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Palm Beach area attracts localites

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The sun god was good. Along the Gold Coast of Florida on an eight-day February visit at the Ocean Ridge home of Weldon Yeager, it was a sunny 76 degrees daily.

The land of hibiscus, oleander and bougainvillea was at its most colorful for many localites who spend part of winter in the Palm Beach area. Former Birmingham resident Yeager is building a spectacular 18,000-square-foot oceanfront house with an atrium, tennis court and ocean-view pool. The Italian-influenced home will have eight bedrooms and baths and a ballroom. All the spacious lower-floor rooms open to the atrium. Yeager's friends are visiting the site on Ocean Boulevard in Manalapan, just south of Palm Beach, where the roof is on and sea wall was put in place along the Intracoastal front of the property.

On the last Saturday in February, Ron and Mary Lamparter hosted a marvelous cocktail and dinner party for 200 guests at their splendid home in Jupiter.

On arriving at the elegant soiree, Dick and Valerie Straith, who also live in Jupiter in the winter, paused to admire the sculptured sun on the Lamparters' front entrance.

In attendance, along with the Straiths, were Lloyd and Nancy Smith, Alan and Pauline Gornick, George and Chris Strumbos, Don and Dale Austin, Tom and Maximo Ashcraft, Frank and Stephanie Gormack, Arnold and Thelma Feuerman, Hilda Ettenholmer and Dick Ruppel, Sybil and Leonard Jaques, Marvin and Barbara Frenkel, Diane Schoenith, and Art and Brigitte Gelger.

Most of this group went to the Lamparters' Spring Break party in 1992 as part of the Michigan Cancer Foundation Spring Break.

The Lamparters invited the MCF contingent back for Spring Break, along with their local friends. Hoot McInerney drove up for the bash from Ft. Lauderdale, where his boat was anchored. The Art Van Elslanders were there. Weldon Yeager escorted Patricia McConnell of Palm Beach and Manhattan, whom he met at a dinner party three months ago.

The previous evening some of that same gang met for dinner in the tower of the Boca Raton Hotel.

On Sunday we went to the Palm Beach Polo Club for a match. Before the chukkers, Patricia McConnell hosted brunch at the Bath and Tennis Club or B&T, as it is referred to in PB.

One day we lunched with Marlan Mitchell at the Lost Tree Club. Mitchell's Florida house is Bermuda pink with a white trim. The Lost Tree Club was competing in a putting match with the Everglades Club.

George and Chris Strumbos invited us for cocktails at their new exquisitely decorated art-filled Palm Beach condo with an ocean view. Joining us at the popular and cozy Brazilian Court for dinner were Dick and Valerie Straith, Frank and Stephanie Gormack, and Weldon Yeager, who brought London-born Patricia McConnell.

Alan and Pauline gave a luncheon at the Little Club in Gulf Stream. Jim and Arleen Mitchell hosted dinner at ezelen-banked L'Europe Restaurant, in the most elegant mall in PB. Dining at Mario's one night Ken and Tirzah Ann Cunningham stopped at our table, along with Carol Booth and Lou Craig.

International Consular Ball

The Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce sponsored the ninth International Consular Ball on Saturday at the Ritz-Carlton, Dearborn. Dick Kughn as chairman of the GDCC began planning the annual event 10 years ago. President Frank Smith of the GDCC wanted to the World Trade Club to have an evening dinner-dance format for

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Happy duo: Weldon Yeager and Patricia McConnell enjoy Lamparters' soiree.



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A family affair: At St. Hugo School in Bloomfield Hills, the Market Day Food Co-Op brings all ages together. Co-chairwomen Kathy Leh (left) and Pat Vaughan (far right) are assisted by grandfatherly volunteer Matt Calderwood and several schoolchildren.

Money markets

PTA's love easy-to-run food co-ops

Volunteers from local PTA groups are helping their individual schools by trying out a new idea in fund-raising: food co-ops.

BY SUSAN DEMAGGIO
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Oakland County PTA's are discovering what Chicago-area PTA's have known for years, food co-ops are delicious fund-raisers.

Since September, several local schools have experimented with the Chicago-based Market Day Food Co-Op Program, earning about \$400 a month for their schools. Organizers praise the program for convenience, quality, and the fact that a minimal number of volunteers are needed for a minimal amount of time to produce maximum profits.

"As a private school we're always looking for ways to earn money for equipment, supplies and operations," said Kathy Leh of St. Hugo's PTA in Bloomfield Hills. "We reviewed the Market Day plan before deciding to implement it. We were struck by the small amount of work and few number of volunteers required to make the program a success.

