U-U church reaches out with Concert in the Hills

Concert in the Hills, an event initiated as a let's-try-it-and-see-how-it-goes outreach by Universalist-Unitarian (U-U) Church of Farmington is now draw-



ing autences that number up to 200 for the Sunday atternoon performances. "Maybe It's because of the woodsy setting or the historical building, or the acoustics that the musicians repeatedly keep saying is so good. I don't know what to accredit this success," said Ed Weldenbach. Weldenbach.
"What I do know is that the concerts are more than just people playing music. Each is a little gem. And now that we've changed the concert lime from 7.30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. we're watching spring come to us while we're hearing this incredible music in a very natural settine."

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Concert in the Hillis is given in conjunction with Renalissance Concerts beaded by violinist Misha Rachlevsky. The group is made up of about 25 musiclass, most of them members of the Detroit Symphony Crockettra, who plsy chamber music throughout the metropolitan area.

RACHLEVSKY uses every outlet he can to encourage interest in chamber music. Groups of anywhere from three to eight play one-time concerts or a se-ries at churches, halls, restaurants, alght clubs or apartment club houses, but Rachlevsky is fussy about the set-ting.

Older Women's League (OWL) is making its first synchronized, nation-wide effort to make Social Security a better retirement vehicle for women with the formation of a commission which addresses the problems women face in retirement.

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It is also a casual experience."

He explained this by saying that as three bridge players in the United States today might look for a fourth for a spontaneous game, so may have three musicians looked for a fourth to play chamber music spontaneously several centuries ago.

Where concerts might be thought of as a special event, something to get dreased up for, plan for, order tickets for weeks in advance, Rachlewsky hopes to make it rather 'as common as taking vitamins and jogging," he said.

"Our audiences come in all kinds of

oeity." Weldenbach sald commenting on the causualness of Concert in the Hills.

As for the intimacy, "Many of the musicians will talk about this piece of music or that piece of music a bitory and this seems to be done spontaneously which somehow gets us all involved. That gets pretty obvious during the wine and cheese intermissions," he said.

THE REV. JOAN Kahn-Schneider is minister for the U-U church that is a historic meeting house, moved from its original downtown Farmington loca-

tion to a rustic setting at 25301 Halst-ed.

Under her amplices, Concert in the Hills was the first major outreach to get under way.

A second outreach is a series of aerobics classes given on Monday and Wednesday evenings headed by Nada Feldman who has word to reduce the Wednesday evenings headed by Nada Feldman who has so the people and now has 50 met of the hills field.

"She started with five people and now has 50 met classes," Weddenbach and, "She gave it a little twist from others offer and the procuraging the entire family to join in one class for a pared down lee."

Weldenbach estimated that about 50 Weldenbach estimated that about 50 percent of those in the physical fitness

class are members of the church and 50 percent are not.

"That's about the same percentage our Concert in the Hills audience is made up of so our outline audience is made up of so our outline and concert in the Hills are \$5.50 or \$4 for students and sentills are \$6.50.

Rachiefaty will team up with planist Michelle Cooker for the next concert set for March 37. Others to follow are scheduled for April 17 and May 8.

Concert in the Hills is funded in part by a grant from Michelgan Council for the Arts. Information available by calling the church office, 474-7272.

OWLs begin nationwide push for Social Security reform

Art auction to benefit Renaissance Concerts

At 7:30 p.m. Misha Rachlevsky, vio-linist, founder and artistic director of Renaissance Concerts, and Chris Birg, guitarist, will give a recital featuring the works of Vivaldi and Paganini, fol-lowed at 8 p.m. by the auction.

Art and music highlight the first concert and fine art auction to benefit Renaissance Concerts satring at £3.0 pm. Friday, March 25, at Park West Galleries, Southfield.

The event opens with a wine and cheese reception and a preview of art to be auctioned.

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Among the graphics to be auctioned will be works by Miro, Dall, Picasso, and Friedlaender.

Tickets, 37, may be ordered by calling 62-MUSIC. Park West Galleries is in Park West Plaza on Northwestern, north of 12 Mile, Southfield.

Komedy Players extend 'Same Time, Next Year'

After a successful eight week run, Komedy Players Dinner Theatre will ethicated the run of the comedy, "Same Time, Next Year," through April 30.

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ry of a love affair between Doris and George who meet secretly once a year, for 25 years.

