

Volunteer need goes countywide

Madison Community Hospital, 30671 Stephenson Highway, Madison Heights, needs volunteers, 15 and older, to escort patients and visitors, visit patients, or help in the office. Also available is participation in outreach programs in Oakland and Macomb counties. Call Carolyn Gallmeyer, 588-3000, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays.

cit. 28 W. Adams, Detroit, needs volunteer leaders, women and men, in Wayne and southern Oakland counties. If you are friendly, 18 and older, concerned about the well being of girls, and a high school graduate, make a flexible time commitment. Training provided. Call Miriam Banister, 694-4475, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays.

Tracey Verardi, 624-8261, 6-9 p.m., weekdays.

Bloomfield Open Hunt Club, East Long Lake and Kensington Roads, Bloomfield Hills, needs volunteers for a horseback riding program for handicapped children and adults. If you like working with people and horses and if you are 14 and older, sign up to lead the horse or as a side-walker assisting the rider. Sessions are Monday evenings beginning March 30. More information available from Oakland County 4-H Youth Program, 858-0889, business hours.

Complete Hospice Care, 23100 Providence Drive, Southfield, needs

direct care volunteers, 18 and older, in the tri-county area. Volunteers provide emotional support to dying patients and their families, make home visits and offer respite care. Emotionally mature persons receive intensive training beginning in March. Call Diane Surma, 558-4530, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., weekdays.

For information on other opportunities or if your organization needs volunteers, call The Center for Volunteerism, United Community Services of Metropolitan Detroit, at 832-0622 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., or write 51 W. Warren, Detroit, MI 48201.

ask the genius Anton Anderssen

26 seems enough languages to know

Dear Anton,
How many languages can one person speak?
Peter G.

Dear Peter,
I don't know. I have found 26 to be enough, but there are people who have spoken more. The Cardinal Giuseppe Mezzanotte, who was the chief Vatican librarian a century ago, spoke 59 languages fluently and did translations into 114 more. Sir John Bowring of Great Britain, the former governor of Hong Kong, spoke 109 languages and could read yet another 100.

Dear Anton,
If you're so smart, why aren't you rich?
Alex V.

Wealth is, after all, a matter of personal evaluation. One of the advantages of being intelligent is having the ability to evaluate wealth in accordance with one's own standards. Thus, people who are doing what they want to do are generally happier than those who are not and, by their own standards, are therefore wealthier despite the fact that they may actually be earning less money.

Intelligence seems to bring with it an awareness that richness is measured in more than dollars and cents.

Dear Anton,
What is the name of those dance hats that the women wore during the Renaissance?
Shelly V.

The dunce hats you are referring to were worn before the Renaissance. The Renaissance, which means rebirth, was the beginning of modern history and art. At that time people became increasingly enlightened and quite intellectual, at least compared to the medieval ages. That's when they wore the dunce hats, but at that time they only knew them as bonnets. Men wore dunce hats, too, but only one at a time. The women, to really be fashionable, wore double-dunce hats. It was the rage of the ages.

Anton Anderssen, who has an IQ over 164, will answer your questions in "Ask the Genius," if you mail them to this newspaper.

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