



retirement memos

Margaret Miller

Our hot summer

"But have you ever spent a summer in Florida?"

That was the question everyone asked my husband and me after we decided to retire and move to our home in the South.

No, we hadn't. We had to admit. Vacation time was limited, and we never were willing to give up our cold-weather respite. And yes, we agreed, all retirement advice recommends trying out the area in its worst weather before deciding to live there.

But we wanted to move sooner rather than later, and we weren't anxious to be maintaining two homes. Given our dislike of northern winter, we thought we were ready to take on southern summer.

NOW HALFWAY through the hot season in Florida, we're more knowledgeable and experiencing no regrets.

It's a lot easier, we're definitely agreed, to turn on an air conditioner to beat the heat than it is to shovel out a driveway and then navigate snowy streets.

Dealing with summer in the South, we think often of the comment made by a new acquaintance soon after we arrive here. "In the North," she said, "you don't spend a lot of time outside when it's really cold, and in the South you don't stay out when it's really hot."

So we've learned it's pretty easy to adjust when the mercury climbs over 90 just about every day. Our key is to stay cooler than the mainland, and if a good breeze is blowing off the gulf we open doors and windows and let it blow

through. If not, we close up and use the air conditioning.

In either case, we aim to stay inside during the hot hours. The beach is for tourists until after 5 p.m. this time of year.

WE WERE surprised — I can't imagine why — to find that the condominium swimming pools were getting pretty warm. We joked a bit with other residents about carrying down a supply of ice cubes. But what we do is swim first thing in the morning when the water is cooler.

Biking and tennis are curtailed, but there will be opportunity later for them. Year around, we're way ahead on both.

Because Florida is geared for hot weather, we figured we're more comfortable here than we would have been in the 90-degree heat we keep hearing about in Michigan.

August and September reportedly are the hottest months here, and they are still ahead. But we don't expect to experience them in toto, at least for a while. We'll spend part of this August in Alaska and probably most of both months in Michigan next year.

Indeed, Florida is hot in summer. But any problems with its heat melts fast when we think of those snowballs we used to wield.

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Old-time revivals

Jack and Bonnie Pomeroy, Livonia residents who are members of Farmington Seventh Day Adventist Church, were two of the 5,000 people who attended the church's 115th Annual Campmeeting late in July. The encampment follows in the tradition of the old-time camp meetings of the revival days in the mid-1800s on camp grounds near Grand Lodge. The Pomeroy's zeroed in on the camp's Pathfinders workshop, learning from seasoned leaders how to be leaders for their church's program for youth.

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Rotary gavel passes to Dr. Gerald Host

Dr. Gerald A. Host took the presidency of Rotary Club of Farmington when the club hosted its installation dinner in Farmington Community Center late last month.

Host will serve during the 1983-84 year with president-elect Harold Wolk, vice president James Fahrkrug, secretary James Ellis and treasurer Joseph E. Zabinski.

The club's new directors are Robert Kait, Robert Gardner and Mark Silverstein.

The local club is active in giving service to various groups in the community as well as fulfilling one of the primary service objectives of Rotary International with contributions to agencies that deal with either assistance to crippled children or research for the cure of crippling diseases and conditions.

Substantial donations are given annually to Easter Seal Society and Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. But, locally, club members respond to requests for crippled children's special needs. These might be motorized wheelchairs or learning desks, but on occasion it has even been clothing.

HOST WILL carry on Farmington Rotarians annual donations to Boy Scouts and the YMCA, as well as sponsor-

soring a foreign student each year at one of the local high schools and the student government day activities in each of the sister cities.

Another tradition Host will continue is recognizing a member of the community with a "Vocational Service Award," given to a local business person who contributed to the vocational education and training of area youth.

This year's award went to Alfred Jean, owner and operator of Jean's Hardware.

Most of the club's financial support comes from dues and other intra-club activities.

Some funds come from the pizza sold every year during Founders Festival, an annual pre-holiday fruitcake sale and a closest-to-the-pin contest given in San Marino Golf Course. Last year the club held its first raffle for additional money to be put into the projects it sponsors or supports.

When Host accepted the gavel from outgoing president Richard Sorenson, he voiced his hope of continuing to move forward with the kind of service the club has afforded the community under past leadership.

Host is owner of Farmington Hills Chiropractic Clinic and an avid jogger.

Among the guests at the installation dinner were his wife Doris, and the



Incoming Rotary Club president Dr. Gerald A. Host (at left) receives congratulations from Richard Sorenson who served the local club as president during its 1982-83 year.

couple's four children, Linda, Susan, Raejean and Jonathan.

membership of about 46, gathers weekly at noon in Steak & Ale for luncheon meetings.

community calendar

• HOW TO COPE WITH ANGER

Thursday, Aug. 4: "How to Cope With Anger," free lecture by Susan Saraguse, a doctoral candidate associated with Woodcock Counseling Center, at 7:30 p.m. in American Holistic Association, 3150 Northwestern Highway.

