

School is an appropriate setting for special dinner

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Peggy Daltch, National Geographic's new Detroit manager, picked a perfect setting for NG's recent annual

dinner for automotive and advertising executives. The 250 guests had cocktails in the courtyard at Cranbrook Kingswood in Bloomfield Hills (Daltch's alma mater), enjoyed a brief program in the auditorium and dined on elegant Opus One cuisine in the dining hall. The setting was so suitable because education was the thrust of NG Society president Gil Grosvenor's remarks.

"To compete internationally we must start in the schoolroom (with a) geographically literate population," said Grosvenor, a direct descendant of Alexander Graham Bell. He also sketched NGS's commitment to a fresh water initiative. It includes training teachers and a special issue devoted to water management.

Guests viewed a spectacular video detailing the creation of the book "Inside the Vatican" and received a gift copy of the book. Incidentally, its author Bart McDowell was so intrigued by the name of this newspaper he offered to be our stringer when he retires soon to West Texas.

Localites enjoying NGS hospitality included the Ross Roberts, David Scotts, Tom Pappetta, Ellie Torres, Skip Roberts, John Johnsons, Larry Bakers, Steve Lyonsos, John Klingers, Mike Wrights, Jim Cherfolis, Dan Gleneckle, Carolyn Levin, Ted Cunningham, John Damose, Leo Miskowski, Ken Laurence and Dale Petrowskey, the Bloomfield native/NGS vp who founded the Mayo Smith Society.

An Ice Cream Sunday

The recent ice cream social staged to celebrate the grand opening of PATH, Pontiac Area Transitional Housing for women and children, was like an old-fashioned block party complete with rap music, balloon sculptures and ice cream. Some 250 neighbors, residents and volunteers brought their families to tour the facilities.

The event also provided one surprising moment set up by Junior League of Birmingham president Paula Tennyson. During the dedication ceremony for the newly completed Family Service Center, Tennyson revealed that it would henceforth bear the name of the woman "... who had the vision and dedication to see this project through ... K. Noreen Keating."

Keating, the Lighthouse director who guided the PATH project, was uncharacteristically speechless. She

quickly recovered and thanked the JLB, which donated \$110,000 toward the center. "This is a day of women celebrating women," she declared.

Short 'n' sweet

Founders Junior Council president Kathy Rines and Hudson's president Dennis Toffolo welcomed more than 150 guests to the River Place Inn on Wednesday for a cocktail hour preview of Fash Bash. The event featured a glimpse of Fash Bash fashions and entertainment plus Rines' good-news announcement that all the DIA galleries will once again be open on Sundays, thanks to donations of time and money from the FJC.

The Fash Bash fashion and entertainment gala will be held Tuesday, Aug. 4, at the Fox Theater, Birmingham's Mimi Strek and Ed Hogikyan are co-chairing the 23rd annual DIA benefit with Detroit Tom Makaout. Carolyn Levin is chairing the patron party, a pre-bash cocktail reception at the State Theater with hors d'oeuvres donated by 15 chefs and an auction of 41 sensational packages. Patron tickets (\$100) also include a post-bash afterglow at the State.

Fash Bash tickets (including general admission at \$25 and \$35) are available at the DIA Ticket Office, Fox Theater, Hudson's and Ticketmaster.

A design team from Peetmutter-Freiwald will transform Stroh River Place's North Attium into an Enchanted Forest for A Midsummer Night's Dream on Saturday, July 25. Terry and Claude Oster are chairing the Multiple Sclerosis Society benefit. It will feature entertainment coordinated by Gail Ball, dancing to Mel Ball and Colours, and a strolling supper supplied by some of Detroit's finest chefs who are conferring today.

Local cuisine contributors are Marshall Chin (Mon Jin Lau), Milos Chelika (Golden Mushroom), More's, Sebastian's, RIK's the Restaurant, Gayle's Chocolates, Manuel's, Midtown Cafe and Beverly Hills Grill. Others include Les Auteurs, Kyla's, MacKinnon's, Nicky's, RattleSnake Club, Elvin's, Tu-Go, Cousin's Heritage Inn, Malibu, Home Sweet Home, Musashi, Cafe Bon Homme, Giovanni's and Cuisines Courieres.

Evelyn Burton (644-2228) is taking reservations (\$150 friend and \$200 patron). Patron tickets include a reception at 6 p.m. preceding the 7 p.m. festivities.

Marian Mitchell and Carla Grava are co-chairing the Men's Committee benefit fashion luncheon Friday, July 31, at Oakland University's Shotwell-Custafson Pavilion in Rochester. Saks Fifth Avenue will present Bill Blass' autumn 1992 Collection, and the designer is slated to attend. Call 370-3316 for reservations (\$40 and \$100).



Geographical matters: Detroit National Geographic manager Peggy Daltch (left) and National Geographic Society president Gil Grosvenor chat with Martha and Ellie Torre during dinner party at Cranbrook Kingswood.



Building PATHways: Noreen Keating (second from right) was surprised to learn the PATH Family Service Center was named in her honor by Junior League of Birmingham presidents Lisa Tille (left) and Paula Tennyson and PATH board president Mark Mehal.



Previewing Fash Bash: Mimi Strek (left), Ed Hogikyan and Kathy Rines have big plans for the 23rd annual Fash Bash on Tuesday, Aug. 4.

Alumnae of the Sacred Heart president Barbara Lopicecolo welcomed 13 ASH graduates into the alumnae association at the recent Candlelight Ball held at The Community House in Birmingham. Localites in the group and their fathers who presented them are Jennifer and Michael Gibson, Susan and Raymond Kaminski, Valerie and Steve Koss, Nicole and Gerald Kral and Elizabeth and David Lanciault.

• Forthcoming Musical Feasts

with reservations still available include Lois and Richard Vernick's dinner Saturday, July 25, which will spotlight French music and cuisine plus Richard's "Musical Photo Paintings" of Paris and the countryside; MaryJane and Bill Bostwick's Overtures and Finales on Saturday, Aug. 1; and Doreen and David Hermelin's Midsummer Night's Dream Wednesday, Aug. 5. Sheila Mohr (851-6691) has reservation information for the DSOH fund-raisers.



Ice cream Sunday: Elizabeth (left) and Doug Low and Annie and Collier Smith celebrate PATH grand opening.



Looking smart: Models in menswear and saloon girl fashions provide contrast for Carolyn Levin's business attire at Fash Bash preview.

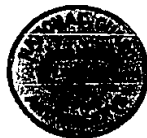


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