

FLSC maintains dual-meet magic

Capping its first unbeaten season ever, Forest Lake Swim Club (FLSC) outstroked C.B. Swim Club in a Northwest Suburban Swim League (NSSL) meet last week.

The meet's final score was 289-278. The triumph enabled Coach Tom Kirpatrick's tankers to shoot their dual-meet mark this summer to 7-0.

They also posted five new team targets. Record-setters were Rob Kramer, Lynn Gregory, Amy Whelan and the girls 52-year medley relay team.

Kramer, competing in the boys 7-8 age division, negotiated the 25-meter breaststroke in 22.5 and the 25-meter freestyle in 16.6.

Miss Gregory, competing in the girls 13-14 age division, paced the 100-meter individual medley in 1:21.6.

MISS WHELAN, competing in the girls 13-14 age division, paced the 50-meter backstroke in 38.0.

Relay team members were Miss Whelan, Miss Gregory, Patti Pippin and Mary Ann Johnston. They covered the distance in 2:26.8.

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TREND Talk

by: Robert A. Sklar

Amid chambers of dark hopes stands metropolitan Detroit's resident good samaritan — Reverend Mother Charleszetta Waddles.

For nearly two decades, she has operated a people-oriented mission in Detroit's most impoverished neighborhoods.

Approaching her 63rd birthday, Mother says she knows that hard times invariably accompany lending a helping hand to the downtrodden.

But, said Mother, born in St. Louis during riverboat gambling's heyday, "God gave me this task and I believe in the spirit of God working through people.

"I BELIEVE you have no right to even call yourself a Christian if you're not loving others and confronting life's problems together with them.

"What I'm pioneering," Mother explained, "is how to compel people to come to Christ in a way which they will comprehend.

"Some people can just sit still and their spirit will be restored and be revived by the renewing of their mind.

"To others, however, you have to show something tangible, something they can see and something they can feel."

MOTHER'S widely respected project formally is named the Perpetual Soul Saving Mission For All Nations, Inc. Informally, it's tagged simply, the Perpetual Mission.

Nonprofit and totally independent, the Perpetual Mission functions as a community-service center. It's open 24 hours every day with a strictly emergency program.

The Perpetual Mission's services span from feeding the hungry and housing the homeless to finding work for the jobless and pacifying the frustrated.

Its services also spotlight drug and legal counseling, dental and physical examinations, plus training classes which teach practical skills.

MOTHER SAYS she rates motivating people to help themselves as her top priority.

"If," she said, "there's no one telling you, 'Hey, look, your mind is the same as mine, you can use it,' then you won't take the initiative to guide yourself.

"You have to sort of give people the courage to try to guide themselves. We're a beginning point for people to lift themselves out of their apathetic conditions."

The Perpetual Mission has roots in rehabilitating people by shocking them, according to Mother. As she grippingly put it:

"WE DRESS them, and clean them up, and sit them down and let them order their food. It gets to be a part of letting them think like they're human beings."

A Detroitier since 1936, Mother recognizes acutely how much energy is burned up while wrestling with poverty.

She recognizes it because she

MOTHER WADDLES

Helping people help themselves

Some public and private grants but chiefly corporate and personal contributions enable the Perpetual Mission to stay afloat financially.

What's more, Mother regularly hits the lecture circuit, stirring enough souls wherever she speaks to hear the reassuring ring of coins as the donation plate is being passed.

PERPETUALLY low on funds, Mother ties an ironic twist to her financial plight.

She says she doesn't need money; she says money needs her so it can be put to good use by helping needy people.

What's the barometer of the Perpetual Mission's financial security? A flurry of fund-raising drives sponsored by local boosters attracted to Mother's magnetic pull.

One such drive will emerge this weekend at Detroit's six municipal golf courses — Belle Isle, Chandler Park, Palmer Park, Rackham, Redford and River Rouge.

THAT DRIVE'S structure will be a benefit tournament on the links with all proceeds ticketed for the Perpetual Mission. Entry fee for the tournament is \$1.

Tournament sponsors are the Birmingham-based Michigan chapter of the U.S. Dens. Association (MUSDA), Allied (Wrigley) Supermarkets and the Detroit Recreation Department.

To enter the tournament, call MUSDA's Robert H. Povlitz at 643-4494 or the Perpetual Mission's Laibel' Leroy Waddles at 825-9155.

Besides honing your golf game, you tournament support will help make a big dent into rescuing many people whose lives presently resemble little more than a daily struggle.

Sixth loss for Oakland

Detroit Yacht Club captured five of six relay events in handing the Oakland Hills Country Club (OHCC) swim team its sixth loss of the season in age-group swimming competition.

OHCC's Scott Muirhead headed the boys 11-12 50-meter butterfly event and contributed to the swim club's 326-point total.

Muirhead also teamed with

Charles Myers, Tom Griffin, and Bob Fries to win the boys 200-meter freestyle relay.

Rounding out the winners for Oakland Hills, Julie Wenstrup won the girls 15-16 breaststroke event, while Ann Burk headed the girls eight-and-under 25-meter freestyle contest.

Michel Kowalski took first place in the boys 10-and-under 50-meter backstroke competition.

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