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## ON THE MARQUEE



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### 'Remember the Song' with Plymouth Chorus

**P**lymouth Community Chorus is getting ready for their 21st Spring Concert — "Remember the Song," to be presented 8 p.m. Sat., April 29 and Sun., April 30 at Plymouth Salem High School, 49181 Joy Road, west of Canton Center Road in Canton. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$6 senior citizens and students and available at Dearborn Music, 42679 Ford Road, Canton; Evola Music, 215 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth; Sideways, 505 Forest, Plymouth; and at the door. Call (313) 455-4080 for information.

The 130 voice choir, directed by Michael Gross will be singing popular songs from an earlier era including "Begin the Beguine," "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy," "My Funny Valentine," and "As Time Goes By." Don't miss it.

Talk Cinema will present "Strangers on a Train," 7 p.m. Wed., April 19 at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile. This Hitchcock movie is about two passengers who meet on a train and decide to trade murders. Dr. Frank Ross will lead the discussion about the film. Admission \$5 — a current membership to the Friends of the Livonia Libraries. Memberships will be available at the door.

Trinity House Theatre, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, Livonia, will present "Juggers' Rain," a play by Ron Mark, directed by Trudy Mason, 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, April 21 to May 20. Tickets are \$7, call (313) 454-8302. "Juggers' Rain" is a surrealistic drama about an eccentric family and the power of love and faith.

Churchill High School's Creative and Performing Arts Program will present "The Miracles Worker," 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, April 28 to May 13 at the Theatre Guild on Beech Dale, one block south of Five Mile Road, Redford. Tickets are \$8 adults, \$6 students and senior citizens. Call (313) 531-0654.

See MARQUEE, 2B

## 'Circle of Friends' enjoys night out



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**Toast of the town:** The winners of our "Circle of Friends" contest (left to right, front to back) Annette Sharp, Ann Fitzsimons, Mary Merritt, Cathy Johnston, Connie Mitchell and Siobhan Jordan toast their friendship at Cook's Garden Cafe in Birmingham.

Meet the winners of our 'Circle of Friends' contest. They met at St. Agatha Elementary School in Redford and have remained friends ever since.

By BRIAN LYSAGHT  
STAFF WRITER

Sharing the good times, the bad times and the everyday times — that's what friends are for.

We asked readers to tell us about their circle of friends, and the request struck a nerve with female readers especially.

We picked some of the more interesting stories and treated these "circle" to free passes to the movie, "Circle of Friends," which is based on Irish writer Maeve Binchy's story of three close friends.

M. Siobhan Jordan of Redford is the winner of our "Circle of Friends" contest. Jordan and her circle of friends were treated to dinner at Cook's Garden in Birmingham, long-stem yellow roses, champagne, chocolate and "Circle of Friends" T-shirts, and posters.

Jordan, in her letter, described the five women who went to the same Catholic elementary school, St. Agatha in Redford, and became "fast friends" in high school — St. Agatha High School.

"I am a good person because these five people were my friends during my fragile formative years," wrote Jordan, who lives in Redford and works for the City of Southfield Public Safety Department. Her friends are: Mary (Dow) Merritt of Pinckney, Cathy (Zacharias) Johnston of Redford, Ann (Neary) Fitzsimons of Bloomfield Hills, Annette (Griggs) Sharp of Redford and Connie Mitchell of Novi.

Jordan's Circle of Friends is known as "B.B.S.S.W.W." — a title they came up with in high school and won't tell anyone what it means. In her letter Jordan said she might tell us what the initials meant if she won the contest, but the other girls in her group swore her to secrecy.

"We had a great time at Cook's Garden, and totally enjoyed the movie," she said.

"For anybody who is brought up Catholic this movie is a must see. Especially those people who remember the Catholic Church before Vatican II when it was much stricter. The scenery in the movie was beautiful."

Another circle is that of Bunni Lieberman of Farmington Hills, a group that met at Temple Shalom in West Bloomfield.

"Over the years we have shared 'almichas' (happy celebrations), and we have shared sad times, too. No matter what, I can say that I carry these friends with me in my heart and know that no matter what happens they will be there for me and I for them," Lieberman writes. The group — Lieberman, Susan Lindow, Leslie Weinberg and Nettie Rosen — travels to Florida each winter and their families spend holidays together.

See CONTEST, 2D

### Contest Winner

I would like to tell you about "B.B.S.S.W.W." We are part of a generation that does not fit categorically with the "Baby Boomers" or "Generation X." We are a group of girls (I use that term generously), who went to the same Catholic grade school, became fast friends in high school, went to different universities, married... you know, all the usual life experiences, and still remain friends. We don't see each other as a group very often anymore, but when we do it's as if we just saw each other yesterday.

Back in high school, waaaaaah back, when there was no fear of guns, AIDS, or crack cocaine, we would all cram into "Toots" Gremlin (yes, all six of us... we were littler then,) and go to basketball or football games to watch Mary cheer.

