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Reality Cup committee leaflets Ryder

PITTSFORD - Sister Rita Lewis, RSM, joined with other "Reality Cup" proponents in passing out leaflets to spectators entering Oak Hill Country Club last weekend to watch the Ryder Cup golf tournament.

Titled "Other Half Tours," the leaflets were a "Self-Guided Tour of the Greater Rochester Community," and included such "tourist sites" as Rochester's northwest section where "young men are 60 times more likely to be murdered than people living elsewhere in the community."

"A lot of people didn't want to take our brochures," said Sister Lewis, who works at Rochester's House of Mercy, 725 Hudson Ave., an outreach program of the Sisters of Mercy of Rochester. "It was like they didn't want to know."

The Reality Cup Committee was formed by local activists in response to

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the Ryder Cup, an international golf tournament in which a team from Europe defeated a team from the United States. The tournament took place at Pittsford's Oak Hill Country Club from Sept. 22-25.

Despite the public's perception of the group's intentions, Reality Cup proponents claimed that they were not protesting the Ryder Cup, but rather using its presence here to highlight such issues as racial and economic segregation in Monroe County and the needs of the poor. In addition to other events, Reality Cup organizers have invited candidates for the office of Monroe County Executive to debate over such issues.

Although the leaflets were not popular

with Ryder Cup spectators, Sister Lewis pointed out that Monroe County sheriffs and state police working at Oak Hill took up a collection and gave the money to Sister Grace Miller, RSM, who also works at the House of Mercy.

"They were very gracious and very good," Sister Lewis said of the police.

Reality Cup Committee members planned to contact Ryder Cup organizers this week to see if the two groups can harness the kind of community effort it took to pull off the Ryder Cup to address the area's socioeconomic problems, according to John Klofas, a professor at the Rochester Institute of Technology and a committee member.

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Center blessing

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The St. Charles Borromeo Church community celebrated the dedication of its three-year-old Borromeo Prayer Center Sept. 24 with readings, prayer, and song. A special part of the blessing featured Bishop Matthew H. Clark dedicating the center's 12 rooms honoring deceased parishioners cited for their great faith and inspiration. Blessing the rooms with incense during the

dedication was Damian Zynda (center), who was assisted by Beth Lamandola (far right) and Maryann Fackelman. **It's Definitely Time To Get Away!** OCT. 10-12 Oktoberfest in Kitchener, Ontario Escorted by Jim & Jean Brown Two nights festivals, many extras \$175/pp OCT. 27-29 Foxwoods Casino in Mystic, Conn. Get ready for high stakes bingo, slots, & table games

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Museum features collection of Eastern art, peacocks

HONEOYE FALLS - A teenage interest has become a museum in Honeoye Falls. Anne Peacock Jacobs, a parishioner at St. Paul of the Cross Church, last April opened the Peacock Oriental Antique Museum, 61 N. Main St. The museum features collections of peacocks, including peacock jewelry and miniatures, a peacock pencil eraser and a Steuben Glass peacock.

The museum also houses more than 500 pieces of Japanese and Chinese artifacts, encompassing a span of time from the Sung Dynasty in the 13th century to World War II. Jacobs became interested in Oriental designs as a teenager when she visited the home of a friend whose house was decorated with an Oriental theme. She began collecting Oriental items, including peacocks.

Admission to the museum is free. For information about the collection or the museum's hours, call Jacobs at 716/624-2027.