

# Suburban Life

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## Just for fun

### Club lures women without fund-raisers, projects, cooking

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The Farmington Community Center Women's Club takes on that name temporarily, for lack of a better one to describe the just-for-fun format designed for women no longer in the work force, women who have fewer home responsibilities, women whose children are no longer living at home.

Betty Paine, the center's executive director, sensed a need for a strictly social group for the woman whose time had been freed and called together about a dozen women to propose such a group and offered use of the center as its base.

"The idea for a group that had no fund-raising, no projects, no cooking, and the only business at hand concerned itself with what fun thing will we be doing next month was appealing to all of us," said Nancy Taylor who recently retired from Metro National Bank of Farmington.

"I would bet 99 percent of us belong to a church, belong to some community group, do some volunteer work, do some philanthropic work. There is enough channels around for those activities. This is casual and loose and an ideal way to make friends for the divorced, the woman whose husband is out of town a lot, or the woman whose

friends have all moved to condos in Florida."

WITHIN A MONTH letters had been sent to neighbors and friends calling them to a catered lunch "because cooking sure wasn't on the fun list," Taylor said, and half a dozen women stepped forward to form a steering committee.

Within four months the caterers were preparing for 50, and reservations for the afternoon or all-day bus trips were filled long before take-off time.

Taylor thinks of the club as the answer to doing those things she always wanted to do, didn't have time to do, or didn't have a traveling partner who was as enthusiastic about traveling to the Detroit Institute of Arts for a particular show.

"I'm not sure if my own retirement is typical, though I think it might be," Taylor said of the woman she's met through the club activities.

"When I was working I couldn't attend the Friday morning Detroit Symphony concerts, I couldn't volunteer at Providence Hospital, something I would have liked to do. I couldn't belong to Farmington Musicals whose meetings are all in the daytime. I wanted to do some of those things before I got too old to do them, and it's nice for me now to be able to set my own priorities."

She added that she doesn't think of the five-month old club as frivolous, but more of a way to expand her own cultural interests.

Of the every-other-month lunch and speaker gatherings and the alternate monthly trips, she says, "It's an easy way to hear a speaker on a subject that concerns all of us, and car pooling to visit Berman's Christmas and Gift Shoppe in Toledo is something many of us would do in a group that we might never get around to doing alone."

AS FOR SUBJECTS "that concern all of us" the speaker for this month spelled out telephone options.

"The subject sure wouldn't have to do with baby-sitter problems or teenage drug use. We've all paid our dues sitting through all of those lectures. We handed out interest questionnaires just recently, and we'll have that survey completed next month to plan historical tours, or mansion tours, or workshops on whatever, or demonstrations on whatever. If the group wants overnight trips we can do that too."

"The whole idea is to open new doors to new knowledge, new things, and we

seem to be opening up those avenues. We have the commonality of having more time, but we also have a lot of diversity," Taylor said.

One of the factors Taylor emphasized was that in spite of the "loose and casual" format, costs would be held to a minimum for whatever was planned.

"We don't want to exclude anyone because of costs. The luncheon meeting is always \$5 and we hope to keep it that way. A couple of our tours were arranged with all kinds of options to accommodate everybody. I guess the exception would be December's Birmingham-Bloomfield Christmas house tour. We've arranged for that which is tailor-made for me. I doubt if I would bother going if I was going to go by myself," she said.

Taylor is chairman of the six-member steering committee of the club. She works with Judy Antishin, Marge Brown, Edith Keating, Charlotte Fortler and Lu Burke.

Inquiries about Farmington Community Center Women's Club and the scheduled activities for the next few months will be taken by calling the center, 477-8404.

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## Abzug to talk on 'Women and Nuclear War'

Bella Abzug, former New York congresswoman, lawyer, author and activist for women's causes, will address a general meeting of National Council of Jewish Women-Greater Detroit Section at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at the Congregation Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills.

She will speak on "Women and Nuclear War." Everyone is welcome. Admission is free.

Abzug, a lawyer for more than 30 years and a member of the U.S. Congress for six years, was the first woman in history to run for the U.S. Senate from New York State and for mayor of New York City.

