

The Met comes to Meadow Brook Hall

By SUSAN TAUBER

On Wednesday afternoon, May 23, a group of 150 tourists arrived in three buses at Meadow Brook Hall. They gathered outside the hall door, waiting to enter the 100-room Tudor mansion together.

Unless someone observing them recognized a familiar face, it was impossible to guess who the visitors were.

Just the night before, these people were working together to present, at Masonic Temple in Detroit, the Metropolitan Opera (Met) performance of

"Dialogues of the Carmelites" by Francis Poulenc.

Wednesday night they would be in the auditorium again, this time doing the opera "Othello" by Giuseppe Verdi.

But while they were at Meadow Brook Hall in Avon Township, the singers, ballet dancers, orchestra players, make-up men and other Met personnel forgot about the eight operas they were doing for local audiences.

They had a chance for a few hours to play the role of tourists visiting a national landmark.

"Seeing this alone is worth the trip to

Detroit," said a Met member as he entered the hall.

"It's a treasure," said Victor Calligari, make-up artist with the Met for 10 years.

One of the reasons the trip to MBH was such a treat, according to ballerina Kimberly Groves, was that in most cities only the Met principal stars are entertained.

"This is really nice the whole company was invited," said Ms. Groves. This is her first season with the Met. She danced with the Royal Winnipeg Ballet for four years before being asked to join the Met dancers.

Thelma Riccardi of Birmingham, DGOA general chairwoman, also worked on arrangements for the lunch and tour.

The guests sat in the Christopher Wren dining room and adjoining dining areas for a feast of gazpacho, Cornish hens stuffed with wild rice, French cut green beans, white wine and ice cream.

Joining them were friends from the area, Otto Rosenbach of Avon Township, Southfield Met member Ara Berberian and Detroit voice teacher Marjorie Gordon.

BETWEEN MOUTHFULS, everyone chatted.

"Look at them all. There's not a discontented voice around," said Francis Robinson, Met tour director and consultant, a legend in his own right.

Jesse Teiko, Carmelo Barranco, Ann Florio and Barbara Bystrom sat together during lunch. They talked about many things — but mostly about living out of a suitcase for six weeks in seven cities while on tour and life with the Met.

Mrs. Bystrom and Mrs. Florio are Met chorus members. Teiko and Barranco are orchestra musicians. Teiko plays double bass, Barranco, French horn.

"We're all pretty tired when we get to Detroit," said Mrs. Florio, a Met vet-

eran of 14 years. "One of the reasons we love coming to Detroit is because we know we're going home afterwards."

They've already been to Cleveland, Boston, Atlanta, Memphis, Dallas and Minneapolis.

Before going on tour, the troupe put in months of hard work in New York City.

"When we're in New York, our job is hard," said Barranco, whose been with the Met 16 years. "We have four rehearsals a week plus performances in the evening. We finish a rehearsal at 4 p.m. and the show starts that night at 8 p.m. Our season in New York lasts

from late September until the middle of April. Then the tours start."

WHILE IN THE AREA, the troupe takes advantage of shopping Downtown Detroit Days (DDD) and going to Windsor.

"I got just what I needed at Hudson's downtown," said Mrs. Florio. "Six Romanian cordial glasses. I counted my tablecloths before I left New York. I have 25 of them from Windsor," she added laughing.

Everyone at Mrs. Florio's table admitted touring was hard, especially with families back in New York.

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The night before her visit to Meadow Brook Hall, Ann Florio was a nun in the Metropolitan Opera performance "Dialogues of the Carmelites." The day of the tour she looks like a tourist. (Staff photos by Mindy Saunders)

THE GROUP for inviting the company, which numbers about 350, is Detroit Grand Opera Association (DGOA), the organization which has sponsored the Met's annual week-long tour to Detroit for 21 years.

"We sent over 400 invitations for this afternoon to the company before their tour began," said Janice Morganoch of Franklin, chairwoman for the luncheon.

"We had a phenomenal response," said Melodee DuBois. "More than 150 said they wanted to come. We've never had more than 90 accept our invitations."

Ms. DuBois is public relations director and assistant to the DGOA manager.



Barbara Bystrom, Met chorus member, listens as double bass player Jesse Teiko reveals the problems of opera house orchestra pits. (Staff photos by Mindy Saunders)

FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Public Accuracy Test will be taken by the Farmington Public School District for the June 11, 1979 Annual Election. The test will be taken on Tuesday, the 5th day of June, 1979, at 2:00 P.M. The test will be held at the City Clerk's Office, City of Farmington Hills, 31555 W. Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, Michigan.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS (Summary)

A Regular Meeting of the Farmington City Council was held Monday, May 21, 1979, in the Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem William S. Hartsock.

