

Farmington firm leads state in designing revolving eatery

By JACKIE KLEIN

The Ronde-View, Michigan's first revolving restaurant atop the Holiday Inn, offers guests an ever-changing suburban panorama as it glides through a complete revolution every hour.

Inside, the dining and lounge areas sparkle in a contemporary decor fashioned by Design House Inc. of Farmington, Louis Sonshine, president of the company, gives a lot of the credit for the interior trappings to his design director, Gary Volz.

"The identity for the lobby and 18th floor revolving restaurant was created to separate these areas from the rooms as distinct public space," he said.

HE TALKED about the photographic blowups, printed on Plexiglas, which glow at night and give the restaurant a three-dimensional effect. "The super graphics, deco art and varied colored panels lining the walls with action photos carry a distinctive sports theme," he said.

Supplies are made to order for our artists and designers," he explained. "Carpenters make special woods, carpeting and furniture are also custom made to our specifications."

ing. They're done in four color schemes, and special furnishings were designed to maximize the use of space because of the unusual configuration of the rooms."

The guest rooms feature super-graphic forest murals, plush shag carpeting and custom screenprinted draperies with matching bedspreads in bold design. Bright accents of polished chrome and warm wood grains are a change from the ordinary for overnight guests, Sonshine said.

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A SUPER-GRAPHIC was applied on the 17-foot high walls of the tower lobby in bold tones of plum, crimson and orange to set the mood for the second phase of design, Sonshine said.

"The mural is especially important because it took special skilled application by workmen for the series of interrelated arches. The mural was hand cut from medium weight fabric backed vinyl wall covering applied over a specially pre-coated concrete block.

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In spite of the inherent problems in

furnishing a round space, each table in the Ronde-View offers every customer access to a full exterior view. Four separate lounges were designed and built on a turntable, each at 90 degree increments, to increase the space aside from the stationary cocktail areas.

"These lounges are subtly identified with the sports theme so patrons can locate their place if they should leave while the turntable is in motion," Sonshine said.

Owned by an investor group headed by Paul McEwan, the Holiday Inn opened on Telegraph and Eleven Mile roads in 1966 with 120 rooms and a

160-seat dining room. Expansion in 1970 added 104 guest rooms. The 192 new guest rooms in the lower addition makes the 416-room Holiday Inn the largest in the state. If the inn were all newly constructed, it would have a total estimated value of \$15 million, according to Jerry Abel, insurper.

Safety emulsifier systems have been installed in the tower rooms. Sonshine said. Designed to be automatically triggered by excess heat or smoke, the system uses recorded tapes to alert guests in each room to any fire danger and to give instructions on safe evacuation routes.

CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A Regular Meeting of the Farmington City Council was called to order at 6:00 P.M. Monday, August 18, 1975 by Mayor Yoder. Councilman Richardson, Hartstack and Yoder were present. Councilman Allen and Tapper were absent.

City Officials present were City Manager DeGrazia, Director Jones, Capt. Byrnes, Attorney Kelly and Clerk Viane.

Minutes of previous meeting approved.

Minutes of other boards received and approved.

Letters received from the following: Commissioner John J. McDonald, Mr. Jerry P. Hahn, Dennis J. Swift, Acting Chief, Livonia Police Dept., Mr. James L. Coughlan.

Baseball Marathon in City Park in support of American Cancer Society authorized.

October 18, 1975 proclaimed as "SWEETEST DAY" AND "HAPPINESS AWARDS DAY."

Council committed one Class C Liquor License to Mr. James T. Constand for the development of a restaurant operation at the LaSalle Winery Building for a period not to exceed six months.

Council confirmed the appointment of Daniel A. Byrnes as Director of Public Safety with an increase in salary from \$20,200.00 to \$22,000.00 effective September 1, 1975.

Final payments to contractors completing work on the Municipal Building Expansion were authorized.

Ordinance C-379.23 amending the Farmington Employees' Retirement System Ordinance, was introduced.

The following ordinance was adopted:

CITY OF FARMINGTON Ordinance No. 1, C-378-75

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 7.01 OF CHAPTER 65 TITLE VII OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON

THE CITY OF FARMINGTON ORDINANCES 7.01 (A) Rates. The rates to be charged and collected for service by taxicab shall be the following, unless and until changed by Council resolution. For the first one-eighth of a mile or fraction thereof (10 cents); for each additional eighth of a mile or fraction thereof (10 cents); for each additional eighth of a mile or fraction thereof (10 cents); for each additional eighth of a mile or fraction thereof (10 cents). No charge shall be made for extra passengers. For each forty-five seconds of waiting time or fraction thereof, a charge may be made of ten cents (10 cents). Waiting time shall include the time when the taxicab is not in motion, beginning with the arrival at the place to which it has been called or the time consumed while standing at the direction of the passenger. No charge shall be made for time lost for inefficiency of the taxicab or its operator, or time consumed by premature response to a call, or for traffic delays. There shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the inside of the taxicab, a card which shall be printed in plain, legible type, the rates of fare and the meter rate of the taxicab.

This ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the Farmington City Council on August 4, 1975, was adopted and enacted at the next regular meeting on August 18, 1975 and will become effective ten days after publication.

RALPH D. YODER, Mayor
NEDRA VIANE, City Clerk

The following reports were received and filed:

Financial Statement for Twelve Months Ended June 30, 1975
Financial Statement Water & Sewer Department
Fourth Quarter Ended June 30, 1975
Department of Public Safety Report for July, 1975
Monthly Bills were approved
Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

RALPH D. YODER, Mayor
NEDRA VIANE, City Clerk

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BARGAIN CITY WOOD WEST SPECIALS FOR THE WEEK

BATHROOM VANITIES	\$30.95
COUNTER TOPS	\$3.99/LIN FT
4 1/2" BATH & KITCHEN PANELS	\$4.99
NEW STOCK 4 1/2" PRE-FINISHED PANELS	\$2.99

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(Across from Quaker Chevrolet)

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