• EDINBURGH

Thursday, Aug. 4: "Edinburgh" continues The Great Cities Time-Live free

travel film series at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Branch Library auditorium, 2350 Liberty.

• CREATIVE CRAFTERS

Friday and Saturday, Aug. 5-6: Creative Crafters, a group made up of handicapped persons, show and sell their handcrafts throughout regular mail hours in Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt.

Teen talent search is on

Hudson's is searching for talented teens to model in its Nice Girl Like You and That Guy back-to-school fashions shows.

The talent search runs from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 18 in Hudson's Northland center mall.

Registering for contestants begins at 10 a.m. for those at least 16 years of age. Contestants are asked to bring a photo of themselves and will be asked that day to fill out an application.

Prizes for the winning male and female will be auditions with Affiliated Models, a personally chosen \$500 wardrobe, a photo session with a professional photographer, makeup and hair make-over for the girl and hair styling for the boy.

Winners will also have the opportunity to model in the back-to-school fashion shows that will be given in several Hudson's stores the last week of August and the first week in September.

'Chairs' exhibit coming

"Chairs," a traveling exhibition organized by Central Michigan University (CMU), will be featured in the main exhibition gallery of Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association (BBAA) Aug. 8-26.

The show features traditional works to the most avant-garde in various media, drawings, photographs, paintings, assemblages and installation works, and actual chairs transformed through the artists' creativity are included. One entry is an audio tape, "Talking Chairs," by Guy Bleus which is a collection of sounds made by chairs moving across a floor.

According to Susan Carter, gallery director at CMU, the show offers an cross-section of works of artists dealing with the chair as subject. Works in

the exhibition come from Michigan artists as well as artists from other states and Europe.

The BBAA gallery is located at 1516 S. Cranbrook in Birmingham and is open free to the public Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association is a community cultural center offering a variety of programs in visual art to the whole community. Studio classes, workshops, tours, lectures and special activities are a part of the ongoing activity at the association.

Printed information and a fall term brochure detailing course offerings, fee structures and registration procedures are available upon request. It is operated with the support of Michigan Council for the Arts.

• VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday-Friday, Aug. 8-12: Vacation Bible School, 9:15 a.m. to noon each day for children 4 years to those who have completed sixth grade, in Hope Lutheran Church, 39200 12 Mile. Registrations taken by calling 553-7170, or at 9 a.m. first day of class.

• VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday-Friday, Aug. 8-12: Vacation Bible School in session from 7:15-9 p.m. each day in Farmington Hills Christian Center, 23233 Drake Road, for children 3-12 years. No charge.

• RUMMAGE SALE

Tuesday-Thursday, Aug. 9-11: Rummage sale of used furniture, clothing and small household items, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily in St. Alexander Catholic Church, 27835 Shalwassee.

• SWEET ADELINES GUEST NIGHT

Tuesday, Aug. 9: Farmington Hills Sweet Adelines host guest night for women singers to sit in on rehearsals and learn about the international organization at 7:30 p.m. in St. Paul Lutheran Church, 12 Mile, east of Orchard Lake Road. Complimentary refreshments.

• IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

Wednesday, Aug. 10: Free immunizations offered to those up to 17 years of age 9 a.m. to noon in a new location, Ten Mile Community School, 32789 10 Mile Road. Youth must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and present previous records of immunization.

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• SPORTS CARD SHOW

Saturday, Aug. 13: A sports card show runs 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Southfield Civic Center, Evergreen Road, between 10 and 11 Mile for the benefit of Cystic Fibrosis Foundation with guests Glenn Wilson and Lance Parrish. Auction of Detroit Tiger memorabilia 4-6 p.m. No admission charge.

• VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday-Friday, Aug. 15-19: Vacation Bible School runs 9:30-11:30 a.m. each day in Faith Covenant Church, 35415 14 Mile for children from kindergarten age to those who have completed sixth grade. Pre-registration is not necessary. No charge.

• ENERGY COMMISSION

Tuesday, Aug. 16: Farmington Hills Energy Commission regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Council Chambers, Orchard Lake Road and 11 Mile. Open to all interested residents.

• SUCCESS

Thursday, Aug. 18: "Success," program by Dr. John Rom who describes a new process which focuses on the critical ingredients for planning a satisfying and personally successful career, at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile Road. No charge, but reservations are necessary by calling the library, 553-0300.

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