

Who's who in auto world attends preview

To enlighten Social Eyes of upcoming events call 442-2339, fax 442-7727 or write P.O. Box 239242, Franklin 48025.

AUTO MOTION: Not all of the automotive gladiators were at Friday night's Charity Preview Gala. Many were still lingering in Japan. But the prominent names and faces dressed in black tie and tux with gowned ladies at their side at the who's who auto affair were enough to keep heads turning and whispers whirling.

For many of the 8,000-plus in attendance, the social interaction and schmoozing of the charity preview defocused the viewing of the street news for '92, warranting a second voyage to Cobo Center.

This year's honorary chairpersons of the Charity Preview sponsored by the Board of Directors of the Detroit Auto Dealers Association and the new car dealers of Metro Detroit are, and Mrs. John Engler, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip E. Benton, Jr. (president and chief operating officer, Ford Mo-

tor Company); Robert A. Lutz (president, Chrysler Corp.); Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd E. Bress (president in charge of North American Operations & World Wide Automotive Components, General Motors Corp.), and, of course, the Honorable Coleman A. Young, mayor of Detroit.

The \$125-per-person chrome and rubber soles donates the proceeds to eight local charities. Attending big wheels select their charity of choice: Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan (charity building for children) with Mr. and Mrs. Tony Franco, chairs; Children's Center (services to high-risk children, teens and their families) with G. Scott Romney and Dr. Francis A. Kurnekey, chairs; Children's Services of Northeast Guidance Center Assistance League (treatment and prevention of emotional disturbance in children) with Dr. Don and Dale Austin, chairs; Detroit Institute for Children (care for disabled children) with Mr. and Mrs. Edsel B. Ford II, chair; Easter Seal Society



social eyes
Denise Lucas

— Wayne, Oakland, Macomb (serving disabled children and adults) Rick and Joyce Inatome, chairs; March of Dimes Birth Defect Foundation (research, community services, health education programs aimed at the campaign for healthier babies) with Mr. and Mrs. Michael T. Monahan, chairs; Barst Human Services (a league of Catholic women agency serving abused and neglected children, youth and their families) with Mrs. Anthony Soave and Walter Douglas, co-chairs.

Also reaping the rewards of the black tie preview was a new addition to the charity recipients this year: Detroit Police Athletic League (youth positive development for youth

through educational and athletic programs) with Mr. and Mrs. Dick "Night Train" Lane and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rewey, co-chairs.

Each year Edsel Ford II pulls some strings and obtains a new model automobile to raffie for the Children's Institute. Last year's donated Cadillac received extra charity millics when Suburban Olds dealer David Fisher held the winning ticket. Being a Cadillac dealer as well, David donated the automobile to Brother Rice High School. Children's Institute raised nearly \$50,000 on the raffie of the car, while Brother Rice raised nearly \$40 grand. This year's '92 auction vehicle was a Jeep Cherokee driven, as you know, from the

assembly plant to Cobo Center by the mayor himself.

The women's fashion story also kept heads turning with Pat Stempel wearing a classic black suit and her infamous diamond auto pin. Michelle Engler looked stunning in a black figure-flattering one-shoulder taffie gown among the sea of sequins and bevy of beads.

More than 8,000 guests viewed the opening ribbon-cutting ceremonies directed by the big three chairs — Harold Pollag, Bob Stempel and Lee Iacocca, — with entertainers, songbird Anita Baker and actor Robert Ulrich.

The WKBD-TV, Channel 50, two-hour live broadcast hosted by J.P. McCarthy, Baker and Ulrich, will be edited down to one hour and syndicated throughout the U.S. during prime time hours. Other national network broadcasts covering the event included "Entertainment Tonight," "Inside Edition" and CNN.

and was internationally covered in Japan, Germany and Australia.

The March of Dimes raised additional revenue with its Ignite the Night afterglow bash held on the third level of Cobo Center, serving hot and cold hors d'oeuvres and entertainment by Starforce. Pace-setting committee members included Sharon Reeves, Fritz Spademan, Grace and Nino Scalia, Maggie and Bob Altesee, Elaine George, Jackie Gordon, Sybil and Leonard Jacques, Ida Krandle, Victoria and Richard Kallis, Denise Rossmann, and Ceel Orman and William Stone.

Downtown Detroit restaurants such as the Hattieshake and Joe Muer's were booked to capacity.

