

Play Night Fun For All

By MARGARET MILLER
When you're retarded and go to a special education class, your social life can get pretty dreary.
No weekend dances, not much in the way of after school activity.
And when you're a parent with responsibility for a teen-aged retarded child, life can get pretty dreary.
Few breaks for the separateness that make togetherness more rewarding.
So a recently organized weekly play night at the Livonia Family Y has been a boon to both retarded teens and their parents.
It also has meant a new understanding for a group of high school and college volunteers who participate regularly.
Thomas Novak, a member of the executive board for the Northwest Communities Association for Retarded Children, worked with Robert Brooks to set up the Friday night program. Both are Livonia residents.
"I could see the need for some sort of activity these teens could look forward to," Novak said. He has a re-

tarded child still too young for this program.
"But we'd hear from parents that these teens didn't have any regular associations - no peer group," he said.
"So in planning the gym nights, we wanted to work with volunteers - young ones. With these kids, the retarded teens can have a meeting of minds, something to talk about."
The age range for the Friday nights at the Family Y is 12 to over 20. The kids mostly play active games. "We don't try to play by rules - we just have fun," Novak said.
Some of the kids have good motor skills but for some just batting a volleyball is a major accomplishment. That doesn't matter when it comes to enjoying the game.
A few, in wheelchairs, can't participate actively.
"They have some wild card games with the volunteers," Novak said.
The volunteers have become far more understanding as well as having a good time.

"People should know more about the retarded," Novak said. "This kind of program gets them into the community, and it's good for all." By design, few parents attend the play nights.



VOLUNTEER JUDY JARES (right) enjoys a game of cards with Diane and Ruth during a play night for retarded teens.



THERE'S PLENTY of activity each Friday evening at the Livonia Family Y when the Northwest Communities Association for Retarded Children sponsors a game night for teens. (Observer photos by Harry Mauthe)

Decorating Sewing Course Set

The first classes in sewing curtains, draperies and tablecloths will be offered by the J.L. Hudson Co. will begin early in May.
Each class will meet for three two-hour sessions and the cost will be \$9.
Classes in the Westland store will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning May 1. At Northland, there will be classes from 1 to 3 p.m. Thursdays, beginning May 3, and from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Fridays, beginning May 4.
Students will be taught the various steps in making window coverings from measuring windows to making professional looking hems with weights. Tablecloth instruction will cover standard and oval tablecloths with matching napkins.
Mr. and Mrs. Ken Croft of Pompano Beach, Fla., announce the birth of their first child, a daughter, Tiffany, on March 27. Mrs. Croft is the former Pamela Fisher of Plymouth.



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Last year, the club awarded scholarships to nine students graduating from Oakland County high schools.

Bentley Plans 10th Reunion

The Bentley High School class of 1963 will hold its 10-year reunion Saturday, June 23, in Botsford Inn, Farmington.
Tickets are \$9 per person. Reservations should be made with Mrs. David Sweeney (Darlene Bowden), 34275 Grove, Livonia, by June 1.

GC Reunion

A 26-year reunion is being planned Sept. 8 for the 1953 graduating class of Garden City High School.
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