

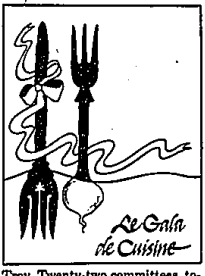
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that "successful," Chef Milos said. "By next year, it became the premier event of all these fundraisers. They sold out the second and third year, before tickets were even announced to the general public, and people complained they couldn't get tickets, he said.

'Premier event'
"Of course, since then, many other hospitals and schools jumped on the bandwagon" with similar food parties, "but Cranbrook has remained the premier event of its kind."

Every year, various restaurants from the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine take part in Le Gala, but the Golden Mushroom has been a constant. Other fine restaurants and food-related businesses also participate, by invitation from Le Gala.

This year, more than 45 chefs will prepare specialties for partygoers 3-7 p.m. Sunday, May 2, on the Cranbrook Campus quad at 550 Lone Pine Road. The event — alfresco under brightly colored tents, as well as in school buildings — is a sign-of-spring party that brings people out dressed in their seasonal best.



Troy. Twenty-two committees, totaling 60 people, worked on this year's party.

Proceeds of the fund-raiser for Cranbrook will go toward faculty enrichment, scholarships and school restoration. Each benefactor ticket costs \$200; a patron ticket, \$150, and a friend ticket, \$25. Tickets are available by calling ticket chairwoman Judy Gardner at 647-2847.

This year for the first time, Le Gala is giving benefactor gifts that will include aprons imprinted with the same silverware and vegetable design, in hot pink and turquoise, created by graphic artist Annie Green for the invitation and cookbook. Patrons and benefactors also receive valet parking and have a chance for the door

prize, a large silver pin from M.B. Jewelry in Applegate Square, Southfield.

At each Le Gala, "Everyone gets a cookbook and poster designed by a middle or upper school student," Ruzumna said. Cara Soh, an 11th grader, designed the 1993 poster which features a large flowerpot in two shades of blue. Second place in the poster contest went to Jonathan Beninson, eighth grader, and third place to Silka Dagbovie, 12th grader, whose partners both teach at Cranbrook Kingswood School.

"Tables are all set up outside, throughout the whole quad area," co-chairwoman Gentilia said. "Most geraniums and other flowers are in hot pink. The whole quad looks like a flower garden."

Five more chefs
Ruzumna said chefs at the food fest are coming from as far away as Tappawing, in northern Michigan. "We have five more chefs than last year, and 17 are new to Le Gala." This year, the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine is expected to receive more than \$12,000, for scholarships, as its share from the party. "We try to have everyone come away from this thinking they've come out ahead," Ruzumna said.

Five different chefs will be serving lobster dishes, according to Ruzumna. One of these is from

the Golden Mushroom, where executive chef Steve Allen said. "We have brought back by popular demand baked morel mushrooms stuffed with lobster mousse. We usually serve around 1,900 of these."

Other Le Gala participants are Alban's Bottle & Basket, Appetizer, the Baker's Loaf, Bangkok Club, Beverly Hills Grill, Cafe Bon Homme, Cafe Cortina, Chef Pierre, Chimayo, Clarkston Cafe, the Coffee Beanery, Cousins Heritages Inn, Elwira's Tu Go, Fox & Hounds Pastry Den, Giulio & Sons, Il Camino, Kingsley Inn, Leon's Pastries, Les Auteurs, Machus Pastry Shops, MacKinnon's, Midtown Cafe, New Seoul Garden, One23, Ocean Grille, Opus One, O'Shea's Tavern, the Palace Grille, Peter's Palate Pizzeria, Pike Street Restaurant, the Rattlake Club, R.I.K.'s Total Cuisine, Ristorante Di Modesta, the Ritz-Carlton Dearborn, Rocky's of Northville, Savino Sorbet, Star Clipper Dinner Train, Sterling Inn Fairfield Restaurant, Toco Chez, 2 Unique and Van Dyke Place.

Entertainment by Cranbrook Kingswood School groups will include a jazz ensemble, clarinet group, Jessica Sinclair Dancers, MasterSingers, Madrigals, flute choir, violin quartet and string quartet.

AIDS quilt wants tender, loving help

By SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

It could be mistaken for a handmade quilt, but it isn't. It wasn't for the company it keeps. Students at Plymouth Salem and Canton High Schools covered the three-by-six-foot cloth panel with their names, the schools' nicknames and a simple message of support.

Beside it is another cloth panel, the work of students at the Cranbrook Kingswood Middle School in Bloomfield Hills, for Children's Hospital of Michigan.

They are silent testimonials to the devastation wrought by the AIDS epidemic. And they are just two panels of the International AIDS memorial quilt which will be on display May 20-23 at Cobo Center in Detroit.

According to Michael Valdez, chair of the NAMES Project/Metro Detroit Chapter, the display will help "boost public awareness about HIV and AIDS in the metro Detroit area."

"We see the urgency in creating a public awareness toward the fight against AIDS in our city and surrounding suburbs," Valdez said. "Since the epidemic continues to grow locally, we feel that it is time to help re-educate our citizens about the crisis."

