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**WEDGE**

• SOUTH WEDGE PLANNING COMMITTEE •

# Marie Daley Park Celebration Set For Sunday, July 30

by the Rev. Judy Lee Hay

Barbequed chicken, balloons, hot dogs, and a time to meet you neighbors are all part of the experience you will have when you attend the annual **Marie Daley Park celebration on July 30th.** WCMF radio station will provide a softball team to play against our South Wedge pros. This year's captain for the South Wedge is Art Jones. His energy and wonderful supportive spirit gives even the smallest child encouragement to try her best. The team from the South Wedge will be open to young, old, male, female, pros and non-pros. What a game that will be to see! Rumor has it that you might even see businesswoman Diane Stoffel at bat or Mack McDowell steal another base. Who can forget Robert Wares' homer from last year? Come participate. **Dare to take up the WCMF challenge.**

Hamilton Street resident Anne Heberley is the 1989 organizer for the event. Each child will receive a free

balloon. Nan Aronson, the SWPC Associate Director will co-lead games for the small children with Ray Breslin from Sentry Color Labs. Egg tosses, sack races, and water balloons will be among the special treats for the small children. Come see the community garden and the flower gardens planted by area residents. The flowers look gorgeous and the vegetables are more than out of the ground; a sight for you to behold.

A warm, sunny day and friendship are in store for you when you come to the Park to stroll, laugh and get to meet your neighbors. The South Wedge Planning Committee has especially taken into consideration this year the advice from several of you to hold the event on a weekend. **Sunday, July 30th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Marie Daley Park at the corner of Gregory Street and Ashland — BE THERE!**



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## A Clinic in the Neighborhood

by Kathy Quinn Thomas

How does a city neighborhood welcome an AIDS clinic?

At a community meeting for South Wedge residents last Thursday night, the news was greeted with applause.

Dr. William A. Valenti and Dr. Steven F. Scheibel met with a group of 20 South Wedge residents at a meeting in Calvary St. Andrews Church to answer questions the group might have regarding a new AIDS clinic. The clinic will be the home of a combination of services called the Community Health Network.

CHN is "a community-based coalition concerned with AIDS and all those affected by the disease," the doctors say. Clients will be able to receive treatment for AIDS, for drug abuse, and for lifestyle difficulties at the clinic. CHN will open doors at the clinic for ambulatory clients in July. It

will be located in the basement of a gray brick building at 758 South Avenue at the corner of Caroline Street, where testing, counseling, and medical treatment will be offered to anyone with AIDS or AIDS-related concerns.

Last week's community meeting was held in the church chapel. The evening was warm, and jugs full of ice water sat on the registration table, dripping from condensation. A television crew from a local station arrived to film the meeting.

Magazines and newspapers are rife with stories about communities across the country who are afraid of contact with people with AIDS. At Calvary St. Andrews, as people waited for the meeting to start, someone asked, "Do you think a lot of people will oppose this?"

But when the Rev. Judy Hay, executive director of the South Wedge Planning Committee, introduced

Valenti and Scheibel, the group applauded.

"SWPC unanimously endorsed the clinic and scheduled this meeting to answer any questions you might have about the service," Hay said. The South Wedge has a history of accepting social service agencies such as Teen Challenge, St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, and the Association For the Blind and visually impaired into the neighborhood, Hay said. SWPC members felt that there was room in the neighborhood for an AIDS clinic as well, she said.

Valenti and Scheibel both spoke while seated in chairs at the front of the chapel. Valenti stood once, to point out the blueprint of the 5200-square-foot clinic that was thumbtacked to a bulletin board behind him.

The clinic is different from others in the area, Valenti explained. With

## Neighbor News

### \$ Assistance Available

by Nan Aronson

Summer is here and with it comes the weather conditions necessary to rehab your habitat!

There are many programs available that can offer to qualified homeowners financial assistance in completing needed housing repairs.

The City of Rochester continues to offer the HILP Grant, Special Materials Grant and the 1% loan to city residents. Each program has income guidelines; however, as of this Wedge issue, those guidelines have been expanded. In other words, if you have applied for any/all of the above mentioned programs and were told you were over-income and therefore, ineligible, consider re-applying. You may find that you now meet the required income limit.

