

Observer & Eccentric SUBURBAN LIFE

Morning coffee concerts lure with music, fashions

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A day of fashions and music, then lunch, and most likely an afternoon of sight-seeing in downtown Detroit was the order of the day for women filling Ford Auditorium for the Detroit Symphony's Coffee Concert this month.

Although the Friday morning concert was initiated by the National Bank of Detroit for women and is supported by a host of women's clubs, there were a few men in the audience, like Rev. James Thomas, minister of education from United Methodist Church in Farmington.

Rev. Thomas was spotted during the morning coffee session with Salvatore Rabbio, a trumpeter with the symphony as well as a member of the church, chatting with a group of women from the church.

"We generally have two or three carloads come down every month," he said. "We consider this as part of our total education program in the church. Rev. (Eric) Hammar should be with us today, but as you know he's in the hospital now."

THE FARMINGTON group buy their tickets through a local bank branch where the discount rate is nearly 50 per cent. Unlike many others, they chose to leave the downtown area before lunch. Many in the party were mothers with small children who had to get home before noon.

Elsie Gibson and Gertrude Schever, both of Southfield, and concert-going companion Dorothy Savin of Oak Park, said, almost in a chorus, "On concert day, we make a day of it here."

They are all second-year, season-ticket holders, and choose to drive down, try different restaurants each month for lunch, spend time for shopping or visiting whatever exhibits the city has to offer that day.

A group from Birmingham drove and met a friend from Bloomfield Township who had taken the bus to avoid the parking hassle. They too, "make a day of it."

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For drivers, the downtown parking situa-

tion is eased with the Detroit Department of Transportation shuttle service. From the parking lot at Third and Wayne Streets (next to the Bob-Lo dock), a bus goes to Ford Auditorium every 15 minutes from 9:30 a.m. when coffee is served, to 10:30 a.m. when the concert begins, and returns on a similar schedule from 12:45-1:30 p.m.

Five downtown restaurants are making special arrangements and reservations for concert goers at exactly the right time after the concert, since the downtown business crowd normally fills all nearby eating places.

When making reservations at Top of the Flame, Beaubien Street Bistro, Chen Tiki,

Eastman's Gaslight Room or Russell's Steak House, concert patrons are asked to specify affiliation with the coffee concert.

NED SPOREMEIN called themselves victims of success in speaking of the morning concert. Their first efforts proved to be sedulous with five concerts scheduled each season. For the 1977-78 season, a new series was added which offers 18 different programs of music.

Soren Eshberg will be conducting the symphony with violator Sifra Marcovici on March 5.

Violator Isaac Stern will be the featured performer with Aldo Ciccolini conducting on March 19.



Summer is here with a sea blue and green striped Qiana dress with built-in bra and matching stole seen at the concert.



A three-piece lime green suit with printed blouse and matching scarf is completely washable. Clothes for the morning concert were supplied by Wawood-Boutique in the Sheraton Cadillac.

Community Calendar

BONSAI

Monday, March 5: Introduction to the art of bonsai with Ray Broadman in Farmington Community Center, 8 p.m. Reservations are requested through the center.

JUVENILE DIABETES

Tuesday, March 6: "Juvenile Diabetes" continues community education series, sponsored by Botsford Hospital staff, in the second floor classroom of the hospital, Grand River and Eight Mile, 7 p.m. No charge.

DETROIT LIONS VS. PTO

Tuesday, March 6: Detroit Lion All Stars vs. PTO of North Farmington High School basketball game in the school gym, at 7:30 p.m. played to benefit the school. Admission of \$1.50 seated at the door.

STYLE THAT HAIR

Tuesday, March 6: "Style That Hair" hair cutting and styling demonstration, sponsored by Country Owners Chapter of OWT, at 3311 Wooddale, West Bloomfield. Reservations through Joyce Weintraub, 855-1355.

SEE AND TEA

Wednesday, March 7: "See and Tea" in Farmington Community Center introduces arts and crafts teachers who will be instructing in the center for the spring term, from 1-4 p.m. No charge.

YOUNGER THAN SPRINGTIME

Wednesday, March 7: "Younger Than Springtime" fashion show and luncheon sponsored by Farmington Muscular in Elks Club of Farmington. Reservations through Delphine Osterdale, 676-3888.

