

Town Hall Begins 10th Year In Livonia

The Livonia Town Hall starts its 10th year of bringing outstanding speakers to Livonia with a week proclaimed Livonia Town Hall Week from Sept. 16 to 22.

The town hall program began in 1963 as a means of raising funds to support the American Field Service, an organization which sponsors exchange students.

Since its inception, the town hall has brought outstanding authors, educators, professional and public figures to Livonia through its lecture series.

The 1972-73 series begins Oct. 17 with film personality David Niven.

It continues with columnist and author Majorie Holmes on Nov. 14, explorer and naturalist Jean-Pierre Hallet on Jan. 16 and television personality Virginia Graham on March 20.

The lectures are at 10:30 a.m. in the Terrace Theater.

30400 Plymouth. Tickets are \$10 for four lectures and are available from Mrs. Quido Krumpoch, 14818 Ingram.

Funds from the program enable Livonia high school students to participate in the AFS foreign exchange program and are used to bring foreign students to Livonia.

This year the town hall sent three Livonia students overseas through the AFS Americans Abroad Program.

Bentley High School students Mary Sue Ziegler went to Iran and Janet Grzeschel went to Istanbul. Steven Brown from Stevenson High School went to Dudley, England.

Four foreign students are living with Livonia families for the coming school year. Kall Tanous Jaydany from Zahle, Lebanon, is living with the Bruce Bark family and will attend Churchill High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard

Birdsall are hosting Nobuko Okamoto from Ufunomiya-shi-Tochigi-ken, Japan. She is attending Stevenson High School.

Two students will attend Bentley High School including Vittorio Tadei from Ancona, Italy, who is living with the Fred L. Davis family and Susan Irene Kemp from South Africa who is staying with Mr. and Mrs. James W. Schulz.

In announcing the Livonia Town Hall Week, Livonia Mayor Edward McNamara said the program "enables worthy young men and women of this community to broaden their educational horizons by granting them the opportunity to study abroad and absorb foreign culture."

He added that the lectures "make it possible for all our citizens to enhance their cultural and educational outlook."



FOREIGN STUDENTS brought to Livonia this year through the Livonia Town Hall and American Field Service include (from left) Vittorio Tadei from Italy, Susan Irene Kemp from South Africa, Kall Tanous Jaydany from Lebanon, and Nobuko Okamoto from Japan. The town hall celebrates its 10th anniversary this season. The week of Sept. 16 to 22 has been proclaimed Livonia Town Hall Week. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

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m. m. memos

The first teachers' strike to hit our family smack in the school schedules has brought some interesting repercussions.

Vacation that had seemed so fleeting now is a drag, we suddenly find, and the activities that were going to be missed a lot now are less enticing.

Piano lessons were welcomed eagerly — at least that teacher wasn't on strike.

Last June's high school graduate had planned to have a few days to gloat this September when her younger sisters returned to class and she was still at liberty.

As it worked out, she went to her first college classes this week while they stayed home. And, strange or not so strange, a little bit of gloating still seemed appropriate.

Our newly-skilled seamstress bemoaned the fact that the hot weather disappeared while the teachers and board argued, so she may not get a chance to wear the shapely new summer dress she made.

She even finds it difficult to get excited about fall sewing when she'd rather be in class.

And our youngest family member, sky-high over the prospect of starting junior high, has found it almost impossible to wait another day — and then another — and another.

The girls listen to the newscasts the way their parents have one during newspaper strikes. They check with me at work to see if maybe I've heard something encouraging, aging.

They've started wondering if they'll get any Christmas vacation, and if the necessity to get in the required number of school days will cut into next summer's camp plans.

And they try to understand, like the rest of us, why there wasn't a better time and means to end this dispute.

—Margaret Miller

Schoolcraft Fair Displays 'Opportunities'

Opportunities for Observers — in education, employment and community service — will be the subject of a Schoolcraft College event Friday, Sept. 14.

Titled The Women's Opportunity Fair, it will be offered by the college's Continuum Program from 12 noon to 5 p.m. in the Schoolcraft gymnasium. The college is located on Haggerty between Six and Seven Mile.

Nancy Dufour, continuum coordinator, said more than 50 institutions have accepted her invitation to be represented in the big display.

AI will have representatives on hand to give visitors special information and guidance.

The fair, free and open to

the public, is for women of all ages.

Four special workshops have been scheduled at various times during the afternoon, enabling participants to attend any they choose or all four.

