

Jaycettes Perk Up Institution Grey

Mealtimes are considerably brighter now in the D Building of Northville State Hospital because of the Livonia Jaycettes.

Members of the Jaycee auxiliary group have worked at the hospital for the mentally ill to turn the building's main dining room from institution grey to sunny gold and its small snack bar to a cafe-like room in bright red-and-white stripes.

Mrs. Sharon Galindo, who headed up the project, explained it this way:

"I had worked in a mental hospital as a student nurse, and for a long time I've wanted to do something for Northville with Jaycette backing."

SO LAST SEPTEMBER Mrs. Galindo and several other members of the group toured the hospital and talked to heads of the institution.

It was decided that the service project would be concentrated in the D Building, which used to be the home of geriatrics patients but now, under a reorganization plan, has residents ranging from 21 years of age up.

"And we picked the dining room and snack bar because they were rooms used by all patients," Mrs. Galindo added.

THE JAYCETTE GROUP put about \$700 into the refurbishing work.

That included paint for both rooms, striped wallpaper for the smaller one and three booths, three tables and six chairs for the snack bar.

A bake sale and a craft sale raised part of the money, and the rest came from the treasury, which consisted mainly of funds from the Jaycettes' "Lunch with Santa" project last Christmas.

In addition, the group contributed a huge floral painting — created by several members — for one of the walls in the dining room, and draperies for the windows there.

MOST OF THE WORK was concentrated in a marathon weekend in January.

"We painted on Saturday," Mrs. Galindo said, "and then came back Sunday to do the paneling and hang the draperies."

Working with the Jaycettes was Mrs. Lucille Williams, an activity therapist on the hospital staff. Husbands also helped on many of the heavier chores, and the volunteers were delighted that several residents of the building wanted to join in the work a bit.

Use of the rooms has been held up until this week because of a delay in delivery of the new booths for the snack bar. They were installed last week, and the floral painting was hung to complete the job.

WITH FACILITIES brightened, staff occupation therapist Bernard Plummer said the building's occupational training program would soon be started up again.

"We work with residents who will be taking jobs outside the hospital," he said. "Working in the snack bar helps them develop skills for jobs like waitress and short order cook, and they also learn to work with people."

Plummer said reaction to the decorated rooms had been "very positive" among the residents of the building.

Mrs. Galindo's husband, Rudi, helped with the project, and Bob German headed the Jaycee contingent that worked.

Artists who worked on the mural were Leslie McGuire, Pat Thomsen, Pat Davey, Lois DeBell, Diane Herrington, and Gloria Willart.

Carol Goodfellow and Carol Zenas made the draperies.

Painters and panelers listed included Kay German, Donna and Ralph Naidow, Laurie Badalucco, Judy and Bill Alwin, Dennis Sutton, Lois Gorton, Pat Jamison, Morris and Nancy Claramont, Norm Appel, Fernon Feenstra and Tom Gordon.



A LITTLE HIGHER, says Livonia Jaycette Rosemary Sutton as Bernard Plummer of the Northville State Hospital staff measures placement for a flower mural in the newly-painted dining room. Looking on are Mrs. Lucille Williams of the NSH staff, second from left, and Jaycettes Pat Thompson and Sharon Galindo. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

Soviet Trip Makes U.S. Look Good

By MARGARET MILLER
Women's Editor

After going to Moscow to talk about the economic life of women around the world, Virginia Allen is glad she's a business woman in the United States.

Miss Allen, Dearborn Heights resident, pharmacy vice president, former national president of the Business and Professional Women's club and member of a federal citizen's council on the status of women, was speaker for the 20th anniversary celebration of the Garden City BPW Thursday.

She reported on her September visit to the Soviet Union as U.S. representative to a seminar on the economic life of women in the various countries.

they go shopping they have to stand in three different lines—one to find out whether goods are available, one to pay and one to get the package.

"And they certainly don't have the goods and services we have—I missed TV dinners when I don't even eat them at home."

SHE SAID the seminar discussion was asked to consider the number of women in economic activity, their preparation, their condition in economic life and the role of government.

"The role of government was easy to contrast," she said, "because in Russia everything comes from the top down. It was hard for me to realize that I was a businesswoman attending on my own and that I was not instructed by Washington."

Two aspects of the seminar brought her up against the problems faced by world diplomats.

"Cuba made a speech one day," she said, "and I did not find it objectionable, but Uruguay next to me seemed quite upset. I found out later that the Spanish had been translated so as to remove the parts that would have caused me to object."

AND AT THE END of the meeting, Miss Allen said, the Soviet delegate came up with five sheets of amendments to the report that had been agreed upon earlier.

"We battled all day over those amendments," she said. "It was one of the hardest days I've ever put in. But I think we came out with a report that I could accept."

"I can see, though, how they interpret any giving way as a sign of weakness."

MISS ALLEN said that during her visit she was interested in the complete surveillance of the Soviet agency Intourist over visitors.

"We couldn't go outside Moscow without permission," she said. "And I noticed that in all hotels and public buildings that there was never more than one exit so that they could keep a complete check on everyone."

Miss Allen is vice president of the Cabalan Drug Stores in Wyandotte, a position she assumed after retiring from public school teaching in Detroit.

As assistant principal of Redford High School during the 1950s, she initiated a program of job upgrading for youth, a plan that has spread all over the country.

A graduate of the University of Michigan, she has been named its outstanding alumni, and recently she was reappointed to a new term as a member of the Eastern Michigan University board of regents.

THE ANNIVERSARY DINNER was headed by Mrs. Olga Taylor, former president of the Garden City BPW.

Georgia Galeas, Michigan BPW president, and other state officers attended, along with Daisy Proctor of Plymouth, director of District 9, which includes clubs in their area, and other district leaders.

Also on hand were representatives of 15 BPW clubs and the Canadian BPW Federation.



20TH ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS went to the Garden City Business and Professional Women's Club last week. Mrs. Maybelle Shon (left), current president, chatted with Garden City Mayor James Lowe and Virginia Allen, former national BPW president and speaker for the banquet marking the event. (Observer photo by Harry Mauthe)

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No one will ever believe this confused tale of mice and me, but I'll tell it anyway.

Seems we're Friday afternoon sitters to some biology lab mice that a couple of high school friends are testing for their reaction to music.

We keep them each week until one of their owners can pick them up after work. That she did on the recent Friday afternoon in question.

But she could not pick up the two phonograph records the mice have to hear, because Miss 13 was the one who was temporary custodian, and the records and mice had become separated and she wasn't home.

But Mice Owner called a short time later. She had checked with her partner in experimentation, and the records were indeed at our house. Miss 12 then looked around, located them, and said they could be picked up that evening.

But she went off baby-sitting and, since no one else was home when Miss Nine and I went shopping, we locked the house.

Mice Owner arrived, couldn't get in. I came home, saw the records and panicked over the experiment. Called Mice Owner's home. Her mother said, no, they wouldn't be needed until the next afternoon. She would pick them up in the morning.

The forenoon passed and it was time to drive to piano lessons, a trip that took me past the library where Mice Owner worked. I would be a good kid and take the records to her.

You guessed it. She wasn't at work that day, and when I dashed home, I was informed that someone had been over looking for the records.

Mice on your whirling treadmill, don't you feel a little empathy for these silly running around humans? So why don't you learn to talk and let us know what's going on?

—Margaret Miller

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