"Parents are very busy these days and it's difficult to get volunteers for programs that require long hours, several meetings, and lots of work. With Market Day, it takes a few people just a few hours each month to make it work. Food orders produce about \$500 a month for the school."

The same song is played at several Troy elementary schools where active PTA parents recited the virtues of the Market Day Food Co-Op. Working moms and dads from Bomis, Schroeder, Martell and Castello elementary schools really like this fund-raising idea.

Convenience and quality

"They like the convenience of the individual servings of the food packs and they like the quality of the products," explained Jody Wachler of the Bemis PTA. "We tried it as an experiment, suggested by transferees to Troy from Chicago where Market Day is a big hit. It's catching on fast here. We're getting repeat customers. We're earning about \$250 a month for the school. It doesn't require a lot of meeting and volunteer time."

On a personal note, Wachler said she prefers buying nutritional food products from school over the candy and bake sales that have been the traditional fund-raisers for her PTA.

Market Day representative Paul Danz said the food co-op idea is a natural for the 1990s because it's little work for big profit. It saves time at the grocery store for busy parents and it's priced for budget-conscious families. It's targeted to make money for

elementary schools, returning 15-40 percent of the proceeds, based on the number of points per item purchased.

"It's brand new in the area," Danz said. "And we're not letting every school on board yet. We want to grow slowly so we can guarantee delivery and build a dependable system of sales reps."

The Market Day Food Co-Op is the brainchild of Chicago homemaker Trudi Temple, who began selling fruits and flowers from her station wagon to earn money for her church and elementary school 20 years ago.

Temple, according to Danz, would visit the Chicago produce markets to purchase flowers and often picked up a case or two of fresh produce to share with her appreciative neighbors. She replaced the well-worn bake sale at her daughter's school with a fresh produce mart. It went so well other schools asked for her services. The Market Day Food Co-Op was born.

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Adult patients embrace orthodontics

BY ETHEL SIMMONS
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Once it seemed just kid stuff, but now more and more adults are wearing braces.

Among them is Dr. Thomas Jusino, a Farmington Hills orthodontist who himself treats adult patients as well as children. He's his own best advertisement, showing off the braces he has worn for the last 15 months. "My bite was off, mostly on one side, and my teeth were wearing irregularly," he explained. "It was more of a function problem, a bite problem."

Jusino said there are three main reasons for wearing braces. Number one is aesthetic, the appearance of the teeth; two is the bite and how the teeth contact each other; and three is the health of the teeth overall. "They can't keep them clean. They've lost some support of the teeth due to periodontal disease," he said, giving an example.

Wearing braces needn't be a grim proposition for adults or children. In fact, when the treatment is over, Jusino said, "We give them awards. We give them a bag of gum and caramels. Things they would have to avoid (when wearing braces). We take a photo of their smile, and give them a T-shirt that says on the back they're part of Dr. Jusino's All-Star Team." A logo on the front of the T-shirt reads "Braces Make Beautiful Faces."

"They survived orthodontics," he said with a grin. One of Jusino's "survivors" is Beverly Lambert of West Bloomfield, who wore braces for 17 months, during 1991-92. "I never had a problem with them," she said. Then recalled, "I had an event that was painful for three days," to adjust them perfectly, shortly before the braces were taken off.

Lambert said, "I had wanted braces for 20



Brace yourself: Dr. Thomas Jusino, who wears braces, works on adult patient Anthony Naples of Southfield, who also wears braces.

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years." She has identical twins, one of whom had braces around the age of 12. Soon after her daughter's braces came off, she got hers. "I wanted mine done before I hit 40; I got them off three months before."

Typifying many patients who want to improve the appearance of their smiles, Lambert said, "I never had the confidence in myself in the way I feel and smile. I notice people's smiles and I always want to have a smile I could feel proud of."

She checked out six different orthodontists before settling on Jusino. "It took me two years to find the right one. He had a very fun, upbeat off-

ice." Jusino said his youngest patients with braces are 7-8 years old. The majority of the patients for braces are kids 12-15. Adults who wear braces are "non-growing patients," starting at 16 for girls, 18-19 for boys and currently going all the way up to 65, "my oldest patient," he said.

Most of his adult patients are in their 20s and 30s, with a few in their 40s. "Treatment for adults usually lasts six month longer than that for children because adults 'have more density of bone.'"

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