

## Farmington Youth Assistance

# Galens, take FYA Volunteer of the Year Award

Dr. Gary Galens and Linda Noble have been named Volunteers of the Year by Farmington Youth Assistance (FYA) for the work they've done through 1981 for the service organization.

Both have given time and effort fostering FYA's goals of preventing juvenile delinquency and promoting family well being.

Dr. Galens, with his wife Barbara, initiated "Children: The Challenge" parent study groups under the sponsorship of FYA. Since the initiation of the parents-helping-parents program in 1977, it has reached more than 400 families.

Now a number of neighboring communities are using the Galens' concept

of the program as a model for parenting groups.

Noble developed several new committees within the FYA that have greatly expanded the organization's influence in the community.

She was responsible for a preschool fair that grew into the independent Farmington Area Preschool Council.

She organized the recent spring seven-week seminar for working parents called "The Juggling Act."

Now she is involved in coordinating the area's first Latchkey program in cooperation with Farmington YMCA and United Community Services.

Latchkey provides meaningful recreational leisure time activities for the child with working parents who carries

his or her house key to school and may be alone until the parents return from work.

GARY AND Barbara Galens brought "Children: The Challenge" to Farmington area parents when they moved here after participating in a similar study group in Virginia Beach, Va.

"It had helped our family and we felt it could be beneficial for families everywhere," Galens said.

It didn't take long for him to sell the idea and it was picked up and supported by the organization's Family Education Committee.

Using the book written by Dr. Rudolf Dreikurs as the basis and authority for

discussion, the group provides a forum for parents to speak about their family experiences.

Parents are taught techniques to motivate their children to behave cooperatively, to have respect for themselves and others, and then take responsibility for their own actions.

"The principle that all people are equal and deserving of respect is emphasized," Galens said.

She said of the Dreikurs philosophy on child rearing and family well-being.

The Galens first study group was comprised of six persons. That group broke into three groups the following September, each with its own leader and co-leader, and these groups have kept expanding steadily since.

"Most of the growth has come from word of mouth recommendations by those who have gone through the first course," Galens said.

LINDA NOBLE, mother of twin boys, feels her biggest accomplishment for FYA was a question she had about what nursery school to choose for her preschoolers.

Tracking down what area nursery schools had to offer ultimately resulted in a unified council of about 40 area preschool operations.

She sent out questionnaires seeking information about the schools' times, costs, staffing patterns and philosophies. She contacted licensing agencies and area nursery school personnel.

The result was the first Preschool Area Directory, published to coincide with the area's first preschool fair.

"The parents went to one fair where each school had set up its own booth and did their shopping in one night. They left with literature the schools had to give out and our directory so they could choose the school of their choice at leisure," she said.

"Getting all those people together and talking was a real accomplishment," Noble said.

The Farmington Area Preschool Council, incorporated in May of last year, continues to share information and sponsor workshops for all persons who work with preschoolers.

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## Farmington Hills Junior Women

# Service club promotes the town with Opportunity Farmington

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Farmington Hills Junior Women's Club is developing and promoting a board game similar to Monopoly that will be called Opportunity Farmington.

Members are knocking on merchants' doors through May selling spaces on the board that will be marked with names familiar to the community.

Instead of Park Place or Boardwalk, players might land on Real Estate One, Brown Drugs or Kendallwood Swim Club, the first three squares purchased.

Metropolitan Bank of Farmington, Bill Cooke Buick, Farmington Gymnastics Center and Alexander Hamilton Insurance Co. also have signed up to have their names put on the new game. At the same time, the companies made a contribution to five area organizations.

The fund-raiser will benefit Farmington Area Advisory Council, the Gathering Place, Farmington Community Center, the fine arts department in the area's three high schools, and two municipal libraries where a book collection on substance abuse will be established.

FARMINGTON Hills Junior Women's Club is now in its eighth year of service to the community and takes on Opportunity Farmington as its most ambitious project to date.