Mary was the only cheerleader among us. She still thinks everyone's sexually attracted to her. Mary loves to tell the story about the time I smoked in the bathroom when we all spent the night at her house. Why did her dad have to get up in the middle of the night right after I was in there? Actually, Mary loves to tell any of the many stories about me. I love to tell the story about Mary on our Senior Retreat. Someone was knocking at the door to our room and I opened the door just when Mary was coming out of the bathroom in her underwear. It was Fr. Tom. She thought he was sexually attracted to her too!

When Ann got mononucleosis — the worst thing that could happen back then (except, of course, pregnancy) we went to the drug store and bought medical masks and stood on her front lawn to visit her. Ann was the brain. Not that the rest of us were stupid by any means, but Ann was on the dean's list at Wayne State — Highest Honors — first with her master's degree, only one to own her own business, etc.

Let's go back to "Toots" and her Gremlin. Of course that's not her real name. Annette, as her husband calls her, still has gorgeous red hair. Her poor little Gremlin — still the ugliest car ever made (maybe with the exception of Mary's Hornet) — without all six of us well into the early 1980s. We would "cruise" Telegraph in it, they would visit me at college in Grand Rapids in it, that Gremlin went everywhere. Toots was the "mom" of the group. She is a teacher now (secondary education). Totally unbelievable!

Connie was the first to get married. Her two kids look exactly like she and her husband when they were young. Connie was the "good" girl. We corrupted her. Toots had her to drink rum. Connie's mom was the secretary at the grade school (the high school and grade school were connected — small parish school), so she could not do anything wrong at school.

Cathy was the new kid. She transferred to our school in 10th grade. Cathy corrupted the rest of us. She brought all those bad habits from that big high school. Actually, the six of us did not become close

friends until Cathy made the scene. I guess you could say that she brought us together. Cathy is a social worker now.

Then there is me, Siobhan. Make sure you spell that right. I'm particular about my name — no nicknames, please. I'm as Irish as you can get! When I studied for a semester in 1980 in Ireland, they all wrote to me religiously. Ann was almost Miss Erin at the A.O.H. in the late 1970s. I can't remember what year. We were all there. We were all drunk.

We are part of the group who could drink at age 18, but then lost that right as a result of the election of 1978. Ironically, that was the very first election in which we were eligible to vote. Can you tell I'm the historian? Anyway, point being that Ann's 18th birthday party, in January of 1978, caused me to break my curfew by several hours and I was grounded until Easter Sunday. Easter was late that year.

I am a good person because these five people were my friends during my fragile formative years.

B.B.S.S.W.W. is a title that we came up with in high school. We even had t-shirts made up I still have mine — doesn't fit anymore — but I still have it we never told anyone what it means. They asked at our five year, 10 year and 15 year high school reunions. Mum's the word. I win this contest — maybe we'll tell. Even if I don't win, thanks for letting me tell you about my friends, once in a while we need to remind ourselves how lucky we are.

— Siobhan Jordan

## Now showing

**Streetside Seafood** has only been open a few weeks, but this intimate restaurant has the look of a place that's been around a long time.

Check out **Entertaining Choices** to find out what's on stage in your community.

John Monaghan reviews "Don Juan De Marco" a romantic comedy about a psychiatrist on the verge of retirement who treats a young man who believes he is the legendary lover, Don Juan.

Readers share "Wish You Were Here" pictures, and memories of vacations to places near and far away.

Eddie Van Halen has long been regarded as one of the top guitarists in the world. But now that Van Halen's eobor, bassist Michael Anthony says he's better than ever.

## Looking ahead

- What's on stage in your community.
- John Monaghan reviews movies.

## ON-STAGE

### 'Heidi'

Theater: Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main St., Norwalk.  
Curtain times: 2:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through April 30. Spring break performances 2:30 p.m. Monday, April 17 to Friday, April 21.  
Tickets: \$8.50 at the door or call (810) 349-8110.

Theaters: Adey Auditorium, on campus, Henry Ford Community College, 5101 Evergreen, Dearborn.  
Curtain times: 7 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays, April 21 to April 29. Sundays, April 23 & 30.  
Tickets: \$4, call (313) 845-9817.

## 'Heidi' features local talent

"Heidi," which is being presented this month by Marquis Theatre in Norwalk, and the Performing Arts Department of Henry Ford Community College in Dearborn, is a tale the whole family will enjoy.

Marquis Theatre's heartwarming, musical adaptation of "Heidi" continues through April 30.

The cast includes Ed Lendrum, Emily Liddell, Lauren McCabe and Michelle Butkovich of Livonia; Ceria Freshwater, Elizabeth Elliot, Kristin and Nicole Mallan, Bridget Cerny, Beth Murphy and Laura Nobkov of Canton; and Laura Heasler of Plymouth.

Henry Ford Community College's production of "Heidi," adapted by Lucille Miller, opens 7 p.m. Friday,

## PREVIEW

April 21 and continues weekends to April 30.

Cast members include Erica Wheeler of Canton as Madame Sese-man.

"Heidi" is the classic story of a young Swiss girl, Heidi, who comes to live with her grandfather in the Swiss Alps, and touches the hearts of many people.

The Marquis Theatre production is presented by professional, adult actors and actresses with support from the Marquis Theatre children's cast.



MARQUIS THEATRE

Classics: (Clockwise) Bridget Cerny as goat, Ed Lendrum, Carla Freshwater, Deirdre Skiles.