

Story League sets December meeting

Detroit Story League vice-president Roberta Bulough will serve as hostess for the group's Dec. 17 meeting in her home at 16771 Park, in Livonia. The meeting begins at noon with a bring-your-own sandwich luncheon. She will provide beverages and dessert.

The theme of the meeting is "The Road to Joy" with storytellers Alyce Giotzober, of Dearborn and Nancy Linton of Ann Arbor.

It is traditional, in the league's December meeting, to dispense with the business portion of the session in

order to enjoy impromptu Christmas stories. Several are usually offered. Persons who are interested in attending the meeting, or who are interested in learning the art of story telling, may contact membership chairman, Ruth Kroepel, of Farmington, by calling 477-5622.

Mrs. Kroepel said, the league "is always anxious to preserve this ancient art by helping to develop the talents of new members."

Those persons who are interested in obtaining, at no charge, the services of

the storytellers are invited to contact Donna Teichman, 26760 Lyndon, Redford, 48229.

The league continues to induct new members for its workshops, story writing contests, and speakers bureau. It's newest member, inducted in November, is Ruth Beaulieu, of Westland.

Currently, the group is getting ready for its National Story League Convention, set for July in Warren, Ohio.

This week, Gloria Semerco, of Sterling Heights, will tell stories to the congregation of St. James Church in

Birmingham. Violet Altshuler, of Farmington Hills, will be featured in the Christmas program given for students in Mayfair Nursery School in Farmington. Two members of the league will attend a breakfast in Lola Valley United Methodist Church in Redford Township to entertain a group with appropriate stories of the season.

Next week, the league will send its president, Ann Ewaszko, of Southfield, to the Farmington Mothers of Twins Club Christmas party for the youngsters in Christ the Good Shepherd Church.

Gala affair previews 'The Turning Point'

The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation prepares for its biggest fund-raiser of the year, a gala champagne preview of "The Turning Point," Dec. 20 in Southfield's Northland Theatre.

Cocktails begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be followed by the film starring Anne Bancroft and Shirley MacLaine, which received rave reviews when it opened recently in New York City.

Tickets are \$12.50 each and may be obtained by calling the foundation headquarters, at 569-6171.

The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation was founded in 1971, in Philadelphia, by a small group of diabetics and parents of diabetic children who were aware of the serious complications resulting from the disease. They realized that the answers to their problems were in research, and that research must be accelerated.

Thus, all efforts of the organization is focused on funding research.

Last year the foundation allocated \$1.2 million to diabetes research. Of this amount, the Detroit area contributed more than \$100,000. Of the 56 research grants awarded, all told, three of them are taking place in Detroit.

Recipients of the local grants are Dr. Robert N. Frank, Dr. Margo P. Cohen, Dr. Pedro Cortez and Dr. Nathan Levin.

Frank, at Kresge Eye Institute, works in investigating the small blood vessels in the eye for clues to diabetic retinopathy, one of the complications of diabetes.

Cohen, at Wayne State University, continues her work in studying the biochemistry of normal and diabetic tissues in the kidney.

'The Turning Point'

Cortez and Levin, of Henry Ford Hospital, study the metabolic derangements which lead to changes in the Uridy.

The research that is taking place locally is typical of the research the organization funds throughout the country.

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"There's no place like home for the holidays" and nothing graces a holiday table like Michigan foods, according to Sheila Morley, Michigan State University consumer marketing information specialist.

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Michigan is among the leading producers of all these good foods. Toss in

some crispy crackers. Michigan is a major producer of soft white winter wheat, so your chances of getting crackers made with "Michigan grown" flour are pretty good. Add a can of Michigan tart cherry sauce—it can be served instead of cranberry sauce with the turkey for a delicious change of pace.

Someone on your gift list may enjoy a ceramic bean pot or a slow-cooker with a bag of Michigan dried beans hidden inside. You might also stuff in a bag of Michigan split peas for hearty winter soup.

Stuff a pack of spearmint gum in the toe of a stocking—Michigan is a leading producer of spearmint.

If you are entertaining holiday well-wishers or spending a cozy winter evening at home, consider a cheerful mug of apple cider or Michigan wine—hot and spiced. Most years Michigan is third in both U.S. apple production and in wine production.

Or how about a bowl of hot buttered popcorn? Most popcorn grown in Michigan is sold here so your chances of finding the native product are excellent.

For more taste tempting ideas on how to use Michigan foods, call your county cooperative extension office.

Sun power could warm your home

Anyone giving serious consideration to using the sun for home and hot water heating would do well to write for a free copy of a booklet called "Solar Energy and Your Home," which describes how different types of solar heating systems work.

One of the ways to collect sun power is by placing on your roof or in your backyard panels called solar collectors. These are part of an active system that collects heat, stores it, and then with the help of pumps or fans, passes it on through normal hot air or hot water heating channels.

Active systems like this can often be added to existing houses or designed into new buildings as long as they have a southern exposure.

Or you might want to consider a pas-

sive system, one that actually uses a wall of the house to catch the heat of the sun. This requires very careful placement and construction of the house to retain the most heat possible.

The biggest question now is cost. Depending on the size and complexity of the system you add, the size of your house, and climatic conditions, the price for a solar heating and hot water system can range from \$5,000-\$20,000.

In most parts of the country, it is only an economical alternative to electric heat at the present time. But as the cost of gas and oil escalate, solar heating may become an attractive alternative.

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