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THE OAKLAND County Chamber of Commerce will host a "60 Minute Coffee" informal gathering to meet other chamber members and exchange ideas 8:30-10 a.m. Wednesday hosted by the Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital, 50 N. Perry in Pontiac. Reservations by calling 335-6148 or 644-3683.

THE YOUNG Builders Council of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan, will conduct a bus tour through three subdivisions in Oakland County 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday. Included are Bingham Woods, Country Ridge and Valley Ridge. For more details on the council and the tour, call 569-0644.

AN ADVENTURES in Attitudes seminar is April 27-29 at Marygrove College with Linda Henderson, vice president of Creative Sales Training, conducting the three-day sessions. Henderson is a certified senior coordinator of the Adventures in Attitudes program, which helps participants improve communication, human relations, problem solving and leadership skills. Fee is \$125. For details, call 356-1371.

OAKLAND University Division of Continuing Education will conduct a non-credit course, "Condominium Operation: In Depth" on Wednesdays beginning April 28. Birmingham attorney Robert Meisner is the instructor of the four-week course at Seaholm High School in Birmingham. Course meets 7-9 p.m. Tuition is \$75. For more info on registration call 377-3120.

UNIFIED Condominium Owners of Michigan hosts its eighth annual seminar at the Michigan State University Management Education Center in Troy, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday. The program consists of four groups of concurrent sessions pertinent to condominium living and management. Registration required by calling 352-8490. Fee is \$50 for members and \$75 for non-members. Lunch included.

THE BIRMINGHAM-Bloomfield Board of Realtors will sponsor an educational seminar for its members on the marketing techniques of exchanging individual residential properties. The meeting is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday at the Sheraton Inn in Southfield. Cost is \$20 and includes lunch and coffee breaks. Registration required and limited to 125. Call Dory Leant at 646-1234.

THE FUTURE of the U.S. economy and strategies to help investors beat inflation will be presented by professional financial adviser Jim Barry at a free public seminar 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Michigan Room of the Michigan Inn in Southfield. The seminar is sponsored by the Baker Group of Financial Cos., 1830 First National Building. For more information call 963-0871.

Realtors observe Private Property Week

Ask anyone involved in the real estate industry why private property rights are so important, and you'll probably get a variation of the same theme.

It usually goes something like this: "Home ownership is a prime example of one of the most precious rights Americans possess, the Constitutional freedom to own private property," said Robert Frick, president of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Board of Realtors.

During Private Property Week (April 18-24), area Realtor groups have joined together to educate the public on the threats to private rights.

"We tend to take many things for granted, but we should recognize that federal, state and local governments have powers that affect our private property rights, and sometimes they affect them adversely," explains Frick.

"A zoning ordinance, for instance, can restrict the use of an individual's property. A succession of property tax increases, though not directly limiting the use of property, can seriously

burden owners living on fixed or limited incomes," he said, in pointing out some of the threats to private property ownership.

THE PRESIDENT of the Rochester Board of Realtors takes another approach to defending property rights.

"Private ownership of real property is a major contributor to a strong democracy and a free people," said Julio Laguarda.

"The vast majority of the public agrees that widespread home ownership ensures greater democracy, and that private ownership of property disperses decision making to each household over the use and protection of each home," he said.

"Private Property Week is celebrated not only to remind Americans of the significance of ownership rights, but to dramatize the role of these rights so that they will be preserved for posterity," Laguarda said.

And to emphasize the right of house ownership, the Western Wayne Oakland County Board of Realtors has been a pioneer in offering free house buying seminars.

These presentations provide a range of basic information on house buying from saving for a downpayment to financing options, says board president Lloyd Mason.

"WE RECOGNIZE that current economic conditions have forced many prospective buyers out of the market. At the same time, we don't think they should abandon home ownership planning," Mason said.

The Western Wayne Oakland board scheduled two of these seminars during Private Property Week. One was Tuesday at Northland, and the other is tonight at the Westland Shopping Center. For more details, call the board at 478-1700.

