



Enjoying the festive atmosphere at the Botsford Inn are (left to right) Ed Blumberg, D.O.; Tom Gelfert, chamber treasurer; Bob Deadman, Farmington city manager; and Al Bennett, Farmington councilman.



There was nothing but smiles for the new Citizen of the Year Robert McConnell and his wife June.

# Chamber hears economist, honors its citizen of the year

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goods economy, but I suspect we may not be familiar with the high-gear relationship."

WHEN THE general business economy improves by 7 percent, the auto side increases from 35-40 percent, McCracken said.

"But we can't ignore whether the bounceback will be between imports or domestics."

The rate of inflation has declined noticeably in the last three years — from 12 percent in 1980 to 9 percent last year. He predicted this year's rate will be 8 percent.

Although saying these short-run changes were positive, he said it was the long-range historical picture that told the important story.

He reached back to the beginning of the century to show that through good times and bad, the average rate of inflation has been only 2.1 percent. Unemployment rates in the last 45 years have averaged 5 percent. And the rate of improvement in income has been 2 1/2 percent a year.



Senate candidate John Anderson and his wife Janice attended the dinner.



Margaret Halava, vice president of Suburban Communications Corp., will be stepping down from the post of president of the Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.



Mary Wagner, chamber board trustee, got the evening off to a start with a toast.

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The new president of the Chamber of Commerce, Charlie Williams, chats with Mrs. Paul McCracken.

Party performers:  
start with  
your star quality  
and our  
star material,  
the slinky  
2-piece dress.  
A hit  
wherever  
it goes.



Farmington Hills councilmembers Jody Soronen and Donn Wolf share a joke.

## HOLLYWOOD NIGHTS

PAI-RICHARDS premieres this fall in two parts. The 2-piece dress with softly draped blouse and tulip hem skirt, in purple, for \$178. Sizes 6 to 14. Woodward Shops Dresses at Hudson's Northland, Oakland and Twelve Oaks.