

# Page's employees lend support for WalkAmerica

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Sunday morning, regardless of the weather, people will show up in Farmington Hills to participate in the annual March of Dimes WalkAmerica. So will employees from local businesses such as Page's Food & Spirits, to lend support from the sidelines.

Page's was there last April, on a cold, rainy day when about 700 walkers took part in the eight-mile trek. And the Farmington restaurant, owned by Dennis Page, will work a station around the mid-point again this year,

when about 1,000 are expected to turn out 9 a.m., Sunday at the Oakland Community College-Orchard Ridge campus. (Registration begins at 8 a.m. inside the H Bldg. The campus is located on the southwest corner of Orchard Lake Road-696.)

"We did it last year and we are doing it again this year," said Doug Royce, a chef at Page's, the eatery located on Farmington Road just south of Grand River. "We're sponsoring a booth (on) 12 Mile, at Dunckel Middle School."

Royce, a four-year employee at Page's, said walkers will receive

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juices, water and fruit, not to mention smiles and encouragement.

Several Page's employees will work the table, and Royce noted that 1998 Miss Farmington-Oakland County Erin Cogswell and her 1997 predecessor, Jennifer Hoemke, might also help out.

According to Royce, the restaurant makes it a point of being involved in charitable commu-

nity events such as WalkAmerica and the Feb. 28 Chili Cook-Off. The latter event was a fund-raiser to benefit the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills; the Farmington Hills-based Youth and Family Services Program and Betsford Commons Seniors Activities Department.

"He (Page) believes that people should participate, not only for the charity, but at least for

themselves, the gift of giving is the best gift of all," Royce said.

Royce added that Page's philosophy is for employees to be community minded. "He digs the community."

Meanwhile, helping March of Dimes is an important enough issue for Page's to make it a priority, despite a busy schedule.

"Anyone can say they're too busy," said Royce. "But then, where would we be?"

WalkAmerica is considered the main fund-raiser for the March of Dimes in the fight against infant mortality and birth defects.

## NOTES

■ Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi will greet walkers, as will Pinet 96.3 FM radio personalities Vertical and Anne Delisi.

■ Oakland Community College Professor Dr. Donald Nichols will make some remarks. The Farmington resident, in 1997, undertook a bike tour from Windsor, Ontario, to Key West, Fla., on behalf of the March of Dimes.

■ The Orchard Lake Middle School Jazz Band will perform, while members of the cast of "Tony & Tina's Wedding" will make a special presentation. The show's producers are donating all April proceeds from the play's "dollar dance" to March of Dimes.

■ Titan Fitness will help walkers limber up by leading everyone in toe exercises.

■ Author and Farmington Observer reporter Tim

Smith will display and discuss his new book before participating in the trek. "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumb Up!" has a definite

March of Dimes connection. Smith's daughter, Elizabeth, is a member of the "Premie Stars" walk team as are Livonia residents Katie and Danny Blacker. The Blacker children are local March of Dimes ambassadors profiled in the book, which concerns the impact of extreme prematurity on families.

For more information, call the March of Dimes at 1-800-BIG WALK or (248) 359-1550.

## What does March of Dimes do?

The March of Dimes saves babies through programs of research, community service, advocacy and education.

On the education front, the organization recently launched an ambitious three-year campaign to increase significantly the percentage of women of childbearing age who take a daily dose of 400 micrograms of folic acid.

Donations to March of Dimes support local community projects designed to reach young women who do not have access to health care, including Detroit-based Alternatives for Girls.

Other local efforts that benefit as a result of donations to WalkAmerica include:

■ A parenting support program for parents of infants in the neonatal intensive care unit of William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

■ A systematic education program at North Oakland Medical Center. The program targets teens, Hispanic women and others who might not seek traditional childbirth education programs.

■ A Catholic Social Services of Oakland County outreach program for adolescents at risk for poor pregnancy outcomes.

■ A domestic violence program at Oakland University for Arab American pregnant women to empower women to seek domestic violence services.

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with the times." Al O'Connor has lived at American House in Farmington Hills for more than 10 years. He needs a walker for a little extra stability, but it doesn't slow him down much.

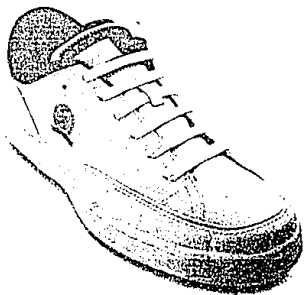
Al doesn't have any hobbies but he keeps busy. "I read the paper, listen to the news, play some solitaire and say my prayers."

The photographer prepared to end the interview and thanked Al for his time. "Don't mention it," said Al, "thanks for the publicity."

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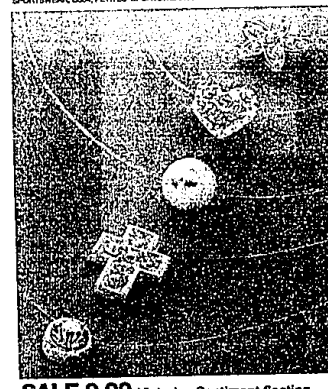
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