



A good mood: Enjoying evening at Birmingham Country Club spring ball are Gregg and Lauren Fisher.



In good taste: West Bloomfield residents Aggie Meldman (left) of Jacobson's and Cheryl Hall Lindsay of Saks Fifth Avenue get together at tasting and planning meeting for IVF's upcoming dinner dance.



Spring party: Glenn and Christine Stinson have fun at the Junior League's ball with "Spring into Michigan" theme.

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don't feel and don't trust. Here at Maplegrove kids can talk about their problems to people they know they can trust. You don't have to hide your feelings . . . it helps to know you're not the only one."

The proverbial "little black dress" was strongly evidenced at the JLB Spring Ball. Co-chairwomen Kim Burgoyne and Karen Emde were in statement black. Decoration chairwoman Cynthia Bowman said with a laugh, "Wearing black is a no-brainer." Kerri Mertaugh, who chaired the 140-item silent auction, was another Junior Leaguer who opted for black.

Everyone was talking about the stunningly large floral arrangements on the round tables. Bowman said they used flowering tree branches from their own homes and supplemented with flowers from Sweetwoodruff.

Debbie Erb and her husband John are thrilled to be expecting, and Debbie said her ruffled, black, maternity evening dress was from Joanna Boeckl.

Junior League provisionals present were Rosamaria Stafford, Sharon O'Brien, Lisa Seneker, Kelle Rodriguez and Bridget Bosco. Sustainers who came included Marty Barrett, Dee Wright-Masolotti and Barbara McCarthy.

Laurie Elck, executive director of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, was there with Mayor Pro Tem Bob DeLaura, who observed that the present board is "the best board Birmingham ever had."

DeLaura insisted that Troy's enlarged Somerset Collection and the coming Somerset Collection North, with Nordstrom and Hudson's stores, is "nothing but a plus" bringing more customer traffic to Birmingham shops. DeLaura owns a men's furnishings

shop on Woodward Avenue across from the Midtown Cafe.

DeLaura finds that merchants' complaints about "high rents and no parking" is not accurate. "They have to do some marketing studies before moving in and putting up a shingle. I've been in business in Birmingham for 20 years and have no complaints about business."

Patron party

Northwood University held its patron party at the Townsend Hotel last week to gather items for its Scholarship Showcase auction dinner-dance Friday, May 22, at the Detroit Athletic Club.

Lorraine Schultz is general chairwoman for the event. Some of the folks at the Townsend party were Bob and Tuttle Vandekloot, Buck and Joan Jolgren, Tom McKenney, Roger and Judie Sherman, Lynn Stinson, Jacque Mularoni, George and Chris Stambos, Doug and Sydell Schubot (Schubot will be auctioneer), Dick and Barbara Tucker, Irma Eldor, Bill and Mary Ann Bostick, Robert and Carole Wenzel, and Queenie Sarkisian.



Awelting baby: John and Debbie Erb, who are expecting their first baby, are among guests at Saturday's spring ball at the Birmingham Country Club.



Fashion statement: Spring ball for the Junior League of Birmingham brings out chairwomen in the "little black dress." Co-chairwomen Kim Burgoyne (left) and Karen Emde pose with silent auction chairwoman Kerri Mertaugh and decorations chairwoman Cynthia Bowman.



Northwood patrons: Joan Jolgren (left), Christine and George Strumbos, and Dick Tucker gather at recent patron party at the Townsend Hotel, to herald the Scholarship Showcase set for the Detroit Athletic Club.



In celebration: Looking forward to the Friday, May 21, benefit for Northwood University are Arthur Schultz and Lorraine Schultz, general chairwoman.

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