

Organizations to discuss volunteer opportunities

If you've ever nestled away the thought of being a museum tour guide, a consumer activist, a youth activities director or a helper to the aged, now might be the time to yank that idea into the open.

Sixty organizations are gathering under one roof Sept. 21 in Birmingham to map out a comprehensive list of the volunteer

opportunities available throughout Oakland County. The program, a first for the county, is designed to familiarize potential volunteers with area agencies and their volunteer activities.

"We want to give people from the general public, who may have thought they wanted to volunteer but didn't know what they wanted

to do, a chance to shop around," explained Mrs. C. E. Valentine III of Birmingham, chairman of the event.

"It's a chance to make the initial contact and overcome the inertia of picking up the phone," she said.

THE VOLUNTEER Opportunities Unlimited program began among the membership of the Junior League of Birmingham.

"It came originally as an idea from the Junior League to promote the concept of volunteerism and encourage people to find meaningful volunteer opportunities," Mrs. Valentine said.

"Sixty agencies will be represented," said Mary Ellen McLaughlin, assistant director of the Oakland County Volunteer Bureau. "They will represent hospitals, nursing homes, youth organizations, courts, consumer protection organizations, libraries, museums, environmental organizations, courts, consumer protection services and that sort of thing."

Potential volunteers will meet informally with agency representatives to discuss training, needed skills, hours and volunteer activities.

The program will be held from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Sept. 21 at Covington Junior High School, Quanton and Covington Roads, Birmingham.

MRS. GEORGE ROMNEY of Bloomfield Hills, active in the field of volunteerism, will deliver a keynote address at 1 p.m. Honorary chairman for the day are Mr. and Mrs. George Romney.

Continuous individual presentations by participating agencies will be held throughout the afternoon.

The organizations sponsoring the event are: the Oakland County Volunteer Bureau, the Birmingham Evening Newcomers' Club, the Junior League of Birmingham, Birmingham Junior Women's Club, Birmingham Youth Assistance Committee, the First United Methodist Church of Birmingham, the Troy Junior Women's Club and the Village Woman's Club.

Volunteers

This column describing volunteer needs is co-sponsored by the Junior League of Birmingham and the Oakland County Volunteer Bureau.

Inquiries regarding volunteer needs listed here should be made to the Oakland County Volunteer Bureau, 642-7272. Requests for volunteer listing should also be made through the Volunteer Bureau.

BOYS CLUB: Boys Club of Pontiac, 530 E. Pike and 124 W. Columbia Ave., Pontiac, has several volunteer opportunities in their fall program. Boys Club offers a variety of activities including tutoring and development of physical skills.

Volunteers are needed to teach various skills and officiate for competitive sports. Volunteer advisors are also needed for group

clubs, formed to promote friendship among a small group of boys. Men and women are needed. A one-day orientation is provided. Afternoon and evening hours are available.

BRILLE TRANSCRIBING:

A volunteer braille transcribing group has volunteers working in their homes transcribing books for the blind. Volunteers do primarily textbooks for Oakland County Schools, although other requests are handled.

A free class in braille transcribing begins Sept. 17 at Derby Junior High School, Birmingham, and continues through May. The class meets two hours per week. After completion of the course, a volunteer becomes a state certified braille transcriber.

Rabbi Segal is honoree

Dr. Edwin Sandrow, special counsel to the chancellor of the Jewish Theological Seminary, will be the guest speaker at Adat Shalom Synagogue's dinner tribute to Rabbi Jacob E. Segal.

Dr. Sandrow, a professor of pastoral psychiatry at the seminary, was a fellow-chaplain of Rabbi Segal in the European Theatre during the second World War.

Rabbi Segal, spiritual leader of Adat Shalom since its founding in 1946, is being honored by his congregation for his 35 years of service to the rabbinate.

Also participating in the dinner tribute will be the Honorable Wade H. McCree, Judge of the U.S. District Court of Appeals, and Gerald Rosenbloom, synagogue president.

A brief musical interlude will feature Julius Chajes, pianist-composer and Annette Chajes, mezzo-soprano.

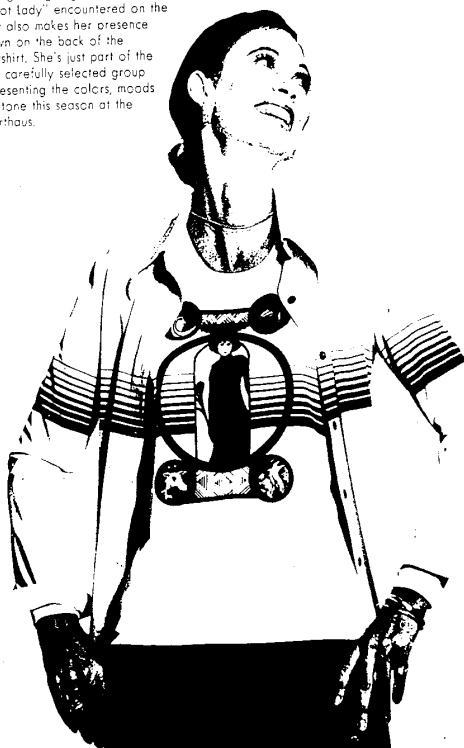
A cocktail reception will begin at 6 p.m., and dinner will follow at 7 p.m.

For reservations, call the synagogue at 851-5100.

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