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Fund-raiser packs room

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Sold out. Those are the magic words for fund-raisers. The International Dinner Dance, on Friday at the Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, was just that. One apocryphal rumor that Paul McCartney, who was staying at the Townsend during his show at the Silverdome, wanted to come but was told it was sold out.

The innovative event had guests simply walk in the Hunter Room at the Townsend without the usual obligatory women checking lists. The three packaged auction lasted seven minutes. Every seat in the Townsend's elegant dining room was filled, so no guests unhappily found themselves sitting next to with an empty seat.

No high-decibel band music during dinner made conversation easy, with only an unobtrusive piano in the background.

Carole Wendzel, Judie Sherman and Fran Theis, all of Bloomfield Hills, were chairwomen. The International Dinner Dance honored Dick and Mary Lou Jones with the first International Visitors Council's International Ambassador Award. The Joneses received a citation with the impressive gold seal of the U.S. State Department from the U.S. Information Agency, the cultural and educational arm of the State Department.

IVC president Ron Theis presented the award for the Joneses' support of international diplomacy on citizen level through the exchange of future leaders from more than 120 countries.

The Joneses also were presented with a silver tray inscribed with their monogram and engraved "International Ambassador Award 1993."

The Bloomfield Open Hunt Club crowd turned out for their former president, Dick Jones. At one table were Al and Shirley Irwin, Richard and Jackie Bone, John and Yvonne Ippenpantz, Lawrence and Trixie Heltsch and Pat Auer.

Paul and Janet Barron headed a table of friends from Metamora including the Paul Hortons and Top and Sandy Cornell. Don and Gwen Schmalz were there with members of his CPA firm.

Austrian-born Otto Haensler, general manager of the Townsend Hotel, attended the event and lent a continental class to proceedings.

"Ambassador" guests (the top-priced ticket) attending included Jim and Arlene Clifford, John and Annette Kolon, George and Chris Strumbe, Roy and Lucia Zukowski, the Jeffrey Boltzels, Bill and Donna Roberts, Susan and Andrea Hovsepian, Don and Bettina Gregg, Bob and Maggie Altesee, David and Blanche Pollock, Helen Zuckerman, Tony and Marlon Keros, Ruth Fruchauf, the Jamie Karchons, Roger and Judie Sherman, and Robert and Carole Wendzel. All are members of the International Visitors Council of Metro Detroit.

On the committee were Judith Bruggemann, Agnes Meldman, Sandy Mueller, Cheryl Hall Lindsay, Val Corradi, Mary Lou Jones, and Roger Sherman, who served as the seven-minute auctioneer.

11th Grand Prix Ball

Benefiting Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts, the 11th-annual Grand Prix Ball is set for tonight at the Renaissance Ballroom in the Westin Hotel in Detroit.

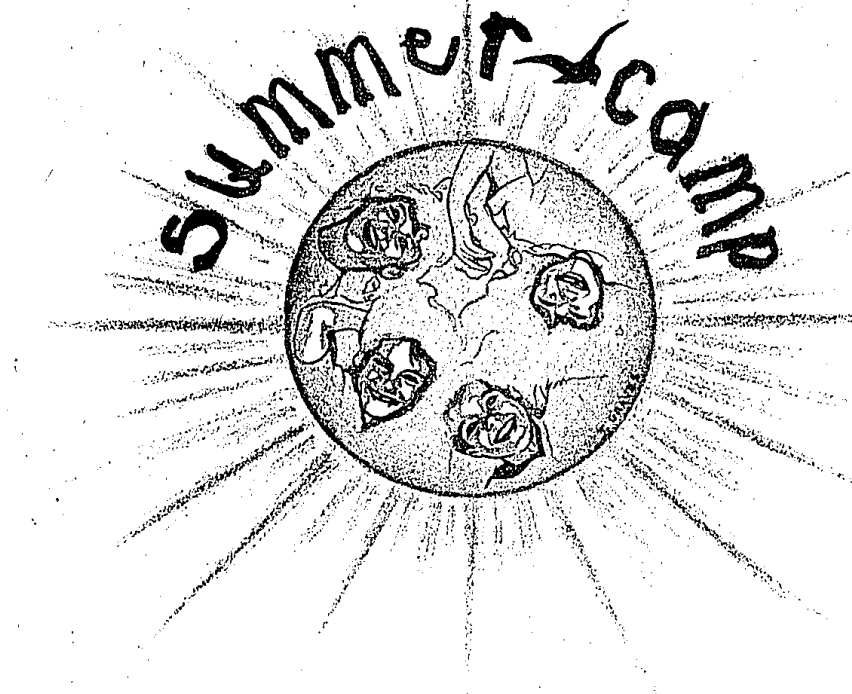
From the racing world attending the ball will be Emerson Fitzpald, fresh from his triumphant win at the Indy 500; Al Unser Jr., and Mario Andretti.

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Married in Vegas: Attending the Cranbrook Art Academy Women's Association annual luncheon are Phoebe Goldstein (left) and newly wedded Agnes and Roy Slade.



Being a camper helps kids develop character



What makes summer camp special? It's more than learning new skills in sports and other activities. It's a total of everything a child learns there, including independence and self confidence, a local camp director explains.

BY ETHEL SIMMONS
STAFF WRITER

Going to summer camp is an experience with many benefits for the kids, and their parents too.

One advantage is the logistics problem it solves. For boys and girls at camp, "They have a lot of things to do all located in one place," says Lawrence Cohn of Birmingham, director of Maplehurst Camp on Torch Lake up north in Kewadin, between Traverse City and Charlevoix. He points out that for summer activities at home, such as Little League, the parent does a lot of driving back and forth.

