

Gala marks new high for JDF

By LORRAINE McCLISH
Friends of the Michigan Juvenile Diabetes Association (JDF) filled Northland Theatre for its champagne preview of "The Turning Point," which resulted in the group's most successful fund-raising effort to date. "It generally takes us a year to raise \$100,000," said Robert Cobb, co-chair-

man of the humanitarian day benefit, "but on this one event we've made \$71,000." Cobb, a Birmingham resident, chaired the sold-out affair with his wife Jane. The event is but one of many the group plans through the year in its full-scale attack on diabetes through

research. Its continuing policy has been to earmark 30 cents of every dollar collected for research grants. The Michigan contingent set a goal, and reached, the \$100,000 mark for a contribution to the total \$1.2 million allocated to diabetes research last season going on now throughout the country.

Of the total research grants awards, three of them are being used for work in the Detroit area, and several of the recipients were guests at the December gala.

ROBBIE TIMMONS served as mistress of ceremonies for the gala. She introduced Ron Winchester, of Southfield, and Kathy August of West Bloomfield, both of whom suffer from the malady.

Winchester told the audience that the film the guests were about to see was appropriate for the occasion because the JDF was a 'turning point' for him in his fight against diabetes as his own hope lies in the research that the group has made possible.

Ms. August told of the adjustments she must make in her own life to carry on a semblance of the life of today's teenager.

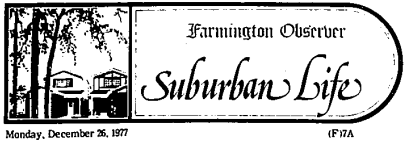
The disease now affects 10 million Americans, or five per cent of the population, and is ranked the nation's third cause of death, following cardiovascular disease and cancer.

THE JDF has just moved its Michigan headquarters to 2851 Southfield Road, Room 204, Lathrup Village. It is a tax-exempt non-profit organization.

The common motto of the volunteers is "A Cure for Sure." Inquiries will be taken by calling the headquarters at 569-6171.



Leonard Wayne, a Southfield resident and president of the organization, chats with Sadie Nitchun, Detroit, in the photo at left. Victoria Teichner (above) was toasted by friends in the theater lobby. The Farmington woman received her BA the day of the party; a feat, she said, that took 10 years.



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Co-chairpersons for the theater party are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cobb of Birmingham. The couple have double cause for smiling — the success of the gala and the celebration of their first wedding anniversary.



Dr. Margo Cohen (at left) and Dr. Robert Frank (at right), both recipients of JDF grants, are working in the Detroit area on diabetes

research. They were guests of the foundation for the premiere, with Dr. Cohen's son, Michael. (Staff photos by Cynthia Abatt)



New artist at center

Portrait and figure painting artist Jerrine Habsburg brings a new art class to the Farmington Community Center, one that is not listed in the winter brochure. The Thursday evening sessions will use live models for students to learn underpainting and glazing techniques, and the use of color working with a full palette. Registration for all classes begins Jan. 5 and continues until class loads are full. Most classes begin the week of Jan. 22.

Topo Gigio show comes to Community House

"The Magic World of Topo Gigio," a specially selected movie for children, will be shown at The Community House, in Birmingham, on Dec. 29. Two film showings are scheduled: 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Special cartoons will also be included in the movie program.

The Community House is located at 380 S. Bates. Tickets at \$1 each, are on sale now, or can be purchased at the door.

The imaginative movie brings Topo Gigio, the little puppet mouse, to the screen in living color and live action.

Topo Gigio is best known as the talkative mouse-friend of Ed Sullivan, with numerous television appearances on the Sullivan shows.

The musical movie tells about Topo and his friend Rosy, and a cowardly worm named Giovannino, who fearlessly battle in a contest of magic. The whimsical story is filled with suspense, good humor and enough enchantment and magnificent puppetry to delight adults as well as children.

Adult chaperones will be in attendance at all times to keep a watchful eye on the young audience.



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