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MARSHA SAYLORS (right), president of the Livonia Welcome Wagon Club, goes over plans for the group's Oct. 24 style show with chairman Merriam Weglar (center), and Judy Bryan, newsletter editor. (Observer photo by Harry Mauther)

## Styles By The 'Wagon'

The Livonia Welcome Wagon club, known to the nationwide organization as one of the most active in the country, is preparing for its big charity event of the year. The club, made up of several dozen newcomers to Livonia, will stage a "Fall Festival of Fashion" dinner and style show Wednesday, Oct. 24, at 6:30 p.m. in Roma Hall, 2777 Schoolcraft, Livonia.

Tickets must be ordered by Oct. 19 by calling Mrs. Larry

Palmer, 3452 Grove. Fashions will be by Hadley's Newburgh Plaza store and members of the local club will be the models. Proceeds will go to a local group to be chosen later by vote of the members.

In the past, contributions have been made to the Livonia Public Library, St. Mary Hospital pediatric ward, the Children's Leukemia Foundation, the League for the Handicapped and Livonia FISH.

The Livonia club, organized in 1968, is affiliated with the Welcome Wagon International, and offers, explained current president Marsha Saylor, "a ready-made circle of friends for those new in the area."

Mrs. Saylor, who came to Livonia about two years ago when her husband was transferred to this community, said the club calls on newcomers who are contacted by Welcome Wagon.

## Gardeners Win Honors

Two members of the Farmington Garden Club entered in the artistic arrangement and horticultural divisions.

Mrs. Lind won the award of merit for the finest exhibit entered in the horticulture division. Her tall and slender leafed cactus plant from the Euphorbia family of cacti won the award. She took another 13 ribbons, five of which were blue, for other entries in both the horticulture and artistic divisions.

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## Bombeck

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book "I Lost Everything in the Post-Natal Depression," was published recently, said she is doing quite a bit of speaking during this "year of the book."

"I find I don't get butterflies about it any more," she said. "I really enjoy you. It's great to see all these women on a day out... having a drink before lunch..."

She had a few comments, though, about the speaking tour: "I've had a lousy year and you're going to hear about it. My agent booked me as keynote at the McGovern victory rally and at a mother-daughter banquet in an orphanage."

And about the matter of post-natal depression: "I'm struggling with toilet training, and the house is a mess, and I can't get on top of the pile of ironing - and the kid's 15 years old."

She also mentioned her husband: "I don't know how to get excitement out of marriage when you're married to a sports nut. I tried everything - got out the negligee made of astro-turf - but still I have a bumper sticker that says 'Impeach Howard Cosell.'"

And her children: "I regard children as exactly what they are - a punishment from God."

And her "loser syndrome": "In a restroom, I'm always behind the teen-ager changing into her band uniform, and at the confessional I pick the line with two priests - it's the Berrigan brothers."

Mrs. Bombeck said that when she decided to try a column, she was advised by her former journalism teacher to "write what you know about."

"I said he must be kidding," she went on. "What I know about is what every woman in the country knows about and is drinking gin trying to forget it."

But she added that "when I set to do a column I sure knew how to pick my audience - it's the women who know how to laugh at themselves."

"Some are employed and not interested," she said, "but for those who do join it means contacts not otherwise available in today's communities."

"Some of our members stay several years; many drop after a year or so because the club has served its purpose for them and they have a new circle of friends."

Besides regular monthly meetings with varied programs, the Livonia Welcome Wagon offers frequent social events for husbands and wives and a long list of interest groups: bridge, pinchle, dancing, needlework, tennis, gourmet cooking.

There is a wide age range, Mrs. Saylor said, from young marrieds to women in their 60s.

"We want it that way," she added. "We realize it's harder for older people to move and make new friends."

The club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. in St. Andrew Episcopal Church, Six Mile and Hubbard.

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