

club circuit

FARMINGTON NEIGHBORS CLUB has elected Connie Blazek to serve as president for the coming year. Her vice presidents are Chris Martini and Virginia Goble.

Other incoming officers to be installed this month are Ruth Steggle, Pearl Berres and Mary DeLange. Proceeds from the group's annual benefit luncheon and card party exceeded \$1,200 this spring. The funds will be given this year to Farmington Community Center, Michigan Cancer Foundation and Marilee Hall.

THE GATHERING PLACE regulars are discussing Christmas in June, getting an early start on their goal of knitting for the needy.

There is yarn available now in The Gathering Place, Mercy Center on 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt Road, for

all knitters who wish to contribute mittens, caps, scarves or a variety of small animal toys. Continuous requests are filled by those in The Gathering Place for kimonos and booties from Hutzel Hospital.

Yvonne Singer will spell out the details for knitters by contacting her during regular Gathering Place hours, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. week days.

At 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 16, Sherry Deeg, from Farmington Community Library, will show the movie "About a Century."

The color film highlights fads, music, sports and technology from 1876 to the present day.

Wednesday, June 17, is "T-Shirt Day" when all comers wear their coolest T-shirt.

Guest speaker for Thursday, June 18, is Dale Winnie, an attorney who ap-

pears at 11 a.m. to answer legal questions concerning senior adults.

On Friday, June 26, seniors board a bus at 9 a.m. from Mercy Center to attend "Senior Summerfest" at Waterford Oaks Activities Center. A limited number of tickets are available at \$9 in The Gathering Place. Senior Summerfest is sponsored by Northwest Senior Citizens Coordinators and Oakland County Parks and Recreation Commission.

HILL AND DALE GARDEN CLUB installs Mrs. David Wemyss as president for the coming term when the club meets tonight in Farmington Community Center. Her vice presidents are Mrs. William Stairs, Mrs. Leslie Pheil and Mrs. Janet Patrell.

Other incoming officers are Mrs. Ronald Kiehl, Mrs. Larry Gordon and Mrs. James Goff.

The installation ceremonies will be led by Mrs. Dennis Gaudette, a past president of the club. The installation will be followed by a reception, then a slide presentation given by Janet Patrell, reviewing the year's activities.

Honored guests for the evening will be past presidents of Hill and Dale.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (DAR) John Sackett Chapter, meet for a program called "The Ragged Old Flag" Saturday, June 13.

The special meeting is hosted by Mary Rogers in her Farmington Hills home, 27275 Braunwald. Dessert and beverages will be furnished by the hostess.

The program will be led by Dorothy Fasting, of Livonia, and the chapter chairman, "Flag of the United States of America." She will give a U.S. Flag to Past Regent Louise Sigmund to be flown over the Sigmund residence, a Livonia historical landmark.

Regent Margaret Steward, of West Bloomfield, will take part in the ceremony when her daughter Eileen will become a DAR member, joining her two sisters Elizabeth and Ellen.

Elizabeth Dettler will read the resolutions adopted during the DAR's 90th Continental Congress, held in Washington, D.C., this spring.

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY will set up for the Walter Hagen Golf Tournament, set for this year in Hillcrest Country Club, Mt. Clemens on June 29.

A donation of \$125 to the society covers lunch, dinner, green fees, electric cart and prizes. Inquiries are taken by calling the society, 557-5353.

GALILEE B'NAI B'RITH WOMEN meet for their paid-up membership dinner at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, in Farmington Hills Community Library, 32737 12 Mile Road.

Entertainment will be furnished by "Clutter Control."

Inquiries taken by Susie Malamed, 559-1766.

AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, Detroit Chapter, celebrates the 75th anniversary of the national committee with a dinner meeting at 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 16 in Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills.

Guest speaker for the event will be Maynard Wisner, 18th president of the president of the national organization. Inquiries taken by calling the committee, 965-3353.

FARMINGTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday,

June 17 in Room 101-G, Farmington High School, 32000 Shawwassee Road. All meetings of the club are open to all persons interested in amateur radio.

ALONE TOGETHER, a group for widows and widowers, meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 17 in St. Edith Church hall, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Entertainment for the evening will be square dancing and Greek and Jewish folk dancing. Caller and instructor is Norm Seay.

