

Home programming

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deal with Theresa's development. Every day I see something new that I would have missed otherwise. You have more patience to help them learn things like feeding themselves if you're home. A few times when I've been rushed, I didn't let her feed herself. I fed her. If I didn't have time to let her do things her own way, she would be at a disadvantage."

"MORE AND MORE women are enjoying staying at home with their babies, as long as their husbands can support them," noted Stanisewski, a graduate of Farmington High School and Lawrence Institute of Technology. "Three friends from Chrysler had babies about the same time I did. We're all staying at home, and we get together once a month."

She said she and her husband had talked things over and decided they were willing to give up some things, like expensive vacations, so that she could stay home with their baby.

"We'll never get this chance again," she added. "Katie is way too important for me to miss this part of her life. I consider myself fortunate to be a woman instead of a man. I can stay home with the baby and yet get a chance to go back later."

The "go back later" part is important. Most of the women she knows with babies are planning to stay home a couple of years, she said. Most talk about going back to work when their youngsters are 2 or 3 years of age or in school.

"I don't know anyone who is going to stay home forever," she added.

THERE ARE advantages for both

parties in these home work assignments.

"It keeps me involved in my profession," noted Pate, who grew up in Australia and attended high school in Toronto. "One has to stay involved or one loses contact. It is also an opportunity to be involved in something other than my family. It makes the day harder, but more interesting."

"I really have to schedule carefully in order to fit my work in, spend time with Theresa and take care of my household jobs."

Pate held up a piece of paper with her activities clearly charted hour by hour.

"Before I made the plan, I was overwhelmed by my responsibilities," she said.

Stanisewski finds working "makes me feel like a real person instead of just Katie's mom."

"The biggest thing is not the money, but keeping my hand in," she added. "It keeps me up on what goes on with my job. I'm learning new stuff about this system, new skills I didn't have before."

BOTH WOMEN are paid by the day and get no benefits in the form of vacation pay or health insurance.

That makes her services a good deal for Chrysler, Stanisewski said. It also offers her employer a return on the training given her.

"Doing this made a place in my heart for them," she added. "They've gone out of their way for me. I'll do something for them."

And keeping up the association with computers is a labor of love anyway.

"I love the math, the logic and the organization," she said.



Koehler takes the gavel

The gavel that belongs to Farmington Hills chapter of Sweet Adelines was turned over to Karen Koehler (left) from outgoing president Marge Murray. In her new job, Koehler presides over the 100-member chorus who hold the champion title for the region. This summer, the chapter will host the region's music school in London, Ontario, then go into national competition in Minneapolis this fall.

Decorative crafts taught

Neva Williams, lead instructor for the Decorative Division of Greenfield Village, will teach two classes in decorative crafts in Farmington Community Center this summer.

Decorative Country Painting, a traditional and authentic painting on wood in oils, will begin at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 22. It is a four-session class for \$25.

Using patterns of fruit, leaf, flower

or figural designs, a compositional design is transferred to a wooden object of student's choice. Students might opt to paint a picnic basket top, a child's chair, bread boxes, canisters, even an individualized house sign.

Wood Marquetry, a form of decoupage using wood veneers to decorate furniture or wooden objects, will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 22. The four sessions cost \$27.

club circuit

MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION FOR CHILDREN WITH LEARNING DISABILITIES, Farmington Chapter, meets at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Farmington Hills Community Library, 32737 12 Mile Road.

The last gathering for this school year will be an informal discussion where members and guests will share concerns and ideas on "Surviving the Summer."

The event is open to interested parents and professionals without charge.

The chapter is an affiliate of American Association for Children with Learning Disabilities, the only national organization devoted to defining and finding solutions for the spectrum of learning problems.

COMMON CAUSE invites all residents within the 17th Congressional District who want to be involved in its Open Up the System questionnaire to its meeting tonight.

The event begins at 7:30 p.m. in Southfield Civic Center, on Evergreen between 10 and 11 Mile roads.

During the meeting, members and guests will have input into the questionnaire that is submitted periodically to political office holders in the district. No charge.

FARMINGTON COUPON EX-

Woodcarving class planned

Robert Austin, craftsman and woodcarver, will begin a six-session woodcarving class at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 23, in Farmington Community Center. Fee is \$30.

Students ages 16 and up will be taught basic carving techniques using a knife and wood chisels.

Four projects will be taught, two carvings in the round with a choice of animal figures such as polar bear or rooster and two relief carvings. Students will have a choice of various types of wood. Finished carving may be oiled, stained or painted.

Austin teaches woodcarving at Greenfield Village. Student has the option to purchase a beginner's set of tools from the instructor.

CHANGE meets at 10 a.m. Tuesday, in Farmington Hills Branch Library on 12 Mile Road.

The meeting is open to all people interested in exchanging food coupons or refund forms.

Inquiries are taken by Lola Anchor at 474-7018.

All club news and announcements for this column are to be addressed to Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 23352 Farmington Road, Farmington 48024. The information must arrive before noon on the Monday before Thursday publication.

Workshop set for those with mastectomies

Recovery Plus, a workshop for women who have recently had breast surgery, will be held 12:30-3 p.m. Monday, June 14, in Knox Auditorium of First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham, 1669 Maple Road.

The purpose of the workshop is to give women additional information and support in solving their cosmetic problems. Recovery Plus also will feature an exhibit of the latest in prosthetic garments as well as fashions from local stores.

The workshop is being conducted by American Cancer Society's Reach to Recovery Program.

To register, or for additional information, contact the American Cancer Society at 557-5353. There is no charge for this workshop.


Center has new board of directors

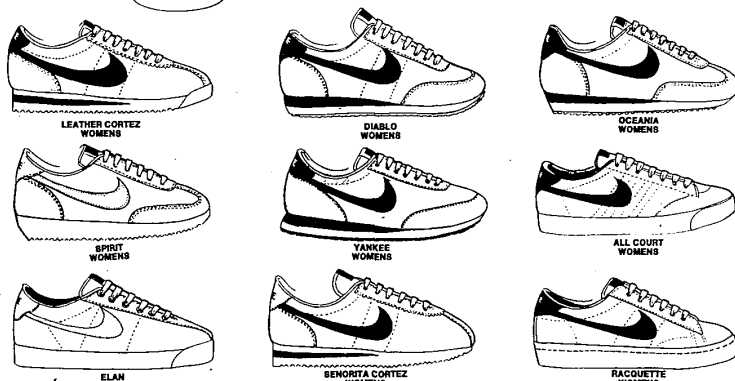
Diana Webb has been unanimously elected president of Farmington Community Center's board of directors for the 1982-83 term of office. Her vice president will be James Mitchell.

Leon Serdynski will serve as treasurer and Edward Kettenstock as secretary.

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