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trude Kirkwood, speaking for the local chapter.

The one she refers to has been dubbed "Motherhood and Apple Pie" by the national OWLs which asks for a restructuring of Social Security so that credits can either be inherited or split for women in the case of death or divares.

which addresses the problems would face in retirement.

Locally, the Farmington Area Chapter has released a formal statement that it will join its sister chapters in the campaign. The first priority is to bring about equity in the laws that will give women the same retirement income as mea.

"When we win this one, we'll start worrying about the others," said Ger-trude Kirkwood, speaking for the local

for women in the case of ueam of severe.
Other main targets for OWL are inequities in pension rights and access to health care insurance.
In spite of its name the Farmington Area Chapter draws members from throughout the northwest suburbs. It was formed by Janet Good, a Farmington Hills resident who initiated the chapter here and has since taken on the job of chapter-developer in Michigan for the national organization for the national organization.

"FOR WOMEN Social Security is a lifeline," Kirkwood said.
"In contrast with older men, most of whom are married and living with a spouse even after 75, the majority of older women are widowed, live alone and depend on Social Security as their

only source of income."
Farmington OWLs number about 20 now and meet in one another's homes.
"If we all do our jobs there'll be enough of us so that we'll have to hire a half for the meeting." Kirwood said. Lobbying, spreading the word and putting the pressure on the President's Commission on Social Security are the tactics OWL will use. A first physical step was setting up a national OWL office in Washington, D.C. early this mooth.
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"There are several of us (in the Farmlegton chapter) that are just going to have to learn to speak out as long as we've decided to take this stand," she said.

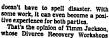
LOCAL OWLS will speak out by manning booths in several conventions that a scheduled in Detroit this particular. The compromise package rejected prings, exert of the compromise package rejected what OWL proposals to make Social Security volutary or to calculate benefits solely operations that is really very much a women's issue." Kirkwood saids Currently the campaign alms to combat what Kirkwood calls the "compromise" package the National Commission on Social Security has proposed in general and the postponment

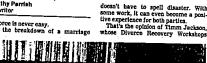
Gertrude Kirkwood joins the grassroots movement to work for major legistative changes in the Social Security system that will affect women's lives for years to come in the nation-wide campaign initiated by Older Women's League.



Divorce: Go through it or grow through it

By Kathy Parrish staff writer

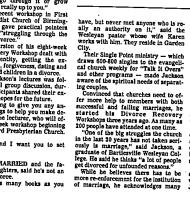




JACKSON, MARRIED and the fa-ther of two daughters, said he's not an authority on divorce. "Twe read as many books as you

'Remember in a divorce you always get custody of yourself."

> – Timm Jackson minister to single adults



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BOTH PARTIES must be committed to improving a troubled relationship, he emphasizes. And they usually must call the first of the province of the province of the process of the province of the pr

vorced people are poor lovers or lousy parents.

"It's hard to put divorced people in a category. Find out who you are. Lots of people never make that discovery; they just don't know who they are."

Participants take home a notebook full of advice:

"The only difference between death and divorce is that the corpse doesn't lie down. It keeps popping up in the strangest places.

"Remember in a divorce you always get custody of yourself."

• "Over 50 percent of marriages fail. That's a statistic, but you're not a statistic,"

"Don't get trapped in a childlike state yourself. Learn to handle your emotions with dignity and maturity."

** "It's going to take time. We all want it to happen overnight."

Jackson asks participants to open up in the group discussions, sharing experiences which be thinks are the most valuable part of the workshops. But be triges that they not turn into "Friday night pity parties."

"Be thankful for this experience you're going through. Why not? What have you got to lose?" he said. "It's painful to grow. But when we begin to grow, great things happen."

Daffodil sale begins Cancer Control Month

The sale of daffodils, a major fund-raiser for American Cancer Society.

The flower was chosen by the society as it symbolizes hope with the beginning of spring, and the same message of bope is communicated in the flight spring from the weekend of April 1.8.

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doesn't have to spell disaster. With some work, it can even become a positive experience for both parties, esson, That's the opinion of Timm Jackson, and the policy of Timm of a promoter of divorce. I believe the Lord intends us to be married news the policy of the po

Tim Jackson confers with a divorcee, one of 1600 people he has helped get through the difficult process in his Divorce Recovery workshops.