The workshops will cover health care opportunities, human potential, laws forbidding discrimination and job hunting techniques.

Several films also are scheduled, including "Anything You Want to Be," "What I Want," "The New American Woman" and "Growing Up Female."

Mrs. Dufour said the event is aimed at providing women with information on a wide variety of new and old opportunities, and bringing it

together into one time and place.

"With the beginning of fall, most of us settle down and start searching for new activities and directions," she said.

"Yet, due to time limitations, we sometimes make a commitment to a class, job, organization or volunteer service without adequate knowledge of all opportunities available."

"This fair is an attempt to make more of this information available to the community."

The continuum director also suggested the fair would be valuable even for women whose schedules for fall are jam-packed.

"Come out and see what your neighbors and your community are doing," she said. "We all can learn from each other at this fair."

Represented at the fair will be most area colleges and universities and especially their extension divisions.

Several area businesses, including Burroughs Corp., J.L. Hudson, Eaton, Michigan Consolidated, Thompson-Brown, and two hospitals, Wayne County General and Oakwood planned to send representatives.

Government agencies, including U.S. Civil Service Commission, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Wayne County Civil

Service Commission and U.S. Armed Forces recruiting, will be on hand, and so will several employment agencies and offices.

Volunteer organizations sending representatives include the Suicide Prevention and Drug Information Center, the Michigan Association for Emotionally Disturbed Children, the 35th District Court probation department,

Girl Scouts and Camp Fire Girls, the Wayne County Library for the Blind Rehabilitation Institute, the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Veterans Administration Foundation, the Metropolitan Society for Crippled Children, Children's Hospital and ACTION/Vista/Peace Corps.

Several women's clubs and organizations also will have representatives on hand or send written information.

50 Years Wed

Mr. and Mrs. William Burger of Livonia recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

They were married Aug. 1, 1923 in Detroit and have three children: Robert, Phyllis and Doris.

Mr. and Mrs. Burger have lived in Livonia since 1939. Mr. Burger is a former employee of the Ford Motor Co. and his wife is a member of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Book Is Co-Op Venture

Jean Terry Tobias Kaitner, for nine years a resident of Redford Township, has published a book of poetry with a little help from her friends.

One of them is Mary Morris Mikkola, her neighbor and a Redford Township resident nearly three decades. The others are Janice E. Fallow and Kellie Grey of Detroit.

The slim volume is titled "Love, Life and Laughter"

and is published by Windy Row Press of Peterborough, N.H.

Its cover lists the author as Jean Terry Tobias. Divergent about the time she submitted the manuscript, she recently remarried and she and her husband, Bruce Kaitner, will move soon to northwest Detroit.

The community effort in putting together came about, Mrs. Kaitner said, because

the publisher suggested that several more poems were needed to fill the allotted pages.

"I was busy at that point, and anyway, you don't just sit down and write a poem to order," she said.

"So Mrs. Mikkola took over the account," she asked me and the others if we would like to contribute some of our work and we were happy to oblige."

Five poems by Mrs. Mikkola, two each by the other poets and a final one by Mrs. Kaitner are included in the section "My Friends and Me," ending the volume.

Mrs. Kaitner, mother of four and grandmother of one, has been writing poetry "seriously" for about six years, she said. Her work has been published in a couple of literary magazines, "J.C.C. Transcripts," and "Scimitar and Song."

In addition, four of her poems appeared in a book, "Extension-An Anthology of Modern Poetry."

Her poetry, she said, is largely introspective—"I deal with emotions more than objects."

"Love, Life and Laughter" includes a poem called "What Then?" and inspired by her son, and such titles as "Transition of Love," "Do I Really Want to Know?" and "Sanity."

Mrs. Mikkola, who said she writes of "people, places and things," has included among her contributions a poem titled "Mackinac Bridge."

"I've wondered if the Indian ever thought about building such a span," she said, "and that's the theme of the poem."

Both women were members of a club that incorporated several years ago, "Detroit Pledging Authors."

The group has largely disbanded because, as Mrs. Mikkola put it, "you get so steeped in trivia of a club that it stifles the imagination."

However, there are plans to reorganize on a more informal basis in order to share ideas and writing.

"Love, Life and Laughter" retails at \$4 and is on sale in area bookstores.

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JEAN KAITNER, (right) and Mary Mikkola show the book that contains poetry both have written. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)