



Strolling: Members of the new Senior Women's Club head out every Wednesday for a walk through the community. The weekly strolls are part of the activities the club offers.

Senior women's club fills need, off to brisk start

"Obviously, there was a very great need," said Cartwright. The steering committee will meet Tuesday, April 20, at The Community House in Birmingham to adopt bylaws and name officers. It already has several activities planned, including luncheons with guest speakers. And each Wednesday, some members go for a morning stroll through town. The club will sponsor a variety of activities on such topics as theater, gardening and investments. "It's been overwhelming,"



In the park: Senior Women's Club members Virginia Agintan (left), Randy Kuhn and Mary Jane Conlon enjoy the early spring weather as they walk through park area south of Quarton Lake.

The first guest speaker has already been scheduled. Lois Ryan, chairwoman of the Settlement Center of Oakland County and teacher mediator, will discuss mediation on Tuesday, April 27, at The Community House. Veterinarian Richard Huff is slated to speak at the Monday, May 17, luncheon. Huff is an advocate of pairing pets with nursing homes residents and ill people. The women's club is open to women age 55 and up from the area, although there are no set geographical boundaries, said Cartwright. She said the club was formed in response to the number of men's clubs operating. "It's important for women to have an organization. Wives should have some fun too," said Cartwright. Applications for membership are available through The Community House, 380 S. Bates in Birmingham.

OU hires academic affairs vice president

Oakland University has a new vice president for academic affairs. He is Gary D. Russi of Drake University, hired following a national search. He will also be tenured professor of health sciences. Russi's appointment was recommended by President Sandra Packard and approved by the OU Board of Trustees April 1. He begins his OU duties July 1, 1993.

Russi is currently vice president for research and strategic planning and tenured professor of pharmacology and toxicology at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. Packard said "Dr. Russi's experience and accomplishments are impressive. I feel strongly that Dr. Russi will bring us exceptional leadership skills; he will be an excellent addition to the Oakland University campus."

She also paid tribute to the leadership of Ronald M. Horwitz who has been serving as acting vice president for academic affairs for the 1992-1993 years. In addition to his current duties at Drake, Russi has also served as vice provost for academic affairs, vice provost for planning and budgeting, and director of university planning. Russi has also been praised by colleagues for his deep appreciation for academic quality and high standards and for his action-oriented style. The new academic vice president was an American Council on Education Fellow in 1982-1983. He received his baccalaureate in pharmacy in 1969 from Southwestern Oklahoma State University and a doctorate in pharmacology and toxicology from the University of Kansas in 1972. Russi said he's excited to serve as chief academic officer for a university "devoted to excellence in teaching, scholarship, creative activities, and public service." He said OU is well set to improve its teaching, research and service programs for the rest of the decade.

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