Information about these programs can be obtained by calling: Nan Aronson, South Wedge Planning Committee at 325-4950.

### Urban Workcamp Underway

by Nan Aronson

July 3rd marks the opening of the Urban Youth Workcamp. The Camp will again operate under the direction of Mr. Ed Bronowicki.

Eight South Wedge youth have been selected to participate in the program this summer. Three properties in the Wedge have been identified for rehab and the Camp will be involved in such work assignments as exterior painting, masonry and repairing driveways.

The South Wedge Planning Committee would like to extend its thanks to three area businesses for their contributions to its Workcamp. Those businesses are: Greater Rochester Cablevision, Flower City Glass Co., Inc., and Spring Sheet Metal and Roofing Co.

The Urban Workcamp is still in need of financial assistance. Please consider giving a tax free donation to the program so that we can continue to offer South Wedge youth job opportunities and South Wedge residents beautiful neighborhoods.

### School No. 12 News

CONGRATULATIONS to: Shannon Massaro, Janelle Jacque, Latina Mcnair, and Willie Ellington for being selected by School No. 12 for the Mobil Summer Youth Scholarship Program at the Rochester Museum & Science Center's Gannett School of Science and Man.

### SUMMER CAMPS — DAY AND OVERNIGHT

As the end of the school year approaches, many parents are starting to make plans for their children. A camping experience is a healthy and helpful way to make new friends and improve cooperating skills; learn new physical and intellectual skills; develop self-reliance, self-confidence, and self-esteem.

The American Camping Association, a non-profit, professional organization dedicated to setting standards and evaluating organized camps for children and adults have listed the following local camps in their PARENT'S GUIDE TO ACCREDITED CAMPS.

Day Camps: Arnett YMCA, 328-9330; Bayview YMCA, 671-8414; Maplewood Family YMCA, 647-3600; Metro Center YMCA, 325-2880; Sisol-Jewish Community Center, 461-2000; YMCA Camp Arrowhead, 325-2880 or 385-4665

Resident (overnight) Camps: Beechwood, Girl Scouts of Genesee Valley, 454-7010; NA COA RA Specialty camp for children from alcoholic families, one week only, 473-6750; Seneca Lake-Jewish Community Center, 461-2000; Stella Maris, 346-2243; YMCA Cory, 325-2889; YMCA Gorham, 325-2889

Other Overnight Camps: Camp Wyomoca (4H), 461-1000 (ask for 4H office); Camp Troutburg-Salvation Army, 546-3944

### DAISY GIRL SCOUTS: Leaders & Daisies

Leaders are needed for the many Girl Scout troops of the Genesee Valley Council. This could be a very rewarding experience for you. Also, girls ages 5 or 6 years old are welcome to join the Daisy Girl Scouts.

For more information about becoming a leader or a daisy scout, call Elora Ringelberg at 244-0935.

### SWPC News

We'd like to hear from all Wedge residents about housing/neighborhood concerns/issues. The South Wedge Planning Committee is available to help you with your housing problems. Please bring any concerns you may have to the attention of: Nan Aronson, SWPC Office, 325-4950.

The South Wedge Planning Committee is pleased to announce that we have entered into another community partnership with Hillside Children's Center. Supervised youth will be available to assist Wedge homeowners with yardwork, and housecleaning. This service will be offered to the handicapped, infirm and elderly. If you are interested in this program or know someone who may benefit from it, please call Nan Aronson at SWPC, 325-4950. Services are free and there are no income guidelines for eligibility.

