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O.U. courses may help improve good marriage

With a little work, a good marriage can be a great marriage according to Eleanor Driver, marriage counselor

for Lee Scholman Associates.

Mrs. Driver will lead her eighth marriage enrichment workshop April 25-27 at the Meadow Brook Clubhouse, off Adams Road south of Walton Boulevard, Rochester. The workshop is sponsored by the Continuum Center for Adult Counseling and Leadership Training.

"Opening the door for new possibilities is the primary goal of the workshop," said Mrs. Driver. "We can't drastically change a marriage in a weekend, but we can help couples take a look at what is good and what is hurtful in their relationship."

At the workshop, each couple will work privately, share concerns with two or three other couples and participate in the large group. Male and female group leaders will assist in each small group situation.

"Effective communication is the key to any good relationship," Mrs. Driver said. "The couples will work at being real in what they say. They will reminisce about their expectations for marriage when they took their vows. They will explore how it is now, and how they would like it to be."

When two people grow and their lives change, often ideas on marriage change too, according to Mrs. Driver. "A classic example is the man who

marries a woman he can dominate. His manliness depends on her subservience," she said.

"She needs someone to protect and take care of her. As his self-esteem grows through work and success, his need for a slave lessens," Mrs. Driver said.

"As her competence increases by managing a home and raising children dependent on her, she no longer needs a protector," she said.

According to Mrs. Driver, couples in this situation often don't communicate their changed needs and continue relating under the old rules. "They are both unhappy, but don't know why," she said.

Another area needing more clarification is conflict. "Two loving, caring people who live together are bound to have disagreements," said the workshop director. "It is not important how many arguments they have, but rather how they handle the fights they do have."

"Do arguments clear the air and allow love to come forth? Or, do they merely build further resentment?"

Mrs. Driver thinks the marriage enrichment workshop will provide the time and place for couples to focus on the meaning of their marriage. For advance registration, contact the Continuum Center, Oakland University.

fashion

SPECIAL FASHION EVENTS

April 17—A formal fashion show at 2:30 p.m. of Berkshire Fashions, in the women's dress area, Hudson's Oakland Mall.

April 17—Informal modeling of the Albert Capraro collection for Jerry Guttenberg from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Mall.

April 17—Michel Kazan will personally introduce his new spring hair styles at Bonwit Teller, Somerset Mall. He will give complimentary consultations to those in his salon from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

April 17—Informal modeling of the Albert Capraro collection for Jerry Guttenberg from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Mall.

April 22—Informal modeling from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. of Patio fashions for entertaining at home in the summer, at Jacobson's, Birmingham.

April 23 and 24—Informal modeling of the "Best of Summer Designer Collections" from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Mall.

April 21-May 3—Informal modeling of Ethera cosmetics from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Saks Fifth Avenue, Somerset Mall.

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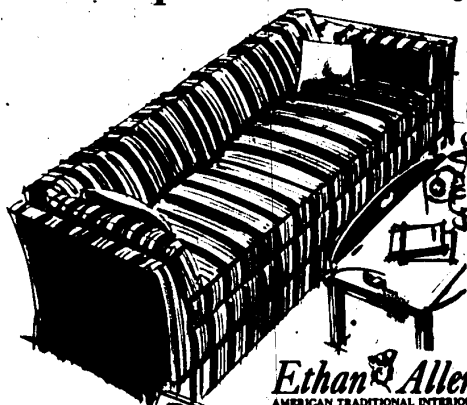
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