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## SOCIAL EYES



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## Circle of Fellows meets at mansion

To enlighten Social Eyes with information on upcoming events involving Greater West Bloomfield Lakes, Farmington and Southfield area residents, call 442-2339 or mail information to Denise Lucas at The Eccentric, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009.

**P**egasus, Fishbones and Athenian Hotel owners Ted and Maria Gatzros generously and graciously opened their European-style mansion for the Michigan Cancer Foundation's Circle of Fellows summertime soiree.

Oohs and aahs were abundant as guests gathered at the Gatzros palace. The elegant decor, extraordinary cuisine and the colorful Circle of Fellows members made the evening one to remember. The Circle of Fellows is made up of Michigan Cancer Foundation supporters who contribute \$500 or more each year toward research, education and patient care programs.

Dr. Steven Grekln of the Fonaugh Skin and Hair Institute in Southfield joined Beaumont Hospital's chief breast-diagnostic radiologist Dr. Kathryn Wimble for their first time at the Circle of Fellows function. Wimble was seated at the same table with jeweler Doug Schubert, who attended the party sans Sydel (who was taking care of Sydel and Doug's first grandson Justin). Whispers of the Fash Bash included the Schuberts' donation of a "Cartier package" and involvement in two upcoming fund-raisers, Tennis and Crumpets in September and the Mary Fisher AIDS benefit in October.

Beauty empress Heidi Stein, with husband legal-beagle Michael Stein of Wabek, were spotted seated with Southfield beauty czarina Mira Linder and husband Dr. Arthur Victor.

Lili and Howard Camden of West Bloomfield spoke about their annual involvement with the Detroit Zoo. The hobby-horticulturalists have a plot at the zoo where they share their green thumbs' mastery with the animals.

Betty and Frank Elias of Farmington, longtime Circle of Fellow followers, dined and danced lakeside under the moonlight along with Bob and Betty Jean Awrey and Marjorie and Charles Fisher, who is again chairing the upcoming Event in the Tent.

Former talk show host Dennis Wholey, author of a new book "When The Worst That Can Happen Already Has," attended the party with friends Margo and Jack Caldwell (director of International Communications at Ford Motor Company). Wholey is busy promoting his book and working on a new late-night talk show to syndicate out of D.C.

## Institute news

Southfield residents Lila and Gil Silverman loaned the Detroit Institute of Arts an Arman original "Lichtenstein's Pouelle" for the "Arman 1955-1991" exhibit, which runs through Aug. 2.

France's most prominent living artist attended the opening night celebration. Arman's works include rubber-stamped monotypes, artists' trash piled in plastic boxes and neatly sliced sculptures. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday.

## Where words fail

Music filled the air last weekend for supporters of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra Hall at two Musical Feast gatherings. Lidia Grabovae, chairwoman and originator of the Musical Feast program, barely recovered from the "Grosse Pointe Grandeur" soiree Saturday night at the mansion of Barbara and Albie Fisher to handle her continuous chairman duties Sunday. She presided at Musical Feast IX "Romance on the Lake" at the stately French Normandy mansion of Dr. Kim and Mado Lie.

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Benefit night: Lili and Howard Camden of West Bloomfield attend the Michigan Cancer Circle of Fellow benefit on Saturday night.

## Judging fashions

Away from courtrooms, onto the runway



BY ETHEL SIMMONS  
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Judges, who "star" in their own courtrooms, displayed the same commanding qualities when they strode the runway Thursday in the "Judging Fashions" benefit at Roma's of Bloomfield in Bloomfield Township.

Twenty-four Oakland County magistrates and judges each modeled an outfit from LaTache in Southfield or Change of Pace in Bloomfield Hills. And it was all for a good cause, close to the judges' hearts: the Child Abuse & Neglect Council, County of Oakland, Inc.

Oakland County Circuit Judge Hilda Gage of Bloomfield Township and Gene Schnelz of Walled Lake also showed off their polished judicial speaking styles, narrating the show. Gage described the clothes, with Schnelz, widely known for his ready wit, providing off-the-cuff commentary.

The modeling judges all seemed in good spirits, relaxed and somewhat campy as they walked, turned and struck their poses. Some appeared to have their own followers in the audience, who applauded wildly.

Ahead of the unique benefit show, Debbie Macon of West Bloomfield, board president of CANCO, said, "This is our very first, and we are ever so hopeful that this is one of many. So many people have responded positively to this idea."

"It's great. Judges have actively called and said 'May I be in it?' The ones we've asked, we got an enthusiastic response."

## For children's welfare

Schnelz said, "I think it's wonderful. It's a good cause. It shows the commitment of the judges in the county to the welfare of children."

He pointed out that models included probate, circuit and district judges.

"It really brings the community together with something kind of campy and different," exclaimed Christiana DeLange of West Bloomfield, who is CANCO's new executive director. "The judges are such good sports."

The evening began with ample hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar, followed by dessert and coffee, for the \$35 ticket.