In 1977, President Jimmy Carter named her presiding officer of the National Commission for the Observance of International Women's Year. Later, she served as co-chair of the President's National Advisory Committee for Women.

A FOUNDER of the National Women's Political Caucus and a member of NOW and other women's organizations, Abzug, while in Congress, wrote the first law banning discrimination in obtaining credit loans, and managed to fight for the Title IX Equal Opportunity in Education laws; and introduced many other bills to improve the status of women.

Currently, Abzug is president of Women-USA, a national activist group working to reach out to women who identify with gender gap issues such as equality and economic justice. She is the author of "Gender Gap" and "Bella Abzug's Guide to Political Power for Women."

THE COUNCIL'S PROGRAM also will feature the presentation of the Hannah G. Solomon Award to Dorothy Kaufman and Freddy Shiffman for their contribution in co-chairing a committee to publish the Greater Detroit Access Guide, a directory of surveyed sites (i.e. restaurants, public buildings) describing accessibility features for handicapped and the infirm.

The book recently was distributed free of charge

## Girl Scouts launch new Daisy program

Five thousand Girl Scouts throughout the nation met late last month in Detroit's Cobo Hall Arena for the 43rd National Council Session of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

"Reach Wider Still" was the theme and commitment throughout the National Council Convention. This theme was demonstrated through their announcement of the new Daisy Girl Scout program. Daisy Girl Scouts will serve girls who are five years old or in kindergarten. Special emphasis will be placed on shared group experience and developing successful skills of interacting with others.

Currently, Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council (MMGSC) is undergoing an adult volunteer and girl membership recruitment campaign for the "Daisy" program. According to Miriam Bannister, director of field services, the Daisy program recruitment is looking for adults who are sensitive to and understand the needs of young children.

During this year's convention, delegates elected Betty F. Pilabury as National Girl Scout President. Dr. LaBarbara Gragg of Detroit was also elected to the National Board along with other members for the 1984-1987 term.

The 1984 National Convention also strengthens the Girl Scout commitment to remain a girl-service organization. According to president Mary Law, the commitment to remain a girl member organization was based on the results of the World Conference in Perrytown, N.Y. This conference generated the feeling of Girl Scouts as a national and international organization which works toward the development of women worldwide.

to 15,000 handicapped and infirm in the Detroit metropolitan area.

tive in the organization's priority areas of women's issues, Jewish life, aging, children and youth and Israel.

ESTABLISHED in 1893, National Council of Jewish Women is the oldest Jewish Women's volunteer organization in America. NCJW's more than 100,000 members in 200 sections nationwide are ac-

President is Sandra Leshman of Farmington Hills; program committee co-chairwomen are Shelly Cooper and Sharon Radom of West Bloomfield. NCJW Week chairwoman is Fran Wigod of Bloomfield Hills. Hospitality chairwoman is Rita Seburn.



### Up for sale

Peggy George's handmade porcelain dolls will be up for sale, along with the works of another 70 artisans when Farmington Area Jaycee Women stage their 10th annual Arts and Crafts Sale. Show hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1 in Farmington High School, Shiawassee, east of Orchard Lake Road. Admission is free. A food concession will be open throughout sale hours.

## Community is invited to Thanksgiving service

A special Thanksgiving service is planned for 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 22 by the Christian Science congregation, which has served the Farmington community for 40 years. A passage from Psalms provides the keynote: "Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing unto the Lord: . . . He healtheth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds."

Exploring the importance of gratitude in daily life, the sermon on "Thanksgiving" will include passages from the Scriptures and accompanying selections from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by the founder of Christian Science, Mary Baker Eddy.

The lesson readings emphasize that Thanksgiving is far more than a passive posture to blessings. As a passage

from "Science and Health" asks: "Are we really grateful for the good already received? Then we shall avail ourselves of the blessings we have, and thus be fitted to receive more. Gratitude is much more than a verbal expression of thanks. Action expresses more gratitude than speech."

During the hour-long service the congregation will share hymns of praise, brief silent prayer and the Lord's Prayer. The latter portion of the meeting has been set aside for spontaneous testimonies of gratitude to God.

All Christian Science services are open to the community, and families and neighbors are invited to attend this special annual gathering in First Church of Christ, Scientist, 33825 Grand River. Child care is provided.

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