

KALEIDOSCOPE

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NEED VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help the Oakland Literacy Council stay in touch with tutors and students. The Council offers a friendly work environment, free coffee and an occasional donut. To volunteer, call Linda at (810) 338-8840.

BIRD COUNT

The Oakland Audubon Society will again join 40,000 bird enthusiasts throughout the western hemisphere for the annual Christmas Bird Count, the oldest and largest wildlife survey in the world. The event, which dates back to 1900, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21. From 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. organized parties will roam an assigned region to identify, count and note characteristics about the birds they meet. Oakland Audubon's designated area is centered at Lapeer and Indianwood Roads. Participants are welcome regardless of birding skill. The pre-count workshop is from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Trex Outdoor Education Center, 6685 Cooldidge Highway, north of Square Lake Road. For information, call Nancy Tar at (810) 399-7243.

PROJECT RESCUE

Oil Dispatch Drive Through Oil

Change just kicked off "Project Rescue," a clothing drive to benefit those in need this winter. New or used clothing can be dropped off at any of the 15 Oil Dispatch locations as well as the Oil Dispatch Complete Car Care facility on Telegraph and 9 1/2 Mile, Southfield. All donations will go to the Detroit and Pontiac Rescue Missions, helping to ensure that no one will suffer through a cold Michigan winter this year. Customers making donations will receive a certificate for \$5 off a full service oil change at Oil Dispatch. Project Rescue continues through Christmas. For more information or to find the Oil Dispatch location nearest you, call (810) 355-1030.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Cranbrook Hospice Care in Bloomfield Hills seeks caring volunteers in Oakland County to provide in-home support to terminally ill patients and their families. Winter training sessions begin in Jan. For details, call Sharon Doyle or Gerry Gold at (810) 334-6700.

HOST FAMILIES

Academic Year in America is looking for families in Oakland County to open their hearts and homes to an international student from Brazil, Germany or Argentina. Host families benefit by learning about another culture, making a friend, and earning scholarships toward designated international travel-study programs. Exchange students have the opportunity to participate in the American way of life, something many of them only dream about.

Students, who are 15 to 18 years old, arrive with their own medical insurance and spending money. Academic Year in America, sponsored by the non-profit American Institute For Foreign Study, has been bringing foreign students and American families together for 16 years. To find out how you can participate, call AYA Placing Regional Director Amy Mullen at 1 (800) 322-4678, ext. 5423.

NEW SERVICES

Pontiac-based HAVEN, the Oakland County center for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse, implemented a new series of services called "Supervised Parenting Time." The services help HAVEN assist families in working through their problems and establishing new, lasting relationships, and benefit the court system by offering different levels of supervision for parents and children. The new levels of service include supervised parenting time, intermittent supervised parenting time, supervised exchange, telephone monitoring, family interaction groups, proactive parenting and therapy.

ELECTED PRESIDENT

Sandra Knollenberg, wife of U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg (R-Bloomfield Township), was elected president of the Republican Congressional Spouses Club for the 105th Congress. Knollenberg is a certified health fitness instructor known for her television show, "Sandra's Fitness Firm." She is vice-chairwoman of the Michigan Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, and is active

in the International Club, the Congressional Club, the Inaugural Ball Committee, and the bipartisan congressional spouses organization.

She also serves as co-chair of the Michigan State Society.

The Republican Congressional Spouses work for charity causes throughout the country. Jane

Abraham, wife of Sen. Spence Abraham, serves as the second vice president of the RCS, which meets once a month while Congress is in session.



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New director to help with rec center

Greg Jordan has his hands full as Oakland University's new campus recreation director.

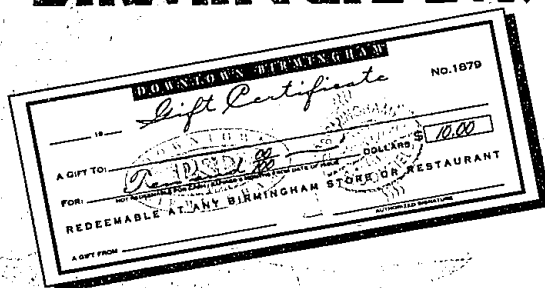
He'll assist Project Manager Chad Harmon in overseeing construction of the OU Recreation and Athletic Center, which is scheduled to open in fall 1998.

Jordan is also responsible for all recreational sports programs, from intramural and club sports to informal sports such as working out.

The Department of Campus Recreation also will start a fitness and wellness component, featuring aerobics, seminars on healthful lifestyles and health assessment, such as cholesterol and blood pressure screening.

Jordan graduated from Indiana University and then worked for three years on its recreational sports staff. He later went to Bowling Green State University in Ohio for 16 years.

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