### **MEDICAL NEWSMAKERS**

### Pharmacist award

Pharmacist award

Karl Widak of Canton was awarded the Greatest Individual Contribution Award by the Michigan Society of Health-System Pharmacists at their annual meeting Oct. 5 in Novi. The award recognizes a pharmacy professional who has contributed the most to public health awaroness. Widak received the nonor for his efforts with Oakwood Health System to premote pharmacy through patient education.

Widak currently serves as the chairman of the Michigan Pharmacist Association Public Affairs Committee. He received his backelor of science in pharmacy degree from Wayne State University College of Pharmacy & Allied Health Professions.

### Nursing award

Mursing award

Gayle Groshko of Redford, an oncology nurse
at the Onkwood Cancer Center in Dearborn, has
received the Oncology Nursing Society's 2002
Excellence in Radiation Therapy Nursing Award.
Groshko is a senior registered nurse in the center's
Department of Radiation Oncology. Candidates for
this honor are nominated by fellow ONS members.
Onkwood Cancer Center Director Omar M.
Salazar wrote a letter recommending Groshko for
the award, stating, "Ma. Groshko is one of the best
radiation oncology nurses I have encountered in
my professional career and one that truly represents the spirit of the Oncology Nursing Society
and the specialty of radiation oncology.

"I am both honored and humbled," said Groshko.
I feel personally and professionally, oncology is
the best of all areas to work. Each day I get to
interact with patients and families. "The field is
just expleding with new technology, new treattheat regimens. It's so exciting to be here.
"Groshko graduated from Providence Hospital
School of Nursing in 1975. She obtained a BSN

from Madonna University in 1994. She first worked for Oakwood in 1988 but left for a position at the Karmanos Caneer Institute, only to return shortly afterward.

Maple Manor

Maple Manor of Wayne, a senior retirement
community, recently received a Year 2001 Keep
Wayne Beautiful Award from the City of Wayne.
The award is given to local businesses based on
general appearance, landscaping and cleanliness.
J & S Davelopment Company had purchased the
vacant property in June 1999.
Because the building sat vacant for such a long
period of time, it had become a local eye sore. The
City of Wayne and its residents are certainly
pleased with what we have done, said Bryan
Neal, assistant director of Maple Manor.



Beautification: Residents Alcie Pipe (top row), Marion Carpenter, Stanley Baschuz and Theda Allmond; bottom row Robert Fohley, Carolyn Sampeer, Jon Wofford and Jack Condon.

## **HEALTH DATEBOOK**

# TUE, NOV. 20

DUBLETS
The diabetes support group of
St. Joseph Merry Hospital in
Ann Arbor meets the first Friday
of each month from 2-3:30 p.m.
and the third Tuesday from 78:30 p.m. in the Exhibition Room
of the hospital's Education Center. The Nov. 20 meeting will
focus on holiday menu ideas.
Call (800) 231-2211.

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FU SHOTS
Michigan Visiting Nurses will
offer fin shots for those 18 years
and older. Fu shots are \$16 each
and pneumonia vaccinations are
\$25. The next local clinic is 10
a.m. to 2 p.m. Tueaday, Nov. 20
at the Friendship Center, 1119
N. Newburgh, Westland. Please
contact MVN for more information before attending the clinic
(734) 677-0020 or (800) 8800020.

## **THROUGH NOV. 20**

FLU SHOTS

St. Mary Mercy Hospital is offering flu shots through Nov. 20.
There is a \$15 fee for the shots, free for those with proof of Medi-

care B. Call Community Out-reach at (734) 655-8940 for an appointment or for more infor-mation.

# TUE. NOV. 27

QRIF SUPPORT
Angela Hospice in Livonia offers
ongoing grief support groups
every second and fourth Tueaday
of the month at 1 p.m. and 6
p.m. Free and open to the public.
Call Ruth Favor at (734) 4647810.

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DYSLEXIA
Learn about dyslexia, how it's
treated and the importance of
early intervention by attending
the Dyslexia Support Group
meeting 64.5-9 p.m. at the
Michigan Dyslexia Institute
- Detroit Metro Center, 30230
Orchard Lake, Suite #130,
Farmington Hills, (248) 7370044.

ARTHRITIS SELF-HELP
The Arthritis Foundation will
host a self-help course 12:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, Nov. 28-Dec. 12 at
Southeast Rehabilitation &

Physical Therapy, 26771 West 12 Mile, Suite 103, Southfield. The three week course will meet for two hours to discuss how to talk to your doctor, nutritional habits, depression, exercise, etc. Cost is \$25 for registrant; \$5 for companion. Call (800) 968-3030 or (248) 424-9001 ext. 39.

# SUN, DEC. 2

CIRCLE OF LIFE

A special workshop for children between the ages of 7-13 and their parents on how to celebrate the holidays when a love done is sorely missed, Schoolcraft College in Livonia will be the host 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2. Cost is \$30 per child and \$15 for each additional sibling. Please bring an object or photo connected to the memory of their love one.

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Angela Hospice will offer a workshop to help individuals cope
with the holiday season. The free
sessions are 1-3 p.m. Monday,
Dec. 3: and 1-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 5. The program
will tast 90 minutes and be followed by 30 minutes of fellowship/refreshments. Ruth Favor
(734) 464-7810.

University of Michigan Health System









Cancer AnswerLine: 1-800-865-1125