

Thank you

Volunteers keep things moving at community center

By Loraine McClish
staff writer

The Farmington Community Center staff said thank you to its 210 volunteers with an end-of-the-season luncheon for women who work in support of the many activities that stem from the house and grounds at 24705 Farmington Road.

"This is not a formal recognition," said Gail Perrin, a member of the center's committee which recruits volunteers and coordinates volunteer activities.

"No one is being singled out as extraordinary. There is no 'Volunteer of the Year' because everyone here is special and important. Everyone here is contributing something valuable to keep the center going."

"Everyone is giving time and talents that are absolutely vital to the center's existence."

Betty Paine, executive director of the center, added to Perrin's comments, saying she had no trouble in recruiting staff members to stage the luncheon.

"Making salads and doing the dishes

is not part of their job description," she quipped. "Some of our volunteers work on an on-call, when needed basis. Some come in on a regular hourly basis. But the staff is well aware that it is the volunteers that make all this happen here."

THE 210 who form the center's two-year old Volunteer Guild give their time and talents in a range that runs from mopping the phone to acting as tour guides, from gardening to fund-raising.

Ann Harden chairs the committee of clerical workers, and Gerry Tobin coordinates the volunteers who act as hostesses for special events.

Diane Paul is special events chairwoman for the center this year, now working toward the annual fall luncheon to be staged in Vladimir's with August Max showing the fashions.

Four guides learn the history of the mansion and its furnishings from Phyllis Welch.

Women who work to keep the house and grounds in shape are headed by Nancy Adams and Donna Weber on Mary Ferry and Ginny Fetterly

head up the 18 women who give time to keep The Second Edition running smoothly on the center's second floor.

All of those women went back to work after the luncheon to model some of the recycled clothing that is for sale in an on-going fund-raiser for the center. For the luncheon show, the women modeled formal clothing, many of which had been worn only once.

THE VOLUNTEER Guild does not close shop for the summer.

Next major fund-raiser on the center's agenda is the benefit auction that begins at 7 p.m. July 16 on the grounds if the weather permits.

The event will be sponsored by volunteers who are contributing some of the items that will go up on the auction block as well as making hors d'oeuvres for the guests.

After that, volunteers will be getting out the pie recipes to stock Farmington Community Center's Pie Booth scheduled to be open three days during Founder's Festival at the end of July.

Still other volunteers will be signing up for the center's participation in Founder's Festival Kid's Day.



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Joan LaVanway (at left) and Gail Perrin, both members of Farmington Community Center's Human Resources Committee, held sway over the pots and pans preparing for the afternoon guests.



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Phyllis Cummings, who heads up the five-member committee which recruits volunteers, then coordinates their activities, table-hopped throughout the thank-you luncheon. At far right is Diana Webb, newly elected president of Farmington Community Center's board of directors.

Volunteers revving up for benefit auction

Farmington Community Center's benefit auction, staged by its volunteers, is set for Friday, July 16.

One of the major fund-raisers this year, the event is supported by area merchants, media personalities and advocates of the center who have donated a variety of items, talents and services.

More than 150 items will be auctioned, beginning with a silent auction at 7 p.m., followed by a live auction at 8 p.m. from the amphitheater on the grounds of the center. Complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Dave McCabe will act as auctioneer for the evening. He will pound the gavel for such diverse items as a weekend at the Westin Hotel, a weekend at Holiday Inn, an hour's tour of WJR

with tour guide Bob Hynes and a lunch with Ernie Harwell.

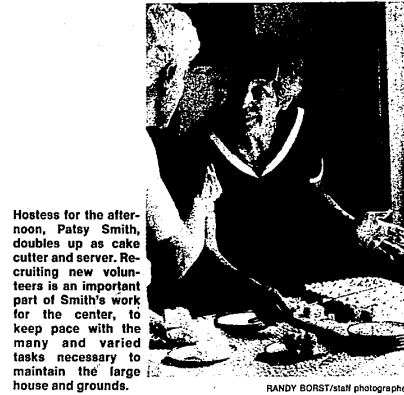
Dinners for two or more will be auctioned from Botsford Inn, Dunleavy's, The Great Wall, Win Schulers, Blake-nery and Steak and Ale.

Gifts and services offered include facial and hairdo, three dozen cookies a month for four months, and four hours of housecleaning.

