



Casting: Kathleen Morin of Farmington Hills, a member of the Women's Caring Program executive committee, shows off a gift basket auctioned as part of an annual summer fund-raiser. This year's event is July 9 in Milford.

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a school where you can openly speak of love," he said. "Love and compassion reign supreme here. It's very easy for rules and regulations to get in the way of people."

Over the years, the Mercyaires performed with singer Rosemary Clooney about 10 times.

"It started when John Trudell called me looking for a backup group for one of her local concerts," he said. "It clicked very nicely. She went to a Mercy High School in Cincinnati. I had sung with her sister, Betty, many years ago in Detroit."

"She invited us to Buffalo, New York, to sing with her and to Ford Auditorium with the Detroit Symphony. The Mercyaires appeared with her and Mel Torme at the Fox Theatre. It's been a nice, close association."

Clooney did two fundraising

performances at Mercy High School. As a result, the school's auditorium is named for her. "I'll continue to do the Mercyaires," Teevens said. "I couldn't quit everything all together."

'Uncle Larry'

Pat Thull of Northville graduated from Mercy in 1970 and was a Mercyaire for two years.

"I think all Mercyaires feel extremely blessed," she said. "Larry devoted his life to young women. The program he created allowed young women to expand their musical interest and serve different groups of people. Many went on to vocal or performing careers."

Karen Law Wiltsie, a '74 graduate and a former Mercyaire, has served on Mercy's Board of Trustees and its finance committee.

"He's the one I go back to see," she said. "He's kind of like an uncle or a dad figure. We used to jokingly call him Uncle Larry back then. He had a sense of humor, but he didn't tolerate being late or missing rehearsals. He developed special relationships with every Mercyaire. Over the years, he has been a good friend."

What Teevens will miss most about his music director career is "the eagerness of young girls. The enthusiasm is always there," he said. During his tenure, Mercy's student population has varied from a high of 1,300 students to about 600. Today, enrollment stands at about 900 girls.

Teevens has three grown children, a son and two daughters — who were both Mercyaires and Mercy graduates. He also has six grandchildren. He lives in

Northville with his wife, Yvonne, who is not musical, he said.

"I'm going to play a lot more golf to find out if I'm good and my work has held me back, as I've always claimed." Two years ago, Teevens enjoyed a career highlight when 200 former Mercyaires returned to the school to celebrate the 35th year of the program.

"Some have appeared on Broadway, but for the majority, they continue to perform as an avocation. Most are involved in volunteer efforts. They're still conscious of that, and it makes me happy."

This year's spring musical was a sendoff for Teevens. He received a gold watch, and a number of former students came on stage to honor him.

"I've been wined and dined a lot," he said. "I have to go now. I can't change my mind."

Fund-raiser will aid low income parents

The Women's Caring Program annual summer fund-raiser will be Thursday, July 9, in Milford to raise money to launch the first statewide private initiative to help low-income parents

obtain child care assistance. Nearly 200 women from the Detroit and Lansing areas are expected to gather for the fund-raising event, scheduled 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at a Milford country

home and its 10-acre gardens and grounds, where visitors can sample gourmet culinary treats and bid on items during a silent auction.

For the last several years, WCP has raised money that were matched with state dollars to provide free preventative health care coverage to more than 600 low-income, uninsured children.

This year's beneficiary is Childcare Commitment, a new program developed by WCP and administered by the Michigan Community Coordinated Child Care Association to help reduce the cost of child care to low-

income families in need. "Our goal is to help families get on their feet by providing them with financial assistance to obtain reliable child care," said Carol Walters, WCP board president.

"These are families who do not qualify for other child care assistance and are struggling to make ends meet. We want to provide breathing space for parents, to help them work and lead their families toward a more secure future."

Individual tickets are \$65. Corporate sponsorships are also available. For ticket or sponsorship information, call Melissa Cragg at 813-745-9004.

Chat room from page B1

I can bear the hurt of your adolescent rejection if you can bear the relatively fleeting feelings of uncoolness.

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I know many kids your age think their parents are inane, clueless, out of touch. Though I am wounded by your apparent thought of my presence sometimes being unacceptable, I have lived too much of my life to care very deeply that I don't live up to someone else's impossible expectations.

For a long time, I had my own harsh, demanding, unattainable standards. This experience has made very real for me the meaning of a passage of Scripture: "Love bears all things."

So I will bide my time waiting for you to love me unconditionally again. I will still go to things you participate in, continue to snap pictures. I will persist in having and voicing my opinions.

And I will pray something most parents probably do at one time or another: that someday you will have a child of your own to train up — one who's exactly like you.

Love always, Mom

Kathie O'Donohue is a mother of five children who lives in Farmington Hills.

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Friday, July 3, 1998

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