

County's Young Republicans look on bright side

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The term "young Republicans" might seem like an oxymoron to some, but there are about 300

Oakland County residents who would give you an argument. About 80 of these people, also known as the Oakland County Young Republicans, gathered at

the Kingsley Inn in Bloomfield Township last Monday night for their monthly meeting. They were supposed to be addressed by state Republican party

chairman David Doyle, but he never showed up due to a scheduling snafu. So the GOP youth had an ordinary meeting instead. Besides trashing President-elect Bill Clinton, the attendees revelled in their near-majority in the state House and wondered what brave Republican will take on Sen. Donald Riegle in 1994.

"All is not lost," said Tom Scharfberg, referring to the White House going to the Democrats. "The political action director (of the Oakland County Young Republicans) canceled his ap-

pointment with Dr. Kevorkian once he found out that we picked up eight congressional seats and a number of state House seats," Scharfberg, it should be noted, is the group's political action director.

"There's no way Clinton's going to get re-elected in '96," Young Republicans president Bradley Field said. "We're going to party in '96!"

Field also said that "Bill Clinton is Jimmy Carter without the integrity," attributing that statement to county commissioner

John Pappageorge.

Speaking of Pappageorge, he showed up at the meeting to thank the Young Republicans for helping on his campaign for congress (he lost), adding that he might run again in 1994.

"I'm not ready to officially announce," he said. "But my inclination is, 'You bet!'"

The average age of the Young Republicans is about 27, said Anna Lipar, the group's publicity chairwoman. Annual dues, she added, are "15 wimpin' dollars."

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Clements is senior vice president of Productivity and Organization at ASC Inc., the Southgate-based worldwide auto-

motive supplier. As senior vice president, he oversees the legal department, human resources, public affairs, and Total Quality Management. He reports directly to Heinz Prechter, ASC founder and chief executive officer.

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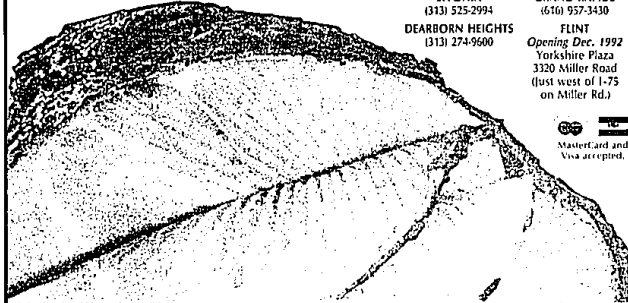
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