

# Local residents participate in WalkAmerica fund-raiser

## OCC offers free health careers showcase May 15

WalkAmerica, the March of Dimes biggest annual event, drew thousands of people to many of Michigan's most popular locations on April 26-27.

Participants made the eight-mile trek at Hines Park, Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit, MetroBench Metropark, Nankin Mills Interpretive Center in Westland and the Troy Community Center, among other locations.

Crystal Kashat of Farmington Hills, Rachelle Schultz of Commerce Township and Natasha Stolevski of Canton were among the Southeast Michigan walkers who raised more than \$2 million to help the March of Dimes save babies through programs of research, community service, advocacy and education.

Following opening festivities at 8 a.m., walkers took to the road at 9 a.m. to raise dollars that help the March of Dimes save babies through programs of research, community service, advocacy and education. Many of those efforts take place in the state of Michigan.

Since 1970, WalkAmerica has raised well over \$1 billion to help give babies a fighting chance. Nationally, nine million people take part in WalkAmerica, either by walking, volunteering at the event or sponsoring someone else's participation.

Michael Maher, Group Senior Vice President and CFO of Standard Federal Bank was 2003 WalkAmerica Chair.



Three walkers were (l-r) Crystal Kashat of Farmington Hills, Rachelle Schultz of Commerce Township and Natasha Stolevski of Canton.

Standard Federal Bank was the state of Michigan's number one WalkAmerica event in 2002. Co-chairing the event was James P. Hoffa, General President of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Recently, the March of Dimes launched a five-year \$75 million Prematurity Campaign. The campaign will raise awareness about prematurity, America's number one obstetric problem. More than 476,000 babies are born premature each year in the US, 15,000 in the state of Michigan. All too often, babies born premature die or suffer

costly chronic health care problems.

"The March of Dimes is a national voluntary health agency whose mission is to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects and infant mortality. Founded in 1938, the March of Dimes funds programs of research, community service, education, and advocacy to save babies. More information is available on the March of Dimes Web sites at [www.marchofdimes.com](http://www.marchofdimes.com) and [www.marchofdimes.org](http://www.marchofdimes.org). For the second consecutive year, the March of Dimes was named to

Worth magazine's list of America's 100 Best Charities." Locally, March of Dimes dollars help support efforts like Detroit-based Healthy Baby Services. Healthy Baby Services provides free rides to health care visits to pregnant and parenting women who don't have their own means of transportation. Healthy Baby Services driver-advocates receive 240 hours of training at Wayne State University. That training enables them to provide valuable referral information to prospective mothers to and from doctor visits.

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Oakland Community College presents Health Professions Connection: Exploring Career Options, at the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills, Thursday, May 15 from 4-8 p.m.

The program showcases OCC's many health career programs including nuclear medicine, dental hygiene, respiratory therapy and surgical technology. Admission is free and the public is invited.

According to event organizer Vicki Kloosterhouse, the expo comes at an opportune time — the health care industry is currently experiencing a severe shortage of trained workers. As a result work schedules can be very flexible, with numerous full- or part-time employment opportunities.

"OCC offers 14 different programs that enable people to

enter the health care field after two years' study," Kloosterhouse says. "Jobs are plentiful in Oakland County and pay up to \$49,000 a year."

The event takes place in the campus' Building J. Interactive displays, free informational materials, hands-on demonstrations and light refreshments will be featured.

OCC health program faculty, staff and currently enrolled students will be on hand to answer questions. In addition, representatives from William Beaumont Hospitals, St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and the Detroit Medical Center will be present to discuss job opportunities. The Orchard Ridge Campus is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696 in Farmington Hills. For more information, call (248) 341-2228.

### RELIGION CALENDAR

If you want to submit an item for the religion calendar, fax it to (248) 477-9122 or write: Religion Calendar, Farmington Observer, 33401 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48335. The deadline for an announcement to appear in the Thursday edition is noon Monday.

#### EVENTS

**Indian Prophecy**  
Interested in Native American Prophecy? Come to the Farmington Hills Library at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 22 for a presentation concerning "Native American Prophecies on Future World Unity." The guest speaker will be Dr. William J. Martin, an internationally known visionary, sundancer, and traditional medicine helper. Dr. Martin is a well known lecturer on indigenous cultures, prophecies and holistic healing. An informal conversation will follow the presentation before the library closes at 9 p.m. This gathering is sponsored by members of the Bahai Faith in Farmington Hills. For more information please call (248) 804-1863.

**Coffee talk**  
Single Point Lighthouse Cafe offers an evening of reflection and fun while listening to live entertainment provided by other Single Pointers. Cost is \$5. Hot dogs, goodies and coffee

provided. Call Single Point Ministries at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road (near Haggerty), Northville, at (248) 374-5920.  
**Antioch Preschool**  
Antioch Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills offers Christian based preschool for 3-4 year old children. Class registration is now being taken. The church is located at 13 Mile and Farmington Road. Call (248) 626-7906.