"This is a particularly good time to be concerned with private property rights because this is an election year, and each of us is responsible for electing leaders who are sensitive to issues affecting the community," Frick said.

"Who and what we vote for determines how well we will be served and how well property rights will be preserved," Frick said.

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JOSEPH NIGRO of Avon Township was appointed director of quality and product engineering for Chrysler's Stamping, Assembly and Diversified Operations Group. He joined Chrysler in 1954 and has held a variety of engineering and manufacturing positions with the company, the most recent being manager of product engineering for the Stamping, Assembly and Diversified Operations Group.



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W. DANIEL KAY of Avon Township was named sales manager of the Detroit-based Colmory Corp.'s Stainless Processing Division. Kay, a metallurgist for 15 years, joined Colmory in 1980. Besides his new duties, he will continue to direct the Brazing Engineering Center's activities.

ROBERT BEERS JR. of Shelby Township, an industrial and automotive engineer, recently was named manufacturing director for the Fruehauf Division of Detroit-based Fruehauf Corp. He joined Fruehauf in 1980 as special assistant to the vice president for manufacturing. He previously spent 20 years with Chrysler Corp., most recently as manager for manufacturing, engineering and planning services for the General Manufacturing Division and for Europe.



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RONALD DEJAEGHERE, former director of advertising and sales promotion for the Troy-based Kmart Corp., was elected to the new position of vice president of marketing. He joined the corporation in 1949.

PHYLLIS PETERS, CPA, was elected to the board of trustees at Walsh College of Accountancy and Business Administration in Troy. She is director

of professional standards review and client service manager of Touche Ross & Co. She is the first woman elected to the college's board of trustees.

WILLIAM LANE of Birmingham, senior vice president at J. Walter Thompson, Detroit, was appointed executive creative director. He was creative director on the Ford Motor Co. car account.

DONALD GIFFELS of West Bloomfield, formerly vice president, was appointed senior vice president of market planning and business development at Giffels Associates in Southfield. **JOHN MCFALL** of Farmington Hills was promoted from manager of domestic offices to vice president of governmental and international business development. **VICTOR LEABUA** was promoted to president of the Texas subsidiary at Houston and retains his headquarters title of senior vice president. **LELAND BEAL** was promoted from manager to vice president of the Washington, D.C. office. All are registered professional engineers.

BRENDA KERSHENBAUM of Bloomfield Hills has joined D.N. McNabney & Associates in Bloomfield Hills. She will specialize in the leasing and sales of office and retail property.

GARY JOHNSON of Farmington Hills was named vice president, marketing, for Percepton Inc. of Farmington Hills. For the past 11 years he helped start up management and performance of two technology companies, Xycorn and Omicron,

where he was responsible for sales and marketing of computerized numerical controls.

KENNETH GRIFFITH of Troy has joined the Detroit Bank & Trust as a loan administration officer, central loan administration. He was corporate credit manager at Hooker Chemical & Plastics Corp.

JOHN BARNES JR. of Bloomfield Hills was appointed executive director - external environment evaluation - for Ford Motor Co.'s corporate strategy and analysis staff. He was corporate projects director for the corporate strategy and analysis staff for the past four years.

SHIRLEY SHAPIRO of West Bloomfield was appointed to the newly established Michigan Department of Mental Health's Advisory Council on Deafness. She is director of the Detroit office of the Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service for Developmentally Disabled Citizens.

TIMOTHY WATTS of Bloomfield Hills has joined Octagon Corp. of Bloomfield Hills. He is a certified financial planner. His previous associations include Paul Siegfert & Co. in Denver, Integrated Resources Equity Corp. in Denver, Coopers & Lybrand, the University of Detroit and Henry Ford Community College.

ROB OLIN of Orchard Lake was named account executive at WRIF-FM radio in Southfield. He was an account executive at WCXI-AM for three years.

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