

# Walk for Mankind set

The Farmington Jaycees will collaborate with Project Concern, a national fund-raising group, in a Walk for Mankind on Saturday, June 7.

The object of the walk will be, in part, to help Project Concern in raising money for its medical and dental clinics throughout the world, including clinics serving Appalachia and the Navajo reservations in the U.S.

Twenty percent of the earnings will

be returned to Farmington. In prior years, proceeds were donated to the Farmington YMCA, the Community Center, the Advisory Council and Burns Awareness.

Sponsor sheets are available through Farmington schools, the YMCA, the Community Center, the Advisory Council and Burns Awareness.

Registration for the walk is from 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. June 7. The

walk will begin at 8:30 a.m. from the Farmington High School east parking lot and will wind throughout Farmington and Farmington Hills a distance of 15 kilometers. The course will be walked twice (30 kilometers).

For further information, contact Dale Winston at 477-9574, Allen Weimer at 477-3989, or the Walk for Mankind's toll-free walk phone at 800-462-9112 between 2 and 9 p.m.

# Project Concern sets goals

By C.J. RISAK

The outcry is nothing new. It's a fact of life as old as man himself — people suffer and struggle to survive and are forced to plead with the more fortunate for help.

Giving aid to the needy is also an age-old fact. For it seems that as long as people need aid there will be someone to provide it.

Project Concern is an agency whose name answers all questions as to its aim: concern for the welfare of people all over the world.

Project Concern was founded in 1961 with a basic goal of providing health care to people needing medical attention. Since that time, the agency's objective has grown to include helping people help themselves.

This includes teaching without extensive medical facilities about simple curative medicine, nutrition sanitation and hygiene, maternal child health and health education. The theory is that once this knowledge is acquired, simple medical problems may be treated and prevention taught to fellow villagers or neighbors.

Project Concern, which has its headquarters in San Diego, reaches individuals in the United States and 25 other countries. There are field projects in six countries which change location as the program reaches self-sufficiency.

There are other ways Project Con-

cern reaches people (approximately 1.5 million a year). Option, a referral and recruitment service that places health professionals throughout the world, is an integral part of the agency.

FUNDING, of course, determines the success of any charitable organization in its goal to help as many people as possible. Project Concern, which is funded almost totally by private contributions, has been most successful through its Walk for Mankind.

The object is simple. Local organizations are recruited to co-sponsor a walk of 20-25 miles through their community. Local businesses pledge a certain amount of money for every mile walked, with a portion of the proceeds designated for local programs.

In Farmington, a 30-kilometer Walk for Mankind is scheduled for June 7. Co-sponsored by the Farmington Jaycees, the walk in the past has funded such local projects as the YMCA, the Community Center, the Advisory Committee and Burns Awareness.

Walk for Mankind, while the most successful of the Project Concern programs, isn't the only one. The agency offers sponsorships of needy children, coin collection canisters, memorial and honor gifts and industry matching workers' donation programs.

Persons interested in any of the Project Concern programs can get more information by writing Project Concern, PO Box 81123, San Diego, Calif. 92138, or call (714) 299-1353.

# Local teacher honored

Marian McCracken, a Farmington teacher and resident, was honored by the Michigan Education Association (MEA) at its Annual Human Rights banquet May 2.

Ms. McCracken received the Human Relations Award for her efforts to eliminate discrimination and foster minority understanding and acceptance.

Ms. McCracken is active in the Farmington Education Association, serving as a member of the board of directors, chairwoman of the women's

concerns committee and delegate to the MEA and National Education Association (NEA).

At the state level, she chairs the MEA's women's caucus. She is also actively involved in working for passage of ERA.

This year, she became involved at the national level when she was appointed by the NEA president to serve as an association representative on the executive committee of the Coalition of Labor Union Women.

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