

# Volunteers

This column describing volunteer needs in Oakland County is co-sponsored by the Junior League of Birmingham and the Oakland County Volunteer Bureau at 642-7272. Requests for volunteers should also be made to the volunteer bureau.

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**Reading and Language Center:** 2100 Pontiac Lake Road needs adult volunteers to work on a one-to-one basis with learning disabled children. Volunteers work under

supervision and each child has his own program. Volunteers are also needed for classroom observation. Volunteers are trained to observe and evaluate a child in the classroom. Aid is also needed to tape reading materials for junior and senior high aged youngsters. Volun- teers are asked to work two hours twice a week.

**American Red Cross:** Volunteers are needed in several areas.

Red Cross volunteer unit serves several area hospitals at the information desk, escort work, physical therapy and other patient services. Volunteers receive a basic orientation. Volunteers are also needed to help man the Bloodmobile in their area, transporting blood on a regular basis. Car and gas are provided. The blood center also needs callers to contact donors to give blood.

**Birth Right:** 225 Washington Square Plaza, Royal Oak, provides 24-hour service to aid pregnant girls. They provide the link to whatever services might be needed including medical, financial or counseling. Volunteers are needed to work with clients. Home volunteers are also needed to respond to emergencies. Three-hour shifts are preferred. Training is provided.

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## ABWA national leader addresses seminar

By SHIRLEE IDEN

Marie B. Bowden, president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (ABWA) says women must be involved in the total educational process.



MARIE BOWDEN

"They must be aware, not only of new developments in education, but also of the direction those developments lead and of the costs involved," she said recently during a management seminar for women held in the area.

A member of ABWA since 1942, Mrs. Bowden is the comptroller of Leesburg General Hospital in Leesburg, Fla. She was formerly a 25-year employee of the Minute Maid Corp.

In 1955, she became the first woman to serve as president of the Leesburg Chamber of Commerce.

She has a gubernatorial appointment to the Board of Trustees of Lake-Sumter Community College, of which she has served as chairman since 1971.

MRS. BOWDEN is an honorary member of Delta Kappa

Gamma and a former member of the Special Advisory Committee on Public Affairs of the U.S. Department of State.

She was in the area for a two-day seminar that included nearly 70 women from four Midwest states and Georgia.

"We will do eight of them (seminars) this year, taking them around the country so we can reach more people."

Mrs. Bowden said the group has an expanded program of scholarships which includes loans that will total more than \$300,000 in a three-year program.

"This is a program in conjunction with the Sears Roebuck Foundation," she said. "It is strictly for women in graduate schools of business."

The ABWA also works with high school girls and younger students in a career-awareness program co-sponsored with the Carnegie Foundation.

"But the most exciting," she said, "is career advancement, which we got into in 1970."

"THIS IS a program to assist women to advance or re-train or go into a new field, or even into business for themselves."

ABWA scholarships range from \$100 to \$1,000 but average about \$250.

State ABWA president, Mrs. Phyllis Harrison, said that next week is National Business Women's Week.

Gov. William G. Milliken and Southfield Mayor Donald Fracassi have both issued proclamations to the organization.

### Member of NOW to speak Friday

Joan Israel, past president of National Organization of Women (Detroit Chapter), will speak on "Judaism & Women's Liberation" at an Oneg Shabbat sponsored by the Sholem Aleichem Institute at 8:45 p.m. Friday in the Labor Zionist Building, 28555 Middle Belt Road (north of Twelve Mile Road), Farmington.

Ms. Israel is a psychiatric social worker with the Jewish Family and Children's Service.

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