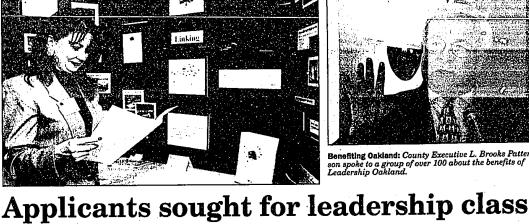
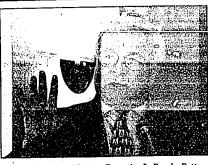
Seeking information: Cindy Jacques from Mercy Health Plans goes over some of the Leadership Oakland information at the program.

> Photos by Bill Hansen





Benefiting Oakland: County Executive L. Brooks Patterson spoke to a group of over 100 about the benefits of Leadership Oakland.

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■ Genuine concern for the future of he county and region.

■ Potential for advancement to top redership positions within their orgalizations.

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■ Willingness and ability to make the time commitment required.

■ Intention of seeking appointments to community boards, commissions or key volunteer leadership positions.

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## Leadership Oakland Selection Criteria

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Is opplication to Leadership Oakland
Is open to eil persons living or working in Oakland County and the Detroit
metropolitan area.

The selection committee will be
seeking participation from various
ethnic, minority, age and gender
groups to represent a cross-section
of the community,
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education, organized labor, government, the erts, religious, service or
community organizations.
Participants must be members in
good standing of a participating
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The selection committee looks for
confident selectivities:

# a sincere commitment, motivetion and interest to serve Oakland
County.

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BY JENNIFRE PLACINIO
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Mare leaders are being sought in Oakland County.

And people who work and live in the county are qualified for the job, if they are intoreded in learning more about and it giving better that they are intored to the property of the prop

BY JENNIPER PLACINTO STAPP WRITER

y development director Patricia
McCullough, of Rose Township,
decided to apply after hearing
about the program from her
friend, Julie Granthen, an coalcommunity College and a graduate of Leadership Oakland.

"There were so many things in
Oakland County that I didn't
know about — and I've lived
here 30 years, Granthen said,
adding that she enjoyed learning
about the diversity of those who
live and work in the community.
I't was a great opportunity to
get contacts for speakers in my
class. I was able to recruit some
part-time instructors.

Granthen, a Rochestor Hills
resident, said the relationships
continue to grow after graduation through alumni activities
and established contacts. "The
people you get to know through
Leadership Oakland are people
who want to be involved in the
community," she said.

Mario Agesta, director of maketing administration for Health
Alliance Plan of Southfield and
Dotroit, is following a company
tradition. "We have a real big
commitment to Oakland County," the St. Clair Shores resident

involved in Leadership Oakland to develop even mere contacts.
The cest is \$1,800, but people who submit their application by May 9 will have the \$50 application deposit waived, bringing dution to \$1,750. A limited number of scholarships are available to qualified individuals who otherwise might not be able to participate.

Applications are due no later than July 8. Candidates will be notified of the selections in

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Future leaders: Margo King (left), one of the Leadership Oakland founders who's now on the executive commit-tee, with Farmington Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce representatives Jody Soronen (community affairs director) and Maria Esposito (president).

## WAND honors women's peace efforts

Many women will be remembered by their children this Mother's Day, but a handful of metro area women will also be honored for their peace efforts.

Over 200 women are expected to attend the 10th annual Mother's Peace Day Breakfast Thursday, May 8 at Temple Beth El, morthweat of 14 Mile and Telegraph in Bloomfield Township.

Hosted by Women's Action for New Directions (WAND), the event will cater to "anybody that its concerned about the defunding of programs for people and

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thinks that there is no money in the national budget to pay for these things," said WAND mem-ber Arlene Victor, a Bloomfield Township resident. "We're here to tell them there is a slew of money in the military budget."

The breakfast program begins at 8:30 a.m. It costs \$20 per per-

WAND is a national organization that works to educate the public about federal funding and national security needs. WAND's mission is to empower women to act politically to reduce mili-tarism and violence. The group lobbies Congress to spend less on

arms and more on people and the environment and supports progressive women lawmakers. "We are spending a fortune on

"We care spending a fortune on the military budget... while the holes in the fabric of our society are getting larger and larger," Victor said.

WAND will honer the follow-ing women: Tobi Hanna-Davies, an Ann Arbor City Council mem-ber, Detroit resident Kathleen Straus, president of the State Board of Education of Michigan, Maryann Mahaffey, president of the Detroit City Council, Detroit resident B. Pennie Millender, chairwoman of Michigan Conli-tion for Human Rights and Vic-

tor, former national president of WAND.
"Were honoring women in this community who advocate for our children which we consider our country's national resource," Vic-

tor said.

West Bloomfield Township resident Dr. Alexa Canady, renowned chief of neurosurgery at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit, will be featured speaker. Her address will focus on the physician's role in confronting violence.

For reservations, call (810) 968-5099. Tickets will be sold at



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