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Ruth Fruehauf was honored as Volunteer of the Year, with her active involvement in more than 25 charities. Tom Snoonth received the Gold Medallion Award for his philanthropic involvements and contributions to the community.

Marilyn Connor of Neiman-Marcus talked about the challenge she faces with the upcoming Opera Ball. Neiman-Marcus will host a sit-down dinner for more than 450 guests at the store.

Somerset Collection director Sally Victor turned heads in her white Mary McFadden "tree of Indonesia" gown.

Guests were enamored with the wit and wisdom of MC Rich Fisher. Singer Bonnie Silva attended with beau Irv Tobaceman, who is now working on designing affordable homes and doing exciting home renovation projects.

Betty Jean Rivkin raved about Friday's HAVEN luncheon with Marlo Thomas, and Bottina Gregg talked about her upcoming May 5 American Lung Benefit Cinco de Mayo Fiesta at Orchard Lake Country Club.

Jean Wells played Cupid for the evening. Son Bill was Margaret Rees' escort for the evening and son Robert was with Sybil Jacques' daughter Allie.

Carol and Bill Harden have the Hollywood connection. Son Lindsay Fellows lives in Beverly Hills and is lead singer in a rock 'n' roll band. Daughter-in-law Lorraine works for Mickey Rourke, actor and owner of Giuseppe Franco on Rodeo Drive.

Arthur and Lorraine Schultz were spreading the news. Lorraine will chair the upcoming Evening of Brilliance Gala for Juvenile Diabetes Foundation on Oct. 30 at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn.

Sharon Usher looked Cinderella-ish in a sea-blue silk satin ballgown by Thomasz Starzewski.

Sixth annual Heart Ball

"When you see John Bielawski enthralled by an orchestra, you assume he is a musician. When you listen to Bielawski discussing ancient bricks laid 5,000 years ago, you assume Bielawski is an art historian or archeologist," said Sandi Falkenberg of the American Heart Association of Michigan.

Semi-retired former chief of

cardiology, Bielawski was this year's recipient of the American Heart Association's Dodrill Award for Excellence.

Bielawski is not the only philanthropist in the family. His wife Anne is president of the Women's Division for Project: HOPE and recently hosted a dinner dance for the Polish American Children's Hospital in Krakow, Poland.

Choiring the heart association's night of glamour at the Ritz-Carlton were JoAnne Berry, JoAnn Dunham and Judith Wyche.

Dressed in a Vicy Tiel lace slip dress was silent auction chairwoman Samar Alluni who is married to cardiologist Dr. Steven Alluni. Denise Nouhan, auction co-chairwoman and investment broker with Shearson Lehman, wore a Joseph Abboud black suit with lace and sequin details.

The terrific twosome hosted a pre-ball party last summer, asking guests to bring an auction item. Nearly 100 silent auction items were up for bid during the cocktail hour. Items included a big-screen TV, exclusive Liz Claiborne fashion show for 12, and a precious stone bracelet donated by Sidney Krandall.

Speaking of the Krandalls, Connie and Stan Krandall are expecting a baby in June. "It's a girl, we'd like to name her Sidney," said Connie, beaming.

Dale and Don Austin supported the heart benefit. Dale is also involved in the Detroit Institute of Arts Hearts and Flowers benefit April 23 (it comes up every year) at the upcoming Opera Ball chaired by Rene Crim and Shelley Golden.

Other guests included Jim Nicholson (rock climber, motorcyclist, polo player and president of PVS Chemical) and wife Anne. Nicholson loves rock climbing much he has a simulated climbing wall at his office. More partygoers were Pat and Paula Stock (Paula's passion is decorating theme cakes for all occasions) and Frank and Susie McMillan (Susie is managing the Birmingham Antiques Show from March 23 to April 4 at The Community House).

Big question of the night was, "Who is David Handelman with?" Yes, there was a new beauty at his side — local fashion photographer Lisa Spindler, who definitely is on the wrong side of the camera.



What a hit! VanElslander girls Karen (left), Cindy and Mary Ann pose with celebrity reader Cecil Fielder at the Library of Michigan Foundation fund-raiser.



