

# Sweet charity attracts a Who's Who of celebrities

Chocolate exhibits of up to 425 pieces, for a total of 2,500 pieces, are on display at the annual Alzheimers Chocolate Jubilee held recently at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn.

Headling the steering committee was Channel 50's Amyr Malespasi, who pulled some strings to get every media celebrity in town involved with the sweet charity benefiting the Alzheimers Association.

It's also the power hitters behind this tight-knit group who have watched the event grow from a small gathering at the home of David and Doreen Hermella to the Presidential Ballroom at the Ritz-Carlton. On the Cf VI committee were: Marlene Borman, Dede Feldman, Diana Siegal, Andi Wolfe, Diane Wilkins, Virginia Tompkins, Sally Schick, Joan Benkovich, Erna Eklund, Jesse Miller, Jack Gold, Gayla Berstein, Doreen Hermella, John Bloom and Michael Barata. The host committee included Eugene and Marcia Applebaum, Bettina Fenley, Betty Lind, Nancy and Herbert Giall, Pedro Nicks-Litia, Reva Kogut, Sam Schmitz, Lorraine Schmitt, Beryl Winkelman and Mary Lou Zieve.

As benefactors and patrons brunched on a low-calorie entree of fresh fruit and poached salmon,

Marlene Borman brought tears to her audience, openly sharing her own personal family grief with Alzheimers.

Chocolate exhibitors included Top Hat premium dessert sauces (a company owned by former Orchard Lake resident Maria Murray); Marlene's mom Marilyn Stavenik of Orchard Lake was on hand to promote the raspberry, mocha and mint fudge toppings.

Cheerleaders spotted sampling were Betty Jess and Robert Avery, Perry Phillips, Helen Zuckerman, Robert Blinder of Gallery IV and Mitchell Curtis.

**GRAPE ESCAPE:** When does this woman sleep? Dr. Su Hua Newton is a doctor of medicine, marketing, psychiatry, painter, graduate of the universities of Cambridge and San Francisco, former Chanel model, journalist, consultant, professor at London University, current architect, winemaker, professor and founder Wine Marketing Center. She has heart-grabbing charisma, a dry sense of humor, gift of gab, love of people and definitely is touched by Midas.

Dr. Newton and her husband Peter own 160 acres of land above the Napa Valley in California. The Newton Vineyard is built in the form of a pagoda surrounded by French gardens. This is not the first vineyard cultivated by the Newtons. They found Sterling Vineyards (now owned by Seagram's).

General Wine's head honcho Sydney Ross of Orchard Lake and David DeBenedictis of Northport Financial pulled together an incredible black-tie charity wine-tasting, invit-



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ing the dynamic Dr. Newton as guest speaker.

The intimate gathering (under 75 guests) was a benefit for the March of Dimes. The \$135 per person brought not only an education in California Newton wines but an evening of exceptional epicurian passions.

The main entrees (served first) of Michigan pheasant with wild-rice pancakes (and '87 Newton Cabernet Sauvignon), red snapper with julienne veggies ('88 Newton Claret), lamb loin with polenta and tomato coulis on a bed of spinach and herbal crust ('89 Newton Merlot), and a salad (served after the entrees) with warm rice ('88 Newton Chardonnay).



Marlene Borman, Jack Gold and Bettina Fenley attended the Alzheimers Chocolate Jubilee VI.

grape gathering were Paula and Monty Lord of Orchard Lake, Jim and Mary Kay Noteman of Bloomfield Hills, Sheriff Robert and Rosemary Ficano, Sharon Reeves and Nick Papadaz.

Don't forget to stop at Chrysler's on Maple Road in Birmingham and vote for your favorite "charity tree." Twenty five charities (including March of Dimes) have decorated trees throughout the store. For the three, top, winning trees, there will be prizes of \$1,000, \$500 and \$250 from Englers. Your donation of \$1 per vote also will benefit the charities.

**TIME TO FACE UP:** Dennis Archer, John DiBiaggio, Rich Fisher, Frank Kelley, Richard Kagis, Florine Mark, Dick Partan, Dennis Rodman, Jim Harper, George Blah, Richard Golden, Carl Levin, Al Taubman, and Coleman Young were among the "Great Faces of Detroit" mugs featured on the celebrity watch, silent auction fund-raiser held recently at Darakhian Jewelers in Southfield.

The timely soiree benefitting Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall and the American Cancer Society presented a \$1,500 scholarship check to Michael Weiss, a 4.0 triple major at the University of Michigan. Weiss' proud parents are Leo and Ann Weiss of West Bloomfield. Three other students will be awarded scholarship tuition vouchers.

Celebrities on hand were Jim Harper, D.O.C.'s Richard Golden and Platons voice George Blaha donning a "watch print" tie.

