

community calendar

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. No charge, but reservations are necessary by calling the library, 553-0300.

RUMMAGE SALE

Thursday and Friday, Aug. 18-19: Rummage sale sponsored by Dimona Chapter of Pioneer Women from 10

a.m. to 5 p.m. each day in the garage of Elaine Kohner, 32759 Oldie Franklin Drive. Entrance to Oldie Franklin Drive is on the east side of Middlebelt, between Northwestern Highway and 14 Mile.

EVAN PICONE FASHIONS

Friday, Aug. 19: Show of Evan Picone Fashions with commentary on how to put fall fashion outfits together at 7 p.m. in Hudson's 12 Oaks. No charge.

LIZ CLAIBORNE FASHIONS

Saturday, Aug. 20: Fashion show of Liz Claiborne's fall collection at 3 p.m. in Hudson's 12 Oaks. No charge.

FARMERS MARKET

Saturday, Aug. 20: Farmers Market runs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Sanctuary Shops parking lot, in front of Lucy's Gift and Card Shop, 34631 Grand River, and returns each Saturday morning through Oct. 8.

MONTESSORI OPEN HOUSE

Sunday and Thursday, Aug. 21 and 25: Farmington Square Montessori Open House 2-4 p.m. Sunday and 7-9 p.m. Thursday in its facilities in Salem United Church of Christ, 33424 Oakland. The private, non-profit preschool and kindergarten program is for children 2 1/2-6 years old.

YOUTH SYMPHONY AUDITIONS

Monday, Aug. 22: Deadline date for music students in grades 5-8 who wish to make an audition appointment to join the Metropolitan Youth Symphony in its 1983-84 season. Auditions will be all day Saturday, Aug. 27, in Nardin

Park United Methodist Church, Farmington Hills. Appointments are made by calling Martha Stefanko, 591-1408 or Betty Navoy, 561-7242.

COMMISSION ON AGING

Tuesday, Aug. 23: Farmington Area Commission on Aging regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty. Open to the public.

BROADWAY UNDER THE STARS

Tuesday, Aug. 23: "Broadway Under the Stars," concert of show tunes by Oakway Symphony Orchestra, conducted by guest conductor Ernest Jones at 8 p.m. in Botaford Inn, Grand River, west of Eight Mile. Tickets are \$8, at the door.

WELCOME COFFEE

Thursday, Aug. 25: "Welcome Coffee," hosted by Welcome Wagon of Farmington at 10 a.m. in one of the members' home for newcomers to the community or others who wish to learn of the activities the club has to offer. Interested persons are asked to call

Barb Mitchellson, 661-4049.

SYNCHRONIZED REVIEW

Thursday and Friday, Aug. 25-26: "Synchronized Review," water show staged by 6-to-15-year-old members of Kendallwood Swim Club at 9 p.m. each night in the club's pool on the east side of Farmington Road, south of 13 Mile. Admission is 50 cents at the door.

FAVORITE PET CONTEST

Saturday, Aug. 27: All photos entered

into Farmington Area Jaycette's "Favorite Pet Contest" are posted in Elias Brothers' Big Boy, Orchard Lake Road, north of 10 Mile Road. A donation to Oakland Humane Society buys one vote from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

BACK TO SCHOOL FASHIONS

Saturday, Aug. 27: Back to School Fashion show begins at 2 p.m. in the Sears-Winkelman Court of Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt. No charge.



retirement memos

Margaret Miller

Art of communication

The matter of keeping in touch can get a bit lffy when you move away from home.

With the immediate family, it's not too bad. Plenty of telephone calls and letters keep us and daughters abreast of what is happening in each other's lives.

It's something else when it comes keeping up with busy friends in office, church and neighborhood. You move out of the mainstream and a lot passes you by, even when your former co-workers are professionals in communications.

I have this newspaper sent to our new home, and church bulletins also are mailed out. But postal delivery is delayed and erratic. Reports tend to be short. I do a lot of wondering sometimes.

SO I WAS delighted when the ration of mail on a recent afternoon contained a bulletin from our former church and also letters from two former colleagues. I settled down for some informative reading.

First the bulletin. A one-liner listed a friend in the hospital. What hospital? What was wrong? It didn't say and I'd have to do some research.

