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The Sept. 25 gala at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills honored Birmingham resident Jane Cameron, for 50 years of active membership and service to the league, along with Federal Mogul Corp. for its financial backing and involvement.

Federal Mogul Corp. vice-president and secretary George Bashara, Jr., has been serving on the Finance Advisory Board of the league since 1987.

Gala chairperson Lynn Walt of Bloomfield Hills, who is also Birmingham-Bloomfield unit chairwoman, worked with committee members Dorothy Conrad, Wendy Wilder, Paula Creed, Carol Bazarini, Shelly Paros, Janice Pestow, Priscilla Klos and Diana Saltzman, to make the evening a night to remember.

To become a member of the league call 625-5486. (Any person, male or female of voting age, may join.)

Culinary extravaganza

The recent scholarship benefit for the Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Program brought in 55 top Detroit-area restaurants and more than 800 paid guests at the first-ever Culinary Extravaganza at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. Salmon quesadillas from Diamond Jim Brady's, lamb chops from the Whitney, and seafood sausage from Southfield's Golden Mushroom were among the favorite delicacies sampled.

Jim Herrington of Farmington Hills, with constant companion Carol Camilleri of West Bloomfield, were spotted in conversation with Dr. Robert and Carol Cutler of Bloomfield Hills, Karen Kahn, vice-president of marketing for the George Burns Theatre, and Gary Flowers visited with Schoolcraft's Chef Jeff Gabriel. Active volunteers Armand and Eleanor Breitmeyer Gebert of Farmington Hills worked on the committee, which honored the city's seafood king, Joe Muer.

Fun and fitness

The figures are in, and more than \$60,000 was raised — to support the mother-baby managed care program at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital — at the Women of Mercy eighth annual Fun and Fitness Benefit at Forest Lake Country Club in Bloomfield Hills.

Golf, tennis, bridge and a 2-4-mile Fitness Walk stimulated the appetite of the more than 300 active supporting guests.

Fran Field and Nancy Levarski co-chaired the event, heading a committee of 40 that included Cherrill Cregar, Connie Salloum, Sandy Mueller, Holly Both Moncher and Jackie Ong.

Applause, applause
Chuck Daly and Spaulding for

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Children (a Southfield special needs adoption agency) recently honored Michigan Olympic Athletes at the Westin Hotel in Detroit, at the fund-raising benefit for Spaulding for Children.

The banquet and fashion show honored Mike Barrowman (gold medal — swimming), Chris Byrd (silver — boxing), Darnell Jall (gold — track and field), Kevin Jackson (gold — wrestling), Zeki Jones (silver — wrestling), Mark Lenzi (gold — diving), Lynette Love (bronze — Tae Kwon Do), Eric Namesnik (silver — swimming) and Quincy Watts (gold — track and field).

Benefactor Bash

The exquisite home of Donald and Val Bortz of Bloomfield Hills was opened to sponsors and benefactor ticket holders of the annual Evening of Brilliance Gala, which is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 13. Event chairwoman and chairman are Jane and Robert Cobb. Call 569-6171 for reservations.

Grand opening benefit

Matt Brady and Susan Payne's restaurant grand opening celebration in Farmington Hills was a fund-raising benefit for the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center.

The evening included a raffle drawing for four nights in Orlando, Fla., including airfare and hotel accommodations. Highlights of the evening was a "Dare Don" (Shane) competition of darts, billiards and putt-putt.

NCJW fashion show

"This is our first fashion show," said Shelly Cooper, PR-VP of the National Council of Jewish Women.

Barbara Kuhlik, Myrna Edgar, Anna Zommer and committee put together a most successful luncheon, boutique and fashion extravaganza at Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills. Fashions included clothing from Robert Muller, Maxwells, Cocktails, Sally's Designs and Valentina.

Coming up

A cocktail and raffle book exhibit followed by dinner at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester will be held Thursday, Oct. 8. The benefit by the Oakland Literacy Friends will raise funds for adult literacy. Tickets are \$150 and \$100. Call 851-0087 (Connie Johnston) for further information.

Gutenberg Society Gala

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Oct. 10, for the third annual Gutenberg Society of Rochester Hills Public Library Gala, also at Meadowbrook Hall. "From Motown to Tinseltown" is the theme, with tickets marked at \$125. Call 656-2900 for reservations.

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Equestrian event: Gold Cup Polo planning committee members Julie Weyard (left), Pamela Livingston Hardy and Susanne Mittelstadt anticipate the traditional diabol stomp at the Sunday afternoon Polo happening.



Winning vote: "Autumn Appreciation" chairwoman Lynn Walt (left) of Bloomfield Hills poses with Ann Wettlaufer of Birmingham and Marge and Peter Polidori of Birmingham Farms at the benefit for League of Women Voters-Oakland at Glen Oaks Country Club.



Fitness fund-raisers: Fran Field, chairwoman (left); Sandie Knollenberg and Cherrill Cregar are coordinators for the Women of Mercy Fitness Day at Forest Lake Country Club. The event raised more than \$60,000.



Luncheon leaders: Committee members Rita Selburn of West Bloomfield (top, left), Sally Mayer of Southfield, Myrna Edgar of Birmingham and Barbara Kuhlik of Birmingham; Shelly Cooper of West Bloomfield (bottom, left) and Ann Zommer of Bloomfield Hills (NCJW president) beam with excitement at the success of the NCJW Fashion Spree.



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Fabulous feast: At the first Schoolcraft College Culinary Extravaganza, volunteers Eleanor Breitmeyer Gebert and Armand Gebert of Farmington Hills congratulate kingpin Joe Muer, who was dubbed honorary chairman of the feast.



Benefactor party: The king and queen of Adams Castle, Donald and Valeria Bortz, host benefactor party for Juvenile Diabetes Foundation's eighth annual Evening of Brilliance slated for Nov. 13. The Bortzes are honorary chairman and chairwoman, along with Kenneth Meade and John and Rita Haddow.

MernaLyn from page 1H

As she looks back over her life, MernaLyn is the first to admit that it hasn't taken a conventional path, but she wouldn't have it any other way.

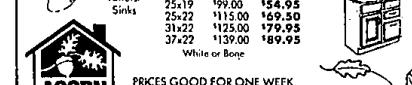
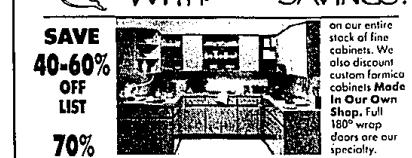
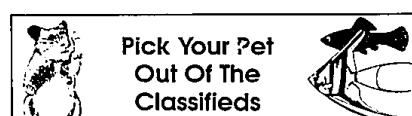
"Once I've accomplished something, I don't go back," she said. "And I think I've scaled a lot of heights. My mother says I've lived the life of 12 girls."

Perhaps that's why, of all the roles she has played in her life, she found one of them particularly appropriate.

"They say every Shakespearean actor can associate best with one particular character," she said. "My very favorite is Beatrice, in 'Much Ado About Nothing' because she comes in seeming like one person and, as time goes on, you begin to realize she's so complex and intense."



Philosopher: MernaLyn was once named The Most Perfect Girl, a contest judged on beauty, physical attributes, intelligence and educational background.



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