

Reese named to health board

Claude Reese of Farmington Hills has been named to the corporate membership of Horizon Health Systems, parent company to Detroit Osteopathic Hospital Corp., Oak Park.

He will sit on the Horizon finance and planning committees.

Plant manager for Chrysler Corp.'s McGraw Glass Plant, Reese has held various management and line positions with Chrysler since 1963. He holds a master of business administration degree from Michigan State University.

Reese is involved with several community organizations, among them the Independence Capital Formation and Independence Capital Access Forma-



Claude Reese

tion, the Boys' Club of Metropolitan Detroit, Junior Achievement of Southwest Michigan and the Oak Grove AME Church.

In addition, he is past deputy chairman of the Inner City Business Improvement Forum and former board member of the Michigan Council for the Humanities.

Hospitals currently affiliated with Horizon Health Systems are Detroit Osteopathic Hospital, Riverside Osteopathic Hospital and Bi-County Community Hospital (Osteopathic) in southeastern Michigan and Shorewood Osteopathic Hospital in Seattle, Wash.

LIT names top students

The following students from the Farmington area have been named to the dean's honor roll for the spring term at Lawrence Institute of Technology. To be named to the honor roll, a student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade point average and be a full-time student.

Those students are Barbara Lubey, William Carter, Suzanne Gorte, Lisa Hovey, Holly Hurd, Kandice Waggoner, Michael Sireczuk, James Taylor, Thomas Hurst, Carl Rickel, Donna Lizon, Peter Barbrick, Larry Bemis and Joseph Murphy.

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"Forget (talk of) boisterousness," Ascione says. "Nobody stumbles out of here. We don't put them in a state of stupefaction."

The bar owner claims Bootlegger's patrons are blamed for any disturbance in the neighborhood. Firecrackers can be heard during the day, he notes, when the bar is closed. Yet neighbors blame bar patrons for causing the problem.

"We want the noise stopped," says Thompson. "It looks to us like (the bar) is heading to become a go-go bar. It's not a bar, it's a joint. We've got to get up at 6 o'clock in the morning to go to work. You can't do it if you're up until 4 o'clock (kept awake by bar patrons)."

WHILE IT'S TRUE he applied for an entertainment license for the bar and

later withdrew his application when city officials voiced objections, Ascione says he never intended to introduce topless dancing. The entertainment he had planned, Ascione says, was kickboxing and wrist-wrestling.

Police Chief G. Robert Seifert says an entertainment license would allow Ascione to conduct boxing matches as well as topless dancing and wet T-shirt contests.

The bar has, in the past, sponsored a wet T-shirt contest, a bite-the-banana contest and a lingerie show, but the practice was stopped when police informed him he needed an entertainment license.

"The day they told me to stop it, it stopped," Ascione said in May. "I only did it because I didn't know I needed an entertainment permit."

Seifert says in recent months Bootlegger's Bar has generated more police

runs than any other bar in town.

"I can't disagree with the majority of comments by residents," Seifert said. "Foot chases through back yards are the latest reason for our presence at the bar."

Residents say they were awakened early in the morning on June 30 by bar patrons who ran through yards during a fist fight.

Ascione says he's aware of the fight outside his bar that night and has barred the individuals from his establishment.

HE INVITES neighbors to prove their allegations against him — particularly incidents alleged to be occurring in the parking lot.

"I'm not a bad guy," Ascione says. "I want to correct what's wrong. But how far can you go? Fine, I'm willing to correct any problems I can correct.

But don't try to kill me or run me out of business."

The bar owner scoffed at threats made by city councilmen that, if conditions don't improve, they'll recommend the Michigan Liquor Control Commission revoke Ascione's license.

"The LCC would laugh at them," says Ascione. "There are probably 400 bars around the city with the same problems. I've done nothing illegal, nothing wrong. I've never had a violation against me."

Police say Ascione has an ordinance violation pending against him for serving alcohol to minors that has yet to be heard by the liquor commission.

Ascione says city officials should be grateful that a business owner in town is making money at a location that, historically, has been in trouble. Harassment by police or neighbors, Ascione says, will be met with legal action.

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