Botsford volunteer recognized for service

Barbara Jablonski, director of social services for Botsford Continuing Health Care, has been homored with the President's Volunteer Service Award from the Alzheimer's Association Detroit area chapter. The award was presented at the organization's annual meeting in April.

Jablonski has served as an Alzheimer's disease support group leader since 1988. The group she facilitates monthly at BCHC has been nuted for consistently high attendance. Jablonski is currently puraving a master's degree in social work from Eastern Michigan University, as part of her graduate studies she served an internship with the Alzheimer's Association.

Barb was recognized for volunteer service above and beyond the call of duty, sand Anne Lilla, family service director for the Alzheimer's Association. She has served for several years on our memory walk planning committee and she initiated a family support group at the adult dy



are center in Birmingham."
A resident of Bloomfield Hills, Jablonski has over 15 years experience in the long-term care industry. She holds a bachelor's degree in human service admiristration from State University College in Plattsburgh, New York.
The Alzheimer's Association, Detroit area chanter is a valum-

Detroit area chapter, is a volun-tary health agency that services patients and their families in Wayne, Macomb and St. Clair

counties.
Botsford Continuing Health Botsford continuing recursions an award-winning, 179-bed, skilled nursing facility. In addition to providing extended care, the facility provides hospice care, short-term respite care for care, short-term respite care for families that need relief from daily caregiving activities, and a variety of support groups as part of its community outreach pro-

Resident: 'Second career' makes life picture perfect

BY MARY RODRIQUE STAFF WRITER

Like many others gifted with artistic talent, Donna Vogelheim chose a practical career and left painting on the back burner for

painting on the back burner for "I wanted to be an artist, but there's no money in that so I stuck with biology," said Vogel-heim, who was Farmington Artist in Residence in 1991. She took her first painting class with Ellen Wallace at the Farmington Community Center and discovered "I loved the chal-lence."

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Vogelheim had been teaching biology up to that point, and tending a household that grew to include three sons. Her huuband is a consultant for the Ford Motor Company.
"In addition to the kids, I was in my fifth house in eight years. I gave up teaching and took up art. I began really painting a lot, inhaling books, taking courses and workshops with national-

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ly famous watercolorists."
Soon she had a new career in full blassom — that of watercolorist and art teacher. She began teaching courses at the Longacre House and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association — affiliations she continues to this

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Three themes are prominent in her work. She paints scenes of scenic Harbor Springs, its downtown area and lakeshore docks, she produces still lifes of flowers and other organic materials (her biology background kirking in), and she paints large marbles with all of their reflections, something that intrigued her from seeing the colorful orbs youngsters.

A big part of her current work agenda includes running painting workshops across Michigan as well as in Ohio, Indiana, Ontario and even or cruise lines. "I'm getting a but of national recognition now," she said.

"I work six to 10 hours a day, but I love what I do. I teach two classes. I love to teach. It's my second favorite thing after painting. My least favorite thing is filling out all the paperwork."

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Leon I. Schoichit is a retired diamond broker living in Farmington Hills.

Donna Vogelheim Artist, teacher, award winner

Vogelheim had a five page spread in American Artist maga-zine a few years ago. Her work has been featured in Christine Unwin's "The Artistic Touch" and Maryanne Beckwith's "Cre-ative Watercolor."

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She has won national watercolor awards and has workshop
weekends booked through 1997.
"I work on my art every day,"
said Vogelheim, who converted
her living and dining rooms into

a studio. "I might paint or fill out forms. I work six to 10 hours a day, but I love what I do. I teach two classes. I love to teach. It's my second favorite thing after painting. My least favorite thing is filling out all the paperwork."

Eight pieces of Vogelheim's work are on display at the T. Marra Gallery in Ann Arbor. The Bell Gallery in Birmingham has six pieces for viewing.

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Working out

Armed with a weighted small torch, mimicking the 3 1/2 pound one she will carry for a half mile. Kershaw has worked out on the treadmil and even at the track at North Farmington High School. She's been walking three miles every night in hopes of being able to run at least a por-

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"I tried running on the treadmill, but on regular povement, it burt my knees," she said.
"Twelve years ago I injured my knees playing racquotball, so it's going to be a fast walk for me.

"My segment is 2 1/2 times around the high school track and I've only been able to run half way around one lap. It's been disappointing for me, but also wonderful for me because I've found the treadmill and that's something I can do every day."

And now that her son, Jon, is home from the University of Wyoming, he is making sure his mother is properly motivated. Jon is a swimmer whose "goal ... aspiration is to try to attain Olympic times," according to Kershaw.

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"He gets me motivated," she explained. "Ho's been an athlete for 10 years and asks me questions like 'Are you eating right? You know, all the questions we would ask him, and, of course, he loves to have the shee on the other foot. He loves to tease me."

On the move

The Olympic Flame, lit by the sun in Greece earlier this year, will arrive at Dearborn High School from Teledo, Ohio, at 12:16 a.m. Sunday as part of its 12:hour tour of Michigan. The second leg of the relay will begin at 6 a.m., with torehearers carrying the flame north on Telegraph Road to Joy Road where they'll turn east and head for Hart Plaza and a 9:30 a.m. cermony. It will then be placed on the iron ore carrier American Republic for its trip across Lake Erie to Cleveland, Ohio.

Organizers haven't set a limit for each segment of the relay. Torchbearers will be given time at the exchange of the flame for photographs with families and friends.

Since only the flame is passed between the torchbearers, they have had the opportunity to buy a specially made torch that include silver bars representing the cities that have hosted the Olympic Games, the logo of the Atlanta Games and, quito appropriate, a handle made of Georgia

pecan wood. Kershaw gladly paid the \$275 price for the keep-sake.

In preparation for the relay, Kershaw will gather with the other torchbearers at reception at the Fox Theatre this evening. Kershaw is looking forward to meeting her counterparts and admits she "probably will be more excited" by the time it's over.

But when Kershaw starts her fast walk with the Olympic flame on Sunday, she will be car-rying in honor of the people who have given her "probably the best job in the world."

The success of the Chips program is not because of me, but because of the staff, the volunteers, Nancy's part, the people at Student Services, the dean whose been supportive, the vice president, the president, she said. "All have been a part of this. They say it takes a village and it's been said by a number of participants that this has been their village."



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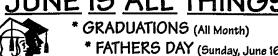


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