



Committee: Michele Robinson, WXYZ-TV anchor Mary Conway, Kathie O'Donohue and Kiyo Morse, Steppingstone director, gather to discuss the benefit.

## Carnivale benefit for Steppingstone Saturday

WXYZ-TV anchor Mary Conway is honorary chairperson of the 5th annual benefit auction for Steppingstone School in Farmington Hills.

Conway, a 15-year veteran of Channel 7 Action News, recently attended an auction committee brunch to discuss plans with members Michele Robinson, Kathie O'Donohue and Linda Alvarado along with Kiyo Morse, director of Steppingstone.

During a tour of classrooms, Conway met with teachers Donna Coffin and Dee Robinson. "I am happy to help in any way to further educational projects such as this," said Conway.

Steppingstone is an independent, non profit elementary and middle school for the gifted.

This year's theme is Carnivale and will feature 20 dishes of New Orleans featuring Cajun style foods and desserts. The event is Saturday, March 28, 7 p.m. to midnight at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriam Rd., between Six and Seven Mile roads, in Livonia. Tickets are \$20 a person and include continuous hors d'oeuvres, music, silent and live auction.

Collectors will be interested in bidding on the Lady Di bear Beanie Baby, and hundreds of

additional items donated by Farmington businesses. A raffle includes air tickets to Las Vegas and a gourmet chocolate basket.

Money raised will be used for scholarships and building renovations. To reserve tickets, call



Observing: Mary Conway watches Steppingstone student Brett Hakala work on a computer pro-

## Butterfly is thing of beauty

Where did the name butterfly come from?

The English name butterfly has some interesting roots. One theory is that witches in the form of butterflies stole milk and butter. A better explanation is that the name came from the common sulfur butterflies, which are bright butter yellow.

What is the favorite butterfly of most people?

Of the many species of common garden butterflies across North America, none is more striking and admired more by people than the Eastern Swallowtail. One of the largest and well known, this goldfinch of the butterfly world is abundant, unafraid and very much at home in a garden setting.

The Tiger Swallowtail butterfly is 4 to 6 1/2 inches in length. Its wings are bright yellow with a large black V on the inner half of each hind wing. The tiger has five vertical black bars on each forewing.

If you have ever touched a butterfly's wings, you know that its color easily rubs off. This is because the wings are covered with tiny colored overlapping scales resembling shingles on a roof. The scales increase the butterfly's flying efficiency.

Like all insects, a butterfly's body is divided into three sections: head, thorax and abdomen. It has six legs, two pair of wings and two antennae.

What kind of plants do butterflies like to eat?

Butterflies feed on nectar of clover, dune's rocket, thistle, joe-pye weed, bee balm, milk-



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weed and other wildflowers. In backyard gardens, their favorites are phlox, butterfly bush and lilac.

The tiger butterfly is a frequent visitor to mud puddles, where it drinks water containing naturally occurring salts. How does a butterfly develop and how long does it live?

Butterflies are cold-blooded creatures that depend on the sun for heat. When you see a butterfly, it's an adult. The butterfly requires four distinct stages over a period of three to eight weeks, depending on climate, and may even include hibernation.

Life begins when the adults mate and the female lays eggs. The eggs hatch into larvae (caterpillars). After eating and growing, the caterpillar becomes a pupa. The pupa is the inactive stage in the transformation of an insect. Finally the pupae hatching into butterflies.

Butterflies live to reproduce. Their movement may appear frivolous as they flit and glide through trees and open spaces and land on flowers. The movements of butterflies are well calculated and with purpose.

Their life span is limited to only two or three weeks. They must find mates, breed and move on to search for other mates. Females may mate two or three times during their life of two or three weeks. Males also perform multiple matings during their somewhat shorter life of about two weeks.

Bev Cornell, a licensed wildlife rehabilitator, will answer your questions at Ask Bristol, Farmington Observer,

## Sarah Fisher names new advisory board

The St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center of Farmington Hills has named several new members to its advisory board.

They are Ralph Babb Jr. of Bloomfield Hills, Thomas Grobbel of Troy, Cynthia Harkaway of Clinton Township, Kathleen Hylcros of Bloomfield Hills, Robert Klein of Bloomfield Hills, John and Elizabeth Ottaway of Grosse Pointe Woods, and Judy Rossman of Commerce Township.

Babb is executive vice president and chief financial officer of Comerica Incorporated, responsible for bank investments, corporate development, funds management, investor relations, economics and real estate. He serves as director of Citizens Research Council of Michigan, a member of the finance committee for the Detroit Medical Center and chairman of the environmental scan committee of United Way Community Services.

Grobbel is vice president of investments for Paine Webber, specializing in retirement and estate planning. His relationship with the center began at birth when he was adopted through the center. Grobbel has served on the Garden Party planning committee for eight years and in 1996 became a member of the center's capital campaign cabinet to raise \$4 million. He is also affiliated with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen.

Harkaway is vice president - regional private banking market manager for Old Kent Bank. She brings 25 years of sales, marketing and bank management expertise to the board. She is a board member of the Womens Economic Club, Cranbrook Museum advisory board and the strategic planning committee for Variety, the children's charity.

Hylcros is president and chief executive officer of the Visiting Nurse Association in Oak Park. She has more than 24

years of leadership experience in health care administration. She was named one of Detroit's most influential women in the March 1997 issue of Crain's Detroit Business.

She is a member of several professional organizations, including the American College of Healthcare Executives and serves on the boards of the Greater Detroit Area Health Care Council and the Junior League of Detroit.

Klein is a legal counsel to non profit organizations. He began his association with the center in 1996 when he served as a member of the capital campaign cabinet to raise \$4 million. Klein is also trustee of William Beaumont Hospital, Marygrove College, Eton Academy, Karmanos Cancer Institute and a partner of the Cornerstone Schools.

John Ottaway is senior partner - management director at J. Walter Thompson of Detroit and the great grandson of Charles and Sarah Fisher, underwriters of the construction of the center's building in 1929. He is currently acting as class agent for the University Liggett School alumni fund and the College of William and Mary.

Elizabeth Ottaway is portfolio manager at Munder Capital. She is on the finance committee of the Women's Economic Club and is a member of the board of Tau Beta Association, a women's service sorority and the Michigan Society of Certified Financial Planners.

Rossman is a former lobbyist for the automotive industry and the Michigan Hospital Association. She has been active in government in Lansing and across the country. Her involvement with the center includes serving on the planning committee for ArtShare, an annual fund-raiser, from 1993 to 1997.

The center has provided services for 69 years.

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