

Coalition alerts public to infant and pregnancy loss

The Awareness Month Task Force, a group of non-profit organizations offering support, resources and education on miscarriage, stillbirth and infant death, is sponsoring an Awareness Month during October. The goal is to heighten the awareness of issues related to these kinds of losses as well as educate and offer support.

The schedule of events begins with a dinner meeting Thursday, Oct. 2, in Grace Hospital, Detroit. This meeting is for Bereavement Support Group leaders to discuss forming a Perinatal Bereavement Coalition in southeastern Michigan. Call Gwendolyn Stellmach, 532-0712, for reservations.

Two sites have been chosen for a "Service of Remembrance," to better enable families in the tri-county area to participate. The first service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, at St. Gemma Parish in Redford. A similar service along with a tree dedication ceremony will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 19, at the Rochester Hills Museum.

The purpose of these special services is to give bereaved families the vehicle to memorialize a deceased baby or simply be with others who have experienced a similar loss.

A SIX-PART series on bereavement topics, including "When a Child Dies: Facing the Emotional Devastation," will be offered by Lynch & Sons Funeral Home of Clawson beginning Oct. 13 (contact 435-0660) and Schrader Funeral Home of Plymouth beginning Oct. 20 (contact 453-3333). Both series will be 7:30-9 p.m. They are free and open to the public.

A half-day conference on Perinatal Loss is set for Friday, Oct. 17, in William Beaumont Hospital. This conference is for caregivers: clergy, social workers, medical professionals, funeral directors.

Friends Supporting Parents will be sponsoring a dinner dance Friday, Oct. 24, at the Starlite Hall in Mount Clemens. Proceeds will help provide burial gowns for babies lost through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death. Donation is \$15 per person in advance, \$17.50 at the door. For reservations, call 779-4717.

On Oct. 29, a conference called "Infant Loss — Responding to the Bereaved Family" will be in Grace Hospital. The conference will be in the hospital auditorium at 2 p.m. and in conference rooms A and B at 7:30 p.m. Hospital staff, clergy and lay caregivers are welcome. For pre-registration, call 966-3452.



Crewel

Zabel Arakelian shows some of the home and personal accessories she's made using two-ply worsted yarn to create the early American art called crewel. There are no sewing skills required for students who will enter her fall classes that begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, and at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 8, in Farmington Community Center. The instructor is a member of Embroiders Guild of America, Needlework and Textile Guild of Michigan and International Old Lace. Registrations, at \$30 for the five-session classes, are taken by calling the center, 477-8040.

Farmington Lions distribute gifts

Farmington Area Lions Clubs, as Lions Clubs throughout the world, sponsor a number of fund raising events every year. The local club accrued \$10,386 from those events this past season that was distributed to assist the blind as well as local agencies that give community service.

Recipients of \$1,000 each were Leader Dogs For the Blind, Welcome Home for the Blind, Lions Clubs International Foundation for Disaster Relief, Perinatal Center for Blind Children, Beaumont Silent Childrens Fund, Michigan Eye Bank Operations and Michigan Eye Bank Research.

Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and Madonna College Hearing Fund each received \$500. The sum of \$450 was given to provide eye glasses and eye examinations for the needy. The sum of \$300 was given to Farmington Head Start.

Farmington Community Center and Farmington Historical Museum were each given \$250.

Other recipients were Michigan Lions All State Band, Can-Am, American Legion Boys State, the Goodfellow, Farmington Area Advisory Council, Farmington Youth Assistance, Families in Action, Camp Franklin, Michigan School for the Blind's summer camp fund and Oakland County Library for the Blind.

The money was raised through a raffle on during Founders Festival, pumpkin sales in the fall, White Cane sales in the spring, Candy Cane sales, coin box donations and Blind Air Seal mailings.

All administrative costs are borne by the membership through dues, dinner fees, fines and some campaign fund projects such as paper drives, entertainment book sales and a raffle during the holiday season. Even a portion of this is distributed through the Lions' charity fund.

Membership inquiries are taken by Dick Carver, 476-6257, or Dick Corcoran, 349-8224.

clubs in action

LADIES AUXILIARY TO VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS will be in Mackinac Island this weekend for the 58th fall conference in Michigan. Theme for the conference is "Spirit of Hope and Freedom." The occasion is also the official visit of the group's national president who this year is Rosemary Master of East Brunswick, N.J.

Those from Brodhead-Farmington Hills VFW Post 2269 attending the conference will be Joan Simpson, Fred Esser, Marilyn Esser, Irene Rodebaugh, Irene Gauthier and Irene Johnson. Esser is the post commander. Simpson is a member of the local post and president of the auxiliary's Fifth District. Rodebaugh is president of the local auxiliary.

SUNDAY NIGHT MUSIC BOX, hosts an open "Super Singles Dance" for the first time at 7 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28 in Holiday Inn Livonia West,

on Six Mile Road and I-275. The Music Box is associated with 5,000 singles throughout the tri-county area and will continue to meet in the same location every Sunday evening. Admission is \$6 at the door. Inquiries are taken by George Noble, 261-5547 or 531-1111.

EMBROIDERS GUILD OF AMERICA, Farmington Hills Chapter, meet at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1 in Faith Covenant Church, corner of Drake and 14 Mile. Guests are welcomed. Program for the day is a workshop on the art of blackwork, taught by Avis Meskus. Inquiries are taken by NaDean Seelman, 348-0036.

All club news and announcements for this column are to be

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