

Clown's craft to aid kids

Gerl the Magic Clown, who has designed, then hooked a rug of herself with the puppets, balloons and costume she uses in her clown act, will raffie the rug to benefit children in St. Jude Children's Hospital. The rug is now on display in B'Lynn's Beauty Salon, 38255 10 Mile Road, where the raffie will take place Thursday, Oct. 1. Underneath the clown make-up is Gerl Harrington, a West Bloomfield resident who has been entertaining children in the Detroit area for the past 10 years. Raffie tickets sell for \$1 each in B'Lynn's.



Asthmatics score

Softball players mark double victory

A dozen young women gathered recently at the Farmington Hills home of Dr. Bruce Dubin for a barbecue and celebration.

The celebration was a special one, not only because it marked the victory of a woman's softball team over other teams in the league, but because most of the players achieved a private victory over asthma.

The team was sponsored by Dr. Dubin, who also came up with the name of H.O.L.D., an acronym for Halt Obstructive Lung Disease.

"When we registered the team at Softball City, we never imagined that it would result in the winning of a trophy," said Dr. Dubin, a board member of the American Lung Association.

"My initial hope was that these girls would be able to play out the entire season in good health. Traditionally, asthmatics have stayed away from sports, especially ones such as softball where shortness of breath is common and the environment is often dusty and humid."

HOWEVER, Dubin has been a long-time advocate of sports participation among asthmatics and feels that the first-year success of his team has proven his point.

"If a patient remains under proper care and medication, there is no reason to avoid exercise. In fact, exercise is an important factor in maintaining good health," he said.

Dubin also volunteered his time to serve as director of a summer camp in Battle Creek for asthmatics. The camp was free of charge to all campers.

"We tried to instill the same philosophy at the camp," said Dubin, "and many of the youngsters who attended were able to enjoy outdoor activities for the first time in their lives."

Dubin said that all of the campers responded enthusiastically and that there were no major problems except that some became overconfident and forgot their medication.

DUBIN is the author of a booklet entitled, "Asthma: As A Matter of Fact." Free copies of the booklet may be obtained by writing to Dr. Bruce Dubin, c/o Michigan Pulmonary Laboratory, 1385 W. 12 Mile Road, Madison Heights, or by calling 548-2629.

Center's fall line-up offers new activities

Fall classes in Farmington Community Center will include a number of new offerings in addition to the usual complement of classes and workshops.

A series called "Look Great, Feel Great."

New workshops scheduled will include sessions on how to make an antique reproduction baby doll, Japanese calligraphy, stenciling, "Stretching Your Meat Dollar" and designing a holistic lifestyle.

Registration will be Sept. 11-12. The center is at 24705 Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile Road.

club circuit

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS, Wayne-Westland Chapter, sponsors a fund-raiser called "A Mid Summer's Night" beginning at 9 p.m. Saturday in Wayne Community Center, Annapolis and Howe roads.

Music for dancing will be furnished by the Lonely Hearts Club Band. Admission for both members and guests is \$4, asked at the door.

Parents Without Partners is a non-profit, non-sectarian educational organization devoted to the welfare and interests of single parents and their children.

Membership inquiries will be taken by Sue Sica at 493-8731 during regular office hours or at 261-0083 after 6 p.m.

COUPON EXCHANGE meets from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday in Farmington Hills Community Library on 12 Mile Road.

All meetings of the club are open to all persons interested in exchanging food coupons and refund forms. Newcomers are welcomed at all meetings.

Inquiries are taken by Lola Anchor at 474-7018.

All club news and announcements for this column can be addressed to Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 23352 Farmington Road, Farmington 48024, and must arrive on the Monday prior to Thursday publication.

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