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Young Career Woman

Hills dentist is Business and Professional Women's candidate

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A Farmington Hills dentist will be one of Business and Professional Women's (BPW) guests of honor next week-end when the state organization chooses its "Young Career Woman" of Michigan for 1985.

Carolyn Romzick, who works out of offices at 30330 12 Mile, will represent BPW's District IX whose members named her "Young Career Woman" of the district last month. The district includes clubs in Farmington, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Wayne, Westland, Garden City, South Redford and Lola Valley.

Her original nomination was made by Farmington BPW, based on her age, work experience, scholastic work, and service to her community or church.

When Romzick was asked why she thought she was chosen for the title, she answered, "Maybe because of the ability to take a risk. With \$40,000 worth of student loans in back of me, then taking more loans to jump into private practice. Or just the risk of pursuing a traditionally male-dominated career."

"It is still not unusual for patients to come in, assume I'm the hygienist, and ask when the dentist will be here."

WHEN ROMZICK graduated from University of Michigan's Dental School in 1982 she was one of 25 women in a class of 146. She says she expects to see 40 female graduates in a class of about the same number in 1986.

She knows the figures because both she and her husband, David Clark, return to U-M five afternoons a week to teach there.

"Office hours are stable for mornings and we're open evenings until as long as we're needed," she said of her and her husband's Farmington Hills Dental Associates' less-than-one-year-old operation.

"Sometimes we don't get home until 9 or 9:30 so home has got to be close, right around the corner," she said.

She has faced reluctance from pa-

tients to visit a female dentist, and she has faced reluctance from students to study under a female teacher, but finds this attitude lessening on both fronts.

"People in general are warming up to the idea of a female in this field," she said, "and I had a year of residency to help me cope and get ready for the reluctance that I suspected would be there."

She explained her year of residency, with a dental clinic located in a Wilmington, Del., hospital right after graduation, as not a requirement to enter private practice but more of a trend for today's dentists.

"What it did for me was to put me into every ward in the hospital dealing with a lot of problems and a variety of people. It gave me a little money, gave me a chance to look around, get my feet on the ground, develop a philosophy and figure out what I wanted to do next."

WHAT SHE did next was simultaneously plan her wedding to Clark, help negotiate for space to open up the couple's private practice, order equipment and furniture for the business, find the right-around-the-corner living quarters and furnish it.

The couple adhere to the private practice philosophy of dentistry as opposed to working in a clinic because of the personal attention they both can give their patients. Both are general practitioners, neither claims a specialty, but Romzick is finding that because of her work in the Delaware hospital she seems to have a special affinity for working with children and the handicapped.

"Some children and many of the handicapped take twice the time and patience to work with," she said. "I find a particular need for dentists who can work well with the adult handicapped now. When he or she was a child, a pedodontist (a child's dentist) could work with that patient, but at about age 15 that dentist's scaled-down equipment no longer fits. That teenager or adult spastic, for example, might just be left with no one who can

cope with that problem and a tooth problem at the same time.

"And these are things you just don't learn in dental school."

The personalized service extends to children "who are much more than a number in a dental clinic to us," Romzick said.

"We take emergencies, of course, but we never schedule them for an evening when sitting still is impossible for a 7-year-old. We get to know them well and spend a lot of time allaying any fears they might have."

As for painless dentistry, she says, "It usually is. If it isn't, it's more often than not due to the patient's neglect and I've even found ways around that."

ROMZICK AND Clark found themselves early on in their marriage "spending 24 hours a day together," she said.

"We work the same office hours, drive together to Ann Arbor and back to teach together. We run together every morning. We're building a model railroad together in the apartment. I'm teaching him fly-fishing. We belong to the same fraternity (Delta Sigma Delta). Something had to be done about that," she said.

For diversity, he became a member of Farmington Jaycees.

She joined Professional Women's Network, which meets in Farmington Community Center. From those early morning breakfast meetings she was introduced to members of Farmington BPW.

The local BPW chapter members nominated her their "Young Career Woman" for the year which started her on the road to the state title.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Carolyn Romzick, in private practice with Farmington Hills Dental Associates and a clinical instructor at University of Michigan School of Dentistry, is a candidate for Michigan's Business and

Professional Women "Young Career Woman" award. Judging will take place May 17-18 in Traverse City.

2 more wins for NFHS vocalists

North Farmington High School's Women's Ensemble and North Farmington High School's Northern Chorus, both under the direction of Joan MacKenzie, have come home with the highest rating possible given by Michigan School Vocal Association.

The Women's Ensemble took the title "State Champion" after receiving the "superior" rating at both the district and state semifinal competitions. The groups are judged on performance, singing techniques and sight reading of music never seen before.

Adjudicators were Larry Gray of In-

terlochen Music Academy, Mel Larimer from Albion College, Nina Robertson-Nash from Central Michigan University, Dr. Steve Michelson from Michigan State University and Dr. Patrick Gardener from University of Michigan.

