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Chairwoman of the steering committee Dawn Rassel was aglow with the success of Jazzfest '93, arriving with Community House director Gale Colwell and her husband Doug. Lori Eick, director of the Birmingham-Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce, was elated too.

Jeweler Gary Astrien confirmed the high excitement. "I met a man from New York tonight who said Birmingham was the best town he ever was in."

## Classics at Meadow Brook

Concours d'Elegance 1993 is celebrating the year 1932 as the year of the classics. The 16th Meadow Brook Concours d'Elegance chaired by Lloyd Kousis is ready for Sunday, Aug. 8, with 260 classic automobiles including 40 from 1932, 17 different Corvettes from 1953 to 1968, and a world-renowned 1921 Hispano Suiza H6B.

On press day last week, we talked with Jim McDonald of West Bloomfield, who said he was in the "used car business." McDonald had his 1947 Cadillac convertible parked in front of Meadow Brook Hall.

Bob Leich, who owns Camdex in Troy, stood next to his 1932 Cadillac V-12. Leich said he bought his classic Cadillac disassembled and in boxes for \$35,000 in 1983, and spent two and a half years getting it in shape.

Others showing cars which will be in the 16th Concours, on the Oakland University campus in Rochester, were Tom Lyons of West Bloomfield with his 1934 Pierce Arrow convertible, Warner Moler of Farmington Hills with his sleek 1964 Corvette, Jim Duncan of Rochester Hills with his 1960 Lotus Elite and Mike Brady of Rochester Hills with his 1966 Lamborghini.

Jack Schwartz, chairman of the 1993 Concours d'Elegance, is president of TDM Development Inc., where he coordinates vehicle and product design. Schwartz voiced a profound appreciation for the classic beauties of 1932, which are featured this year.

Ed Lucas will be master of ceremonies, as he was last year.

## Paris tradition

In the 1920s, the couturiers of Paris and the elite auto manufacturers were concerned about the wealthy leaving Paris in summer for the south of France. Solution — the Concours d'Elegance.

The event was first revived at Pebble Beach, Calif., in 1948, but the fashion designer angle was lost. This year, Concours at Meadow Brook in Rochester is reviving the original aspect. Sally Victor, director of the Somerset Collection in Troy, who was at press day last week, said, "It's a natural alliance."

Fashions by Anne Klein, Adrienne Vittadini and Isaac Mizrahi will be featured with the 1932 Cadillac, 1934 Pierce Arrow convertible and the 1929 Stutz Town Car at a Somerset Collection preview on Friday. At a black-tie reception Saturday, the ensembles will be auctioned, to

benefit Meadow Brook restoration. Automotive art by 14 world-renowned artists will be on view at Somerset on Friday. For information on Concours d'Elegance, call 643-6360.

## WOW group meets

WOW, or Women of the World, held its second dinner meeting at the ranch-style home of Aggie Meldman in West Bloomfield. Meldman said, "WOW stands for Women of the World. I have always had diversified friends and decided to get them all together."

Being from Texas, she chose a Texas barbecue theme on her "Back Forty." Betty Andreone was her co-hostess July 26. From Birmingham-Bloomfield the pair invited Jacquell Andreone, Mary Lou Bagley, Arlene Clifford, Patti Caulson, Carol DeLong, Paula Denja, Connie Hutchenon, Jo Anne Sierpion, Linda Solomon, Barbara Tucker, Anne Vestivich and Yoko Suzuki.

Jean Willens came from Franklin. West Bloomfield women included Pauline Hanson, Monika Lampe, Dr. Carol Meldman, Eleanor Shiland and Irene Klapp. From Southfield came Gayathri Ramchandran, from Troy Mary Humphries and from Rochester Sylvia Kaub.

Meldman said, "Women of the World club represents by descent French, German, Japanese, Greek, Jewish, Scandinavian, Italian, Polish, Hispanic, African-American, Irish, East Indian, Native-American and Belgian."

The main topic of conversation was the enormous 37-year-old weeping willow which Aggie planted when she moved in, and the molat Texas corn bread. The barbecued ribs and chicken, corn on the cob and dessert of pecan pie and pralines all made a big hit.

## Golf outing

Marian Poling is honorary chairwoman for the third annual Mercy High School Meg Mallon Golf Outing on Monday, Aug. 16, at Edgewood Country Club. Also chairing are Lou and Mary Masterson of Orchard Lake, Al and Kathy Wilano of Farmington Hills and Jim and Mary Balers.

Returning to benefit her alma mater is Meg Mallon, a 1981 graduate of Mercy High, who will tee off with the golfers at 1:30 p.m. Mallon was honored by Dinah Shore last year. Currently the Women's U.S. Open Champion,



Loved Mystic Knights: Fred Erb (left) and Jackie and Bob Hasmill enjoy Hans von Bernthal and the Mystic Knights of Jazz at Sly Fox.



What's ahead: Patti and Elliott Trumbull check the Jazzfest program while listening to the Brokensha Quartet.



All that jazz: Jim Graham (left) and Larry Finn listen to live jazz Friday evening when the town was jammed with jazz fans.



1932 classic: Bob Leich is proud of his 1932 Cadillac V12, which is part of the 260 cars in the Concours d'Elegance on Sunday.



Western barbecue: Jean Willens (left), Barbara Tucker and Jackie Andreae attend the WOW Texas barbecue party.



Concours committee: At press day for Concours d'Elegance at Meadow Brook, Jim McDonald (left), Concours chairman Jack Schwartz and master of ceremonies Ed Lucas stand beside McDonald's 1947 Cadillac.

she ranks among the top 10 money winners.

For information on the Mercy Meg Mallon Golf Outing, contact Johanna Monaghan at 476-8922.

More golfing news: golf pro Sandy Bishop Hitch, formerly of Franklin, also in the LPGA, is arriving from Seattle and will be in the local area Aug. 23 for 10 days. She will be at Somerset Golf Club in Troy.

## Tollgate Polo III

The fast-paced professional polo match, champagne buffet and auction will be held Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Detroit Polo Club. Tickets are \$50, and \$25 for children under 12. For information, call Tollgate Challenge Cup III at 347-3860, Ext. 600.

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