**CRANBROOK HOLIDAY TABLES:** Laura Munder created a honeymoon breakfast, Christie Powers

a hot pink intimate Christmas dinner for four, Loretta Lorton a children's birthday bash and Cheryl Cregar of Orchard Lake, a table of family traditions. Margaret Schuberger and daughter Rebecca McNaughton captured a Malisse motif complete with a vite model.

Serving on the Cranbrook House and Gardens Holiday Tables committee with chairman Shirley Klipfel were localities Dorothy Cottrell of Southfield and Edie Wagner of West Bloomfield.

**HOLIDAY GIVING:** The Radisson Plaza Hotel and the Southfield/Lathrup Optimist Club worked together to give the children of the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center a traditional Thanksgiving feast. Forty-five children from the center gathered in the Algonquin Room of the Radisson in the Town Center to share their family feast.

The first Christmas Tree Lighting will take place at 4:30 p.m. Sunday on the grounds of the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center at 12 Mile and Inkster roads, Farmington Hills. Mayor Aldo Vagozzi and other community members will be involved in the festivities, which included refreshments and caroling.

**MAKING THE (NATIVITY) SCENES:** World collector Bengt Swenson will exhibit his wonderful collection of Nativity scenes from around the world. A luncheon and informative lecture will be offered Tuesday at the Franklin Community Church on the international traditions and cultures portrayed in the nativity sets Swenson collected from more than 50 countries. Call 932-1887 or 626-7285 for reservations.

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- POINSETTIA FOR PROGRESS**  
Now through Dec. 31: Poinsettias for Progress, an annual fundraiser for Alzheimers Foundation helps support its mission for supporting research, finding a cure and prevent-

- ing arthritis. For information, call the foundation at 350-3030.
- CHRISTMAS GIFTS**  
Through Dec. 11: Farmington Area Community Women collects Christmas gifts for needy children. They will be collecting gifts at six locations including the three Metro bank branches in Farmington, First Federal of Michigan in downtown Farmington and the two Farmington City Halls. We ask that you take a name tag from the trees, purchase a gift, wrap it, attach the tag and return it to under the tree by Wednesday, Dec. 11. For more information call Nancy Pawlukiewicz at 681-4785.
- FARMINGTON HISTORICAL MUSEUM**  
Sunday, Dec. 8, Wednesday, Dec. 11, Sunday, Dec. 15, Wednesday, Dec. 18 through Sunday, Dec. 22: Historical Museum, 3305 Grand River 1-5 p.m., decorated in all 11 Victorian flairs. Special exhibits of windup tin toys, cap guns, model trains, and
- many dolls. Admission \$1 donation for adults, children under 12 free when accompanied by an adult.
- COFFEE TREE**  
Thursday, Dec. 5 through the holidays: Yankee Consignment Store sponsors a giving tree in the store in the Uplown Farmington Plaza on Grand River at Mooney. New gloves, hats, scarves, socks or toys are requested for the tree. Articles will be given to the Detroit Rescue Mission and the South Oakland Shelter. Collection during store hours. Closed Mondays. For details call owner Ken Barthelette at 471-0320.
- HERITAGE HOLIDAY TOUR**  
Through Sunday, Dec. 2-8: View decorated trees from around the world. Visit the miniature house and village exhibits, Hanukkah display, bouquets and tea room. Haywagon rides available every hour on the hour (Saturday and Sunday only). Thursday and Friday noon to 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Fee is adults \$3, seniors and
- teens \$2 and children \$1 and under 6 years, free.
- SMOKING CESSATION**  
Tuesday, Thursday Dec. 10 and 12: The American Cancer Society holds its free FreshStart Smoking Cessation program from 6-7:30 p.m. at 2955 Southfield Road, Room 42. For more information call 557-5353.
- HARRISON HIGH PLAY**  
Thursday and Friday, Dec. 5 and 6: Harrison High School presents "You Can't Take It With You" directed by Jennifer Roberts at 7:30 p.m. both nights. Tickets available at the door, \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for seniors and students.
- GLAMOUR WORKSHOP**  
Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6-7: The sixth annual holiday glamour workshop featuring your hands on glamour, noon to 4 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at 28190 Lake Park. No admission fee. For more information call Carolyn McArdle at 553-8477.

- NUTCRACKER**  
Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 6, 7 and 8: Michigan Ballet Theatre presents The Nutcracker in West Bloomfield High School, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.; Dec. 7 at 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Dec. 8 at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 or group tickets for \$12 for Dec. 7 and 8 only. For more information call 624-5590.
- THE PAST IN PERSON**  
Saturday, Dec. 7: Michael Deren, lumberjack shanty boy presents The Past in Person at North Farmington Community Church, 32500 13 Mile Road at 7 p.m. Refreshments served

- and nursery provided. For more information call Fran Hundley at 626-5967. Free admission.
- SUNCH WITH SANTA**  
Saturday, Dec. 7, and Sunday, Dec. 8: This festive community center addition includes lunch and entertainment. Dec. 7 at 1:30 p.m. and Dec. 8, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Fee is \$5 per person.
- SANTA ARRIVES**  
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