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Syd Paul (left) of Plymouth and Charlotte Stein of Southfield get ready the rainbow candles and plants for decorating tables at the Beta Sigma Phi Founder's Day dinner April 29. (Staff photo by Bob Woodring)

**Beta Sigma Phi  
to celebrate 46th  
anniversary**

Members of Beta Sigma Phi in the metropolitan area will "Follow the Rainbow" as they celebrate Friday, April 29, the 46th anniversary of their organization's founding.

The rainbow theme has been selected for the Founder's Day dinner, to be held in the Danish Club of Detroit, 2271 Grand River.

Seven chapters of the social, cultural and service organization for women will join in that event, which will be headed by Liz Yanok of Livonia, with Syd Paul of Plymouth serving as toastmistress and presenting a special message from the national president. Also participating are Terry Erickson of Plymouth and Sybil Collins of Livonia.

The celebration in this area will have a theme similar to those which will be going on in some 25 countries as 250,000 members of Beta Sigma Phi in 12,000 chapters around the world mark the anniversary.

The organization, which is non-academic, non-political and nonsectarian, has as its keynote the idea of friendship.

Chapters of five different degrees meet the growing needs of various age groups. Members are active in small chapter groups, with each chapter tailoring its social activities, civic projects and service to meet the

needs and interests of its own women. Sometimes, chapters combine their efforts for particular projects, such as the Founder's Day celebration Friday, and state conventions are held each year.

Internationally, the chapters have created several special funds. These include a loan fund, through which members help each other, an endowment fund, which has donated to research for cancer, cystic fibrosis and helped support other causes such as homes for under-privileged children.

In addition, there is an Exemplar Fund, which helps to support Literacy Village in India and a college scholarship fund for members or their sons or daughters.

The sorority was founded in Abilene, Kan., by Walter W. Ross. Chapters joining in the dinner are Xi Delta Eta, Xi Beta Pi, Xi Delta Psi, Xi Delta, Xi Epsilon Delta, Alpha Tau and Eta Psi.

Members of these groups come from Plymouth, Livonia, Westland, Novi, Farmington, Birmingham, Southfield, Redford Township, West Bloomfield, Ypsilanti, Dearborn and Dearborn Heights.

The program will include entertainment by the Prentice Prancers, a Highland dance group from Livonia, and awards will be presented to outstanding chapter members.

**Madonna study set on death and dying**

Grief, drawing up a will and facing the reality of death will be a few of the topics discussed in a Madonna College workshop, "Death and Dying," offered through the religion department this spring-summer term.

These and other spring-summer courses offered at Madonna are now open to registration weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturdays until noon, in the administration building.

The campus is on Schoolcraft and Levan in Livonia. For more information, call 425-8000.

Slated for four Saturdays in June, the two-credit hour workshop offers as guest speakers professionals in medicine, law and mortuary. Father Philip O'Dwyer, campus minister, will lecture on Elizabeth Kubler-Ross' theories of death.

Other course offerings this term in the religion department include a one-credit weekend workshop on business ethics which will run June 24 and 25. Offered through the business and religion departments, the workshop is designed to help students clarify their values in the business world.

O'Dwyer, the course instructor, will offer guidelines for deciding personal business ethics and will discuss case studies and practical situations, such as expense account padding, which might be encountered on the job. Also offered in the religion department are four-credit courses titled "The Church in America," which meets Wednesdays, "Moral Principles and Modern Moral Problems," Tuesdays and Thursdays, and "Christian Awareness," Mondays. All three classes begin the week of May 3 and can be taken for credit or noncredit.

Development of communication and recreation skills on the part of the elderly is the goal of a four-week workshop starting April 28 on Wayne State University's campus.

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Helen L. Gladstone is the new community affairs associate for the Jewish Community Council of Metropolitan Detroit.

Mrs. Gladstone will be an essential staff person for the two major standing committees of the council, the culture commission and the committee on international concerns.

Mrs. Gladstone has been the staff aide to U.S. Rep. James J. Blanchard (D-Troy) and political advisor to the Detroit Federation of Teachers.

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