The ensemble will be featured in the school's spring musical, "A Tribute to Gershwin," at 8 p.m. Saturday, June 1, in the school's Hunt Auditorium.

THE NORTHERN Chorus, a 45-voice choir, took the superior rating, the high possible rating, from all

judges for its performance in the competition among school choirs.

The chorus has received the superior rating for the fourth consecutive year at the district level, but this was the first year the chorus did not have another performance in conflict with the competition dates, and was the first year, under MacKenzie's direction, it was able to compete at the state level.

Adjudicators for choirs in competition were Herbert Henke from Oberlin School of Music, Eugene Miller from Anderson College in Indiana and Daniel Russel from Northwestern University in Illinois.

These two wins come on the heels of a top place spot taken by the school's Northern Lites, and a string of awards and scholarships that were taken by soloists.

Meanwhile, the Northern Lites, a group of select singers and dancers, have been invited to perform aboard a cruise ship this summer, and MacKenzie is finalizing those arrangements now.

All singing groups are available for performances which can be arranged by calling MacKenzie at 626-8380.



Mark Randel



Cheri Trabbie

Musicians will study in southern Germany

Two young musicians from Farmington Hills, Mark Randel and Cheri Trabbie, have been selected to attend Blue Lake in Bavaria during July and August.

Mark, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Randel and a sophomore at North Farmington High School, will play trumpet with the jazz group.

Cheri, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Trabbie and an eighth grader at Warner Middle School, will play clarinet with the symphony band.

The two will be among 120 American and Canadian students, joined by 60 students from 10 European countries, who will participate in the only music camp of its kind.

This will be the fifth year that Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, one of the largest summer arts camps in the U.S., has operated a satellite camp in southern Germany. Founded in 1968, Blue Lake is in the Manstsee National Forest about 15 miles north of Muskegon.

About 4,000 young people attend Blue Lake's summer camps each year.

Blue Lake in Bavaria is southwest of Munich, near the village of Oberammergau in the foothills of the Alps. Mark and Cheri will be in 10 days of intensive rehearsal before setting out on a good-will concert tour through three European countries.

All of the traveling musicians will be guests of European families in each community they visit.

"The success of Blue Lake in Bavaria may be attributed to many things," said Gretchen Stansell, director of Blue Lake's International Exchange Program.

"One important factor is the universality of English as a second language throughout Europe. Another is that American symphonic and jazz bands have a tremendous appeal to European wind and percussion musicians. Europeans also like American music so large audiences turn out for the concerts performed by the students."

China painters show set

About a dozen china painters who belong to Birmingham chapter of China Decorators Guild have been invited to show their work in Michigan Porcelain Artists spring show May 17-18 in Flint.

"This will be an all-state show but international artists have been invited, mostly to demonstrate," said Delores Petachenko, who has been invited to show, sell and demonstrate the art during the two day exhibit and sale.

Petachenko is a Farmington Hills resident and a member of the local chapter, which meets in First United Methodist Church of Farmington.

Another member of the local chapter, Mae Perkins, has also been invited to demonstrate the art during the invitational.

The show will be housed in Flint Hyatt Regency. Admission is \$1.

Seniors to gather in Lansing May 15

The 11th annual Michigan Senior Power Day is set for Wednesday, May 15, in Lansing.

It is open to older persons from throughout Michigan and is sponsored by the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan (AAAM).

Senior Power Day allows seniors from across the state to rally together for a cause.

During the day, the 5,000-6,000 parti-

cipants will vote to ratify a platform of issues developed by representatives from the state's major senior and senior advocacy organizations. An important plank on the platform this year concerns the "Elder AID" proposal.

Senior organizations, senior advocacy groups and service providers have united to back the Elder AID proposal, which calls attention to the need for more in-home services for frail, ill old-

er persons. A few of these senior groups are even calling for Elder AID funding before any rollback of the income tax is considered.

A study by AAAM indicates that \$25 million is needed for such services at home-delivered meals, homemaker and home health aid services, day care and respite care. The AAAM is proposing that 20 percent of the \$25 million be generated locally through client fees and contributions, with the rest phased in

by the state over a two- or three-year period, beginning with the 1986 budget.

The day-long Senior Power Day will begin with a public hearing at 8:30 a.m. followed by the main program at 10:45 a.m.

Tickets are free and are available from the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency, 858-5164, or from Sherry Harrington at the Area Agency on Aging, 569-6333.

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Controller promoted

Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. of America has promoted Robert J. Davison to vice president/controller. It was announced today by Richard H. Headlee, president of the Farmington Hills, Mich., based firm.

Davison, 39, received his bachelor's degree in accounting from Michigan State University and became a certified public accountant with Deloitte, Haskins and Sells before joining Alexander Hamilton Life in 1980. He resides in Plymouth, Mich.