

club circuit

GATHERING PLACE members are practicing their ho-ho-ho's this month, getting ready to man the phones for area children who will be placing calls to Santa Claus.

All lines to the North Pole will be cleared between Dec. 17-21 for calls from 4-6 p.m.

Meanwhile, other seniors in town are working on the annual Christmas drive, collecting badly needed items to be shipped to the retarded senior residents in Northville.

Ready to be shipped out are parcels of head scarfs, soap, tooth paste, combs, shaving cream and the like.

The Gathering Place, located in Mercy Center on 11 Mile and Middlebelt roads, is open from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every week day. The full agenda of on-going and special events is listed in The Senior Messenger, which can be picked up without charge.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN continues its series for widowed and divorced men and women and their families at 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29 in the council headquarters, 16400 12 Mile Road, Suite 106, Southfield.

The session is called "Who Protects the Consumer? You do." It will be headed by Esther Shapiro, director of Consumer Affairs Department, Detroit. All inquiries will be taken by calling the council, 557-9694.

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES, Farmington Chapter, meets at 7:45 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, in Farmington Hills Community Library, 32737 12 Mile Road.

The session for the evening is called "What About Us?" and concerns the needs of the other children in the family where there is a learning disabled child.

Speaker for the program is Ernie Ruce, a social worker for Lamphere, public schools and a private practitioner who works with Parent-Youth Developmental Services in Farmington. The meeting is open to all interested persons, without charge.

DETROIT WEST SUBURBAN ALUMNAE OF ALPHA PHI invites all area Alpha Phi alumnae to a Christmas craft meeting at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, in the Northville home of Mrs. Phillip Stinson, 42691 Savoy Court.

The group will be making a quilted fabric angel, to be used on a tree or as a Christmas centerpiece.

Mrs. Ben Farabee, a member of the group from Farmington Hills, will head up the volunteers who will be selling heart-shaped lollipops prior to Valentine's Day in 1980.

The sale is an annual fund-raiser in support of the group's international philanthropy, to aid cardiac victims.

Persons who wish to attend the December meeting are asked to call in advance, to Terry Leland, 478-8321.

FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB meets at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 3, in Farmington Community Center.

Activity for the morning will be a Yuletide workshop where members will learn the many uses of decorating with fresh evergreens.

There will be a charge for those who wish to stay for lunch.

HILL AND DALE GARDEN CLUB meet at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 3, in Farmington Hills Community Library on 12 Mile Road to make up packets for the month's garden therapy project.

Materials in the packets will go towards producing sachets and ashtrays by the youth in special education classes in the two cities.

Meanwhile, all signals are go for the club's every-other-year fundraiser, the Christmas Walk, set for 1-6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9.

Guests may pick up tickets and maps on the day of the walk in Farmington Community Center, to view seven members' homes, all decorated with a different Christmas theme.

Guests are also invited to tea, and to shop in the club's Christmas Boutique, filled with hand-crafted items for sale.

This year club members will make visits twice each month to almost 300 students in 26 classrooms for its garden therapy program.

They provide each child with a project specially planned for a handicapped child's capabilities. These include lessons on planting, growing and arranging of flowers, information on conservation of wild life and trees.

Students range in age from 5-26 years, and include the orthopedic, mentally retarded, physically handicapped and emotionally disturbed.

The garden therapy program in

Farmington and Farmington Hills has received local, state and national recognition.

All proceeds from the Christmas Walk are earmarked for the group's garden therapy program.

BETA SIGMA PHI, Epsilon Beta chapter, meets at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 4, in the home of Marth Feiler.

Membership inquiries will be taken by calling 661-2831.

FARMINGTON MUSICALES will welcome the holiday season at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, with a program called "Rejoissance." The festivities will be given in St. John American Lutheran Church, 23225 Gill Road, Farmington.

Medieval songs and dances will be performed by two groups; the musical's Madrigal Singers and a five-member recorder ensemble called Musica di Festa.

Musica di Festa is coordinated by musicale member Faye Williams, and is composed of members of the Metropolitan Detroit Recorder Society.

The next musicale meeting is set for Wednesday, Feb. 6, 1980.

Prospective members are invited to call Mrs. Paul Barber at 681-4604, for information about joining the group at that time.

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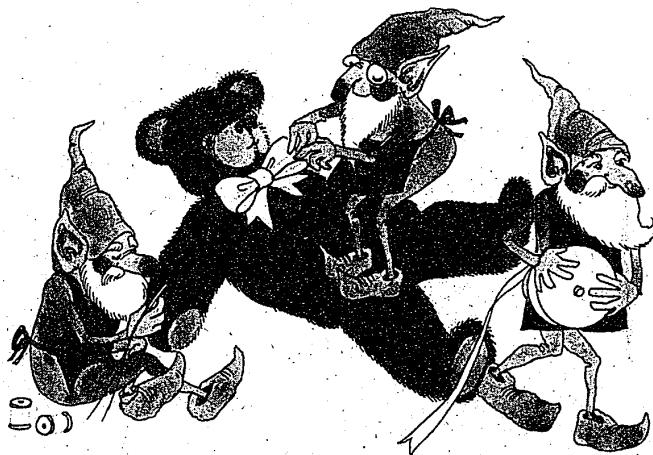
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Ho, for the store of hospitality,
Whose generous doors swing wide and free!
Whose guests, when the first snow crystals fall,
Gather within its spacious hall
From north and from south, and from west to east,
Big folks down to the very least.
Thronging, far as the eye can see,
To see Santa's elves busy as a bee!

The guests are known by their curious wiles,
Mysterious nods, and becks, and smiles;
There are secrets flying about by scores,
Smothered laughs behind fast-closed doors:
There's a noise of hammers, and tink of bells,
And whispered "Hushes," and soft "Don't tells."
Oh, a wonderful place for mystery
Is the glorious store of the Christmas Tree!

Come at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, November 30. You'll see a wonderful puppet show, and Oh! Joy! Santa himself will arrive bringing all the special excitement of this magical season. Come share a happy few hours of wonder and merriment, treats and treasured memories.



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