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Hartsock, Councilmen Bennett, Buckler, Absent: Mayor Tupper, Councilman Yoder (In St. Joseph, Michigan for Mayor Exchange)

City Officials Present: City Manager Deadman, Directors Byrnes and Billing, City Attorney Kelly, Acting City Clerk Bushey.

The minutes of previous meeting were approved. The minutes of Other Boards were received and/or filed.

Council granted permission for the Farmington Area Jaycees' Walkathon for June 16, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Letter of complaint relative to litter problem was received.

Council approved the revision of fees for Building Code Permits and Licenses effective June 1, 1979.

Council authorized the closing of Nine Mile Road by Farmington Hills in the amount of \$119.02, and the billing of Farmington Hills for their share of the cost of closing Pink Street in the amount of \$150.55.

Council authorized the use of the credit from the City of Detroit for overcharges during 1977-78 to offset the proposed sewage rate increases from July 1, 1979 to January 1, 1980.

The City Manager was authorized to contract with Greenridge Nursery, Inc., of Northville, Michigan, to replace 22 trees in the downtown area.

Council agreed to allow punch card voting for all absentee ballots in future elections, if arrangements can be made with the City of Farmington Hills for the use of their vote tabulation computer.

Ms. Carol Hoerle of Meadowlark was appointed to the Farmington Beautification Committee.

The following Reports were received: Financial Report General Fund 10 months ended April 30, 1979.

Financial Report Water & Sewer Funds Quarter ended March 31, 1979.

Farmington Youth Assistance 3d and 4th Quarterly Reports 1978.

Council adopted a resolution directing that the Delinquent Special Assessment Payments and Unpaid Service Invoices as certified by the City Treasurer in the amount of \$14,172.51 be placed on the 1979 City Tax Roll.

Miscellaneous items were discussed by Council, and the City Manager was asked to give an updated account of the various city projects in process.

Monthly bills were approved for payment. Meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

WILLIAM S. HARTSOCK, MAYOR PRO TEM
JOSEPHINE M. BUSHEY, Acting City Clerk

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OAKLAND AND WAYNE COUNTIES, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF SAID SCHOOL DISTRICT:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Annual Election of the qualified electors of Clarenceville School District will be held in the Clarenceville School District of Oakland and Wayne Counties, Michigan, on Monday, June 11, 1979, at 8:00 P.M., Local Time. The polls of election will be open from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M., Local Time.

The places of voting shall be as follows:

Precinct 1: Clarenceville Junior High School
20210 Middlebelt
Livonia, Michigan

Precinct 2: Clarenceville Junior High School
20210 Middlebelt
Livonia, Michigan

Precinct 3: Botsford Elementary School
19515 Lathers
Livonia, Michigan

Precinct 4: Botsford Elementary School
19515 Lathers
Livonia, Michigan

Precinct 5: Clarenceville Senior High School
20155 Middlebelt
Livonia, Michigan

Precinct 6: Clarenceville Senior High School
20155 Middlebelt
Livonia, Michigan

Only registered voters are eligible to vote.

TAKE NOTICE ALSO that there shall be elected two (2) members to the Board of Education for a term of four (4) years each. The candidates are: Barry M. Sherman
Dr. Samuel J. Prisk

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that in addition to the matters set forth above, the regular election for Schoolcraft Community College District will be held at the same time as the annual election in said School District on June 11, 1979, for the purpose of electing one member to the Board of Trustees for a term ending June 30, 1981, and two members to the Board of Trustees, each for a term ending June 30, 1985.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the term ending June 30, 1981:
Richard J. Hayward
Thomas S. More

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the two terms ending June 30, 1985:
Nancy Blatt
Michael W. Burley
Gerald L. Cox
Robert A. Ficino

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the following propositions will be submitted to all qualified electors of said School District voting in said regular election for Schoolcraft Community College District:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE CULINARY ARTS ADDITION TAX LEVY PROPOSAL

In addition to existing authorizations, shall the Board of Trustees of Schoolcraft Community College District, Michigan, be authorized to levy fifty cents per \$1,000 (one-half mill per dollar) of State Equalized Valuation of all taxable property of the College District for 1 year, the year 1979, for constructing and equipping a Culinary Arts Addition and site improvements on the community college campus?

YES ☐
NO ☐

PROPOSITION NO. 2
SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE TAX LEVY PROPOSAL

In addition to existing authorizations, shall the Board of Trustees of Schoolcraft Community College District, Michigan, be authorized to levy fifty cents per \$1,000 (one-half mill per dollar) of State Equalized Valuation of all taxable property of the College District for 1 year, the year 1979, for remodeling, equipping and re-equipping existing buildings, site improvements and major maintenance expenditures?

YES ☐
NO ☐

This Notice is given by order of the Board of Education of said School District.

BARRY M. SHERMAN, Secretary of
Clarenceville School District
Board of Education

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