

Mothers Plan March As New Center Opens

Supporting the cause of a healthy birthright for all babies, workers are busy with plans for the Mothers March Against Birth Defects which will be held from Jan. 21 to 28. Contributions are channeled into a nationwide network of more than 100 March of Dimes Birth Defects Centers, where research, education, patient care and community services are bringing new hope in the prevention and treatment of birth defects.

THE NEWEST center was established this month at Hutzel Hospital by the Wayne State University School of Medicine as a result of a two-year grant of \$51,620 awarded by the Metropolitan Chapter of the National Foundation March of Dimes.

Announcement of the new March of Dimes Birth Defects Center was made by Richard T. Kelly, chairman of the Metropolitan Chapter, and Dr. T.N. Evans, chairman of Gynecology and Obstetrics at the WSU medical school, following approval of the March of Dimes grant by the Wayne State University Board of Governors.

Dr. Evans, who will serve as program director for the Birth Defects Center said, "We are

very pleased to receive this important grant from The National Foundation-March of Dimes. Establishment of a center dedicated to the diagnosis and treatment of infants with birth defects is another important forward step for Wayne State University and the Detroit Medical Center." Dr. Evans is also acting dean of the WSU School of Medicine.

The Birth Defects Center, first in the Detroit area, will provide genetic counseling services to parents and eventually offer consultative services to the medical community. Other aspects of birth defects research will also be undertaken.

First home for the Birth Defects Center will be at Hutzel Hospital, where laboratories and out-patient examining rooms will be utilized, along with facilities at the nearby WSU Medical Research Building.

Laboratory studies will include chromosomal analyses, biochemical determinations and endocrine assays. Eventually the center will be housed in the C.S. Mott Center for Human Growth and Development, funded last December by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation with

a \$1.5 million grant to Wayne State University. Construction is scheduled to begin in the spring on a site located between John R. and Brush on land leased from Hutzel Hospital.

The March of Dimes has helped to establish and support other birth defects centers at Michigan State University, University of Michigan, at two hospitals in Grand Rapids, and an equipment project in Pontiac. There are 111 Birth Defects Centers in the U.S. sponsored by the March of Dimes.

MOTHERS' MARCH workers have been planning the current March for weeks, blocking out areas to cover, checking addresses of homeowners and apartment dwellers, preparing envelopes and taking care of thousands of details.

"It has been gratifying to see how unselfishly these women have worked at coordinating a major fundraising event," commented Mrs. Mark and Mrs. Graham, Mothers' March co-chairmen for the Metropolitan Chapter (Wayne-Macomb counties). "All are acutely conscious of the great need served by the Mothers' March."



QUEEN CANDIDATE — Marcia Albrecht, Farmington freshman, is one of nine finalists in the competition for queen of the Michigan Tech University Winter Carnival Feb. 2 to 6. Miss Albrecht, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Albrecht, 26246 Graythorne, is majoring in medical technology at the Houghton School. Sponsored by Sigma Rho fraternity, she listed her interests as winter sports and music.

Northwest YWCA Plans Mexico Trip

A week-long glamour trip to a health and beauty spa in Mexico is offered women of the Observer area by the Northwest YWCA.

The excursion to Rancho La Puerta in Baja California, billed by the YW as a "jet set trip at working girl prices," will run from Saturday, March 27, to Saturday, April 3.

A meeting during which Mrs. Sophia Lindgren of the YW staff will discuss details of the trip with women interested in attending is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 26, in the Northwest YWCA, Grand River west of Beech.

MRS. LINDGREN said the tour price of \$399.50 plus \$17 in gratuities will include round-trip plane fare to San Diego, transfers from the San

Diego airport into Mexico, rooms on a twin-bed basis, meals, a daily round of planned activities and a daily choice of one special, a massage, a facial or a herbal wrap, designed to treat flabby skin and overweight.

Mrs. Lindgren and another YWCA staff member will accompany the group, and several members of the current Northwest YWCA board probably will go along.

THE DAILY program will include light or vigorous exercise, swimming, golf, dancing or just relaxing. Also offered will be drama classes, lectures, Spanish and philosophy classes, amateur hours and movies.

Women interested in joining the excursion may attend the meeting Jan. 26 or call Mrs. Lindgren, at the Northwest YWCA, KE 7-6500.

Club To Hold Open House

A.A.A. Weight Control Club will hold open house Monday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m., in the Log Cabin in Garden City Park, Cherry Hill and Merriman.

Regular meetings are held Mondays at 7 p.m. Guests are welcome. Those interested may call Luella M. Miller, 421-4545.

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butter flavored shorties and Pecanettes.

Both the individual troop and the Southern Oakland Girl Scout Council will benefit directly from the cost of 60 cents per box. Cookies ordered now will be delivered and may be paid for during

Girl Scout Week, March 7 to 13.

The general cookie chairman is Mrs. Gerald Hoeruf of Birmingham. The Farmington-Nowi area sales manager is Mrs. Roger Olcott. Working with her are the division sales captains.

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'Youth Speaks' To AAUW

"Youth Speaks - Let's Listen" will be the evening's theme as the Plymouth branch of the American Assn. of University Women meets Thursday, Jan. 21, at 7:30 p.m. in Junior High West, Sheldon and Ann Arbor Trail.

The panel members will deal with their own values and feelings about today's society, what they view as their role in this society, and what their rights and responsibilities to it should be.

Students participating in the program will be: Steve Benson, Karen Garfat, Paul Green, Kim Guenther, Mary Ann Kraay, and Carol Mae-Millan.

Elizabeth Irvine, program

chairman, said the discussion will be limited only by time and interested community members are welcome to attend.

Any area women who are graduates of an accredited college or university are eligible for membership in the Plymouth AAUW. Interested women may contact Mrs. Hugh Jarvis, 453-8582, for further membership information or transportation arrangements.

Area Peace Group To Meet

The Plymouth-Northville Branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom will hold a Jane

Addams tea in the Dunning-Hough Library, Plymouth, on Saturday, Jan. 23, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Mrs. Wilzetta Brown and Mrs. Beulah Brewer will report on the Third Congress of Women of the Americas held in Bogota, Colombia, last summer. This congress was sponsored by W.I.L.P.F. and Jane Addams Peace Assn.

Women met to discuss women's rights, population control, ecology and other issues which concern women of both Americas.

Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Brewer are on the National Board of W.I.L.P.F. and are both school principals in the Detroit Public Schools. They attended the sessions on education because 1970 was United Nations Educational Year.

PWP Plan Elections

Livonia Chapter 130, Parents Without Partners, will elect a new president and other officers at their Feb. 24 meeting.

Livonia Chapter meets the second and fourth Wednesday of each month under the auspices of the Livonia Parks and Recreation Dept. Meeting place is the Senior Citizens Activities Building, Farmington Road at Five Mile.

The group is looking for new members and those interested should call Charlotte Morton at GA 7-1019.



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