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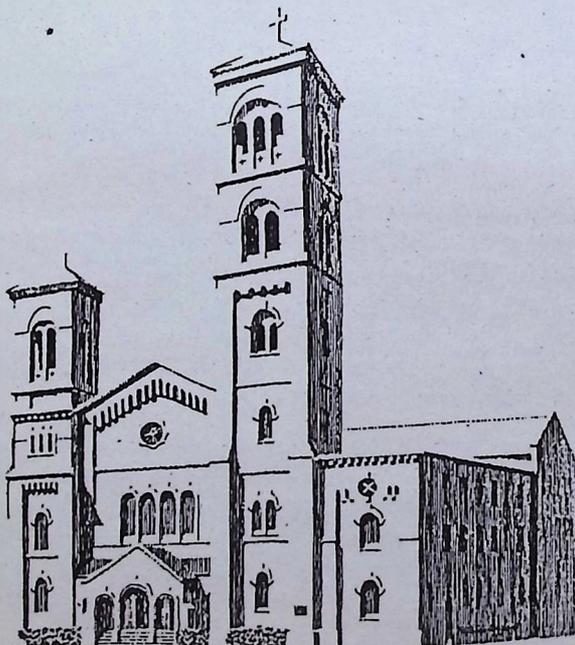
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## South Avenue Recreation Center — Summer 1989

Hours of Operation: 10 a.m. to 8:45 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10:00- Instructional Swim Ages 6-12	10:00- Instructional Swim Ages 6-12	10:00- Instructional Swim Ages 6-12	10:00- Instructional Swim Ages 6-12	10:00- Instructional Swim Ages 6-12
10:30- Basic Crafts Ages 6-15	10:30- Basic Crafts Ages 6-15	10:30- Jr. League Softball Ages 13 & under	10:30- Group Games Ages 6-15	10:00- Outdoor Ed. Ages 8-15
10:30- Jr. League Softball Ages 13 & under	10:30- Soccer Skills Ages 8-14	10:30- Basic Crafts Ages 6-15	10:30- Kids Club Ages 6-9 - (7/3-8/18)	10:30- Open Basketball Ages 8 & over
10:30- Game Room Ages 6 & up	10:30- LUNCH PROGRAM AGES 6-18 - (7/3-8/18)	10:30- LUNCH PROGRAM Ages 6-18 - (7/3-8/18)	12:30- LUNCH PROGRAM Ages 6-18 - (7/3-8/18)	10:30- Game Room Ages 6 & over
11:00- Garden Club Ages 8-13	12:30- Group Games Ages 6-13	12:30- Storytelling Ages 6-9	12:30- Group Games Ages 6-13	10:30- Jr. League Softball Ages 13 & under
11:00- LUNCH PROGRAM Ages 6-18 - (7/3-8/18)	1:30- Open Swim Ages 6-13	1:30- Group Games Ages 6-13	1:30- Open Swim Ages 6-13	Noon- LUNCH PROGRAM Ages 6-18 - (7/5-8/18)
1:00- Ages 6-18 - (7/3-8/18)	1-3- Boys Teen Softball Ages 14-16	1-3- Open Swim Ages 6-13	1:30- Puppetstuff Ages 8-12 - (7/7-8/11)	1:00- Ages 6-18 - (7/5-8/18)
1:30- Group Games Ages 6-13	2:00- Dodgeball Ages 8-15	1:30- Flower City Express Ages 8-12 - (7/5-8/16)	2:30- Boys Teen Softball Ages 14-16	12:30- Group Games Ages 6-13
1-3- Open Swim Ages 6-13	2:30- Cooking Ages 8-13	3:30- Open Basketball Ages 8 & over	4:00- Roller Skating Ages 8-15	1:30- Open Swim Ages 6-13
1:30- Bingo Ages 8 & up	4:00- Womens' Softball Ages 18 & over (May to August)	4:00- Weight Training Ages 13 & over	4:00- Weight Training Ages 13 & over	3:30- Ages 6-13 Ballet
2:30- Archery Ages 8 & up	8:00- Weight Training Ages 13 & over	6:30- Game Room Ages 6 & over	6:30- Womens' Softball Ages 18 & over (May to August)	2:00- Ages 12-17 - (7/7-8/18)
2:45- Game Room Ages 6 & up		7:00- Game Room Ages 6 & over	8:00- Womens' Softball Ages 18 & over (May to August)	2:30- Special Event Ages 6-15
8:30- Co-ed Softball (18 & over) May-Aug.		8:30- Game Room Ages 6 & over	11:00- Track Instruction Ages 8-18	3:30- Track Instruction Ages 8-18
6:30- Weight Training Ages 13 & up				2:45- Track Instruction Ages 8-18
8:30- Ages 13 & up				4:00- Ages 8-18

