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THE 100 BEST

Westin Hotels, one of "The 100 Best Companies to Work for in America." That from the just published book of the same name now hitting the book shops around the country. The authors - Robert Levering, Milton Moskowitz, and Michael Katz - put Westin in such company as General Mills, Time, Inc. and our retailer neighbors down the street, Nordstrom, as among America's favorite employers. Further, Westin was the only hotel company to be listed among the 100 group. The authors, a team of business journalists and researchers, compiled their unique listing after years of extensive research and interviews with individuals in every corner of corporate America.

Though rating Westin somewhat below average in pay, the author's rated it high on Job Security, Chance to Move Up, and Ambience, and better than average in Benefits.

BUT...CAN SHE TYPE?

Like a champion! That's Joni James, secretary to veep Kenny Mallory, who out-champed all Seattle contenders in the recent Muscular Dystrophy Benefit Typeathon. For her win - a personal computer and the chance at the Puget Sound Typeoff against the Tacoma group winner, which will take place sometime within the next few weeks.

Also to Joni's credit is the \$150 in pledges she raised as a Typeathon competitor, which was donated to the Muscular Dystrophy fund.

Joni's score for the three-minute competition test was 97.3 words per minute. The Tacoma group winner's score was 106 wpm. But that speed score gap isn't worrying jet-fingered Joni. ("I was awfully nervous for that event," she admits.) Her win has gained her a lot of confidence and she's determined to score again in the biggie.

That event, by the way, is scheduled to be taped for TV release during the annual National Muscular Dystrophy Telephone this September.

NOT ANOTHER COMMITTEE!

Yep. But you're gonna like this one. It's the Corporate Service Awards Banquet committee. Newly-formed and gung-ho to make this year's affair a real winner. Man at the mike is veep Jack Gaines. The workers - Candy Reed, Cat Regan, Jerry Gunderman, Nancy Edwards, Sandy Porter, Marguerite Pritchard, Gabe Fonseca and Barb Ogle. The banquet date is set for Wednesday, June 20.

REMINDERS

Nominations for Thurston-Dupar Inspirational Award candidates should be turned in to the Personnel Office this Friday, April 20, latest. Mislaidd your entry form? Call Barb Ogle (X8935) for a copy.

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Also, the 1984 Bruce Pierce Scholarship Award application forms are due by Monday, April 30. Also call Barb if you need a new application form. It's a \$1,000 scholarship, and your chances to win it for yourself or for one of your children are pretty high.

MAKE A DATE WITH AN ANT

Or several of them. The date is Saturday, September 9. The place, Vasa Park on Lake Sammamish Road in Bellevue. The occasion, the Annual Corporate Offices Picnic. (Now, don't say we didn't let you know ahead of time.)

DISCOVERIES - THE CATALOG

Discoveries toe-in-the-water entry into the catalog merchandising field has created a big splash with sales, thus far, way above plan according to the Discoveries folks on Six. Now, all corporate office people can get their own look at what that excitement is all about. Copies of the catalog will be distributed to all employees by the end of the month. Among the top quality items listed, you're sure to find some unique keeping or gift-giving ideas. Item prices are as listed in the catalog.

DISCOVERIES - THE STORES

Discoveries store openings are also going great guns. Slated to open in May are two stores in Houston -- one is expanded space at The Westin Oaks, and the other in a new retail location at The Westin Galleria.

And in early June, a Discoveries store for The Westin Ilikai. This is one that Pat Chavey with Discoveries on Six can hardly wait for. She's being transferred to Hawaii as that store's assistant manager. Also at The Westin Ilikai, Discoveries is taking over management of a grocery outlet at the hotel and re-opening as a grocery/deli with the tentative name of "Picnics, Inc."

CARLTON CONNECTION

If your traffic with The Carlton is by Telex, you should know that as of May 20 the hotel will have a new Telex number. The new number - 48-6130.

PLEDGE NIGHT RESULTS

As you may know, Channel 9's "Festival '84" fund raiser made it over the top in their recent campaign goal. And \$44,429 of the goal was solicited by those phone answering volunteers who participated during "Westin Night", March 16. They also brought in 991 new subscribers. Thanks for all your good work. The next time out will be in late June. Marion Kopp will be sending out details.

PEOPLE

Welcome on board: Michael Cummins, corporate accountant with Financial Services; Myrna Goddard, data control and input coordinator with Data Processing; Patricia Beck-Bryant, Clerk III, payroll.

And Ruth Hutchens transfers from Westin Service to Personnel as word processor.

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