

'Like our forefathers'

Social to celebrate harvest

A "Harvest Social" has been set for Oct. 23 by the Oakland County Bicentennial Commission to bring together residents of all county communities for an evening of dinner and dancing.

The name of the event is hoped to counter the very formal very expensive dinner dances that have been held in various communities for the bicentennial," said Marlene Belanger who is chairman of the social.

"We expect it will be the same type of social our forefathers held when they shared joy for the harvest joy for good health and joy for their good neighbors."

The Farmington woman is chairman of

the commission's special events, and by virtue of that title is automatically chairman of the upcoming social.

It will be held in Springfield Oaks County Park on Thursday.

The dinner will be buffet, consisting of ham, chicken, a salad bar and vegetable. Desserts will be available at a cash bar.

The Hal Jones Band, a 15-piece band with the big band sound, will furnish the music. And during intermissions square dancing will be called by Jerry Calkewell with all join-in theme for the novice.

THE DECORATIONS committee has put out a call to its members to punch the prepara-

tions with quilts, embroidery items, all kinds of handicrafts of a bicentennial nature that can be hung and shown throughout the evening.

"We guarantee they will be well taken care of and returned in the same condition we received them," Mrs. Belanger said. "Just call our office and we'll get in touch with whoever wants something they've made to be shown."

The bicentennial office phone number in Pontiac is 838-1176, which will also take requests for tickets.

The decorations committee is composed of Dawn Davis, of Waterford, Marlon Bove, who did the decorations for Farmington's Bicentennial Dance in Botford Inn, Kay Smith and Dolores Little, both of Birmingham. Ms. Little is in charge of creating the souvenir program.

MRS. BELANGER stressed that the commission hopes many who attend will come in period costumes, similar to the ones they've worn at previous bicentennial functions. "This will give them another chance to show off their beautiful gowns and hats," she said.

The purpose of Harvest Social is to honor all the local bicentennial committees

which have worked so hard in their own towns and cities.

"This will be an event for them to come and enjoy," she said. "We also feel that the city, township and village officials will want to participate in this celebration with their friends and we hope everybody finds this a unique and fun way to remember our nation's birthday."

Commissioner Robert W. Page, chairman of the commission said, "I picked the Springfield Oaks Park facility to utilize one of our more beautiful county parks and to encourage the county citizens to see and use these facilities on a more regular basis."

Springfield Oaks is on Andersonville Road, off I-75, northwest of Pontiac. The tickets have a map printed on the reverse side showing directions.

A big donation to the event came from S & L Printing in Pontiac, for tickets, flyers and posters.

The commission is having the ticket price on a break-even cost factor: \$17.76 for couples and \$8.88 for a single person.

Tickets are now on sale in all city halls and public libraries in each Oakland County municipality.

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Doris Bergan is MCF coordinator

Doris S. Bergan of Birmingham has recently been appointed coordinator of the north Oakland unit office of the Michigan Cancer Foundation.

She will replace Gloria Hutchings, who has been transferred to the MCF's south Oakland unit office in Berkley.

As unit coordinator, Mrs. Bergan will be responsible for the supervision and direction of the 450 community volunteers who donate their time and services to the MCF's Pontiac office. She will also serve as liaison to the foundation's headquarters in Detroit.

Mrs. Bergan stresses the supportive aspects of MCF volunteer services.

"Caring is the most important factor in this sort of work," she said. "I hope to develop a very caring relationship with the north Oakland community."



MRS. BERGAN said volunteers are the life-blood of the unit offices. She intends to spend much of her time working with them.

The service role of the MCF is very important also to the new coordinator.

"Our motto is 'We're here when you need us,'" she said. "I'd like to see to it that everyone in the community knows about our full range of screening and detection programs, and our patient care and rehabilitation services."

Her enthusiasm has been directed toward many other community services in the past. Mrs. Bergan has served on the boards of directors of YWCA's in Michigan and Indiana. Additionally, she has been very active with her church in both states.

organizing adult education classes to promote racial equality.

With her wealth of experience and ambition, we are looking forward to a successful year at the north Oakland office," said Bill Strangle, manager of field services for the MCF.

Mrs. Bergan will also be in charge of promoting a new program called Future Directions. A committee has been formed to involve professionals of the north Oakland community in educating the public about the fight against cancer.

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WSU sets series on retirement

The Wayne State University College of Lifelong Learning is offering a special series entitled, "Planning for the Senior Years."

The six Saturday sessions will be held at four locations throughout metropolitan Detroit.

Classes will be held in Birmingham at Barman Junior High School, and will start Sept. 18 at 10 a.m.

The Wayne State campus classes will also begin Sept. 18, and will be held in the McGreggor Center from 2-4 p.m. each Saturday.

Plymouth Salem High School will be the center for classes in Plymouth, and sessions will begin Oct. 30 at 10 a.m.

The series will be offered in Grosse Pointe at the War Memorial with classes being held from 2-4 p.m. on Saturdays beginning Oct. 30.

The enrollment fee for the entire program is \$30 per person, or \$50 per couple.

The series will deal with problems and opportunities which face today's senior citizens, and the social and economic changes they might expect.

Also covered will be financial matters, residence locations, and points to remember on health and aging.

Final sessions will include travel and adult education opportunities, as well as other activities available for seniors. To register for the program, call the senior program center at 577-4710.

National defense DAR topic

National defense will be the opening theme of the activities of the Three Flags chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, for the 1976-77 season.

A veteran member of the Michigan State Police, Det. Lt. Philip Asuala of Redford Township will speak regarding organized crime in Michigan at the chapter's next meeting at 7 p.m. Sept. 13 in the home of Mrs. Morley Foster, 33501 Argonne, Farmington Hills.

National defense has been among the primary concerns of the DAR and the organiza-

tion now has its national defense committee to assist members in fulfilling their patriotic, historical and educational purposes.

The committee has advocated the adequate defense of the nation to preserve the priceless heritage of freedom. Articles are contributed to each issue of the DAR Magazine on various phases of national defense.

Mrs. Foster will be assisted in serving dessert at 7 p.m. by Mrs. Robert Flannery of Southfield and Mrs. Roland Sprague of South Lyon.

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