

SINGLES MINGLES

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Weekend Trips

Enjoy the following weekend trips with the Metropolitan Single Professionals. For more information call (248) 851-9909.

- Dude Ranch weekend at Double JJ Resort Aug. 16-18
- Golf Weekend Trip at the Thoroughbred Aug. 16-18

Join other single professionals for a Detroit Symphony Orchestra concert at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 13 or Friday, July 26 at Meadow Brook Theater on the campus of Oakland University, RSVP by

July 5, Call (248) 851-9909.

Single Mingles

Metropolitan Single Professionals host Single Mingle dances every Friday. For times and location call (248) 851-9909.

Park Volleyball

Play volleyball in the park 6:30 p.m.-dusk every Tuesday at Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.

Book Discussion

Metropolitan Single Professionals book discussion group meets at 7:30 p.m. the second Monday of the month at Borders Books in Farmington Hills.

Dining Parties

Join the Metropolitan Singles for fun & fine dining parties every Thursday after work. Locations change every week. For more information call (248) 851-9909.



Clarification

The Sisters of Mercy of the Americas, Regional Community of Detroit, elected the following members to their regional community leadership team. They were misidentified in the July 18 edition. They are top, left Sister Gilmary Bauer, RSM and Sister Margaret Mary Platte, RSM; and seated, left Sister Linda Werthman, RSM president; and Sister Judith Marie Friker, RSM. The new leadership team will serve from July 2002 through June 2006.

County offers free clinics for kids

Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics offer free well-care services for children birth through school entry. Children enrolled in the program receive the following from skilled Public Health Nurses:

- Immunizations
 - Height/weight measurements
 - Physical examinations
 - Hearing and vision screening
 - Lab testing
 - Growth and development testing
 - Information on health and safety issues
 - Guidance/referrals on behavioral, learning, and health problems
- "CHC and well-care check-ups are important because they

give a full picture of the child's health. They go way beyond treating a baby with a fever or a child complaining of an ear ache. They help the parent look for and find any problems before they become serious," stated Mary White, Program Coordinator for Oakland County Health Division's Child Health Clinics.

Oakland County Health Division Child Health Clinics are offered at community sites in Farmington, Clarkston, Hazel Park, Holly, Lake Orion, Milford, Pontiac, Southfield, South Lyon, Walled Lake, and Waterford. Families without well-care coverage through their health insurance provider are eligible for this service.

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Volunteers travel to make church repairs

Members of First Presbyterian Church of Farmington traveled to Calumet Community Church in Michigan's Keweenaw County on Saturday, July 20 for some critical repair needs.

Volunteers are busy making much needed improvements to the 108 year-old former

Presbyterian Church (now joined with the Congregational Church) and return to the Farmington area on Friday, July 26.

Volunteers will also attend worship services and a get acquainted supper hosted by Calumet Church.

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do, if given the chance.

Having a learning disability doesn't mean they can't learn. Most of the time they just learn in different ways.

"Leah had a lot of problems with math, and had to take one math course three times before she finally passed it," added Sharon Bollin. "She had just taken her last math class over the summer, statistics, and got an 'A.' She never found out."

More than 600 people attended Leah's memorial service, where almost \$10,000 was donated in lieu of flowers. The Bollins, in less than a year since Leah's death, have raised nearly \$27,000. With next month's fund-raiser, they hope to get to the halfway point.

The Bollins donated \$1,000 of their own money to make certain one student gets a scholarship this academic year

while they build the endowment fund. For them, putting the scholarship together is a way of dealing with the healing process.

"We feel like we're doing something Leah would be very proud of," said Sharon Bollin. "People have been very kind and helpful. I think we've put together a good thing."

For Bill Bollin, the scholarship effort will help those students who feel the stigma of epilepsy.

"Leah endured stings and indignities because of her epilepsy," he said. "Hopefully, the scholarship program will help kids like Leah so they don't have to be embarrassed by having epilepsy."

There will be two bowling sessions, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m., at Drake's Lanes, 35000 Grand River, in Farmington Hills on Saturday, Aug. 3. Free food and refreshments for all bowlers. For entry forms and auction item listings, or to donate auction items, call (734) 459-0070 or (248) 553-4776.

LABELING

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stress of living with food allergies takes it toll on the McGladdery family.

"It's hard, because I can't have foods I like or sit by my friends at lunch," Jacob said. "Our parents have trouble understanding why a food allergy is such a big deal. Sharon explains their child's peanut butter sandwich could kill her son."

"It takes a great deal of detail to keep him safe," said the former senior computer programmer. "It's always huge stress. It's either in the foreground or the background. When he's eating, it's in the foreground."

But Sharon doesn't consider any of it "work," and especially not what she's done to help get federal legislation passed.

"I really believe I have to try my hardest as his mother and advocate," she said, noting the website allows people to notify their elected representatives. "It's one-click advocacy. You click on a link and it sends a letter to all officials. I've put it in the school newsletter. I tell everybody I can."

The stakes are high, not only for her son, but for anyone who has a reaction to foods, because while the first may be mild, the next could be life-threatening. And right now, at least, you can't always identify what's inside a package by what a manufacturer puts on the outside.

"Food labels don't tell the whole story. Go to a good allergist. Get checked out. Get an Epi-Pen," Sharon said.

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At 7:30 he was racing to the office.

At 7:45 he was being rushed into surgery.

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