"The auction is a fund-raising tool for the center, but we look at it as a shared event for all," said Betty Paine, executive director of the center.

"There are many who are lending a hand for the evening of fun. And bargains will be exchanged."

Tickets are on sale now in the center, 24705 Farmington Road, for \$7.50 each.



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Hostess for the afternoon, Patsy Smith, doubles up as cake cutter and server. Recruiting new volunteers is an important part of Smith's work for the center, to keep pace with the many and varied tasks necessary to maintain the large house and grounds.

Scott Seppala is doing fine; church presses toward goal

"Scott is doing just fine," is the report from Jim Seppala, father of the teen-ager who is recuperating after a bone marrow transplant in the treatment of leukemia.

Concern for the 15-year-old brought large numbers out to "Scott Seppala Day," staged as a fund-raiser by Branch 4939 Aid Association for Lutherans at Hope Lutheran Church early this month.

But Kathy Litogot, speaking for the association, said, "We set our goal at \$4,000 and haven't reached it yet. We're pushing on until we do."

The goal was set to aid the Seppala family with expenses incurred when Scott and his mother left for Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Wash., for the transplant.

The two have been there since early March. Scott is out of the hospital now, living with his mother in a nearby apartment, but still visiting the center two or three times a week as an outpatient.

"His blood counts are monitored, and he's checked to see that he has not

picked up any infections," Seppala said of his son.

"These are long days for Scott and his mother because they have to stay away from crowds of people which restrict their activities."

"But Scott is getting stronger and yearning to do as much as possible."

THE DAYS spent in Washington will



Scott Seppala

number 100, marked from Day Number One, which was Easter Sunday, the first day counted in the recuperation process.

Late last week, Scott's father, his brother and two younger sisters checked day 64 off on their calendar.

"Scott Seppala Day" with crafts and bake sales sponsored by the local branch of Aid Association for Lutherans, raised just under \$1,200. That sum will be matched by the national association to help defray the expenses of living 100 days away from home.

"But we're not setting for that amount," Litogot said.

"We're going to be selling stationery, that's one thing for sure, and maybe something else to get our \$2,000 to meet the \$4,000 goal. It takes a lot of money to be away for that long."

When Scott and his mother return home, he will still be restricted in his activities for another year.

"He will not return to school until the fall of 1983," his father said. "But he hopes to make up his lost school time with a tutor before then."



Young graduates

A musical operetta, a cap and gown ceremony, and a reception for parents will be included in graduation exercises for youngsters leaving kindergarten in St. Paul Lutheran School. Jennifer Beglinger (at left) takes the title role in "The

Little Red Hen." Her co-stars are Corey Lapworth, the cat, Jeffrey Marinelli, the dog and Ryan Kann, the pig. Jason Slater was narrator for the play. "The Little Red Hen" was staged by students in Irene Sutter's class.

Mission greets new president

Missionaries of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, assigned to the Dearborn Michigan Mission, will greet newly assigned President John Reid Milne and his wife Thelma, July 2.

They are arriving from Cardston, Alberta, Canada to head up the mission at 33411 Grand River, Suite 100 in Farmington.

The mission serves the lower eastern half of the state through the 174 missionaries.

Milne, 59, is a member of the Cardston Town Council and is a retired irrigation engineer and former partner in architectural engineering and concrete manufacturing firms. His church positions include being a temple officiator and a high council member. He has served as a bishop and counselor in a mission presidency.

His wife, Thelma Sheffield Milne, is a temple worker, gospel doctrine teacher in Sunday School and stake Relief Society leader. Relief Society is the women's auxiliary of the church, the

world's largest women's organization. She was a seminary teacher for 14 years and served as ward Relief Society president. The couple have four children.

John Milne replaces President Vernon A. Cooley who has been honorably released from his calling. He and his wife Carole Lynne will return to Utah, their home state.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has no professional clergy. Lay members are chosen as regional and local officers and receive no monetary compensation for their services.

The general authorities of the church are headquartered in Salt Lake City. They are headed by President Spencer W. Kimball, who is considered by members to be a prophet of God. According to figures recently released by church headquarters, worldwide membership totals five million, a milestone in membership, a mark made in early April.

Michigan's membership numbers about 20,000.

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