

Club Circuit

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS, Farmington Hills Chapter 2088, meets at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 19 in Farmington Hills Community Library on Twelve Mile.

Richard Tyler, assistant director of community education of Farmington Public Schools, will address the group on the opportunities for seniors in the area. The program will also include the film, "To Touch a Child," which traces the work of the Mott Foundation from its first concern with the children of Flint, to the eventual benefits it offers to seniors.

Persons wishing membership information are invited to call A. L. Mueller, at 476-6097.

President of the group is Bernice Frederick. Program chairwoman is Mrs. Dan Guy.

P.E.O. SISTERHOOD will celebrate its founders day Jan. 20. There will be an 11:30 a.m. reception, followed by a 12:15 p.m. lunch in Dearborn Inn.

Speaker for the day will be Virginia Kolbode, who won the Michigan Dietician of the year award in 1978. Her topic is "Nutrition: Food for Thought."

The celebration is sponsored by the Detroit Cooperative P.E.O., which represents 25 chapters of the philanthropic and educational organization which brings women increased opportunities for higher education.

Senior Citizens Drop-in Center is open Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in Massie Temple, Grand River and Farmington Road, for bridge and pinocle.

Guests may bring a sandwich lunch. Beverages are furnished.

SWEET ADELINES, Macomb County Chapter, invite all women singers, 18 and older, to attend a combination Homecoming and Guest Night, for past and prospective members.

The event will begin at 8 p.m. Jan. 23 in the choral rehearsal room, Henry Ford II High School, 11911 Clinton River Road, Sterling Heights. Rides will be arranged by calling Jerilee McFard, at 553-0797, or Sue Arabian, 851-0881.C. The host chapter, which holds the regional championship among barbershoppers, plan a demonstration of barbershop harmony, instruction in vocal technique, and will tell the history of the chapter in photos and mementoes for the guests.

FARMINGTON HILLS JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, in the home of Darlene Knight, 34214 Old Timber, Farmington Hills.

The program will consist of a film, "One Person Too Late," presented by Ray Owens from Hitchcock Gallery of

Homes, and a discussion on in-home accidents.

Persons interested in attending the meeting or wanting membership information are invited to call Ms. Knight at 661-1848.

RENAISSANCE SINGLES meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, for a program called "Will Singles Take Over the World?"

Women offered course in financial planning

"Financial Planning for Women," a practical course in helping the individual understand wills, trusts, gifting and insurance investments, is offered for the first time by Farmington Community Center.

The six-session class begins Thursday, Feb. 1, from 1-3 p.m. Nancy Thompson, of Mutual of New York Insurance Company, who has had extensive training in estate and pension planning, is of the opinion that women

The singles club meet weekly in Berkley's American Legion Hall, 2079 Twelve Mile, two blocks west of Woodward.

Speaker for the evening is Karen Davis, a social anthropologist at Wayne State University, who offers her view of the growing impact singles here and around the world.

Music for dancing will be furnished by the Lonely Hearts Club Band. Admission at the door is \$3.50.

should become more involved in the financial planning of their own and their family's future.

The class will include a discussion of the problems of accumulating an estate to provide for individual needs; conserving an estate by keeping current and future taxes, legal fees and probating costs to the absolute minimum.

Farmington Community Center is located at 24705 Farmington Road. Persons may register in person, or call the center, at 477-8404.

Assertion training to begin Jan. 23

The Continuum Center for Adult Counseling and Leadership Training will offer a six-session program in assertiveness training in Farmington Hills, Jan. 23-Feb. 20.

Assertion Training will run from 6:30-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays, in Harrison High School, 29995 Twelve Mile. It will be led by Jeff Dailey, a member of the Continuum Center staff.

The program offers participants a structured group setting in which they can evaluate their own assertive, passive and aggressive behavior. It will offer a variety of techniques for being assertive in true-to-life situations.

Registrations are being taken now in the Continuum Center, at Oakland University in Rochester, 377-3033.

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There's a "For Sale" sign out in front of the old house where our clan has spent 20 years of doing "a heap o' living," to quote poet Eddie Guest.

Over the last few months the man of our house and I have slowly reached the conclusion that the house should be a different one, a dwelling that would require less upkeep work on our part and a chance for having a swimming pool, something we know we would enjoy tremendously.

The girls are gradually leaving to begin building lives on their own. Only our youngest is home all the time now. So from both a practical standpoint (not so much help around) and a symbolic one (new era of our lives beginning) a move from the old homestead seems to make sense.

But I guess I shouldn't have been surprised to learn that what makes sense in the head doesn't always follow in the feelings. Our youngest went looking enthusiastically at new houses, but reacted in a sort of panic when the sign went up.

Off in Boston, our oldest, who had been working hard at coming to terms with the decision, admitted she was glad she was not at home to see it. Our away-at-college daughter wanted to know about that sign in front of "MY house."

All this proved startling to me, since the matter had been talked about for some time. So I asked a few colleagues a generation down from me how they

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felt about their parents' homestead. The answer was unanimous; the place they had grown up was home. No facsimiles accepted.

From where I stand now, I don't feel that way. The house where I grew up will always hold many memories. So will the one where we spent the early part of our marriage and began our family. Our present home will remain forever a place of great importance, because it was there we saw four people launched into their own lives.

But to me home is people, and the place provides the setting for the best kind of living for the people who are there.

As the girls leave to begin new lives, we too look forward to the prospect of something new. And the place we pick won't be their home in the same way our current camping grounds has been if they don't do their living there. But it will be always a home where people are waiting with a welcome.

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