#### ONGOING

**Widow/Widower Support**  
New Hope Center for Grief Support, a Christian-based bereavement outreach center, offers support for widows and widowers with children on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The group meets at 7 p.m. at St. Kenneth's Parish offices, 14955 Haggerty, Plymouth, New Hope for Kids meets at the same time and place and is aimed at ages 4-11. (248) 348-0115.

**Aglow**  
Aglow International, a community lighthouse for women, meets for dinner and discussion at 6 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Best Western Executive Hotel, 31525 W. 12 Mile in Farmington. For information or reservations call (248) 416-1053.

## Free 'Fix Up-Clean Up' project for seniors May 31

The Youth of Unity is a group of teens who practice the Unity principle of giving to others in need.

Parents and teens work together in teams as a way to teach children valuable lessons in home maintenance and respecting elders while providing an important community service.

The group promotes family unity by regularly spending time together having fun, communicating

and learning new skills. Its goal is to have the group grow together spiritually, mentally, physically and to provide service to others.

The Church of Today West in Novi and The Unity Church of Livonia accepts those of all belief systems who wish to explore practical Christian concepts including how the mind, body and spirit interrelate.

For information on the Novi church, please call (248) 449-

8900 or for the Livonia church call (734) 421-1760.

**What is the Fix Up-Clean Up project?** Teams of parents and teens go into the community once a year to help the elderly in and around their homes by doing odd jobs.

**Who qualifies for free chore services?** All persons 65 years or older living in Livonia, Novi, Farmington, Farmington Hills and any Unity congregation member.

Special consideration will be given to those with physical handicaps or difficulties with activities of daily living.

**When will services be provided?** May 31, 2003.  
**How do you apply?** Fill out the application below and mail it to us by May 16.

We will select applications based on seniors most in need and the availability of workers. We will contact those who are selected.

### SINGLES CALENDAR

**Single Mingle Dances**  
MSPs hold Single Mingle dances on Friday nights throughout the month. Call (248) 851-9909 for times and locations.

**Go!/Softball Leagues**  
Co-ed golf and softball leagues are now forming. Call (248) 851-9909 for sign-up information.

**Barn Dance**  
MSPs will hold a Western Barn Dance at 7:45 p.m. Saturday, May 10 at the Lazy J Ranch, 625 South Hickory Ridge Road.

**Book Discussion Group**  
MSPs book discussion group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Borders Books in Farmington Hills. Borders will offer a 20-percent discount on all titles chosen for discussion.

**Volleyball**  
Drop in and play volleyball 6:30 p.m.-dusk every Tuesday at Heritage

Park in Farmington Hills.

**Euchre**  
MSPs play euchre 6:30-9:30 p.m. every Monday at the Brass Point Inn in Farmington Hills.

**Social and Travel Club**  
For people 35 years old and up. Activities include dinners, dances, cards, camping, theater, sports, travel. To learn more about the club call (248) 415-5320 or go to [www.sscit.org](http://www.sscit.org).

**Fun & Fine Dining Parties**  
Join MSFs every Thursday between 6-7:30 p.m. for socializing with dinner afterwards. Enjoy sampling some of the best and most interesting dining places in the metro Detroit area.

**West Side Singers**  
Friday dances to be held every Friday night at Burton Manor, located on Schoolcraft Service Drive, just west of Inkster in Livonia. For information, call Anita at (734) 981-0909.

### MOVERS AND SHAKERS

**HPS appointment**

John Harger, President of High Performance Systems, Inc., recently announced the appointment of Sherif Shalaby of Dearborn as Sales Engineer.

His primary responsibility will be business development, proposal development and client applications. Prior to joining High Performance Systems, Shalaby was sales engineer with Siemens. Shalaby holds a bachelor's of science degree in Engineering from Cairo University.

Walled Lake-based High Performance Systems, Inc., specializes in computers, networks, support, repairs and Point of Sale systems and software.

## Important Notice for Our Home Delivery Subscribers About Your Newspaper Carrier!



The Observer & Eccentric Newspaper would like to thank our home delivery subscribers for reading our paper!

(We appreciate our single copy readers, too!) Because we value your opinion, we would like your input on a very important contest for all Observer & Eccentric newspaper carriers!

Starting May 1st, we will accept monthly nominations for "Carrier of the Month." Our carriers will need your nomination in order to become a candidate for this very important honor. The winning Carrier of the Month from each of our newspapers will receive a plaque, a tour of our offices and 4 movie passes along with receiving his or her name in contention for the coveted "Carrier of the YEAR" award.

Winner of the Carrier of the Year (COTY) award will be given a \$100.00 Savings Bond, 4 movie passes and dinner at East Side Mario's with his parents and the subscriber (and guest) who nominated the winner. In order to be considered for the COTY award, the carrier will have had to been named a Carrier of the Month.

If you are pleased with your carrier's performance and believe he or she should be a candidate for the monthly honor, please take a few minutes to complete the attached form and return it to the address below. Carriers will be subject to additional candidacy requirements including on-time collections from customers and new subscription sales or renewals.

And, as a thank-you for your assistance and for your readership, your name will be entered in our monthly drawing for a '20 gas gift certificate and 4 movie passes!

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