### SPECIAL SUMMER EVENTS

*Unless otherwise noted, all events begin at 2:30 p.m.*

- Summer Picnic - 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
To be announced
- Letchworth Trip - 9:15 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
To be announced
- Track Classic at Edgerton Recreation Center - July 28
- Roller Skating — U.S.S.A. 12:30-3:30 p.m. - August 15
- Trip to SeaBreeze  
To be announced
- Bicycle Rodeo - July 12
- Watermelon Eating Contest - July 28
- Peanut Hunt - August 4

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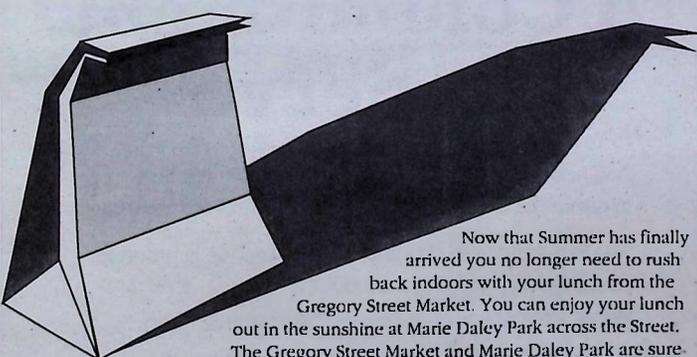
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Business News

## South Wedge Tool Library

by Phil Stukas

68 Ashland St. (Calvary St. Andrews Church)  
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325-4950

We've attracted many new members this summer, and membership is higher than it has been in quite a while. The workshops we held this spring were very well attended.

Gregg Frank, vice-president of Ted Collins, gave a Landscaping Workshop covering a large selection of flowering bushes and trees. He showed beautiful slides of them in the peak of flowering, and in the order in which they flower during the year. He stressed the importance of keeping your front or side door as the focal point in arranging flowers and bushes, and illustrated this with some good examples. For shady areas, he suggested planting Hosta or Plantain-lily (originally from China, Korea & Japan). Some have nice white stripes in the middle of their leaves. They are propagated by dividing the clumps so they don't shoot out and spread like other ground covers.

He also mentioned a gardening medium called *Living Wall*, which consists of plastic building blocks full of a soil medium. You can stack these blocks on top of each other to create an upright wall garden for flowers or vegetables. They allow you to garden in a very small space. All you have to do is snap off a cover slip, and plant your seeds or seedlings. You can even order drip irrigation systems for them. *Living Wall* systems are available at *Curious Research* in the Westgate Plaza, 2044 Chili Ave., Rochester NY 14624, 247-0076. Their main displays are located on 2 Tobey St., Naples, NY 14512 (1-374-2340). Products can be shipped UPS. *Living Wall* claims to be the answer to the world's food shortage problem. For those of you that missed this workshop, we plan to

have Gregg back next spring.

The Organic Gardening workshop stressed having a compost pile for a source of fertilizer. John mentioned that it should be stirred and wet to keep the decomposing action aerobic instead of anaerobic which slows down the process of breakdown (e.g. matted down leaves). John also gave us the address of a great place to have our soil tested for such things as lead from paint, acidity and nutrient content. He also told us which plants to grow together in companion planting. For example, plant basil near tomatoes to enhance their flavor. We also found out where to get organic sprays for fruit trees and our other plants.

We will be glad to help you out with any of this information. Just call and leave a message at the Tool Library.

Remember, if you have any tools you don't have a use for, call us. We would be very happy to come get them, and give you a tax receipt for a deductible donation. Have a happy, fun-filled summer!

## Crime Prevention

by Jackie Curry, SEAC

PAC TAC stands for POLICE AND CITIZENS TOGETHER AGAINST CRIME. PAC TAC volunteers patrol in their own neighborhoods and report any suspicious activity or potentially dangerous conditions they observe.

All volunteers are trained by Highland Section, and are provided with the necessary equipment (police radios, notepads, flashlights, jackets) for patrol.