On to the letters. The first from the Observer newroom noted time and place of "our bash for Suzie." Hey, wait a minute. Bashes take place when people leave, usually, but I had heard nothing of reporter Suzie Singer departing from the staff. What was going on?

The letter didn't say, but instead mentioned "standing art," and added that "the replacements have been great." Now standing art is newspapers for photographs unrelated to articles and in a standard Observer joke it also means a picture of photographer Art Emanuele, standing up. I knew Emanuele had been working with temporary employees while a second photographer was being sought for the Livonia

staff. But replacements?

Well, maybe the other letter would clarify. Vain hope. It was short, penned in a hurry because of an upcoming vacation. It contained a welcome wedding snapshot and a clipping with information to use in a story it has turned out I won't be writing. It said gossip would have to wait "and the only news is Art's bypass."

BYPASS? I was perfectly sure my correspondent wasn't talking about a detour around Emanuele's house, but I sure hadn't heard of any surgery.

There was mention of another letter coming, and it arrived two days later. It filled in quite a bit of news and cleared up the Suzie mystery — reporter Singer had a new job. But nary a mention of Emanuele.

Retired skiffinit that I am, I made my call to the old office the next Friday evening, when the rates would be low but the staff would be busy.

People there had just a little time to tell me my longtime associate Emanuele had indeed had a triple bypass heart operation. He was home and doing well. Relieved, I sent off a note and reflected it was good to be in touch.

It's been said before, but I'm in a position to repeat: People in communications aren't necessarily the best communicators.

Margaret Miller was Suburban Life editor for Observer Newspapers for 16 years. She and her husband Joe have retired to Florida, where she writes Retirement Memos.

Michigan State Fair queen crowned Aug.31

Denise Gehman of Waterford, who won the 1982 Miss Michigan State Fair and then went on to capture the Miss Michigan title in June, will crown a new Miss Michigan State Fair Queen at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31.

Gehman was the first Miss Michigan State Fair to win the Miss Michigan title. She will represent Michigan in the Miss America Pageant Sept. 14-17 in Atlantic City.

"Winning the State Fair contest gave me the confidence I needed to enter the Miss Michigan Pageant," she said.

She said that the trip to Florida,

which was part of the prize for winning the State Fair crown, provided her with the sun tan she needed to help win the swimsuit competition in the Miss Michigan contest.

She will attend a number of events during this year's 11-day fair which runs from Aug. 25 through Sept. 5 including the opening day ribbon cutting ceremony and parade. She will also reign at the fairgrounds for the 1983 Beauty Queen semi-finals at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 30 in the Community Arts auditorium before relinquishing her crown the next day.

Class set for diabetics

A series of six diabetes classes start at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays beginning Sept. 1 in the auditorium of the Oakland County Health Division, 27225 Greenfield, Southfield.

The classes are for adult diabetics and their family members. They are taught by a public health nurse and a registered dietitian. Topics that will be

discussed include the nature of the disease, dietary management, medications and suggestions for coping with everyday problems.

The classes are free, however, participants are asked to preregister because class size is limited.

To preregister, call 858-1354, ext. 8-1354.

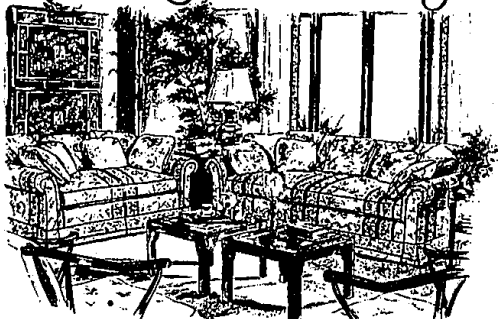


RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Aqua ballerinas

Six of the aqua ballerinas who will be performing in Kendallwood Swim Club "Synchronized Review" are (standing from left) Alicia Barrett, Margi Lisey and Michelle Lyons. Seated from left are Emily Shively, Lori Williams and Elizabeth Gattwari. The girls will perform to "A Very Unbirthday" from Walt Disney's "Alice in Wonderland," in the shows that begin at 9 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Aug. 25-26, in the club pool on Farmington Road, south of 13 Mile. Admission is 50 cents, at the door.

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