"It illustrates the enormity of the epidemic by showing the humanity behind the statistics," said Michele Drengberg Valdez, co-chair. "It provides a positive and creative means of expression for those whose lives have been touched by the epidemic."

Through a series of fundraisers, the first held recently at the Gem Theatre in Detroit, as well as panel sponsorships — \$15 for a panel and \$120 for 12 by 12 section (three panels) — and cash donations, ranging from \$16-\$99 for a friend to \$1,000 for a major contributor, the chapter hopes to meet the financial commitment.

Several HIV/AIDS organizations — AIDS Interfaith Network, FRIENDS Alliance, Midwest AIDS Prevention Project and the Wellness Networks take name a few — have pledged assistance and volunteers to help, but even more people are needed to help set up and tear down the display, act as overnight security, provide emotional support and serve as greeters to the quilt.

The chapter is looking for teenagers to be greeters since school-aged youth have been targeted as the "fastest-growing at-risk group for acquiring the HIV virus," Valdez said.

"Awareness is one thing we hope to accomplish at Cobo," said Valdez. "The emotional impact of the quilt brings the tragedy of this disease to a very personal and private level."

"People at the display are confronted with people who have lost their battle with AIDS, not simply statistics. They are faced with the fact that the disease affects all sectors of our society."

The chapter hopes to raise \$100,000 for direct assistance to people living with AIDS or HIV through donations from visitors to the display. There will be donation bins and merchandise tables set up throughout Cobo.

"The impact of the quilt is such... unless you've experienced it, it's hard to explain... hard to believe people will walk out of Cobo and not feel a need to donate to the organizations," Valdez said.

To make donations, volunteer to help or get more information about the quilt write the NAMES Project/Detroit Metro Chapter, P.O. Box 303, Taylor 48180 or call 763-NAME.

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Slabienski tries to get her homework done during study hall at school, so it doesn't compete with her work schedule. She is banking most of her earnings, saving for a car. "The rest goes for food and stuff," she said. Slabienski plans to go on to college.

"It doesn't really take a lot of time away," she said of her job. If she needs a day off work because of something going on at school, it's not difficult to get permission from the store manager. All bosses aren't as cooperative, she said. "Jobs that aren't on the cop, managers can get mad."

Up to 30 hours
Jennifer Pama, 17, a junior at Clawson High School, also is employed at the Dairy Queen, although not year-round. She works 25-30 hours a week, but doesn't find it tough to get her homework done. "I have a break

for lunch and when I come home from school," she said.

Pama works Saturday and Sunday and 6-9:30 p.m. three weekdays, as well as 6-9:30 p.m. Friday when the weather warms up. She's saving for college and to buy a car.

Parents, schools favor job-seeking

By ETHEL SIMMONS
STAFF WRITER

How do parents feel about their teenagers in high school having part-time jobs? In today's economy, parents can appreciate it.

Leslie Droulet of Bloomfield Township said her daughter Anne, 16, works part-time as a restaurant hostess at Alban's in Birmingham. Droulet, who is public relations director at The Community House in Birmingham, said she and husband Peter encouraged Anne to work, to pay for some of the extra expenses of senior year in high school and to save for college.

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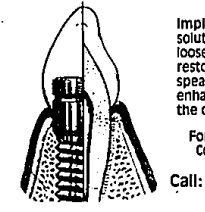
Co-op programs
Area high schools also encourage students who want part-time work, by offering them jobs through a co-op program. "At Southfield High School, I have 18 students working in the business world," said Peggy Harrell, coordinator of the co-op program, business services technology, for

Southfield High School and Southfield-Lathrup High School. She said the program provides students with an opportunity to apply vocational learning in real-life situations. "Students receive valuable experience in aiding their growth and development, and in achieving occupational competencies and becoming self-reliant citizens," she pointed out.

At the Southfield schools, "Twenty students are gainfully employed in lawyers' offices, doc-

tors' offices, mortgage companies and banks. They receive minimum wage and above," she said.

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Casual clothing from Rear Ends modeled informally noon to 2 p.m. at Le Metro restaurant in Applegate Square, Northwestern Highway between 12 Mile and 13 Mile roads, Southfield.

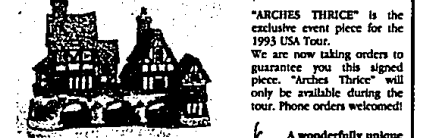
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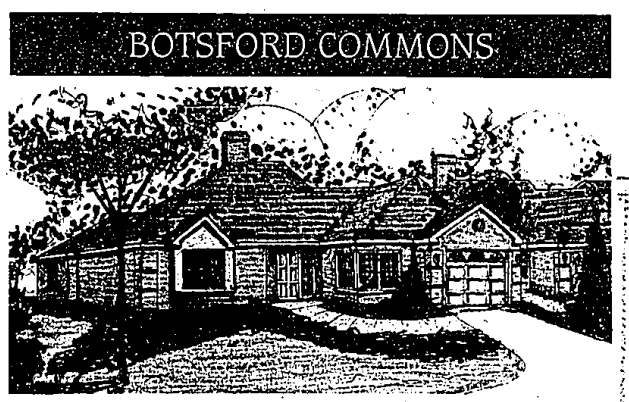


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