As a volunteer, you set your schedule with your area scheduling captain. Highland Section currently has patrols Tuesday through Friday evenings. We occasionally patrol at

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<p><b>AUGUST 7</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MOTORCADE</li> <li>• TORCH RUN</li> </ul> <p><b>CRIME PREVENTION FAIR</b> 7:30 p.m. at the Festival Tent</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Crime Prevention Displays</li> <li>• RAFFLE</li> <li>• Music by "Lightning"</li> </ul> <p>ADMISSION FREE</p>		<p><b>AUGUST 8</b></p> <p><b>COMMUNITY/NEIGHBORHOOD FESTIVITIES (CITY-WIDE)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• picnic suppers</li> <li>• sidewalk sales</li> <li>• block parties</li> </ul> <p>• See your Community/Neighborhood Organization for details</p> <p><small>SPONSORED BY THE Rochester Police Department</small></p>
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Special Events such as the Lilac Festival. We do ask that you walk a patrol at least once a month.

But PAC TAC does even more than crime prevention. We distribute food baskets at holiday time to those less fortunate. We also have social gatherings.

PAC TAC is a terrific way to get to know your neighbors and your neighborhood. You learn about crime prevention programs in your area, and you meet new people. You also get some good exercise.

Consider joining you local patrol. For more information or an application, call Highland Section at 428-7262 or the SEAC office at 244-7405.

...and more about PAC TAC

Several members of Highland PAC TAC were honored at a city-wide dinner held in February. Jerry Alves and Tom Makowiec received FIVE YEAR AWARDS, and Vera Dolby, Steve Shean and Linda Mauldin received SPECIAL MERIT AWARDS. These same individuals were also presented with plaques at the annual general meeting of Highland Section PAC TAC. Our Crime Prevention Officer, John Jacobs, and PAC TAC Coordinator Liz Keenan also received awards for their dedication to PAC TAC.

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## Finch Corporation Proposes New Business

by Rev. Judy Lee Hay

The 1.8 acres of vacant land in the South Wedge on the Genesee River will be their new headquarters if the Boston-based Finch Corporation can have their dream location. In December 1988 they bought the large housing complex "River Park Commons" and will maintain it as low-moderate income housing. Senior Vice-President Christine Alleto, and President West Finch approached Commissioner of Economic Development Suresa Forbes with a preliminary concept as early as July 1988. At that time, however, the Finch Corporation had not officially bought the housing complex.

The plan includes approximately 4800 square feet for a day care center, operated by Apple A. Day. It will serve 90-100 children, 8-10 of whom would be low-income children of River Park. The Finch Corporation would occupy 3,000 square feet as it consolidates its Rochester operation. N.H. Architectural firm, an office supply show room, additional office space are part of the overall use of space.

The South Wedge Planning Committee, Inc. reviewed the Finch proposal at its meeting July 6th, and approved it with several conditions: A traffic study of Mt. Hope with possible

upgrading of traffic lights at the intersection be conducted. Congestion, back-up and parking on Mt. Hope by several cars have caused delays, and near accidents. On-street parking be restricted near the intersection. A detailed landscaping plan be approved by the SWPC, with specific attention being given to burms to hide the visual impact of the parking lot. The landscaping treatment be contiguous with that of Greater Rochester Cablevision. Public access to the river be guaranteed and that Finch maintain the pedestrian walkway. Twenty percent of the day-care slots be set aside for low-income; ten from River Park, ten from the remainder of the South Wedge. Samples of the exterior materials of the building be given to the SWPC prior to design approval. The present plan calls for materials similar to River Park Commons. The SWPC would like to see a different treatment and Finch continue the low density use for the property and that it be guaranteed in the deed that Prior to the final sale all space be committed.

The South Wedge Planning Committee, Inc. has conveyed its contingencies to Economic Development and the Finch Corporation. Final sale approval will have to go to City Council.

## Highland Hospital Expansion

by Rev. Judy Lee Hay

The proposed expansion of Highland Hospital calls for the new construction of a 32,000 square foot building for doctors' offices and a 237-car parking garage. The development is part of the long range plans of the Hospital approved in 1979. Residents on adjacent streets to the hospital have raised several areas of concern.

