Gala to benefit Cranbrook's science institute

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FIFTH AVENUE FEST: Cheryl Hall Lindsay of Saks Fifth Avenue and Karen Haller, Auxiliary President of Children's Hospital of Michigan co-chaired the second annual Fifth Avenue Fest held Tuesday at the Troy emporium.

The store was closed for the evening to the public as patrons of the fund-raiser were allowed to shop, sample and feast on consuming passions presented by Matt Prentice of Sebastian's, Morels and Deli Unique.

Also to celebrate the season, guests were showered with perfume samples and went on a scavenger hunt throughout the store to place their raffle tickets in various silver drawing boxes. Door prize drawings included a fragrance gift basket, Burberry blazer, Ferragamo footwear, Zanella Trousers, Judith Ann Dress, and Fenn, Wright and Manson sweaters.

Committee members making this Saks soiree a success were Joan Allen, Dale Austin, Susie Baker (auxiliary president elect), Rhea Brody, Louise Dudy, Marguerite Durham, Pamela Rock Gardner, Mary Lou Janes, Mary Jane Jewell, Annette Kolon, Ann Lucas, Cindy Miner, Cindy Olley, Sonia Pastore, Lorraine Schultz, Judie Sherman, Mary Lou Simpson, Valerie Stralth, Christina Strumbos, and Carol Zuzcnak.

social eyes
Denise Lucas

Valerie Stralth's ears picked up when she heard about the "nude photo" taken for the Observer & Eccentric. Seems Gretchen Hitch created a stir in the store when sharing her experience of shooting a "new photo" for her column. Watch for "new photos" of all your favorite O&E writers coming soon.

HARDY PARTY: Pamela Livingston Hardy and husband Roland Hardy were not quite recovered from the Dec. 2 Oakland Family Service Midtown Cafe Sing-A-Long when they greeted guests in their warm and charming home at their annual Sunday afternoon holiday dessertfest.

Friends were still buzzing about the standing-room-only songfest that brought 165 Perry Como/Andy Williams wanna-bees to the Oakland Family Service kareoke-like charity fund-raiser.

"More than $7,000 was raised for OFS, with a ticket price of only $25," reported Pamela Livingston (Seagull) Hardy. "This year we also had a small silent auction that brought in additional revenues."

"Food went flying and forks dropped when Bill Fry, president of OFS, belted out in an operatic voice 'Joy to the World,'" said Hardy with a laugh, "and literally hordes of people were rushing the microphone to sing."

Guy Gordon, on the Executive Board of the Women's Committee of Oakland Family Services, was master of ceremonies for the evening.

Luminating Hardy's dessert feast were Mark and Becky Jones. Mark is Birmingham's First Night '92 co-chair, which is the family happening on New Year's Eve in Birmingham. More to come in the next few weeks on First Night. Mark and Becky also have chaired the Guy Fawkes Ball "sans dinner" scene for the last 10 years. Great stories were told about their annual invitation-only pre-party at the Bloomfield Country Club's men's locker room.

Pamela Livingston Hardy and Roland Hardy

STARS & ICE: This year the Cranbrook Institute of Science annual mid-winter gala is more important than ever. The Bloomfield Hills museum of natural history and science, along with the nature center, may be seriously affected by state budget cuts. Fortunately loyal supporters and volunteers are raising funds to keep the museum of enlightenment operating.

A major longtime supporter of the annual "Ice" fund raiser is Charles W. Warren Jewelers at Somerset in Troy which annually sponsors the black-tie event and throws an in-house preview bash for committee members and friends of the house of treasures.

The annual Sunday evening preview/holiday party was a feast of culinary excitement that included chilled poached salmon, succulent shrimp, crepe suzettes prepared tableside, cafe de Maria and a colorful array of petit fours.

Stars & Ice chairpersons Jack and Betty Edman of Orchard Lake have selected this year's theme to coordinate with the museum's DESTINATION: SPACE exhibit. Themes from the past include Lazars & Ice, Fire & Ice, Diamonds & Ice and Treasures & Ice.

Lloyd and Maurcine Reuss are the honorary chairpersons of the upcoming Jan. 18 gala, which includes cocktails, dinner and dancing throughout the hands-on museum.

Luminary committee members spotted at the Charles Warren gathering were Robert and Nancy Sellers, Helen and James Holmes, Dr. Kim and Mado Liem, Jack and Betty Edman, and Sis Fisher.

A 14K gold Baume and Mercier diamond watch donated by Charles W. Warren will be raffled at the Jan 18 soiree. To make reservations for this star-gazing event call 645-3221.

Local talent to present concerts

OCC chorus presents 'Gloria'

The exhilarating sounds of Gloria by Antonio Vivaldi will be performed in concert by the Oakland Community College Community Chorus at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 17.

Conducted by professional arranger/composer G. Kevin Dewey, *the performance will be staged in* the Smith Theatre on the Orchard Ridge Campus of OCC.

Also included in the program are selections by Johannes Brahms, Leroy Anderson, Samuel Barber and Alfred Burt.

The Renassance Voices, an a cappella ensemble originated and directed by Dewey, will again be in the spotlight with a delightful assortment of musical treats.

A Dearborn native, Dewey has a bachelor of music degree in jazz studies and a master of music degree in choral conducting from Wayne State University.

While at Wayne State, Dewey was assistant director under Dr. Harry Langsford of the world-renowned WSU Men's Glee Club and the WSU Chamber Singers.

