

OAKLAND KALEIDOSCOPE

**Oakland Kaleidoscope** is a roundup of Oakland County news, and notes collected from government, school, civic, community and neighborhood sources. Write: *Oakland Kaleidoscope*, c/o Oakland County editor: Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Our fax number is (810) 644-1314.

HELPING HAND

Oakland County-based Volunteers of America Southeast Michigan is selling hundreds of cars donated this holiday season by individuals of Greater Metropolitan Detroit. Cars are sold daily on a lot at 618 E. Walton Blvd., between Joslyn and Opdyke in Pontiac. Forty to 60 cars are also auctioned at 10 a.m. every Saturday. Unique cars for sale have included a 1968 Buick Electra Convertible with low mileage, a 1992 Ford Taurus Wagon in immaculate condition, a 1991 Ford Taurus, a 1991 Pontiac Grand Prix and a loaded 1986 Audi 5000.

Proceeds raised through the sales and auction help to fund a variety of social service needs in the Metro Detroit area, including Oakland County. The organization offers low income and specialized housing facilities for 450 men, women and children each night, and assists individuals who would not qualify for home ownership to become first time home buyers. The Volunteers of America recently finished its Christmas holiday Adopt-A-Family Program that adopted 400 families and 1,000 children. For information, call Colleen O'Donnell at (810) 373-9000, or 1-800-552-1515. Car donations can be deducted to the maximum extent of the law.

CHARITY EVENT

The Detroit Boat Show is kicking off this year's event with "A Reason to Celebrate," a preview party for charity from 6-9 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 31. The party offers a sneak preview of one of the top boating shows in the country and the latest boating innovations before the show opens to the public Feb. 1-9. Proceeds benefit the Lighthouse of Oakland County, a non-profit human services agency offering a continuum of services to low-income residents through Light-

house Emergency Services Centers in Pontiac and Clarkston, Pontiac Area Transitional Housing and Unity Park!

Among the honorary chairpersons are Gov. and Mrs. John Engler; Sen. and Mrs. E. Spencer Abraham; Sen. and Mrs. Carl Levin; Sen. and Mrs. Gary Peters; Mayor and Mrs. Walter Moore; Mayor Ruth Canfield; and Oakland County Executive and Mrs. L. Brooks Patterson. The preview party is being sponsored by the Michigan Boating Industries Association, also a sponsor of the Boat Show. It is being organized by charity representatives and community volunteers.

The evening begins with a reception in the Cobo Center main lobby. Guests dressed in yachting attire will be regaled with live entertainment, a dig for sunken treasures and other nautical surprises, including a guided maritime serenade onto the show floor. Tickets are \$100 per person. To order, call (810) 263-3717.

For more information about the preview party or the 39th annual Detroit Boat Show, call MBIA at 1 (800) 224-3308.

NEED VOLUNTEERS

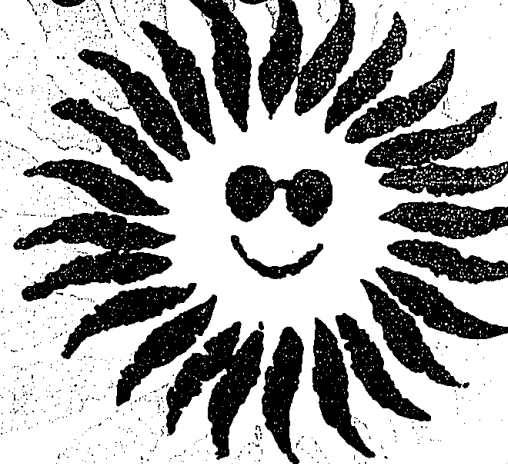
Volunteers are needed to help the Oakland Literacy Council stay in touch with tutors and students. The council offers a friendly work environment, free coffee and an occasional donut. To volunteer, call Linda at (810) 338-8840.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Oakland County Retired & Senior Volunteer Program seeks volunteers 55 years and older to become involved with community agencies that need assistance. Varied opportunities are available at schools, hospitals, libraries, human service agencies and cultural institutions throughout Oakland County. Benefits include supplemental accident and liability insurance, mileage reimbursement and the chance to make a difference. Call Linda Kaniewski at (810) 559-1147.

Cranbrook Hospice Care in Bloomfield Hills seeks caring volunteers for in-home support to terminally ill patients and their families. Winter training sessions begin in January.

Beginning February 2,



**your hometown newspaper  
will now be on your  
doorstep bright and early  
Sunday mornings.**

It's Sunday.

This means no alarm clock clanging in your ear.

No grabbing a quick cup of coffee before fighting the freeway.

Sunday seems slower-paced for all of us, even if we don't have to dash out the door to work. It's a day to spend time doing what you want to do, not what you have to do.

Like discovering what's happening right where you live. And beginning Sunday February 2, you can do just that because we've moved our Monday papers to Sunday.

**Your hometown newspaper will now be on your doorstep bright and early Sunday mornings.**

It'll be filled with some familiar features, a few new ones and some that you've been used to seeing on Thursday. It'll be like sitting down and spending what they like to call "quality time" with the whole town. You'll be able to make a career change, find a new place to live, plan your leisure hours, check the sales, a whole lot more, without feeling pressed for time.

And here's another plus: on Monday morning, you'll be the one that starts the conversation with, "Did you read about..."

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