### Traffic Study:

The study was completed in December 1988. The central issue was that December traffic is very different on South Avenue and Rockingham in the middle of the winter than it is when school is in session or with the summer traffic to and from Highland Park. The majority of traffic to and from Highland Hospital occurs from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. This year in particular, with the Can-of-

Worms reconstruction, more traffic has been coming through the South Goodman and South Clinton Streets. The residents experience an increased traffic pattern which the new, proposed expansion of Highland only escalates. Since there has been little if any change in the residential character of the area, it is appropriate to assume that the 14% increase in traffic is due to Highland Hospital and its previous expansions in the Cancer Center and the Excellerator.

### Parking:

Congestion, non-residential parking on the area streets, such as Rockingham, have been and are problematic. The restriction of all parking during the daytime would be welcomed by the residents. Parking from Oakland to Rockingham is often taken by staff from Highland Hospital or by in-service groups, or LaMaz classes. It is difficult for people to exit or enter the alleyway. With the Hospital staff and consumers taking up most of the parking on the residential streets, the homeowners who do not have driveways or who have invited guests do not have public access. The neighborhood would greatly benefit from Highland making an arrangement with its staff for parking within its own premises, or with special groups a discount for the parking fee so that users of services are encouraged to park within the facility.

The people who exit from the Hospital often do so quickly from the parking garage. When school is recessing, children walk on the south side of Rockingham in front of the exit to the garage. Increased traffic from another parking garage only increases the potential danger for the children. The traffic backs up at the corner of Rockingham and South Avenue at the light. One of the suggestions that seemed to receive favorable support was the option of making Rockingham one-way.

### Development:

The parking garage will be directly across from the residential homes on Rockingham. The present plan calls for the cars to be exposed. The residents like the treatment of the parking garage downtown that has non-reflective glass which hides the cars from the public view.

The comprehensive landscaping plan has not been presented for all of the Highland developments. Neighbors expressed grave concerns about the lack of follow-through on the 2 previous landscaping plans. Highland would be advised to spend additional staff and monies on planting along the residential streets to buffer the impact the proposed construction will have on homeowners whose properties face the development. A fine example of the joint commitment between an institution and the neighborhood on this issue can be seen in Greater Rochester Cablevision. GRC spent over \$200,000 because they heard the neighborhood's concern and saw the value in respecting the character of the river frontage. We encourage the City to examine closely the entire landscaping plan for Highland Hospital not only in this proposal but with the previous plans to guarantee the neighbors a visual relief from the impact of the Highland expansion.

### Additional Issues:

*Rerouting of the Hospital signs from South Goodman that directs traffic down Rockingham may be beneficial to lowering the traffic impact on the residential streets.*

A stench comes from the Hospital between 9:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. as if something is being burned. Highland needs to make every effort possible to get rid of the stench.

The concerns have been addressed to Highland Hospital staff John Lee, and at an open public meeting on July 6th. The plan at the publication of the Wedge is to go before the Planning Commission on

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## A GIANT STEP INTO THE FUTURE...

### ST. BONIFACE SCHOOL

(cor. Gregory / Whalin Sts.)

PRE K - 6  
SPECIAL REGISTRATION  
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Events, Services

**ACOA**

by Tom Dietz

Are you an Adult Child of an Acoholic (ACOA)? Or perhaps, a child of a family made dysfunctional by drugs, emotional problems or illness? If so, on Wednesday, Sept. 13, 1989 Calvary St. Andrew's Church at 68 Ashland St. will begin hosting a weekly ACOA meeting in the chapel at 7:30 p.m. The group will be facilitated by members of an ACOA group which has met for over two years at Christ Church on East Ave. The group is affiliated with Al Anon and is open to all residents of the South Wedge.

What, you may ask, typically characterizes the child of an alcoholic or dysfunctional family? Well, Janet Woititz, author of the book Adult Children of Alcoholics, lists at least 13 characteristics:

1. Adult Children of Alcoholics guess at what normal behavior is.
2. ACOA's have difficulty following a project through from beginning to end.
3. ACOA's lie when it would be just as easy to tell the truth.
4. ACOA's judge themselves without mercy.
5. ACOA's have difficulty having fun.
6. ACOA's take themselves very seriously.
7. ACOA's have difficulty with intimate relationships.
8. ACOA's overreact to changes over which they have no control.
9. ACOA's constantly seek approval and affirmation.

