

## OAKLAND KALEIDOSCOPE

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## PROGRAMS OFFERED

The Womencenter at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills, is sponsoring the following programs in January.

A Meditation Workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Jan. 18, in room 308 of the campus' J building. The workshop will be led by Dr. Schabi Ali, practitioner of the "Sahaj Marg" technique of meditation. Participants will learn to center within themselves, heal and reduce stress, achieve revelation and balance, and create a sense of peace and power. The cost is \$20.

A Divorce Support Group for women will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. on six Tuesdays, beginning Jan. 21, in room 308 of the campus' J building. Led by Shirley Tomczak, MA, a licensed professional counselor and national certified career counselor, this group encourages open discussions, support, social interaction and information for women considering or engaged in the process of divorce. The fee is \$40. "Creating Healthy Relationships," will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on six Thursdays, beginning Jan. 16, in room 308 of the campus' J building. Bobette Smith Siegel, MSW, will facilitate the support group, where women will explore developing healthy relationships by focusing on changing past behavior patterns. Partner, parent-child, family and work relationships will be addressed. The fee is \$40. A six-week support group entitled, "Women Who Do Too Much," will be held from 7 to

8:30 p.m. on Mondays, beginning Jan. 27, in room 308 of the campus' J building. Kim Kemko, MA, will facilitate the group, which will explore how to achieve life balance. The fee is \$40. All programs are open to the public. For information, call (810) 471-7602.

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Oakland Community College Auburn Hills Interim President Barbara Einhardt announced the appointment of the following community members to serve a two-year term on OCC's Landscape Technology Advisory Committee: Dr. Bill Alred, instructor, Agriculture, Career Prep Center, Warren Consolidated Schools; Sterling Heights; Thomas Aries, President, Oakwood Tree, Oxford; Barry Burton, zoo horticulturist, Detroit Zoological Institute, Royal Oak; Bonnie Carlson, internal quality auditor, Electronic Data Systems, Auburn Hills; and Nancy Gayde and Bonnie Krimmel, both students, Oakland Community College, Auburn Hills.

Also joining the committee are James Matosik, MCN, outside sales representative, Shemin Nurseries, Inc., Taylor; Bob Miller, president, Miller Landscape, Rochester Hills; Marie Muehlenbein, adjunct faculty, Oakland Community College, Auburn Hills; Pat Murphy, landscape superintendent, Cranbrook, Bloomfield Hills; Frank Schaldach, owner, Schaldach Design Group, Hillsdale; Dan Veresh, associate horticulturist, The Dow Gardens, Midland; and Bill Zikewich, coordinator, Forestry, Parks and Environmental Projects, City of Southfield.

OCC's Landscape Technology Program gives students experience in landscape gardening, ornamental horticulture, nursery practices and methods of weed, insect and disease control. The advisory committee provides an essential link between

the college, industry and the profession.

"The primary objective of OCC's advisory committee is to advise the college regarding course content and the selection of instructional equipment, so that our programs provide students with the training they need to be successful in their chosen field of employment," said Einhardt.

## 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 Troy Outdoor Education Center, 6685 Coolidge Highway, north of Square Lake Road. For information, call Nancy Tar at (810) 399-7243.

## 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 15 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.



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Times: December 5 - 9:30 AM December 12 - 9:30 AM December 19 - 9:30 AM	Times: December 6 - 9:30 AM December 13 - 9:30 AM December 20 - 9:30 AM	Times: December 5 - 2:00 PM December 6 - 2:00 PM December 12 - 2:00 PM December 19 - 2:00 PM December 27 - 9:30 AM
	Location: Bakers Square Restaurant 825 Bowers Birmingham	
	Times: December 11 - 9:00 AM & 2:00 PM December 18 - 9:00 AM & 2:00 PM	

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