In addition to the OCC Community Chorus and the Renaissnce Voices, Dewey conducts the Oratorio Society of Dearborn, the Dearborn Summer Festival Chorus and serves as director of music at Southfield Presbyterian Church.

Accompanying the 100-voice chorus will be the Harrison High School String Orchestra under the direction of Mark Phillips.

The Orchard Ridge campus is on Orchard Lake Road south of I-696 in Farmington Hills. For more information, call 471-7700.

'A Little Advent Music' on tap

Those gathered at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at Trinity Episcopal Church, 26880 La Muera Drive in Farmington Hills, will be treated to the music of composer Hugo Distler in the Advent Cantata, "A Little Advent Music."

Performed by the Trinity Church Choir and a chamber ensemble of violin, flute, oboe, cello and harpsichord, the music embellishes the Advent story fo the coming of the Messiah told through narrations excerpted from the gospels of John and Luke and read by Fiona Hamilton-Little.

The cantata will be conducted by Ed Walsh, organist and choir director at Trinity. Walso also will present organ selections by Johann Pachelbel and Johann Sebastian Bach.

Distler conducted the first performance of "A Litle Advent Music" on Nov. 29, 1931 at the St. Jakobikirche in Luebeck, Germany. He'd been organist of this church for less than a year, having come to the position from his study at the conservatory in Leipzig.

"Advent Music" was again performed in November, 1936 at Distler's penultimate Musical Vesper in Luebeck. This north German city figured prominently in resistance to the Nazi pressures against the church. The life of a church musician became too precarious for a creative artist, and Distler moved his family to Stuttgart in 1937, where he turned his attentions largely to secular music.

There is no charge for Sunday's concert.

Wreath takes the silver

Florence Smith put a smile on the faces of her North Farmington Garden Club colleagues when the past club president's wreath was awarded a silver ribbon at Cobo Hall's 7th Annual Festival of Trees.

The 30-inch grapevine wreath was decorated with German statice and green eucalyptus. Accents included pomegranates, fruit and pine cones clustered in the shape of a flower. Gold metallic tubular cording was woven into the design with large loops softly hanging from the top of the wreath.

Smith's wreath sold for $400. Proceeds from the festival benefit Children's Hospital of Michigan.

Florence Smith of the North Farmington Garden Club won a silver ribbon at the Festival of Trees at Cobo Hall.

Hillel kids decorate hospital

More than 400 pieces of art created by the students of Hillel Day School in Farmington Hills are on display in the corridors and lobbies of Sinai Hospital, 6767 W. Outer Drive in Detroit.

The centuries-old tradition of Chanuka was celebrated with the Hillel students at the sixth annual Sinai/Hillel Art Show and Latke Party Dec. 8.Latkes are potato pancakes served with a variety of accompaniments. After lunch the Hillel Day School Choir performed.

"The meal was a way of thanking the Hillel children, whose 400 works of art have brightened our lobbies and cheered our patients, guests and employees during the month," said Marta Rosenthal, Sinai Hospital Guild president.

Chanuka commemortes the miracle of the temple candelabra, or menorah, when a one-day supply of oil for the temple's perpetual flame burned for eight days. The significance of oil is carried over in the consumption of fried foods such as latkes and doughnuts during the holiday.

The public is welcome to view the Hillel student art exhibit though Jan. 6. Sinai, a 615-bed tertiary care facility, is Michigan's only Jewish hospital.

It has served the community since 1953, and in the first quarter of fiscal year 1992 posted a profit of $66,000. Sinai's physician referral telephone number is 1-800-248-3627.

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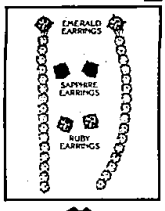

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LATE HOLIDAY SHOPPERS TAKE NOTE

The FRANK BOOS GALLERY December auction includes property from the CM GALLERY, Grosse Pointe Farms, a Midwest museum and a huge selection of interesting items from many estates and collectors.

Find that perfect holiday gift from an array of: ceramics, including a selection from Cranbrook artists, GERTRUDE and OTTO NATZLER and MAIJA GROTELL; a stunning early 18th century velvet and gold embroidered horse trapping (probably Louis XIV); paintings by such artists as MYRON BARLOW, CHARLES CULVER, GABRIEL DAUCHOT, WILLIAM GROPPER, JOSEF FLOCH, ROBERT PETTIBONE (with works after LICHTENSTEIN, MONET, POONS, STELLA and WARHOL); bronzes (including works by R.E. KUHN, M. POWERS AND SCHMIDT-FELLING); furniture from the Modernism Movement; painted furniture; fireplace mantels; mirrors; Orientalia; quilts; cameras; trains; porcelains; decorative arts; prints (including CURRIER and IVES); frakturs; clocks, chandeliers, lamps and sconces; silver; jewelry; glassware; garden sculpture and furniture for every room.

PREVIEW
Thursday, December 12 - Noon to 8 P.M.
Friday, December 13 - Noon to 8 P.M.
Monday, December 16 - 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

AUCTION
Tuesday, December 17 - 6 P.M.
Wednesday, December 18 - 6 P.M.
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Myron Barlow, oil on canvas, 48" sq — Victorian lead eagle, 28" wide — From a selection of Maija Grotell and Gertrude and Otto Natzler ceramics

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