Spotted dining at the Hattieshake were the Eds! Ford's, John Rakolakis, Doug Shubots, Tom Seohaliths, Roger Sbermann, Don Austins, and David Handelman with love interest and former auto show model Constalina.

Church reaches out to single, divorced members

By Julie Brown staff-writer

The Rev. Paul Clough knows how important it is for churches to reach out to single people.

"The church has to look at what's happening with the single adults and with the blended family," said Clough, minister to single adults at Ward Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

The tendency to marry later in life and the higher divorce rate mean that more people are single, said Clough, a 42-year-old Plymouth resident. Some people choose to remain single, while others remarry and deal with the realities of blended family life.

"We have to identify with that," he said. "Our churches are starting to realize that."

Clough became minister to single adults at the church last October, and had been handling those duties as interim minister since April 1991. He joined the staff of Ward Church in January 1989 as administrator of Single Point.

SINGLE POINT programs are for those age 30 and up. Clough's duties include working with more than 150 volunteer leaders for Single Point. He also does teaching in the Sunday morning class for singles, which includes Bible lessons, music and skits. Clough teaches in the divorce recovery program.

He came to Michigan in 1975, and had been teaching in Christian schools for some time at that point. In 1985, Clough was going through a divorce, and the school he taught at fired him because of the change in his marital status, he said.

"When I lost that job, I went into the travel industry," said Clough, who managed a travel agency in Birmingham. He heard about the divorce recovery program at Ward Presbyterian Church.

"I was kind of alone, hurting, and not sure of what I would find. He found Single Point to be warm and open. I've been here ever since."

Clough joined the church in 1987 and became a volunteer leader. The contributions of those volunteers are a tremendous help, he said.

"They make it so easy for us because of their hard work and efforts," Clough discovered an emphasis on ministry to help singles find a place of healing and hope. He now tries to offer that to others.

TYPICALLY, SOME 500 TO 600 people attend the Sunday morning class for singles. During a 30-day period, some 1,500 to 2,000 singles attend at least one program, he said. The mailing list includes more than 4,000 people from throughout southeastern Michigan. Programs offered range from sports activities to meetings for single parents.

Divorced people in some cases don't feel comfortable at another church. "A lot of churches don't want to deal with that. They see divorce as the unpardonable sin."

Some churches don't want to deal with issues of remarriage, he said. People who go through a divorce often tend to lose most of their friends.

"That isolates people." Those people are looking for a place where they can be accepted and they find it at Ward. "All of us are feeling that

'The church has to look at what's happening with the single adults and with the blended family.'

— The Rev. Paul Clough minister to single adults Ward Presbyterian Church

loss, and that brings us together."

About two-thirds of those at Single Point are divorced, about one-fifth are widowed, and the remainder have never married. The church also has programs for younger singles. Single Spirit is for those in their 20s and early 30s. Upward Bound is for college/career-age singles. Both of those ministries are supervised by other staffers.

Clough earned a bachelor's degree in education from Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C., and a master's degree in counseling from Eastern Michigan University.

HE WAS BORN and raised in the Washington, D.C., area. His father was a pastor, the family moved and Clough spent his high school years in Massachusetts.

Clough was living in Florida when he heard about a teaching opportunity in Michigan. He hadn't heard the greatest things about the Detroit area, but decided to make the move north.

"I've really found this Detroit area a nice place to live. I love Plymouth. It reminds me of New England towns I lived in as a high school kid." He likes the small-town

atmosphere that's close to a big city. Clough met his wife, Cathy, at Ward Presbyterian Church. Cathy Clough, who had been widowed, has two sons. Paul Clough has a son and a daughter. Their four children, all teenagers, live at home.

The Cloughs got married a little more than three years ago, which meant they could no longer participate in Single Point activities.

"We decided to get married. The day of the wedding came and that was it. We were out."

Singles have their own activities at Ward, but they aren't isolated from the rest of the congregation.

Many singles serve on church committees, teach Sunday school or handle other responsibilities. The church has a Common Ground class for remarried adults, and many former Single Point participants attend.

"We have many friends in that

group," said Clough, who attended that class with his wife after their wedding. Some remarried couples attend Sunday school classes at the church and find it helpful to talk with others about issues of remarriage and blended family life.

Clough keeps busy with his new family and his responsibilities at the church. He finds also time for sports. Clough, who spent 17 years coaching high school basketball, attends University of Michigan football games and recently went to California for the Rose Bowl. He also enjoys playing golf.

