

Jewels, luxury cars enhance 'Stars and Ice'

STARS AND ICE: The Cranbrook Institute of Science in Bloomfield Hills held its annual mid-winter ball Saturday, designating the black-tie soiree "Stars and Ice." While sipping on champagne and socializing with local luminaries, guests viewed the museum's current exhibit "Destination: Space." But that was not the only exhibit that caught the eye of the 200-plus patrons. Co-sponsor Charles W. Warren presented its exclusive collection of "Ice" cars as well. Cadillac Motor and General Motors Acceptance Corp., also co-sponsors, had their 1992 Seville on display. The Seville recently received the "Motor Trend Car of the Year" award.

Orchard Lake residents Jack and Betty Edman chaired the brilliant evening, with GM president Lloyd and Maureen Reuss of Bloomfield Hills honorary chairs. Maureen was understated elegance in a winter white cocktail suit.

GM's involvement in this important fund-raiser was definitely evident. Present were Cadillac general manager John Greenberger with wife Jane, GM robotics president Eric Mittelstadt with wife Susanne, Cadillac exec Peter Levin with wife Carolya, and Pontiac auto dealer Bob Seltzer with wife and committee member Nancy.

Other important names to drop are Robert and Nina Machus, James and Michael Williams, Dr. Ron and Mary Beth Irwin, Karen and Paul Clancy, Charles Warren president, Henri Romani and wife Vickie, Walter and Sue Fisher (who arrived late after attending a Pulte wedding at the Madgett Country Club), Bob and Maggie Altesse, William and Ann Booth, Carolyn Ashbee, Robert and Nancy Viscic, local theater actress Carol Tregaridin, Susie and Bert Farberman, Ira and Brenda Jaffe of Farmington Hills, Julie and Roger Sherman, Southfield entrepreneur Rick and Linda Kaplan, and acting director of Cranbrook Institute of Science Ellen Jacobowitz.

The evening's adventures of science moved to the Indian room, with a special raffle of a gold and dia-

mond Baume & Mercier watch donated by Charles Warren. Effervescent Robin Henderson, wearing a Gene Davis Academy Award-winning ice blue silk satin strapless dress and modeling more than \$100,000 worth of gems from Charles Warren, held the winning ticket. Husband Jim, sporting a black-edged tuxedo shirt with white tie, received double takes from Dale Carnegie owner Ralph and Jaalee Nichols on his avant-garde garb.

Tourment House provided the feast, with a scampi and rice medley, raspberry sorbet, medallions of braised veal with Madeira sauce, julienne zucchini and parsnips and a dessert table — contrasted with crisp struts, Bailey's Irish Cream, neopolitan and almond amaretto tortes, fruit-filled roulades and pies, New York cheesecakes with assorted fruit toppings and Cafe Di Maria.

STRUT YOUR STUFF: True confession. As a baby boomer, I'm sorry to admit I just don't get "in the mood" with the sounds of the big band era. OK, I said it. Just give me some of that old time rock 'n' roll or

Anne Klein designer to appear at DSOH benefit

By Susan Steinmueller staff writer

SPRING will be in the air when designer Louis Dell'Olio appears here next week with a wardrobe collection highlighting pastels.

The renowned American sportswear designer will show the spring palette when he presents his Anne Klein Spring '92 Collection during a formal luncheon fashion show on Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Grand Manor at Fairlane.

Saks Fifth Avenue and the Volunteer Council for Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall are joint sponsors of the event, benefiting Detroit Sym-



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Denise Lucas

phony Orchestra Hall.

The show opens with his signature trademark — navy and white — for spring — but there is lots of color after that," said Cheryl Hall, fashion director, Saks Fifth Avenue, Troy. "The evening wear is pastel. There is a group of tweed boucle suits in short-belt colors that I think the Detroit market will really embrace. The look is short, sexy, sophisticated."

Dell'Olio is best known as the man behind Anne Klein. He joined Donna Karan at Anne Klein & Co. in 1974, when the sportswear explosion began. When Anne Klein died, the two took on the responsibility of creating fashion for the company that had changed the face of American style as the house for women with "real lives."

