

Volunteer

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Focus:HOPE, Gleaners Community Food Bank and Habitat for Humanity.

For Volunteer-A-Thon '93, Volunteer Impact will concentrate its efforts in Detroit, working at more than two dozen agencies. "We want to show our support for Detroit," Iwrey said. About 500 volunteers are expected to work on 34 projects.

Iwrey described the work as "most painting and cleaning" at the community services organizations. "These are things that agencies probably can't get done otherwise. The agencies don't have 25 people available." Besides sprucing up agencies, volunteers will fix up Headstart areas at Hartford Memorial Baptist Church.

For Volunteer-A-Thon, volunteers are asked to get fund-raising partners, who will pledge money to sponsor their day's work. These funds will support the year-round volunteering. Agencies will provide materials for projects to be done during the Volunteer-A-Thon.

"We have a lot of local busi-

nesses as sponsors," Iwrey said. "Ameritech in Troy is our primary sponsor." Another sponsor is Southfield law firm Sommers Schwartz Silver and Schwartz. Some businesses are making donations "in kind," such as Papa Romano's of Livonia, which will feed volunteers the afternoon of the Volunteer-A-Thon. "We still need volunteers," Iwrey said. "Volunteers are welcome to arrive the day of the Volunteer-A-Thon, or register by calling 353-6830. We converted a lot of people into regular volunteers who just came the first time to the Volunteer-A-Thon."

Iwrey points out that she doesn't get paid and that she is a volunteer, who has put in a big commitment to the organization. She doesn't have a job outside the home. "I'm a mom," she said.

Volunteer Impact is primarily young working people in the 24-46 age group but, she added, "We have retirees who volunteer and high school and college kids." For the Volunteer-A-Thon, "We have a big group coming from Oakland Community College."

It takes more than skill to be a star



WOODY BOYD

Joyce Bell of Oak Park recently made a sage observation that has much merit. "No one in our game should be given the Good Housekeeping Seal of Approval for skillful ability alone. First one should exhibit fair play and good demeanor. After that, the reward's for one's artistry."

I think that tells you much about this vivacious, fun-loving bundle of womanhood who is one of our most ardent duplicate enthusiasts. There are few who have given an unselfish helping hand as often to any number of our bridge projects.

These last few years, her name has been prominent on almost every SOMBA tournament schedule printed and that's for two very becoming reasons. She is ever so willing and exceptionally able. Be it partnership, hospitality, refreshments or any number of other major undertakings, she is always there and that's a significant plus for our wonderful unit and for the advancement of the duplicate game.

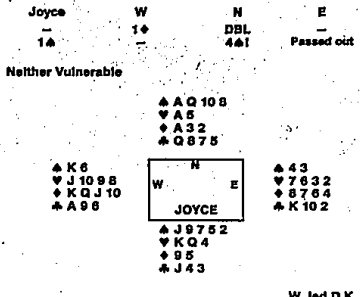
Next week will be our prestigious Wolverina Regional (Tuesday at the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion), and it will draw every grade of player from all over for six days of brain-bending but glorious fun. Joyce is co-chairwoman of novice partnerships, and that's no easy task placing the right person in partnership with another for the joy of playing and a chance at winning.

This lovely lady just thoroughly enjoys the adventures of life. She is a swimmer, snorkeler, fisherwoman too, who still finds time to read a number of the Book of the Month Club's best and to play duplicate at least three times a week. That's a pretty busy schedule for the fairest young grandmother I've ever had the pleasure of playing with.

Our star of today's column first started playing in the early 1960s but raising a family forced her to abort this pleasurable pastime and she didn't return to the table for a second sojourn until four years ago this spring. But Joyce is very adept at making up for lost time, and in just this most recent period, she has captured 200-plus points on the way to her life mastery.

At this rate, she should attain that remarkable goal within the year. How I would like to harness her talent and, I've told her, to develop her technique and discipline. Surely the urge will come someday and then we will see her crowned a winner ever so more often.

I have held in abeyance a fine example of her talent as declarer in a wee bit of a sticky over-bid from a Southfield Pavilion game last fall. North with his handsome 16 H.C.P. was a little overzealous with his second bid and should have been content with an invitation of three spades. Sometimes the Informative doubler fails to remember that he is forcing his partner to bid who may be barren of high cards. See if you can solve the problem as Joyce did with a very effective expert play.



Joyce realized that 10 tricks were likely if the ace and king of clubs were with West, and the king of trumps too. But the opening lead suggested West had the king and queen of diamonds, and with all those cards he would have bid a no-trump. With the 10, nine of clubs also missing, guessing the suit could be impossible.

Joyce won dummy's diamond ace and played three rounds of hearts in which she pitched a diamond on her queen. At trick (6), the spade Jack and then the nine, winning West king with dummy's ace. It was now a mandate that she play dummy's last diamond and her nine forcing West to win. Note that the opponents must now break the club suit which gives declarer her 10th as the equally unattractive bluff and a ruff. Many didn't find this play and were held to nine tricks. When the opponents can help you, throw them in and let them do so, and that's what Joyce did.

Woody Boyd teaches local bridge classes and is a life master. He lives in Bloomfield Township. To leave a message for Boyd, from a Touch-Tone phone, call 953-2047, Ext. 1853.

Workshop scheduled

"Why Men Struggle with Relationships" will be the topic of a workshop for single men and women at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Birmingham Temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile Road, in Farmington Hills.

Featured speaker will be Robert Pasick, a psychologist and family therapist and author of "Awakening from a Deep Sleep: A Powerful Guide for Courageous Men."

Discussion groups will follow Pasick's talk. Admission is \$5, or \$10 at the door. The workshop is open to the general public.

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