

She eyes life's circle

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Judith Adler, of Birmingham, drove up from her Detroit-based law firm.

Rhonda Brown arrived from Farmington Hills, where she is a counselor at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus.

They were among more than 500 who heard Anna Quindlen say that women must "listen to our hearts, not all the voices that tell us differently" in a luncheon speech last week at Temple Beth El in Bloomfield Township.

Quindlen quickly made it clear she had absolutely no regrets at forsaking the op ed pages of the prestigious New York Times to write novels.

No, she said, she had not left her past as the Times only female op ed columnist to spend more time with her children. "Quite frankly, if I spend any more time with them I'm locking them in my backyard," she said. "My most difficult job is not at the computer, but in the kitchen," she added.

Quindlen, whose appearance was a sell-out fund-and-consciousness-raiser for Planned Parenthood of Southeast Michigan, said her career decision is in perfect sync with what she sees as the second stage of the women's movement.

"Parity and equality with men are absolutely critical," she said, but then we can't be afraid to make different choices.

She characterized life as a circle... for women, a ladder-like straight line for men. And with this circle, she sees a series of lives, which, for her, could even include a return to journalism some years from now.

Women refuse to devalue personal satisfaction and happiness, she said. "It's fine to want to do well, but we must do good too," Quindlen said.

That struck home with Judith Hoeller of Birmingham. "We in our generation have talked a lot about women who do well," said Hoeller, who heads the Oakland County Child Abuse and Neglect Council.

Later, in an interview, Quindlen was asked what sub-

jects she would be writing about, if she still had the Times as a forum.

HILLARY CLINTON: "I was extremely supportive of her. Her name draws applause in every speech I give. (This speech included...)"

AIDS: "I look AIDS in the face every day and I would certainly be writing about that."

HEALTH AND WELFARE: "It angers her that both Washington and state capitals seem 'out to punish women who have babies out of wedlock' so that the fourth week of each month they have nothing to eat."

HOMOSEXUALITY: She sees the AIDS issue as another excuse to deny "full citizenship to gay men and lesbians. That's the issue I was most upset about leaving so unfinished."

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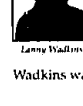
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Michelle McGann

McGann earned her first LPGA Tour victory in 1995 by winning the Sara Lee Classic and in the same year won the Youngstown-Warren LPGA Classic. 1995 was her most successful year, finishing seventh on the money list with \$449,296.

Lisette Neumann has six LPGA Tour victories to her credit, including the 1996 Tournament of Champions and the 1996 Standard Register Ping. Neumann is currently number two on the money list.



Lanny Wadkins

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Bob Murphy

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Jim Colbert was named player of the year in 1995 leading the



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Jim Colbert

money list with over \$1.4 million in earnings, winning four major tournaments. Colbert has an early jump on 1996 with a win at the Toshiba Senior Classic.

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