

Renaissance Festival staged by Musicale

There will be revelry, songs, food and merriment at the "Here We Come A-Wassailing" Renaissance Festival presented by The Farmington Musicale and the Oakland Community College Culinary Arts department on Saturday, Dec. 6.

At 6:30 p.m. guests will be greeted by the Clarinet Choir of the Farmington Community Concert Band and then ushered into a room decorated with pine cones and Christmas greenery to enjoy a Wassail bowl of ale, sherry, spices and apples.

During the Wassail hour, the "Musica di Festa" will entertain in the Renaissance tradition with recorders, lutes and voice.

A harpsichord, brought in for the special occasion will be played by Musicale members, and a mixed Madrigal will present songs of the season.

From the Wassail Hour, guests will move into the dining room to enjoy a buffet of roast beef, Yorkshire pudding, chicken, vegetables, various salads, plum pudding and coffee.

During the dining hour, the entertainment will continue with tumblers from the Farmington Gymnastics Inc., "The Tordian Dancers" from Ann Arbor, and a mime group with "Gerry the Fool," serving as Court Jester.

All performers will be costumed in period dress and will mingle with guests to keep the merriment going throughout the evening.

After the dining hour, guests will move again for a group sing which will close this festive evening.

The Renaissance Festival is a project for The Farmington Musicale to raise monies for youth scholarships. The cost of \$15 per person provides a full evening of entertainment and fine food.

The event will be staged in Tirrell Hall, "G" building on the Orchard Ridge campus. Faculty parking will be available.

There will be no sale of tickets at the door. Tickets are available by calling Andrea MacVicar, 476-5657.

Members of Faith Church host St. Lucia breakfast

A welcome is extended to the community to attend the first St. Lucia Breakfast Dec. 6 by members of Faith Covenant Church. Serving at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., the menu consists of fruit soup or juice, Lucia buns, cardamom bread, cheese, cookies and coffee.

There will also be a craft and bake sale.

According to legend, Lucia was a very beautiful Italian girl living in Sicily in the year 304 A.D. About to become a bride, she gave her entire dowry to

the poor of her village and admitted she had become a Christian.

She was accused of witchcraft by the Romans, was greatly persecuted and finally burned at the stake. As she died, the village was illuminated by a very brilliant light, and the villagers realized she was a saint, not a witch.

After that, she was seen in many places when people were in need. Legend states that once she appeared during a famine in Sweden, carrying food and drink to the starving people. She

was seen across a large lake with her white gown and crown of lights. St. Lucia stands for the symbol of light, peace and hope.

TODAY The Day of St. Lucia is celebrated in the cities, out in the country, even in factories and offices all over Sweden.

Primarily it is a family observance. Early in the dark morning, in hundreds of thousands of Swedish homes, the

members of the family are awakened by the eldest daughter who rises early, puts on a white gown, a crown of candles, and serves the family coffee and Lucia buns.

The church is located at 14 Mile and Drake Roads. Tickets are available by calling 681-9181 and are priced at \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children 10 and under. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Finns mark anniversary

The Finnish American Historical Society presents a program commemorating the 63rd anniversary of the Republic of Finland at 2 p.m. Sunday in Finnish Cultural Center. The center is located at 35200 Eight Mile Road.

Speaker for the event is Prof. John I. Kolhmalen, retired from Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio, and author of

"The Epic of the North." His book deals with the Finnish national epic poem, "The Kalevala."

He will answer questions from the floor after his talk.

Honored guest at the affair will be Finnish Consul Harri Virjo.

A \$1 donation will be asked for at the door.

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