

May event aids eye research

RP selling super-rummage

By MARGARET MILLER

"We really know how to move it around," says Ann Jacobs of Bloomfield Hills, and she's talking about the rummage sales that raised more than \$20,000 for the Retinitis Pigmentosa Foundation of Michigan last year.

Jean Stanchina of Redford Township suggests another reason. "We're pretty selective," she says. "We want to become known as the group that has good, salable items."

A dress shop gives us a lot of new things, and we just don't try to sell junk. Even the games that are given us to sell we first take apart to make sure all the pieces are there."

Know-how and good merchandise both will be present when the foundation group puts on its fourth annual sale, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and Friday, May 13 and 14, in the Orchard United Methodist Church on Farmington Road between Thirteen and Fourteen Mile roads in Farmington Hills.

But probably the best reason for the expected success of this sale is the determination of a small group of women from all over the metropolitan area who want more than anything else to help find a cure for

the disease that is causing blindness in their children. RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA is the name given a group of hereditary diseases that cause the retina, the filmlike tissue in back of the eye, to degenerate slowly and lose its function of transmitting pictures to the brain.

"That means the person with RP suffers night blindness at first, then tunnel vision, or a narrowing of side vision, and finally total blindness."

"There's no cure," said Mrs. Jacobs, whose child is affected. "So we're out to raise every cent we can for research that may someday find one."

The Michigan foundation, she said, has about 150 members and "a core group of about dozen people doing the major work of putting these rummage sales together."

In the last couple of weeks mighty sorting has been held at a big garage where Jean Stanchina stores contributions in Redford, or in a Bloomfield-area home when salable items are kept there.

With a lot of help from husbands and friends, everything will be set up by next Wednesday evening for the sale at Orchard.

"WE'LL HAVE a French room of really

good clothes for women," Mrs. Stanchina said, "and areas for better men's and better children's clothing."

"We also have a treasure table each year—we get a lot of really nice antiques."

The sale also will include a pizza kitchen run by Carolyn Bridges and baked goods contributed by members.

"We tried a boutique a couple of years," Mrs. Jacobs said, "but we cut it out. It's just not profitable."

But the women do move their rummage. "We even sold the clothes of one of our

committee members by mistake last year," recalled Mrs. Stanchina, shaking her head. "She came from work and hung them up in the wrong place after changing Poor Janet."

Also in evidence at the sale will be brochures put out by the National RP Foundation, with its slogan: "Children should see more and more each day—not less and less."

Those who want to help may, in addition to attending the super-rummage sale, send checks to the RP Foundation of Michigan, Box 628, Bloomfield Hills, 48013.

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Volunteers feted at scout luncheon

Fifty-two persons and organizations in South Oakland County received awards at an April 29 luncheon honor given by South Oakland Girl Scout Council.

Awards were presented by Barbara Fairman, public relations committee chairman, after a speech by reporter Beverly Payne on "Volunteering in Today's World."

The Thanks Badge, Girl Scouting's highest award, is given to volunteers whose service to their council is significantly beyond that required by their positions.

This year these awards were presented to Anna Beckwell of Clawson and Lois Lovelace of Birmingham.

The Girl Scouts of the USA certificate of appreciation is awarded to persons inside or outside the organization for recognized distinguished service on the council level.

Recipients of this award were Gwen Krupp of Hazel Oak, Marge Clark of Troy and Al and Frank James.

Twenty-eight volunteers were named to the Doves of Honor Roll, which honors volunteers who have given dedicated service to their communities furthering the concepts of Girl Scouting as put forth by founder Juliette Low.

Area volunteers who were entered to the 1976 roll include: Rosemary Harms of Southfield, Jane Schmid and Sharon Soubley of Beverly Hills, Dorothy Crabb, Geraldine Knapp and Harshly Macon of Birmingham, Ruth Hamilton and Nancy Porter of Bloomfield Hills, and Pat Riley of Farmington.

Also Terry Stanley of Orchard Lake, Alice Tomasiulan of Rochester, and Kay Spencer, Diana Devereaux, Nadine Sirotecki, Diane Dunn and Tanya Russ of Troy.

Also recognized were persons and organizations who gave time, money and facilities to support the many phases of scouting throughout the year. They include:

Clawson Lions Club, Clawson Troop, Elks Club, Birmingham Optimist Club, Henry K. Martin of Birmingham and the Henry K. Martin Class, Theatre for Youth, Gail Arner of the Detroit Historical Museum, Al Bajger and Ken Wheeler of Troy and Gordon Lambere of Ferndale.

Cooke school to celebrate

An open house from 3:10 p.m. Tuesday, May 11 will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Cooke Elementary School, Detroit.

A bicentennial program will be presented by students. The institution is located at 1800 Puritan in the Rosedale Park area and former teachers and students are invited to visit.

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