

Nancy Bates to chair bike-a-thon benefit for St. Jude Hospital

Nancy Bates has accepted the chairmanship of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital Bike-A-Thon for the Farmington area. The fund-raiser will be one of many, to be held simultaneously throughout the country, in May, to support the work in the hospital.

The Farmington Hills resident will be spending time now mapping out routes and checkpoints, recruiting workers and bikers, lining up prizes, food and supplies.

Theme for the event this year is "I'm Riding for Lisa," a child in the hospital now, who represents many thousands of youngsters around the world who suffer from catastrophic diseases.

Doctors and scientists probe the mysteries of cancers, muscle disorders and all other maladies that maim and kill children, seeking better treatment, the cause, cure, and prevention of the killers.

The research center is dedicated solely to the conquest of the childhood illnesses, and gives free total medical care to its patients as part of the research program.

Founded by entertainer Danny Thomas, the institution opened its doors to the public in 1962. It is non-sectarian and non-discriminatory.

ALL FINDINGS and information gained at the hospital are shared freely with doctors and hospitals the world over.



NANCY BATES

Ronald C. Casabella, of the hospital's Central Regional Office in New Albany, Ind., said, "The concern which Mrs. Bates has for the work being performed at St. Jude's is greatly appreciated."

"Our children hope that the citizens in the Farmington area will support her and the upcoming Bike-A-Thon wholeheartedly."

"The funds raised in the Bike-A-Thons this spring will assure the continuation of the life giving work at the hospital."

Armenian language classes for spring term

Dikran Tounajian continues classes in Armenian language and culture in the spring term of sessions offered by Farmington Public Schools.

Classes are offered to adults and teens. New, as well as continuing students, are invited to enroll in the classes that are believed to be the only ones of their kind offered by a public school in the greater metropolitan Detroit area.

Classes run from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesdays, beginning March 25 in Ten Mile Community School, on Ten Mile Road, east of Farmington Road.

"Dikran Tounajian is an exceptionally well-qualified teacher," said Julieann Hovanesian who was instrumental in getting the first class started here.

"He is an American-born Armenian scholar who also teaches Armenian at Oakland and Wayne State Universities as well as being affiliated in research with the Alex Manogian Armenian Day School," she said.

Advance registration is recommended because the class draws from the entire Detroit area. Cost for the eight week course is \$16. Registration is under way now for all courses offered in Ten Mile Community School, and will continue until the class loads are filled. All classes begin the week of March 24.

Persons may register in person, or by calling the school, 474-5233.

Easter brunch concludes Fabulous Friday series

Farmington Community Center's Fabulous Fridays wind up with an "Easter Brunch With Barb and Judy" beginning at 10 a.m. March 21.

The recipes to be demonstrated and sampled will be dishes that can be made ahead of time, or be kept warm easily, and come from the files of the center's talented duo, Barbara Dermody and Judy Antishin.

The two experts-in-the-kitchen have brought many successful appetizer and luncheon demonstrations to the center and are responsible for the much-applauded Luncheon Series in the center. That series will resume on Thursdays beginning April 17.

"The entire we've chosen to show for the Fabulous Friday series is my cheese souffle brunch surprise," said Mrs. Antishin. The recipe was one of

her contributions to the Farmington Community Center Cookbook.

"It's the perfect meal to serve after any family tradition on Easter," Mrs. Antishin said, "whether your group attends church service or hunts Easter eggs."

The menu for the brunch runs from appetizer through dessert.

"We'll demonstrate selected recipes," Mrs. Dermody says, "but we'll hand out complete instructions for guests to take home. Of course, we'll answer any questions, too."

Guests will be served a complete brunch, at sit-down tables of four or eight.

Early reservations are suggested at \$6 per person by calling the center, 477-8404.

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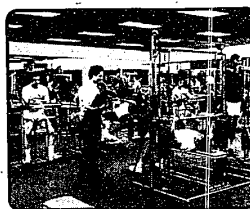
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