The event is open to widows and widowers only. Admission of \$3 will be asked at the door. Inquiries about the social club will be taken by Sarah Skatkat, 464-3136, after 5 p.m.

PIONEER WOMEN, Greater Detroit Council, will install Elsie Evelyn Novack of Detroit as president when it installs new officers at a luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 18 in Congregation Beth Achim, 21100 12 Mile Road, Southfield.

Her vice presidents will be Betty Rath of Farmington Hills; Renee Shuster of Oak Park; Blanche Tuchman of Southfield; Les Wagnon of Oak Park and Jacky Drapkin of Lathrup Village.



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Family has found one another

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The cousins all grew up in a tradition of togetherness, of family cohesiveness.

"They knew their roots went back to Russia and that the branching out of their family tree occurred when in 1860, Samuel and Hannah Caplan left Russia."

"They fled from the pogroms, the hunger, the anti-Semitism, and the threat of forced military service," says Reka Goldstein of Southfield.

"They brought" three children with them from Russia, settled in London and had three more. They lived in buildings built by the Rothschild family to

accommodate the mass immigration from Russia.

"IRONICALLY, when I visited England in 1974, they were tearing those same buildings down."

As the children grew up, they left England for the United States, mainly the East Coast. Three Caplan sisters came to Detroit, later sending for other family members, including their parents.

Since 1910, the Caplan family here has remained a close family unit, having gatherings, maintaining the graves of their forebears and seeing that care is provided when there's a need.

"When we were young

and the family smaller, we even had Seder dinners together at Aunt Kitty's house," says Ettie Handelman of Farmington Hills, a Caplan through her mother.

Eighty-two-year-old Kitty Wallace is the only living survivor of Samuel and Hannah Caplan. "We call her the family cementer," says Reka Goldstein of Southfield, whose mother's maiden name also was Caplan.

There's always been a Caplan Family Club with get-togethers for Hanukkah and summer picnics, but two years ago, at a bat mitzvah party in Rhode Island, the idea of a real reunion was born.

"The Detroit family decided to organize the event," says Mrs. Handelman. "Questionnaires were sent out to every single relative. We tracked down cousins

that had never been contacted before. When the answers came in with great enthusiasm, we started planning for the reunion."

FIFTEEN FAMILIES pooled efforts in a garage sale last May during which about \$1,000 was raised.

"With these funds we wrote a family history, produced a family tree and printed a complete mailing list of all known family members," Mrs. Handelman says.

Just as in the past challenge to keep the family together "the women were the cement" in planning the reunion, says Mrs. Goldstein.

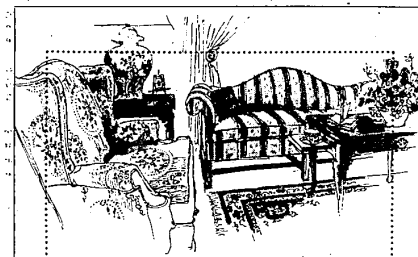
"And Aunt Kitty remains the chief family cementer, the central mail receiver, the historian and the one family member that everyone knows," says Mrs. Handelman. "She never had children, so we've all been her children."

For two years now, Aunt Kitty's "children" have been very busy. When the reunion opens at the Southfield hotel, their efforts will be obvious.

Each family unit will receive the history, the family tree and a list of all family members. Photographs of the Caplan Family from as far back as 1890 will be displayed.

"Everyone will get a badge and register as if it were a convention," Mrs. Handelman says. "And a musical program depicting the family history will be performed by cousins of all ages."

TOGETHER, THE united family will celebrate the 50th anniversary of Bertha and Jack Feinstein, former Oakland County residents.



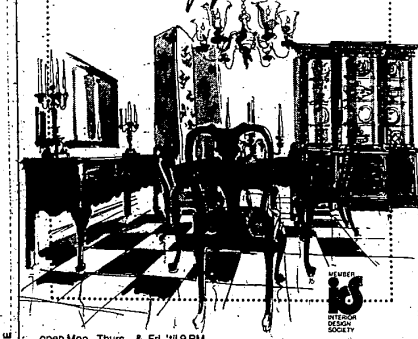
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