Triple bypass: JoAnn Dunham (left), JoAnne Berry and Judith Wyche are co-chairwomen of the sixth annual Heart Ball.

Explaining her enthusiasm for the heart association and the dramatic dress she wore, co-chairwoman JoAnne Berry worked for cardiologist Dr. Joseph Bassett and, of course, purchased her Anna Bassett closed up shop. Blonde beauty Anna said she has an exciting new venture that will be happening in March.

The Detroit All Stars provided the dancing beat. MC Jerry Hodak, board chairman Paul Nida and president Maureen Alterman kept the speeches short 'n' sweet.

Scott Shuptrine Gala

Isiah Thomas, Roger McCoy, Rich Fisher, Amyr Minkupson, Cecil Fielder, former Lt. Gov. Martha Griffiths and Gov. John Engler were among the celebrity readers strategically placed between the neo-classic, uptown contemporary, Americana casual, homespun country, traditional elegance and European countryside room settings at the 80,000-square-foot Scott Shuptrine showroom in Troy.

Michigan's First Lady Michelle Engler and Gary VanElslander, president of Scott Shuptrine Furniture, co-chaired the benefit for the Library of Michigan Foundation's "Read Indeed" program Feb. 11.

Following in his father's footsteps, Gary VanElslander is one of 10 children in the VanElslander family, whose name is synonymous with "charity giving." Furniture kingpin Art VanElslander was last year's "philanthropist of the year," responsible for keeping the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade afloat.

Michelle Engler captured the hearts of the crowd with her energetic and charismatic personality. Gary VanElslander kept the crowd laughing with his emergency microphone system — the telephone paging system. More than 400 guests gathered around center stage, where Gary, Michelle and Sen. Michael Bouchard gave their speech, talking into the phone rather than a mike. "I'm real comfortable talking on a phone. I'm a lawyer," quipped Michigan's First Lady.



"Read Indeed": Scott Shuptrine president Gary VanElslander (left), Michelle Engler and Art VanElslander host a gala for the Library of Michigan Foundation.



Magie of mediation: At the Hearts and Handshakes benefit, barrister Henry Baskin (left), Bob Allison and Colleen Burcar co-chair an evening of bidding and bubbly.

Spotted between the mahogany and marble were Tony and Melissa Franco, Betty Jean and Bob Avery, Doug and Sydel Schubot, Rex Schlaybaugh, Wilhelm and Sigrun Kaat (who is chairing a Leukemia Foundation celebrity-waiter luncheon April 23).

Hearts and Handshakes

Henry Baskin, Bob Allison and Colleen Burcar chaired the third annual Hearts and Handshakes benefit for the Oakland County Settlement Center on Thursday evening at St. George's Cultural Center in Bloomfield Hills.

Ed and Juliette Jenna of the Merchant of Vino provided the bill of fare. After their exotic vacation in Rio, the dynamic duo were ready to serve up the wine and prepare a feast of heavy hors d'oeuvres and sweets to feed the posse of nearly 400 judges, attorneys and "friends of." Juliette looked chic in a colorful Missoni knit sweater and pleated skirt as she dished up the smoked salmon, herb chicken breast and apricot torts.

Settlement Center board members include Jim Alexander, Lynn D. Allen, Margie Altesee, Carol Dorfman and Judge Susan Molesev. Members of the O.K. (Oakland County) Public Service Projects Committee include Joseph Hemming, Mally Forward, Ryan Husaynu, Marcia Pollock, Richard Urbis and Michael Witzke.

Attorney Ryan Husaynu and his wife Sandra Plezia are working on the Aug. 4 Fashion Bash for the Detroit Institute of Arts. Carol Chaiton (who is co-chairing Fashion Bash) was proud to announce a Chrysler New Yorker and Canyon Ranch weekend will be on the Fashion Bash auction block.

Maggie Altesee is once again working on her successful Media on Parade V, luncheon and fashion show for the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary on April 28 at the Grand Manor at Fairlane in Dearborn. It's a runway fashion show with media personalities modeling fashion from Twelve Oaks Mall. Don't miss this one.

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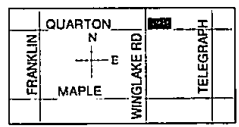
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