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Gala supports AIDS research

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FRIENDS OF KAPLAN Medical Center are lining up to produce what is expected to be the biggest benefit for AIDS research in the metro area.

Behind the Friends is Lou Golden, Birmingham resident, who is convinced that AIDS, which knows no social class, no economic constraints, nor geographical boundaries, can be stopped by researchers working in Rehovot, Israel.

Among those he has involved and made into Friends of Kaplan Medical Center are Michigan Opera Theater personnel, stars of the "Pirates of Penzance" production coming to the Fisher Theatre, area restaura-

teurs and chefs, area merchants whose fashions will be shown in a Leah Marks fashion production, and those who make up the benefit committees.

Members include Steve Bock, Southfield attorney; Bob Benson of Birmingham, chairman; Miriam Eisenberg, decorations; Margaret Hanna of Rochester and Betty Garisch, both on the executive committee; David DiChiera and John Fink of MOT; Jeffrey Bruce, who will be emcee; and Barbara Cohen, special projects coordinator.

"With little to no money for research, it's amazing what these people (Kaplan Hospital) have done," Golden said of the Israeli researchers. "They've already developed one mode of therapy that inhibits the

spread of AIDS in patients. That's not a cure, but they have gotten the disease to lie dormant."

"Broadway Night at the Fisher" begins at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 14. Tickets are \$50, available from Barbara Cohen, 567-4720.

The ticket price is as low as it is because of Golden's conviction that it's vital to bring volunteers into the campaign to be successful.

DR. ZVI BENTWICH, a physician and immunologist on staff at Kaplan Medical Center, has stated flatly that with financial help to keep them going, the researchers will have a cure for AIDS within five years.

"That's an uncommon statement," Golden said. "That and the fact that Bentwich put a second mortgage on

his home to get the research as far along as it is, plus the hours those people put in and their own dedication, I have no reason to doubt him."

Israel has socialized medicine for its citizens, no significant AIDS problem and is besieged with internal and external problems.

"Consequently the government is not about to allocate large sums for AIDS research," Golden said. "What these people have done has been done on a shoestring budget."

Golden first learned about Kaplan Medical Center at a lecture. On a subsequent trip to Israel he met Bentwich and some of his staff and learned that a compound derived from egg yolk, called AL-721, had no side effects, and had been successfully tested on many desperate AIDS victims from the U.S. who arrived on Kaplan's doorstep in search of help.

"Aren't we our brother's keeper?" Golden asked. "I promised I'd do what I could to help and the only way to do this is for all of us to pull together."

"BROADWAY Night at the Fisher" begins with a strolling gourmet gala of participating chefs and restaurants cuisine in the theater's lobby.

Show time will begin with selections from "Pirates of Penzance" sung by four stars of the Michigan Opera production. MOT has donated use of the "Pirates" set for the production and grand finale fashion extravaganza to be staged by Leah Marks.

The fashions come from the collections of Ray and Ida's and Valentina's of Southfield; Bricker-Tunis Furs of West Bloomfield; Tapper's Jewelry; Kosins Clothes; and D.O.C. Optique, all of Southfield.

Mario Max Salon personnel and Tamara Institute of Beauty personnel will do makeup and hairstyles for the models.



Karen Mesnar and Jason Childress, both of Detroit, are frequent models at Oakland County events. Karen models a white lace dress from Ray and Ida's of Southfield. Jason, who owns Phoenix Chemical and models part time, wears a suit by Lou Myles of Toronto in brown crepe with rust flecks, topped by a Giorgio Armani overcoat and a hat by Mahins, all from Kosh's Clothes in Southfield.

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April Huber, a professional model for larger women's sizes who lives in Southfield's 5000 Town Center, is shown wearing an outfit of leather with elegant trim from Valentina's in Southfield. Huber and the other models at a preview luncheon donated their time for the Kaplan Hospital AIDS benefit.



Ted Skinner, Brian Yoder and Kevin Walter are Troop 179's newest Eagle Scouts.

3 from Troop 179 earn scouting's Eagle rank

Boy Scout Troop and Varsity Scout Team 179 sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills hosted an Eagle Scout Court of honor to recognize Ted Skinner, Kevin Walter and Brian Yoder for achieving scouting's highest award.

Skinner, of Farmington, is a student at Harrison High School who plays on the baseball, tennis, soccer and football teams. He is also employed as a page in the Oakland County Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Farmington Hills. He holds scouting's Mile Swim and Boy Scouts of America Lifeguard awards and has served Troop 179 as assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader and senior patrol leader. He plans to pursue a degree in business administration after high school.

Skinner's Eagle Scout project served the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills and involved installing a 40-foot split-rail fence, weeding and sodding a section of land and planting flowers and trees in several locations.

WALTER OF Farmington Hills is a sophomore at the University of Detroit High School where he is also employed as a chemistry lab assistant. He is also a carrier for the Farmington Observer and an altar server for Our Lady of Sorrows Church.

In scouting, in addition to the rank of Eagle Scout, Walter holds the Arrow of Light Award, Cub Scouting's highest honor, the Parvuli Dei religious award and the World Conservation Award. He is currently Troop 179's Senior Patrol Leader. After high school, he plans to enter college in pursuit of a degree in aeronautical engineering.

Walter's Eagle Scout service project, a requirement for the Eagle rank, involved refinishing the Farmington Community Center's log cabin, which was built in 1929. The project consisted of patching holes in the walls of the cabin, preparing the dirt floor for installation of a cement one, removing several wasps' nests and pruning adjacent trees which were impinging on the cabin.

YODER OF Farmington Hills is a sophomore at Farmington High School where he is on the honor roll. His sports activities include Junior Varsity Soccer, downhill and cross country skiing, swimming, basketball, football and track. He is also the treasurer for Farmington High School's Students Against Drunk Driving Chapter and an active member of the youth group of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills.

He holds Cub Scouting's Arrow of Light Award, is a member of the Order of the Arrow and has served as Varsity Scout Team 179's team captain for the past year. After high school, he plans to attend college and has an interest in majoring in zoology.

Yoder's Eagle Scout project consisted of planting several evergreen trees near the front of the First Presbyterian Church and re carpeting the church's 1,200-square-foot fellowship hall.

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