"The logistics of it makes a camp attractive. Once there, they're supervised and there's always something going on. They're challenged. In the suburbs, I hear parents say, 'We're chauffeurs,'" Cohn says.

Another plus of summer camp is the opportunity for the child to meet a new group of kids to relate to. Youngsters at Maplehurst, for example, come from all over the United States and also Mexico, Japan, Europe, and South America. Maplehurst camp counselors represent other countries as well, including Holland, England, Ireland and Mexico.

Cohn thinks getting a little more of a foreign flavor into the camp is a positive thing. And, he believes, it's helpful for kids to have the closeness of a different age group that the counselors provide.

He says that at Maplehurst counselors are college age or in their early 20s. That's not to say considerably older adults aren't around. "A woman, 32, helps manage the kitchen and laundry," he declared. There's a broad range of ages among camp workers, according to Cohn.

Getting children to learn how to live on their own is another aspect of what makes camp worthwhile. Kids may be homesick, in the beginning. Sometimes it's hard for them to get along with a particular cabin mate, but the counselor can help by teaching problem-solving techniques. "Those kind of things are very effective when they're living together,"

Cohn says.

"They gain quite a bit of independence. They feel more self confident," he stresses. He sums up the experience: "At first they're scared. Once they realize they're going to survive, they feel good about themselves." Learning new skills adds to their feeling of well being.

To make sure the kids keep in touch with their parents, campers are asked to write home at least twice a week. "We provide post cards and make sure they turn them in," Cohn says. The camp also keeps in touch with parents on a weekly basis, giving them an activity report on their child. The camp director said 60-70 percent of the staff and campers returns each year. Many of the campers eventually become counselors, which provides continuity, and balance along

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When school is out, it's time for kids to switch to thoughts of summer camp.

Many camps, that have local ties, are ready to begin the new season. Some are already filled, but others still have openings for boys and girls.

Choices are between overnight and day camps. Because camps start soon, parents should call immediately if they want to get more information and to enroll their youngsters.

Most of the camps accent sports, crafts and outdoor activities. Specialty camps are geared to children's individual interests, ranging from art to windsurfing. Here's a sampling of area camps. Overnight camps are listed first, followed by day camps:

CAMP NISSOKONE
YMCA Camping Services
7300 Hickory Ridge Road
Holly 48442
963-3018, 887-4533

Camp is on shores of Lake Van Ettan, between the Huron National Forest and the city of Osceola. Clientele/Fees: Coed, ages 8-16. Resident campers arrive Saturday at noon and leave after lunch the following Saturday — eight days, seven nights of camping at specialty camps from June 26 to Aug. 21. Two one-week sessions recommended. Fees very with camp program.

Facilities: Camp's 170 acres include horse trails, swimming and fishing areas, watercraft, hiking/nature trails, a low-ropes course, archery range, theater, basketball/tennis courts, outdoor chapel and athletic fields.

CAMP OAKLAND
P.O. Box 9
Oxford
626-2561

Director: Clientele/Fees: Summer camping begins June 25, with residential camping for 500 children, a day camp, and wilderness camping for teen-agers. The camp for children referred by Oakland County Youth assistance, an arm of probate court, has openings at Adventure Center available to other Oakland County children, ages 8-13. Cost per child is \$260 per week.

Outpost Camp, wilderness camping at remote sites among Camp Oakland's wooded acreage, available for 13 to 15 year olds. Boys camp Aug. 11-16, girls Aug. 12-22. Weekly fee \$110.

CAMP OHYESA
YMCA Camping Services Branch
7300 Hickory Ridge Road
Holly
963-3018, 887-4533

Camp is in northwest corner of Oakland County, on Fish Lake. Fees: Boys and girls ages 6-16, with a special emphasis on first-time campers or campers interested in a specialty camp experience such as Horse Lover's Week, Art, or Soccer Camp. Resident camps, with six days, five nights of camping (no Saturdays), July 4 through Aug. 27. Fees vary according to specialty camp. Two one-week sessions recommended.

Facilities: Camp boasts more than 275 acres including playing fields, riding trails, horse barns, swimming area, archery range, high-and-low-ropes courses, nature trails, basketball and tennis courts,

campsites, rowboats, canoes and a special animal sanctuary. Supervised sports, hiking, camp craft and handicrafts, in addition to scheduled group programs.

CAMP SEA-GULL
2471 Ogden
West Bloomfield 483231 651-1318

Camp on Lake Charlevoix up north. Directors: Bill and Jack Schulman. Clientele/Fees: Coed, ages 8-16. Two weeks, \$1,025; four weeks, \$1,525 to \$2,100; eight weeks, \$3,325.

Operating Season: June 27 to Aug. 20. Capacity: 160. Facilities: Waterfront, wilderness, log cabins. Activities include sailing, waterskiing, tennis, fine arts, wilderness tripping, land sports.

MAPLEHURST CAMP
1455 Querton Road
Birmingham 48009
647-2648

Camp is on Torch Lake up north. Director: Dr. Laurence Cohn. Clientele/Fees: Nondenominational. Coed, ages 7-17. Two-week session, \$1,100; four-week session, \$2,050; eight-week session, \$3,900.

Operating Season: June 27 to Aug. 21. Capacity: 150. Facilities: Cabins with built-in wooden bunk beds, bathroom inside. Everything from scuba diving, horseshoe riding, tennis and waterskiing to all other sports, arts, science and wilderness tripping.

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