

club circuit

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, John Sackett Chapter, meet at noon Saturday, Jan. 14 in Farmington Hills Club House. Hostesses for the day are Kathy Clay of Farmington Hills, Mrs. Donald Thompson of Novi and Marilyn McBeth of Dearborn. Program for the day is called "A Tour of China," led by Marla Peters.

SPINNAKERS, a group of single adults, meet for a "People Bingo and White Elephant Exchange" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14 in First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street. Guests are welcome. Each person is requested to bring a wrapped white elephant. Admission is

\$1.50 at the door. Reservations are not necessary.

B'NAI B'RITH MICHIGAN SINGLES meet for a pizza party at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 15 in the B'nai B'rith Building, 25835 Southfield Road. Guests will be asked \$3.50 at the door.

PLYMOUTH CHILD BIRTH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION introduces the Lamaze birth technique with a program and film at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16 in Newburgh Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia. Admission is \$1 asked at the door.

PHOENIX Self-Help Group for Divorced Women, meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16 in St. Paul Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, between Ickster and Middlebelt roads, in Livonia.

Phoenix is sponsored by YWCA of Western County. Meetings are semi-monthly, aimed to support women in the divorce process, the divorced, separated, or those contemplating divorce. New members are welcome at any time.

Inquiries are taken by Pamela Cronenweil, in the Y, 561-4110, during regular business hours.

LALACHE LEAGUE begins its new series "The Womanly Art of

Breastfeeding" at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17. Meetings are held in various sites. Inquiries are taken by Nancy Michaels, 356-4326, or Pat Girbach, 477-8133.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS, West Bloomfield-Farmington Branch, meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18 and at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19. Both meetings will take place in China Gate Restaurant, Orchard Lake Road and Lone Pine Road in West Bloomfield.

Program planning and open primary consensus are on the agenda.

WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY meets at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18 in Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

Session for the evening is called "Map Sources at University of Michigan," led by Jim Minion. There is no charge. Guests are welcome.

FARMINGTON NEIGHBORS CLUB meets at noon Wednesday, Jan. 18 in Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 13 Mile Road.

Program for the afternoon is called "Health and Exercise for the Mature Women," led by Kathy Slackwell. Guests are welcome. Reservations are necessary, made with Terri

Antczak, 474-9116 or Bev-Prentiss, 553-9021, by Jan. 13.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS, Farmington Hills Chapter 208, meets at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20 in Farmington Hills branch library on 12 Mile Road east of Farmington Road. Program for the afternoon is called "Health Awareness," presented by representatives from Providence Hospital.

The meeting is open to all persons over the age of 55, whether retired or not.

All club news and announcements for this column are to be addressed to: Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 23352 Farmington Road, Farmington 48024. The information must arrive before noon on the Monday before Thursday publication.



retirement memos

Margaret Miller

Weathering Big Chill

We watched the weather channel on cable television a lot during December's deep freeze over most of the nation.

In Florida, our temperatures stayed high and our breezes bliny for most of the month. We seemed to be outside the weather pattern that was pushing chill storms from west to east. And, of course, we were glad to pass along this information to daughters and any other Northerners who chanced to telephone.

But on Christmas Eve the weather maps showed the cold front moving farther south and there was a freeze warning. Before going out to church, Joe and I brought our carefully tended house plants in from our screened balcony.

It was a good move. They wouldn't have survived Christmas Eve or either of the next two nights. For the first time while we have been in Florida, the mercury plunged well below freezing.

IN CALLS on Christmas to the sub-zero vastness farther north, we really weren't able to engender much sympathy for our plant-lugging and days without swimming.

But we found it interesting to note our own and others' reactions to freeze-time in Florida.

We experienced no real problems, of course. We turned up the heat and I enjoyed going out to lunch in the only wool suit left in my wardrobe. We took a picture of icicles on a palm shrub that had been sprayed with water to re-

duce damage potential. We put on jackets to walk down the beach.

But we felt sympathy for local vegetable farmers, some of whom had their crops wiped out, and for citrus growers assessing damage.

We noted with sadness the blackening of some of the less hardy trees and shrubs that were badly nipped by the freeze. They will come back, and there is much lush green still around us, but some of the flowering beauty is gone for a while.

AND WE FOUND ourselves making like true Floridians in becoming apologetic about the weather as we talked to visitors for the holiday vacation.

These visitors, we noted this time as well as during other cool snaps, seem to fall into two classes. There are those who figure that if the beach is less than perfect they might as well have stayed home and saved the money. And then there are those who announce cheerfully that, whatever the Florida weather, it's a lot better than where they came from.

When we were visitors, we always ranged ourselves in the latter group. Now, as residents, we still do. We really don't mind moving the plants around.

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

French class for tots set

New Morning School, located on Haggerty Road north of Schoolcraft Road in Plymouth Township, announces two new winter classes for preschoolers.

New Morning will host "French Language and Culture for Preschoolers," a class which will meet Tuesdays and Thursdays for 16 sessions beginning Jan. 31.

The best time to learn a new language is at the preschool age, school sponsors said. If a child is fortunate to learn another language as early as 3 years old he or she has been given the opportunity to speak the language as a native.

French cooking, a field trip, French vocabulary books, and French songs, fingerplays and games will reinforce

exposure to a new language and culture. French vocabulary will be emphasized in an active participatory manner.

Classes will be taught by Anria Delizade of Oakland University who has a Pizoo of Oakland University from University of Marcellis, France. Class fee is \$85.

Beginning Jan. 23, a new ongoing preschool class will meet 12:45-2:45 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons. French, music, movement, crafts, computers, readiness skills and play are included in this preschool class. Co-op and non-co-op tuition rates are available for this class which will meet until June 15.

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