

Environmental group turns 15

YOU KNOW THE saying "Time flies when you're having fun." Well, it hasn't all been fun — but it has been interesting, challenging, educational and constantly new. And the time has flown.

This is a double banner year for Concern Detroit, Inc. First, Concern is celebrating its 15th anniversary this month. Second, 1987 also marks the beginning of our second decade of providing the Consumer Mailbag for "The Observer & Eccentric" readers.

When Concern was organized in 1972, the environment and consumer issues were in the forefront of our thinking. Along with many of you, Concern worked to successfully pass Michigan's "bottle bill," the deposit law which is still used as a model by other states. With numerous recycling centers, it was easy to help protect the environment.

WITH THE recession of the early 1980s, environmental issues were

displaced as we struggled with inflation, unemployment and foreign imports. It was bleak period.

While environmental issues were overshadowed by economic concerns, the environment deteriorated. The decline in air pollution slowed; acid rain was "suddenly" discovered; groundwater contamination became a health hazard, and we were rapidly running out of places to dump our garbage.

In today's improved economy, we are again looking at these environmental problems. We are, however, looking at them in a different way.

Instead of quick-fix solutions that many times solved one problem while creating new ones, we are attempting to find long-range permanent solutions — solutions that will not be abandoned if a downturn in the economy should occur.

These solutions are a joint effort by legislators, elected officials and you, the individual citizen, all working together contributing knowledge and suggestions.



Terry Gibb

DON'T MISUNDERSTAND. The environment still faces many problems, and not all of our elected officials see protecting our environment as the top priority it should be.

We are fortunate here in Michigan to have leadership that is seeking economic solutions and progress in conjunction with protecting Michigan's environment and natural resources.

Protecting our environment must be an important item on everyone's agenda because if we don't have clean air to breathe, clean water to drink and uncontaminated land to grow food — how can we live? Without a safe, clean environment, there are no other problems.

You're invited to help Concern celebrate its 15th anniversary on Tuesday, March 10 at the annual meeting beginning at 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 933-6082.

The Consumer Mailbag answers your questions. Address mail to The Consumer Mailbag, Concern Detroit, 1025 Shelby, Detroit 48226.

Chefs, patrons aid Children's Hospital

The third annual Cuisine Extraordinaire, a fund-raiser for Children's Hospital of Michigan, will be held 6-9 p.m. Sunday, March 9, in The Roostertail in Detroit.

Sponsored by the hospital's auxiliary, the event is chaired by Jane Jacobelli of Bloomfield Hills. Mark Andrews, WCZY radio personality, will act as master of ceremonies.

Cuisine Extraordinaire participants will sample the specialties of 18 area chefs, including Miles Chelka of The Golden Mushroom and Bep Van Daal, retired chef from Troy. Music for the evening will be provided by the Mark Phillips Band.

TICKETS for the event may be ordered by calling Diane Cuper, Children's Hospital, at 745-5315 during normal business hours and Virginia Olechowski at 776-4707 after 5 p.m.

General admission is \$50 per person. Patron and benefactor tickets may be purchased at \$75 and \$100, respectively.

Participating chefs are members

of the Michigan Chef de Cuisine Association. Redford resident Ray Schwartz, a chef at the Pontchartrain, is the group's liaison for the event.

"WHEN THE hospital started this event three years ago they asked us to join with them and help them out," Schwartz said. "We really grabbed hold of it because it's for the children."

"Basically what happens (at the Cuisine Extraordinaire) is that we set up buffet tables for hors d'oeuvres, entrees and desserts and each chef prepares their specialty and brings it in," he said. "People can just help themselves all night. Try whatever they want."

Schwartz said there is never a problem finding chefs to volunteer for the event.

"When I raise the question on the floor at our meetings I get 35 hands going up, and I only need 18 volunteers," he said. "We try to get a good mix and this year we brought in some power chefs."

3 win grants for research

Three area students in health sciences are among nine at Oakland University who have won research grants for the school year.

Winning proposals were selected by the OU Research Committee. Funds are supplied by the Alumni Association. Each student will work with a faculty advisor in the chosen research area.

Patricia Pesta, Rochester, won a \$350 undergraduate grant for her work in environmental health on "Equilibrium Vapor Pressure Studies of Quaternary Ammonium Salt Hydrates."

David Moore, Birmingham, won a \$500 graduate student grant for his work on "The Effects of Selected Strength Training Exercises on Baseball Throwing Speed and Related Strength Parameters."

Jolie Hoady, Troy, was awarded a \$500 graduate grant for work on "The Effects of a 10 Week Exercise Program on Serum HDL-C Levels in Post Menopausal Women."



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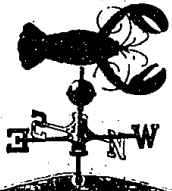
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