

Club Circuit

PIONEER WOMEN, Sharon Chapter, invite newcomers to its annual membership tea at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, in Labor Zionist Building, 28555 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.

Guest speaker for the evening is Jackie Drapkin, whose talk and slide film presentation is called "Fighting the Good Fight."

Co-hostesses for the evening are Betty Barnett, Pauline Markson, Shirley Miller, Freda Cohen, Rida Deitch, Rhoda Friedman and Helen Neff.

FOCUS ON LIVING, a self-help support group for cancer patients and their families resumes its regular meetings at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, in Orchard United Methodist Church, 30450 Farmington Rd.

The discussion group meeting, which is co-sponsored by the American Cancer Society, is held in the parlor of the church.

The society's program provides a psychological support setting where cancer patients and their families meet with professional resource persons and experienced patients to share mutual concerns and learn positive ways of coping with emotional and practical difficulties arising from the disease.

The group which meets in the Farmington church was formed last November, though the Focus on Living programs have been operating in the Detroit area for several years.

HILL AND DALE GARDEN CLUB meets at 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, in

Farmington Hills Community Library for a program called "Fun Tables from the Pumpkin Patch."

Three tables will each be created by club members Dorothy VanKempen, Valerie Cheyne and Marge Sundberg. Between now and Oct. 22, the members will be planting greenhouses and pressing 300 flowers for projects which begin the fall's Garden Therapy classes in Farmington Public Schools, which the club sponsors.

GATHERING PLACE members host a social worker, a nutritionist and a lawyer for next week's activities in the meeting place for seniors in Mercy Center, on Middlebelt and 11 Mile Rd. The social worker will answer questions beginning at 11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 14; the nutritionist will speak at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, and the lawyer will help with legal problem-solving beginning at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 20.

Clinic is open Wednesdays

Free blood pressure readings will be given the first, second, and fourth Wednesday of every month at Finner Cultural Center, 35200 Eight Mile.

The clinic is sponsored by Michigan Heart Association and conducted by registered nurses from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. It is open to the public, without charge.

Yoga classes resume for the fall season Friday, Sept. 14, and painting classes resume at 1:15 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 19.

Meanwhile, rehearsals are in full swing now for the seniors' musical review that will take place Friday, Oct. 19. The show will be given in conjunction with the Farmington Area Commission on Aging Conference.

Gathering Place staff members Karen Ross and Maggie Loidas head up the dance contingent.

All regular classes and special events for the Gathering Place are listed in this month's issue of The Senior Messenger, which can be picked up without charge in the Gathering Place.

BETHANY NORTHWEST, a support group for separated and divorced Christians, offers spiritual, educational and social opportunities to its members on the second Friday of each month.

The group's new meeting place is Mercy Center, 28600 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

The next session is set for 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 14, when Rev. Jim Sam, chaplain of the Bethany groups and associate pastor at St. Hugo in Bloomfield Hills, is the guest speaker.

Admission of \$2 is asked at the door.

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF CALLIGRAPHERS open its season at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 17, in Farmington Hills Community Library on 12 Mile Road, east of Farmington Road.

Guest speaker for the evening is Lofan Hoffman, from Center for Creative Studies.

The meeting is open to non-members for a \$2 donation, asked at the door.

MUSIC STUDY CLUB OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT opens its season at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, in Temple Beth El. A donation will be asked of guests, at the door.

A program of chamber music will be provided by Susan Ivers Barna, flutist and Thomas Barna, pianist, assisted by the Pastiche Wind Quintet, Detroit's foremost professional chamber ensemble.

Included in the program will be Bach's Sonata in C Major for flute and piano.

Mrs. Victor H. Linden is president of the club. Mrs. George Kerwin, vice president of programming, is chairwoman for the day.

Membership inquiries will be taken by calling Mrs. Linden at 644-9080.

FARMINGTON GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY opens its season at 7:45 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 18, in Farmington Community Library on Liberty.

Dr. Harold F. Powell will discuss his recent trip to England for genealogical research. He is a past president of the Detroit Society for Genealogical Research, a retired professor of psychology at Wayne State University and an instructor of genealogy.

This meeting is open to all interested persons.

At 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21, the society will sponsor the showing of movies taken by Kay Briggs on her "dream trip" to India, in Clarenceville United

Methodist Church. The church is located on Middlebelt Road, two blocks south of Eight Mile.

Ms. Briggs is a retired school teacher.

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Down to earth

Fall weather encourages roots

by ALICE WESSELS BURLINGAME



At last the specialists agree. The best time to upgrade your lawn is in the late summer and early fall. The reasoning is that the cycle of warm days and cool nights is conducive to the germination of the seed and the growth of the young grass roots.

Weed competition isn't so bad as crab grass seed is near the end of the season's cycle. Remember if you have a good stand of grass you can discourage crab grass as it needs sun and bare soil to germinate.

With fall planting you can enjoy the dividends of a good grass plot and in the spring it is ready for the weed war to cover bare spots for your benefit.

To use one of the best techniques for seeding, mow the grass to about an inch in height. Scratch the surface with a power or a metal rake so the seed comes in contact with the soil. Sow a blend of grass seed. We use Kentucky Blue with a good grade of fescue. The latter becomes a nurse crop for the slower emergence of the Kentucky Blue.

Select a non-hot fertilizer with the seed and mix onto the top 1/4 inch of soil, and cover lightly. Your assignment is to be sure that the area is watered each day either by rain or hose.

In late fall, fertilize with a slow release fertilizer. Any day when the temperature is over 40 degrees your lawn will respond with growth of the root system.

If along the edge of your property you have weed trees with a "careless growth," cut the trees down to within 12 inches of the ground and treat the stump to avoid a future growth.

Ammonium sulfamate (marked as Ammate) can be bought in dry granules. You can drill holes in the stump and pour the granules into the holes or you can dilute the material, 1/4 cup to 1 cup of water, and paint it on the fresh cut. Then tie a piece of plastic around the top of the stump to keep the benefit of the spray where it belongs. You may have to repeat the process a couple of times.

Among those trees in disrepute are mulberry, tree of heaven, wild hawthorn, cottonwood, boxelder, elderberry and catelipa. Eventually with this treatment the stump will rot out. This method of treatment doesn't affect the good plantings nearby, if you watch your care in application of Ammate.

Our extension horticultural agent, Greg Patchan, reports that many people are distressed because their spruces have a dusty, brownish color. This could be caused by spider mite. Place a white paper beneath an affected branch and probably you will have minute, black powder on the paper. Take your magnifying glass and if they are moving you will know your detective work is successful. Spray the spruce with Isotox to control the mites. Don't delay.

Some of your annuals will be setting

seed. If you want to save the seeds, a good way is to place them in individual sections of a dozen size egg crate. Be sure to label them. And be sure they

are dry. Cover the egg section box with a plastic bag, store in a cool place and before spring planting time place in the refrigerator for six weeks.

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