"The goal is to have the game ready for sale in time for Founders Festival (in July), put in a reorder for more

games before the holidays and raise \$10,000 before the year is out," said Sandy Donlon.

Donlon brought home the idea for Opportunity Farmington to the local club from her position as education chairman for Michigan State Federation of Junior Women's Clubs.

"There is no reason why this shouldn't be a success here," she said. "The Junior Club in Kalamazoo is working on its second game now, and Bellevue, which hardly has enough merchants to fill the squares, has already sold 1,000 games."

A committee of 10 in the local club is designing the game box cover with pictures of the area, writing a brief history of the town for the inside of the box cover, selling squares, and writing up the game's Venture Cards.

Players who pick up a Venture Card may have to go to 47th District Court, go to a local restaurant for a party, or pick up the car they won in a raffle at the local car dealer.

PRICE TO THE parties who buy a square varies. The higher-priced square buyers get additional promotion by having their name on a Venture Card.

Price to the purchasers of the game will be fixed.

"We will handle all the game sales, and we'll be doing some selling ourselves," Donlon said speaking for the club.

"But the beauty of this for the

square-buyers is that they can buy the game from us, sell it for a few dollars more at our set retail price, and pay for their own advertising that way."

Donlon describes the game as being "challenging to the players' business and money-making skills while still providing enjoyment for the entire family."

The game is manufactured by Amerigame Corp. of Troy and has been used in several suburban high-school classrooms as a tool to teach the free enterprise system.



Sandy Donlon

The Junior Club has signed a contract for the first order of 1,500 games "just because we were so positive this was a good idea to promote Farmington, promote the merchants, and get a good sized bit of money to aid the groups we've cited as recipients," Donlon said.

DONLON WORKED with club member Jeanne Lee to speak with representatives of several area organizations about their current projects and needs before the recipients of the money-raiser were decided.

"The committee members considered the impact on the community, the interests of the club members, the goals of the club and the percentage of the community served when making our choice," she said.

"We also took into consideration the club's previous activities and our special committee projects."

One of the club's special committee projects is Gristown, a home for the emotionally disturbed. When the contract was signed, Amerigame pledged 5 percent of its profits from Opportunity Farmington to Gristown.

Farmington Area Advisory Council will get 40 percent, the lion's share of the \$10,000 goal, to carry on its work in early intervention and out-patient treatment of substance-abuse related problems.

Donlon can be contacted by calling 661-1684.

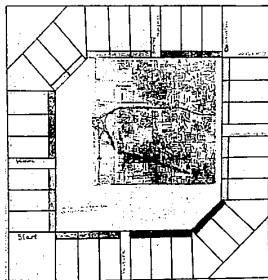


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Judy Johnson (left) and Rae Howard check out similar games in their research to develop Opportunity Farmington. The two women are members of the Farmington Hills Junior Women's Club working toward making \$10,000 from the game to give to five non-profit area organizations.

## April is Junior Women's Club Month

At right: A mockup of the board game with names and logos of Farmington-area merchants to be placed in each of 116 blank squares.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

The Farmington Hills Junior Women's Club is celebrating its eighth year of service to the Farmington community during the month of April designated as Junior Women's Club Month.

The club is affiliated with the Michigan State Federation and General Federation of Women's Clubs.

The Michigan State Federation of Junior Women's Clubs, with a membership of about 600 statewide, is a community service organization working in the common interests of education, public interests, fine arts, child abuse and neglect, and philanthropic activities. Michigan Juniors are members of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the largest volunteer service or-

ganization of women in the world.

The Farmington Hills Juniors, along with the federated women and junior women's clubs of Michigan, have actively supported Gristown, a home for emotionally disturbed girls, located in Belleville.

The club members also participate in other statewide programs such as the shoplifting prevention campaign conducted in the schools during the past year; programs to aid the handicapped in connection with the Year of the Handicapped, and most recently, in considering projects related to alcohol abuse and drunk driving.

