

whose mouths watered for monkfish, silver salmon and lemon sole, and whose minds (if not bodies) took a trip to the tropics at lunch-

Immo Tuesday. The seafood tavern is donating a portion of its food and beverage sales as part of a week-long American Cancer Society benefit.

Think summer, fight cancer

Lately, by the time patrons leave D. Dennison's Scafood Tavern they're less tempted to go back to the office than they are to sway their hips to regae music and sun themselves under the palm trees in the lobby.

It's "Escape to the Tropics" week at the seafood spot at 12 Mile and Or-chard Lake roads, and benefiting is the American Cancer Society.

All proceeds from a contest go to the cancer society. The contest winners will be flown by Eastern Airlines to St. Croix in the Virgin Islands and accommodated for one week by the Grapetree Beach Hotel.

D. Dennison's is donating a percentage of what it makes on food and beverage sales. Bacardi Rum of Birmingham has kicked in decorations including an umbrella table and a life rait (now dangling from the celling) as well as recipes fof Bahama Mamas, Miami Whammys and Mai Tais. Jacobson's supplied the straw hut hostess stand, stuffed parrots and palm trees, sand, coconuts and lobster trap.

FOLKS STROLLING into D. Dennison's for lunch Tuesday "were a little bewildered" to see waitersess scurrying about wearing floppy straw hats and sunglasses, flowered cotton tops, leis, shorts and espadrilles:

"We're all geiting strange looks — people don't know what's going on," said Mary Finney, dressed in a purple muumuu and a matching straw hat.

"They'll get used to it - it's fun."

Farmington Hills Merry Bates, a volunteer for the American Cancer Society, was greeting new arrivals in the restaurant tobby, not minding a bit the two-day, '12-hour job she willingly undertook.

"I decided instead of wasting my free time, I'd do something. It makes you feel better about yourself," said the Michigan State graduate.

"Tropical week" ignited a spark plug for D. Dennison's employees trying to shake the winter blahs, said the restaurant's Cindi Macioleck, who for the past month and a half has worked an additional 20-25 hours per week organizing the benefit.

"We wanted to do something special to benefit someone clae and to get us motivated. Our idea was to do a tropical week, and for the charity, we wanted something big enough that people knew who they were and (an organization) that keeps funds in the community," she said.

Alming low, Macloleck estimates about \$3,000 will be raised for the cancer society.

Topping off tropical week will be Monday's "Escape to the Tropics Dinner". The restaurant will feature New England clam chowder, salad, and a choice of entrees linguine primavera, fried shrimp and brolled petite filet and rice pilaf, or chargrilled swordfish steak and parsley pototoes, plus a ball carafe of wine per couple, chocolate mousse and coffee, for \$17.50.

All of Monday night's profits will go to the cancer society.

"The whole idea is to make people think summer and realize we're community-minded and out to help people, Macioleck said.

Reading disorder needs to come out of the closet

By M.B.Dillon Ward staff writer

Kyle, a 26-year-old Farmington resident, is unable to hold down a fob because of it. It's why attending school humiliated him, and the reason he doesn't date.

Like thousands of others in metro Detroit, Kyle suffers from a common yet often unrecognized disorder called dysieral. Dysleates, many of whom possess normal and above average intelligence, encounter great difficulty with spelling, reading and mathematics because of a neurological inefficienty.

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Most are unable to progress beyond the junior high school reading level. DR. JOHN G. FRAUENHEIM of Farmington, a clinical counselor, said hundreds of thousands of America's 25 million illillerates — people completely unable to read or write — are dyslexic. Dyslexic sufferers have included New York Governor Nolson Rockefeller and Olympic gold medalist Bruce Jenner, he added. Yet, with the exception of educators, society generally remains unaware of dyslexia.

"In adulthood, it's still in the closet. There's a lot of rejection out there, but it's something that has to be brought out into the open," said Frauenheim, director of clinical connseling at William Beau-

Dr. John G. Frauenheim of Farmington, director of clinical counseling at William Beaumont Hospital's Neuro-Education Center, says society has far to go in recognizing the hardships faced by dyslexics, people who because of a neurological inefficiency find reading difficult.



Troy resident Lou Yonce is the jeweler who designed and made the engage-ment ring Henry Ford II gave to his pres-ent wife, Yonce has dyslexis, a condition that has created large hurdles in his job, social life and academic career.

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"A dyslexic who has a job working on cars may use the people around himto avoid revealing his disorder. If he needed some information from a manual, he might pretend he's working on a car and say to another employee, 'Hey, what does that

disorder. If he needed some information from a manual, he might pretent he's working on a car and say to another employee, 'Hey, what does that manual say?'

Other dyslexics resort to wrapping their hands in cast when applying for a job, or avoid paying by check in public to hide their condition.

"All dyslexics have similar experiences in terms of a significant need to keep the problem hidden from others, feeling isolated, and not knowing what it is,' added Frauenheim, who holds a Ph.D. in educational psychology from Wayne State University and the state of the state of

clinical research at Northville's Hawthorn Center, a public mental health children's facility.

DYSLEXICS TEND to blame their condition on a variety of things, says Frauenhelm.

"They'il say, 'il was my first ten grande teacher,' it was because of my first ten for the condition of the condition

SCREENING PROGRAMS in schools now are detecting dyslexic children and referring them to special classes for the learning disabled — something that wasn't happening 20 years ago, he added. "For many years, many children with this condition were considered retarded and given inappropriate programs. Now, with modern development of special education, we're beginning to offer what there were

ment of special education, we're beginning to offer what they need.

"And the earlier remediation (very specific reading and language training) is started, the better the hope for the future," he said.

There's help for adult dyslexies as well.

"We do screening here at the Hawthorn Center, and I'd be delighted to talk to anyone," said Rabinovitch, who can be reached at 349-3000.

Persons wishing to contact Frauenheim may call 286-2332.

D. Dennison's Wendy Williams (left) and Mary Finney (right) got some strange locks from people while on their way to work Tuesday. Finney's muumuu and Williams' nose, white with suntan totion, fit the atmosphere at the rosturant which is celebrating "Escape to the Tropics Week" to benefit the American Cancer Society.

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