Clough plans to stay at Single Point. It's one of the best-known ministries for singles in the United States, he said.

"This is where I want to be to work and do this kind of ministry. It's the best place to be and the people make it that way."

Observer & Eccentric® 644-1070 Oakland County
CLASSIFIED 591-0900 Wayne County
ADVERTISING 852-3222 Rochester / Avon

If you enjoyed watching BOB KEESHAN as CAPTAIN KANGAROO, wait till you see him in person!
 See the award-winning performer and author of *Growing Up Happy* in a special personal appearance.



It's Roper School's Second Annual Gala and Awards Evening. He brightened the mornings of three generations of children as TV's Captain Kangaroo. Award-winning performer Bob Keeshan offers heartwarming and practical advice on raising well-adjusted, happy children. He shares the "back to basics" approach of love and respect — by both parent and child.

Golden Apple Award Recipients: Center for Creative Studies, Keith Crain, Lillian Melfen Genser, Mariann Hoag, Bob Keeshan and Denise Nicholas.

For ticket information, call Roper: 313.642.1500.

the roeper gala
 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6 7-11 PM TROY MARRIOTT HOTEL

Men, if you're about to turn 18, it's time to register with Selective Service at any U.S. Post Office.

It's quick. It's easy. And it's the law.

WE ARE CLOSING OUR DOORS MONDAY JANUARY 20th AT HUNTER'S SQUARE

we are forced to close our doors at this location. **We must liquidate our entire stock** (including store fixtures 2 Monarch Marking Machines)

EVERYTHING MUST GO!
 ALL SHOWER CURTAINS \$5⁰⁰
 ALL BATHROOM ACCESSORIES \$5⁰⁰-10⁰⁰
 ALL SHEETS \$5⁰⁰
 ALL WALL HARDWARE 75-85% OFF
 ALL RUGS \$5⁰⁰
 ALL TOILET SEATS \$4⁰⁰
 ETC...

Fieldcrest • Martex • Springmold • Wamsutta
 Revmon • Crocoll • Dakota • Regal Rugs
 Stylebullit Accessories

DON'T MISS THIS ONCE IN A LIFETIME!

SEVENTH HEAVEN
 Located at Hunter's Square
 at 14 Mile & Orchard Lake Roads
 855-3777
 Monday-Thursday 10-6 Thursday 10-8 Sunday 12-5

SAY GOOD BUY TO WINTER! STARTS WEDNESDAY

TAKE ANOTHER **33% off***

ALL PREVIOUSLY REDUCED MERCHANDISE

Selection includes thousands of current season markdowns!
SWEATERS • FLEECE JACKETS • DRESSES
LONG SLEEVE TOPS & MORE!

Save even more today through Monday, January 20th, on the items you need now. Choose from a great selection of previously reduced merchandise for boys & girls from some of your favorite brands. *Prices adjusted at register. Styles and sizes may vary by store.

NOW AT SAVINGS OF 50%-80% OFF OUR ORIGINAL PRICES!

KIDS MART

Compare at 12 Kids Mart's Every Day Low Price 5.99 Take 33% OFF YOU PAY 4.01

DETOIT, Pat Aul Center, 6800 E. Eight Mile Rd. • WESTLAND, Westland Crossing Center • SOUTHWAY, Southtown Crossing Center • REDFORD, Redford Plaza • STERLING HEIGHTS, Sterling Place • ROSELVILLE, Grand Center • SAGINAW, Fashion Centers • DEARBORN HEIGHTS, 26451 Ford Rd. • NOVI, Novi Town Center • ANN ARBOR, Westgate Shopping Center • FARMINGTON HILLS, Orchard Lake Shopping Center, 30830 Orchard Lake Rd. • DRUID LANE, Outcenter Town Center • LIVONIA, Livonia Plaza, 30961 S. M5 Rd. • TAYLOR, Southdale Center, 2200 Bureka Rd. • BOWTIE/RED, Northland Mall, 21600 Northwestern Hwy

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Welcoming new neighbors is the least we can do...

to make new families feel right at home in our town. Getting To Know You is THE new-comeer welcoming service that delivers a gift from sponsoring merchants and professionals to new homeowners right after they move in. Getting To Know You programs can bring new business, new friends and new sales to your door.

WELCOMING NEWCOMERS NATIONWIDE

For sponsorship details, call (800) 645-6376

In New York State (800) 833-9400