

## Bell-Deighton

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bell of Farmington announce the engagement of their daughter Sharon Marie to Timothy Andrew Deighton, son of Dr. and Mrs. Murray Deighton of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University and is employed as a design consultant for Hebert, Inc. in California. Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan State University, employed as a territorial manager for American District Telegraph in California.

A September wedding is planned.



## Nagler-Denes

Mickey Denes of Farmington Hills became the bride of Monte Nagler of Farmington Hills during a Dec. 9 ceremony at Fern Grotto on the island of Kauai, Hawaii.

After a private boat trip up the Waialua River the couple exchanged vows.

Mr. and Mrs. Nagler are making their home in Farmington Hills.



## Smith-Pacheco

Julie Anne Pacheco and Brian Charles Smith were married in St. Fabian Catholic Church. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jorge A. Pacheco of Farmington Hills and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Smith of Livonia.

Debbie Pacheco and Susie Pacheco-Baker served as their sister's maid and matron of honor with bridesmaids Cathy Pacheco, Stacy Rovin-Pacheco, Ellen Silivinski and Lori Anne Smith, sister of the groom.

The best men were Kevin Smith, brother of the groom, and Richard Ebach, who served with groomsmen Michael Pacheco, Charles Allie, Rex Baker and Carl Gerbard.

The bride is a graduate of Michigan State University, employed at Indiana University. The groom is a graduate of



Michigan State University, employed as an assistant manager for Bishop Butters in South Bend, Ind. The newlyweds honeymooned in Florida and are now residing in South Bend.

# Feb. 28 is Farmington Community Center Week

A special week of activities is planned during "Farmington Community Center Week," Feb. 2-8 in the center, 24705 Farmington Road.

Festivities begin at open house 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 2. Demonstrations of the many classes offered by the center including a display of student art and performances by music students in the Kelly-Kirby and Suzuki programs are featured. Newcomers to the area are encouraged to attend. Old friends are invited to renew acquaintances.

Back by popular request is the center's Snowman Contest at 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3. With prizes and refreshments, this promises to be an afternoon of snowy creativity. If weather does not allow the real thing, the non-melting variety will be constructed inside.

A Business After-Glow for area employees will be 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4. It offers an opportunity to unwind while learning about the different services, activities and classes available in the center.

Brunch and a "Second Edition" fashion show are planned for the Volunteer

Guild Winter Meeting at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5. Current and potential volunteers are encouraged to make reservations.

Chocolateolics should be alerted to Chocolate Pig Out at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 6. Detroit-area culinary notables will judge recipes. All chocolate lovers are invited to attend and sample contestants' entries. Registration is requested by Jan. 31.

A Treasure Hunt is planned for children 8-12 years old at 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7. The search will take place on the center's grounds. Prizes and refreshments are included. Registration can be made by calling the center.

Guided house tours are available any time during the week. Organizations are encouraged to call for reservations. Lunches can also be arranged.

Reservations for Farmington Community Center Week can be made by call the center at 477-8404.

## Volunteers are called

Persons interested in volunteering at Common Ground, Oakland County's 24-hour crisis center, are invited to attend an orientation session at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, in Common Ground, 1090 S. Adams, Birmingham.

No appointment is necessary. For information about volunteer opportunities at Common Ground, call Karen Conway, coordinator of volunteers, at Common Ground's business line, 645-1173.

## retirement memos

**Margaret Miller**

## Seasonal cards bring news of retirees

Retirement was a major theme in the Christmas card messages this year.

One friend — who earlier was worrying mightily about the step — wrote that she and her husband are "now officially in the Social Security act and it's great."

Another noted that retirement, "previously a foreign term used only in footnotes," probably would happen her year. A couple more friends had set their times, and still a few more were ready to do so.

We chuckled over the card from friends about to retire to a cabin in northern Wisconsin. They said they liked the HIOT in our picture from Florida and wondered "if you know something we don't."

But my favorite Christmas card notes came from two long-time retirees, both friends of mine and both who had played mentor roles in earlier parts of my life. Their messages gave me a look down the road.

PEG WAS THE best alto in the first church choir that allowed me membership. I learned a lot of music from her way back when, and through keeping in touch as the years go on I've learned a lot of living.

She had no children and was widowed some years ago, so she moved with her mother back to the small Ohio town where she was born. There she was kept busy, found opportunities for leadership and service, and has continued not only her music but also the other great love of her life, writing po-

etry. She has published several books of her poems.

This year she wrote on her annual Christmas postcard: "Had my 80th birthday last month, but I don't feel aged yet. I played golf last summer and hope to next. Am planning another book of poetry."

I wrote back that I certainly didn't consider her aged or even elderly and that I hoped to be going as strong when I hit 80.

THEN THERE'S HAL, who was adviser to my student newspaper at Wayne State. Keeping up with him through the years has been a delight. Most Christmas, his was the first card in the mailbox.

It wasn't this year, and I worried. But it arrived, with an apology for tardiness and a useful reference to the "corniness" of the witty newsletter he wrote to his friends this year. There was an extra note, written on his typewriter by hand-and-peek system because in his 82nd year, he has been battling the "ganging up" of Parkinsonism, shingles and arthritis.

He wrote that he sometimes gets discouraged and "I cope, but sometimes I run out of copeabilities." But the message was one of good cheer, the kind I'd like to think I'll have when and if life fires blows like that at me.

To all my retiring friends, I send a New Year's wish that their new life styles may be as good as ours has started out to be. To Peg and Hal, though, I send a New Year's thank you for their examples of how good life can keep going.

## Volunteer honored

The Farmington Community Center has named Janet Minehart as its Volunteer of the Month.

She has served the center actively for the past two years. Among her accomplishments are churning Originals, Ltd., the fine arts boutique in the center, and chairing the Fall Arts and Crafts Show.

She helped make the center's Friendship Quilt and has made numerous craft items for the Santa Luncheon. Minehart is also a member of the Farmington Community Center's Women's Club and has been recording secretary for the center's volunteer board.

She and her husband, Kenneth, and three children have resided in Farmington Hills for 12 years. Her hobbies include quilting and needlework, gardening and reading. She has studied business at Oakland Community College.



Janet Minehart

## Quit smoking series starts

FreshStart, a straightforward, no-nonsense quit smoking program, will be offered at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia four evenings at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21; Wednesday, Jan. 22; Tuesday, Jan. 28; and Wednesday, Jan. 29.

The series, cosponsored by the American Cancer Society, will be given in the first floor nursing classroom in the hospital, 36475 W. Five Mile.

There is no charge for the four-part program, but pre-registration is requested.

For more information or to register call 464-4800, Ext. 2313.

FreshStart deals with smoking as a chemical addiction, as a habit, and as a psychological dependency. The program will give strategies for conquering smoking in thoughts, feelings and actions.

FreshStart also gives ways to handle the two biggest obstacles for many new ex-smokers: weight control and stress management.

## How news may be submitted

Information for the Suburban Life section of the Observer should be submitted in writing to Marie McGee, Suburban Life editor, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

Notices should be received by Monday for publication on Thursday and by Thursday for publication Monday.

All information should be typed or written clearly and should include a

telephone number for checking during business hours. Pictures to accompany news items may be submitted for consideration.

Requests for pictures to be taken by Observer staff photographers or suggestions for news stories should be made at least two weeks before the date desired for publication. McGee can be reached at 591-2300, Ext. 307.

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