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brownies, chaperoning, hauling percussion equipment, sewing flags, managing uniforms, fundraising - we even have a cow doing its duty for the band in our latest fund-raiser, Operation Cowplop - to name a few things we parents do that add to the success and smooth running of the fall band season. Why do we do it?

Our kids are worth it. They're not out making mischief, they're making music, friends, and learning lifelong lessons. Marching band adds to the stature of each member simply through its requirements - attendance, diligence, responsibility, poise, pride and teamwork. It teaches a member to reach down deep inside to find

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Watching band after band perform with proud postures, sure

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ing little more on a body that a bikini does, are probably a main draw for many patrons of the metro area clubs.

"Dancers don't wear those outfits to show their skin," Princess Madhi notes. "They need to see their bodies. If you're a swimmer, you don't wear a dress. You wear a bathing suit."

Calderone agrees.

"The costumes show a lot, but that's because you need to see the body to see the movements."

Uncle Sam's owner Tom Sarcini says his clientele comes not only for genuine Middle Eastern fare cooked up by his daughter Nowal and her masterful staff, but an exciting nightclub atmosphere as well.

"Most people don't realize that we have this kind of authentic dancing in Dearborn," says Sarcini. "Most think belly dancing exists only in Greentown."

Calderone's husband, Fred, doesn't mind his wife's sideline.

"He's brought my aunts from New York down to see me dance," Calderone said. "He knows that it makes me happy. His passion's motorcycles. And while he's got five bikes in the garage, I keep five costumes in the closet."

The couple has a 15 year old son and a 9 year old daughter. One of

Calderone's wishes is to instill a belly dancing interest in her daughter.

"Now she's just embarrassed and makes me turn my Middle Eastern music off in my car when I take her to school."

In her car and out, Calderone shimmies throughout the day.

"I'm always shaking," she laughs. "To loosen your hips, you should shake when you're on the phone, doing laundry, peeling potatoes, whenever."

She has to be limber as she never knows when her dancing may take her. This past summer, she performed at weddings, the Arab World Festival in Detroit's Hart Plaza, church festivals and political fundraisers.

So how does one go from public relations specialist to bewitching, hip swaying entertainer?

She believes the basics of both jobs are similar.

"If you're a prima donna and don't have an interest in being nice to people they're not going to like you no matter how good a dancer you are. I love to schmooze anywhere. And I like to make eye contact."

There's plenty of opportunity for that at both jobs.

**Dance benefit will help St. Jude's Hospital kids**

Princess Jasmine wannabe's, Aladdin fans, exercise nuts and those just wanting to contribute to a great cause should shimmy their way over to Princess Madhi's daytime belly dancing fundraiser.

The 7th annual dance workshop and concert which benefits the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital will be held at the Botaford Inn in Farmington Hills on Saturday, Nov. 8.

The day's first highlight features warmups with Yasmina, director of the Habibi Dancers of Lansing.

Middle Eastern dance sessions run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. An Arabic bazaar invites lunchtime guests with a bounty of delicious food.

Princess Madhi of Farmington Hills will teach a full Middle Eastern dance routine featuring a drum solo.

Guest teacher Aida Al Adawi of San Francisco will share music, cymbals, drum solo patterns and folklore.

Those who prefer to watch the dazzling dancers perform can do so at an 8:30 p.m. concert.

Doors open at 7:15 and an appetizer buffet will be available at 7:45. The concert will feature many of the Midwest's best dancers.

There will be a cash bar. Appetizers are included with the price of the ticket.

Prices are \$45 for the workshop and \$25 for the concert. Receive a \$5 discount by buying tickets before Nov. 1. Workshop and show tickets purchased at the door must be cash only.

To pre-register, send checks payable to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, to Susan Peel, 3618 Tyler Ave., Berkley, MI 48072. Be sure to indicate if you are registering for the workshop, concert or both.

For more information, call Susan Peel evenings at (248) 541-3193.

- Megan Sweezy

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Sponsored by The Eccentric and WXYT-AM-1270, this public forum is open to everyone interested in the Birmingham-Bloomfield area.

Join co-hosts Jimmy Barrett, WXYT on-air personality, and Joe Bauman, Editor of The Eccentric as they broadcast live from The Community House on South Bates in downtown Birmingham. A panel of Birmingham-Bloomfield community leaders will be on hand to answer questions and discuss issues.

There is no admission or reservations; however seating is limited, so come on down early, take a seat and enjoy a rousing exchange of ideas and information.

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