"I'm real excited about the event and

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the support for CANCO. The turnout is great," said Judy Libby of Troy, vice-president of CANCO's board of directors. DeLange estimated the crowd at about 300 people.

Among the models was Andra Richardson of West Bloomfield, chairperson of the fashion show and board member of CANCO, who is a magistrate in Walled Lake. "We got so much support. The judges were wonderful. Everyone was willing to help," she declared, just before showtime.

Standing nearby was Richard Thompson, Oakland County prosecuting attorney, whom Richardson said has been very supportive of CANCO. Thompson said, "I think CANE House and CANCO is one of my paramount interests in law enforcement. In 1989 when I took office, for one of my first efforts I asked the board of commissioners to support this organization."

"It's one of 14 model programs recognized by the federal government. It has the support of the law enforcement community and the judiciary."

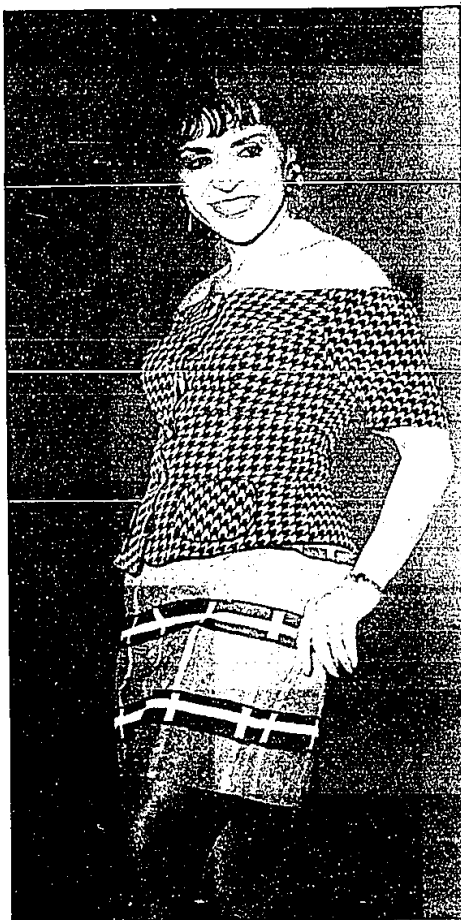
## Aids abused children

He pointed out that CARE House is for children who have been sexually abused and said, "A multi-disciplinary effort determines what is in the best interests of the child." Purpose is to reduce the traumatization of the child, he said.

Thompson added that CANCO is the supporting organization of the Care House project. "It's a joint effort by the law enforcement community."

The opportunity to see judges away from the solemnity of their courtrooms and black robes appealed to many of the guests. Barbara Consiglio of Troy, immediate past president of CANCO and court administrator for Probate Court, said with a laugh, "I'm enjoying seeing the judges in a different light."

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Judicial fashions: Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Jessica Cooper models an outfit that's a far cry from her everyday judicial robes.

## Students are the apples of her eye

BY LARRY O'CONNOR  
STAFF WRITER

If every one of her students last session gave Deborah Knapp an apple, the teacher would be lucky to have enough to fill a pie.

The fruits of her labor, though, have always been derived from helping children to learn and succeed. The Farmington resident founded The Glastonbury School covering grades 1-6 in 1985 for that reason.

Last session, the school only had eight students, barely enough to scare up a good game of dodge ball. The previous year, she only had three.

The eight-to-one student teacher ratio is part of an overall approach at the alternative learning center, which is in Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills.

"You have to look at the child as an individual," said Knapp, a 1971 graduate of Farmington Mercy. "In the public system, that's what we've gotten away from."

The Glastonbury School is one rather drastic step away from public education. Along with the focus on the individual, Knapp employs multisensory (hands on) teaching techniques and is an ardent proponent of phonics to help children to learn how to read. The curriculum of math, social studies and science is integrated.

The results are hard to refute. Parents are highly complimentary about the school.

Deborah York of Farmington Hills said her daughter, Ashley, 7½, was having difficulty reading. She enrolled her in February at The Glastonbury School.

"She reads everything now," said York, whose daughter had attended William Grace Elementary. "She wasn't grasping it in public school. The (Glastonbury School) teaches more phonics than they do in public school."

In two years, The Glastonbury School has also evolved from working primarily with learning disabled children to working with all students.

This fall the school will double in enrollment and another full-time instructor will be hired to keep the



School founder: Deborah Knapp, founder and director of the Glastonbury School in Farmington Hills, teaches students Shannon Stobbe, 11 (left); Justin Knapp, 9; Ashley Holloway, 7, and Michael Renee, 9.

eight-to-one ratio. Tuition is \$2,750 for 10 months of instruction. Growth will be gradual, Knapp said.

"Many parents are looking for an alternative setting," she said. "Some kids are bright and need more attention. Some are having some difficulties with math or reading but they're still bright..."

The whys of what brings parents to bring their child

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