10. ACOA's usually feel they are different from other people.

11. ACOA's are super responsible or super irresponsible.

12. ACOA's are extremely loyal even in the face of evidence the loyalty is undeserved.

13. ACOA's are impulsive. They tend to lock themselves into a course of action without giving serious consideration to alternative behaviors or possible consequences. This impulsivity leads to confusion, self-loathing, and loss of control over their environment. In addition, they spend an excessive amount of energy cleaning up the mess.

If some of the above characteristics sound like you, then you may want to consider exploring an ACOA support group.

If you have any questions or would like more information concerning the group to meet at Calvary St. Andrew's, call Tom Dietz at the Community Resource Center at 232-1840, ext. 400.

**A Clinic in the Neighborhood**

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examining rooms, offices, and a small educational library, "it will be a supermarket, a Wegmans if you will, for AIDS services," he said. The latest medical news suggests that the earlier people with HIV (the virus that indicates the presence of AIDS) are tested and treated, the better they respond and the longer they live, he said.

It is estimated that 10,000 people carry HIV locally, but only a small

fraction are receiving treatment for it, Valenti said. The county health department offers free testing, but follow-up testing and treatment are left up to the individual. The focus of the clinic will be both to encourage people to come in for testing and to encourage medical follow-up if necessary. At CHN, anyone who comes in to be tested will be offered pre-test counseling, and will be encouraged to return for counseling services, follow-up testing, and treatment.

The on-site staff will include the two doctors, a registered nurse, a social worker, and a licensed practical nurse. Funding comes from donations, grants, and health insurance organizations. Valenti said that the clinic has room to expand in the building. It would also consider opening a satellite office in another neighborhood, if necessary.

The audience at Calvary St. Andrews seemed hesitant to ask any questions as Valenti wound up his talk. Hay looked around the room and then asked, "Well, how about waste disposal? We've heard a lot about medical waste." Several people nodded in agreement.

Scheibel said there would be no risk to the community from contaminated medical waste from the clinic. "There will be no needles in the garbage," he said. Any contaminated waste — needles, tubes, and gauze, for example — will be put into a red plastic container marked "hazardous waste" and taken to incinerators at either Highland Hospital or St. Mary's Hospital.

Neighborhood residents can't catch AIDS from casual contact with

patients, Valenti said. The AIDS virus is transmitted by "sex, needles, or blood, not by casual contact," he said. "We really don't think there's a risk" to neighborhood residents, said Valenti.

Someone asked if the clinic will treat newborns. AIDS can run in a family, Scheibel said. A husband might give the virus to his wife, who could then pass it on to a newborn. The clinic will treat families, including children, as they come in. The number of infected infants in the area is small, however, he said. If the number grows, the clinic could hire the services of a pediatrician who specializes in infectious diseases.

Both doctors talked about the benefits of early treatment. Once a person is diagnosed as having HIV, other tests are performed to assess the state of their immune system, said Scheibel. Treatment is designed to strengthen the immune system as much as possible, before debilitating infections like pneumonia take their toll. Scheibel uses combinations of drugs such as AZT and Interferon. "Every patient is different," he said; some respond better to one drug than another.

"In an ideal world," Valenti said, "there is no reason why we shouldn't all line up and get tested. Think of that." If the stigma of AIDS as a sexually transmitted disease was suddenly removed, and everyone who needed early treatment received it, and everyone who needed education in how to prevent the spread of the disease got it, maybe AIDS would be eliminated, Valenti said.

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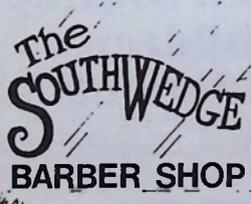
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### Highland Hospital Expansion

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July 10th. The South Wedge Planning Committee, Inc. supports the negotiations between Highland and the adjacent neighbors in an effort to resolve the issues. Highland is making a significant investment into the

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