjoy evenings.

Role stereotyping fortunately is on the way out and shared work is more "in" for most segments of society. These retirees are part of the trend.

Margaret Miller was Suburban Life editor for Observer Newspapers for 16 years. She and her husband Joe have retired to Florida, where she writes Retirement Memos.

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