PROGRAMS AND projects on the lo-

cal level have included the sponsoring of the Christmas party for the handicapped adults of New Horizons; volunteers assisting the Gathering Place and Goodfellows and members working in the schools in the Bucket Brigade program.

The Junior Club is currently developing a Monopoly-type game marketed by Amerigame Corp. of Troy as a fund-raiser.

Since the founding of the chapter in 1974, the goals of the club members have been to serve the community in diversified areas while unifying their efforts to improve community life for all residents.

This is in keeping with the General

Federations motto "Unity in Diversity."

Through the efforts of the Farmington Hills Juniors and the total Federation of Michigan Junior Clubs, 760 projects were conducted and \$101,357 was donated to their various service projects during the past two years.

During the celebration of Junior Women's Club Month, members of the Farmington Hills branch send a public thank you to the businessmen, city officials and residents for their support of the club's projects.

The group also thanks the volunteers within the area's service organizations in observance of National Volunteer Week, April 18-24.

## Artists donate work to boost Farmington Art Foundation

Members of Farmington Artists Club are lining up to give a piece of their own work as a donation to perpetuate the workings of the Farmington Art Foundation.

The members do this twice a year, just prior to their spring and fall art exhibits, to raise additional money for the service arm of their organization.

One of the items that have come in to be raffled off during the three-day show this year is Frank Lohan's latest book, "Pen and Ink Themes."

Lohan's contribution will be joined by nine works of art coming from Billie Thompson and Pat Richardson, both from Farmington; Caroline Dupuy of Northville; Bette Noreen of Orchard Lake; Charles Dubois of Novi; Shirley Smiley and Ann George of Westland; Marian Betts of Milford; and one work

coming from the estate of the late Lillian Kortilla.

The show runs Friday through Sunday, April 30-May 2, in Mercy Center's formal lounge, on Middlebelt Road, east of 1 Mile Road.

LOHAN is a 20-year resident of Farmington Hills and a former president of Farmington Artists Club who turned author a few years ago to share his expertise in the area of pen and ink techniques.

As the title suggests, his latest book deals with how to translate different themes sketching from life and photographs into pen and ink illustrations.

He demonstrates his mastery of the media with 200 sketches, some based on experiences during extensive travel here and abroad.

One section of the book concerning nostalgia contains five sketches on turn-of-the-century Farmington.

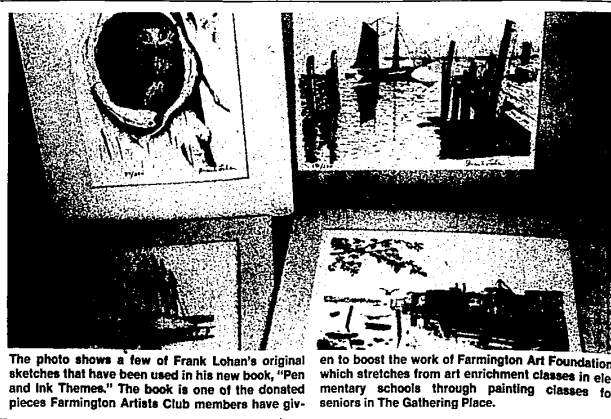
The book will be on display throughout the exhibit.

As in the past, the show will feature the juried and open galleries. Juror for the spring show is Barbara Price from the Cranbrook Academy of Art.

Following tradition, the show also will include its "budget gallery," offering about 2,000 quality works of art with prices that begin at \$1.

Admission is free, and refreshments are complimentary.

Show hours are from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.



The photo shows a few of Frank Lohan's original sketches that have been used in his new book, "Pen and Ink Themes." The book is one of the donated pieces Farmington Artists Club members have given

to boost the work of Farmington Art Foundation, which stretches from art enrichment classes in elementary schools through painting classes for seniors in The Gathering Place.