

# Ryan tapped by Farmington Youth Assistance

Madelyn Ryan recently was named Farmington Youth Assistance chairman for 1982-83 by Farmington Youth Assistance's General Citizens Committee.

Farmington Youth Assistance is a community service organization, established in 1958, dedicated to the prevention of juvenile delinquency and the promotion of family well-being.

A Farmington Hills resident, Ryan has been an active FYA volunteer since 1978, working in the area of public relations and last year serving as vice chairwoman.

"Youth Assistance is jointly sponsored by the two municipalities, the local school district and the juvenile court system," Ryan said.

"Although there are 26 Youth Assistance organizations in Oakland County, each remains autonomous and tries to adapt itself to the needs of the community it serves."

"It is unusual to have three separate areas of local government working together, working so well, without getting bogged down with bureaucracy," she said.

While funding for Youth Assistance activities is provided by its sponsors, the greatest part of the work itself is accomplished through its staff of 55 volunteers.

"Our sponsors get a healthy return for their dollar because of the tremendous amounts of support given by our volunteers," Ryan said.

"The only two people that FYA regularly employs are our secretary, Irene Bodnarczyk, and John Pinkerman, our caseworker, hired by the juvenile court system, and they are in truth partly volunteers because they give so much of themselves in time and effort," she said.

At the center of Youth Assistance is the caseworker who counsels young people referred by school, police, parents or the youths themselves. Functioning around him is the organization of volunteers working on the various committees of Family Education, Teens, Parent to Parent, Preschool, etc.

"Our volunteers are remarkable in that they feel so strongly about what they are doing. They are willing to commit so much of their own time to see the programs carried out," said Ryan.

In the past year FYA has continued to offer its popular Parent Education Study groups based on Rudolf Dreikurs' book "Children: The Challenge." Lectures and workshops included Reading Readiness for preschoolers, Teens and Divorce, Summer Safety for young children and the effects food additives

on children. FYA again will open its summer activities center to area teens at Shawassee Center from June 28 through August 11.

RYAN SAID she first became involved with FYA when a friend recruited her shortly before the birth of her son Paul, who is now 4 years old.

"My friend thought I would be bored staying at home after seven years of

teaching. I had taught English and Journalism at Annapolis High School in Dearborn Heights, so I put my skills into the area of public relations. I remain an active volunteer because I enjoy the satisfaction of helping others, being in touch with the community and meeting new people.

"I really believe in the FYA approach of primary prevention. In dealing with small problems before they

become big problems, we can spare both families and the community much aggravation and expense," Ryan said.

In addition to her Youth Assistance commitment, Ryan serves on the board of directors for Mayfair Cooperative Nursery School and is general chairwoman of the Kendallwood Baby-sitter Exchange. She is also the past president of the Western Wayne Chapter of Delta Zeta Alumnae.

## Symphony officers elected

At its annual meeting Tuesday, evening, June 8, Oakway Symphony Society installed its 1982-83 officers. Botsford Inn served as the site for the combination business meeting and evening of light music entertainment with harpist Marissa Madias.

The new officers named were: Lloyd Cutsall of Farmington Hills, treasurer and Earle Martz of Detroit, recording secretary. They joined president Richard Thompson of Milford; executive di-

rector Nelda Di Biasi of Livonia; president emeritus, Ivabell Harlan of Bloomfield Hills; vice presidents, Priscilla Marino of Bloomfield Hills and Loraine Plesko of Farmington; and corresponding secretary Violet Daniel of Southfield in filling out the administrative roster of the organization.

Current members of the board of directors include, Ruth Africh of Southfield; Marlowe Belanger of Farmington

Hills; Robert Bennett of Livonia; Robert Boltwood of Southfield; Robert Christ of Farmington; Ernest T. Gaston of Southfield; Alice Haidostian of Birmingham; Helen Hartley of Bloomfield Hills; Ernest A. Jones of Bloomfield Hills; Edith Keating of Farmington; Lee Hussar of Dearborn Heights; Glenda Kirkland of Southfield; Barbara Lemon of Livonia; Eleanor Peterson of Detroit; Ronald Sessold of Southfield; Brenda Thalacker of Farmington Hills.

## Bonney awarded with law degree

Robert S. Bonney, of 31975 Wayburn Drive, Farmington Hills, received his juris doctor degree, summa cum laude, from the Detroit College of Law on June 7. During this studies, he was the recipient of the Dewitt C. Holbrook Award for excellence in the study of law.

Bonney received a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics from the College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass., in 1971 where he was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, a national mathematics honor society. He also received a master's degree in business administration in 1974 and a master's degree in

public health in 1976 from the University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., where he was a member of Beta Gamma Sigma, a national business honor society. He is a member of the American College of Hospital Administrators and is currently associate administrator of Sinai Hospital of Detroit.

## Scholarship winners selected

Three Farmington-area students entering Alma College as freshmen in the fall have been awarded scholarships by the college.

Patricia Linsenmeyer, a graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School, is the

daughter of Leo and Virginia Linsenmeyer, 34936 Bunker Hill, receiving a presidential scholarship; Catherine McDonough, a graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School, is the daughter of Raymond and Barbara McDonough,

21216 Parklane, receiving a presidential scholarship; Michael Thibodeau, a graduate of University of Detroit High School, is the son of Francis and Judith Thibodeau, 30544 Clubhouse, receiving a presidential scholarship.

## Mail schedule posted

There will be no regular residential or business mail delivery or lobby window service at the Farmington Post Office on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day.

But Farmington Postmaster Kenneth B. Harris said special delivery service, express-mail service and holiday collection service will be provided. Saturday, July 3, will be a regular work day, and normal service will resume on Tuesday, July 6.



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