In 1985, Dell'Olio was named vice president of design after Karan's departure from the company. He is best known for his tailored

sportswear, with all-American clean, classic lines.

Dell'Olio is one of many top designers who have visited the Detroit area for the annual benefit. Last year, Sandra Rhodes showed her collection, Bill Blass, Carolina Herrera and Donna Karan have also made appearances.

The event, now in its 64th year, usually draws over 1000 fashion watchers and symphony supporters.

"This particular event really has a following," said Annette Ballan of Rochester Hills, who is a member of the executive board of the Volunteer Council of the DSOH, which supports the Detroit Symphony Orchestra and ensures the restoration and preservation of the Orchestra Hall. "The designers come and that makes it that much more exciting to see them."

Support for the benefit is more im-

portant this year, she said, as the symphony copes with state cutbacks to the arts. "This particular event is one of the most important we have to keep up going."

Fortunately it's usually a sellout; she said the community has rallied to support the symphony. "People are just bending over backwards — they don't want to see any of the arts dying," she said. "It seems like whenever hard times come and you're up against a wall, the best comes out in people."

CHERYL HALL, who is playing a dual role in the event as she is also a member of the council, praised the efforts of fellow council members in staging the benefit.

"It's one of the most varied and interesting and amazing groups of women that I have ever worked with," said Hall, a West Bloomfield resident. "The backgrounds and talents of people that I have had the

opportunity to work with has been probably my favorite part.

"It's a labor of love," she added with a laugh.

Chairing the event is Marjorie Sautson of Birmingham; co-chair is Barbara Bloch.

The luncheon fashion show begins with a cocktail hour for donor ticket holders, while sponsor, patron and benefactor ticket holders can greet Louis Dell'Olio during a cocktail hour reception from 11 a.m. to noon. Luncheon is at noon, followed by the fashion show at 1 p.m.

Dell'Olio will also join patron and benefactor ticket holders and their guests for a preview party and auction 7-9 p.m. in designer sportswear at Saks Fifth Avenue, Troy 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, and 3-5 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 30, after the show.

For tickets and information, call the DSOH Volunteer Council Office at 962-1000.

Cramoske, Sheldon Scott, Mariba and Hicks Griffiths, Jonathan Holtzman and Leah Marks.

"You can take your jewel to the Gem this Valentine's Day," said a beaming Barbara Cramoske. A benefit performance of "Strut" to cover the cost of restoration of the century-old Tiffany window at Wayne State University in Detroit will be held with a champagne reception at Historic Beecher Mansion. Co-chairing the fund-raiser is Nick and Lorna Abraham and Robert and Joyce Hague. Committee members include Brenda Ball, Henry and Mary Ellen Bellaimery, Joan De-Nouebelle Walker, Larry D-Manchele, Irving and Olga Dworkin, Sylvia Viglittell and Joe Walker. Honorary co-chairs are Sen. Jack Faxon, Leon Cuban and Gem owners Charles and Joanne Forbes.

RUNWAY REMINDER: The year's most important fashion show will be held Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Grand Manor at Fairlane (formerly Fairlane Manor), featuring the spring '92 collection of Louis Dell'Olio for Anne Klein and Company.

The catwalk benefit is presented by Saks Fifth Avenue and the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall Volunteer Council.

Ticket prices vary from \$35-\$200. The \$200 benefactor tickets provide luncheon and fashion show program, reception, and patron and benefactor preview party, with an opportunity to rub elbows with Louie himself. The Wednesday, Jan. 29, preview soiree 7-9 p.m. will be at Saks Fifth Avenue-Troy.

Serving on this fashionable committee are Pat Auer, Jean Azar, Marilyn Barnes, Betty Bright, Sue Currier, Carol Handl, Meg Harrison, Annette Kolon, Ida Kraudio, Brigitte Krawiec, Ann Lawson, Jeanette Miller, Isabelle Smith, Joan Stern, Deane Taylor, Diane Hoyt Varisto, Gillian Von Drehle and more.

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