REPUBLICAN CLUB

Wednesday, March 7: Farmington Republican Club hosts speaker Jerry Roe, executive secretary of Republican State Central Committee in an open meeting in Botsford Inn, 8 p.m. No charge.

FIRE SAFETY

Wednesday, March 7: Fire Safety with Sgt. Steve Kamenovich, of Farmington Hills Fire Department, continues Home, Health and Safety Series, sponsored by Adult Education Department of Farmington Schools, in Bond School, Thirteen Mile and Orchard Lake, 1 p.m.

BALLET THEATRE

Friday and Saturday, March 10-11: The Michigan Ballet Theatre Company will dance in Orchard Mall in conjunction with the mall's annual flower show, periodically on Friday beginning at 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

IMAGES OF JEWISH LIFE

Friday, March 10: "Images of Jewish Life" lecture by Professor Morris Green, sponsored by Shalom Aleichem Institute in Labor Zionist Building, 2855 Middle Belt, 8:45 p.m. No charge.

VAGARIES OF AFRICAN VIOLETS

Friday, March 10: "Vagaries of African Violets" lecture by Ray Broadman, in Farmington Community Center follows continental breakfast at 9:30 a.m. Reservations are necessary, through the center.

FISH FRY

Friday, March 10: Fish fry in St. Gerard Catholic Church, 11300 Farmington Road,

12 noon-7 p.m. offers choice of haddock or shrimp. Admission asked at the door. Fish fries continue each Friday through Lent.

PURIM CONCERT

Saturday, March 10: Purim Concert, sponsored by Adat Shalom Married Couples Club, in the synagogue social hall, 2800 Middle Belt, at 8:30 p.m. Checks in the amount of \$2.50 for members, or \$3 for guests, made payable in the club, are to be mailed to the club, at 2820 Southwood Dr., Southfield 48075.

ADRIAN SINGERS

Sunday, March 11: Adrian Singers in concert in Martin Park United Methodist Church, 2887 Eleven Mile, 8 p.m. No charge.

FASHION SHOW AND LUNCHEON

Wednesday, March 14: Fashion show and luncheon, sponsored by Farmington Neighbors' Club in Farmington Community Center, at noon. Tickets through Leone Sutherland, 676-3432.

TOLE PAINTED FLOWERS

Wednesday, March 14: Tole Painted Flowers, two-session workshop with Robb Mullen in Farmington Community Center at 8:30 a.m. Reservations are necessary, through the center.

MEMORIAL LECTURE

Wednesday, March 14: Amnon Rubenstein speaks on "Israel Needs Political and Social Change," for the first annual Jack Rosenbloom Memorial Lecture of Adat Shalom Synagogue, in the synagogue sanctuary, 8:15 p.m. No charge.

PYANKA

Wednesday, March 14: Pyanka, the Ukrainian method of Easter Egg decorating demonstrated in three sessions begins at 9:30 a.m. in Farmington Community Center, taught by Anastasia Volter. Reservations are necessary, through the center.

TAX AID

Thursday, March 15: Members of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will assist senior citizens with federal and state income tax forms and home-aid-tax rebate credit from 1-3 p.m. in Farmington Community Library on Liberty. Participants are asked to bring copies of their 1976 returns, know the amount of their social security, rent and real estate tax. No charge.

BICENTENNIAL FILM SERIES

Thursday, March 15: "Making a Revolution" and "Valley Forge" continue bicentennial film series in Farmington Community Library, 2886 Library, 7 p.m. No charge.

BRIDGE BRUSH UP

Friday, March 16: Bridge Brush-Up with Betty Schneider runs from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for the experienced player, only. Participants are asked to bring a sandwich for lunch. Coffee and dessert will be furnished, in Farmington Community Center. Reservations are necessary through the center.

DETROIT MORRIS CHOR

Friday, March 16: Detroit Morris Choir in concert in Madonna College, 2890 Schoolcraft at Larn, at 8 p.m. Tickets available through the Livens Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints.



Rev. James Thomas, center, chats with Detroit Symphony trumpeter Salvatore Rabbio, and members of Orchard United

Methodist Church in Farmington. They make the coffee concerts a once-a-month outing for themselves.

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