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## Funds raised — funds dispersed

Only the name has changed for area's service-minded club

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**S**PRING FASHIONS, shoes, hairstyles, jewelry, accessories, and makeup are the order of the evening for Farmington Area Community Women's first Membership Night.

The club, which is approaching its first anniversary, will mix the pleasure of its "Designs on Spring" presentation with the business of introducing guests to the workings of the group at 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 9,

in Farmington Community Center.

There is no charge for guests, but reservations are requested by calling Denise Albrecht at 478-3218.

The nucleus of Farmington Area Community Women is made up of members of the former Farmington Area Jaycee Women who by a court order had their choice of either meeting with the Jaycees, or dissolving.

"We didn't dissolve," Albrecht said, who is president of the newly formed group. "We changed our name, banned the age restrictions

(which limited membership to those between 18 and 35), boosted our membership, got rid of a lot of paperwork and find we can do a lot more, give a lot more, on the strictly local level now that we are autonomous."

Much of what the club is doing and giving now spills over from the former Jaycee format.

"We are still a community-service oriented club. Our name has changed, but the goals remain the same," Albrecht said.

THE UNCHANGED goals are to provide leadership training and personal growth opportunities through community involvement.

And since the Farmington Area Community Women were able to take their former Jaycee Women's on-hand treasury with them during the turn-over, much of the business-on-hand likewise went with them uninterrupted.

This format is a continuous round of fund-raising and fund-dispersing interspersed with some members-only socials.

"The fund-raisers run simultaneously with the dispersals," said Marianne Ellis who is membership chairwoman for the group. "We're generally working on at least four-to-five projects at one time."

This month we're giving money for Easter food baskets for the needy, we sponsored Lunch with the Easter Bunny and the Millionaire's Party (in conjunction with Women of North Farmington), started plans for our Baby Beautiful Contest and are winding up plans for Membership Night.

Meanwhile member JoAnn George has at least a dozen persons in and out of her home every week either renting or returning infant or child car seats in conjunction with BUBS (Buckle Up Babies) which is both a service to the community as well as a fund-raiser for the club. And all members are requested to save Bill Knapp Community Support Coupons to meet the club's goal of attaining a telephone for Williamsburg Convalescent Center.

Farmington Area Community Women have no summer break. The group will help sponsor "Kid's Day" this year, "one way or another, we're not sure yet," Ellis said. And the women will be fund-raising, one way or another, during Founder's Festival.

ALBRECHT WAS a longtime member of Jaycee Women and describes herself as "a staunch supporter of community-service oriented groups."

Before the birth of her son she was equally well known in the community for the work she did as an active member of Jaycee Women as she was as a children's librarian for Farmington Community Libraries.

"There was so many reports to read, so many reports to write, so much of our money was given to the

state and the national levels," Albrecht said of the time she belonged to Jaycee Women. "There were conferences on local, divisional and state levels that were mandatory and some of us, I for one, had to use vacation time in order to attend."

"We were able to discern almost immediately (after the transition) that we were going to be able to do a lot more closer to home now that we were a separate entity," she said.

"Some of our members want to make a donation to Haven and to Children's Hospital this year. That's OK, we'll vote on it. But for the most part we're concentrating on needs right here in the community. We've been told the Sarah Fisher home is in need of a tape recorder now, and I'm sure they'll get it. Those kinds of requests will get priority."

MUCH OF WHAT Farmington Area Community Women have accomplished in their first year, which will culminate in May with an anniversary celebration, will be shown to the guests in a slide show during Membership Night.

Guests will see the gamut, from giving scholarships to manning lemonade stands, from hosting Christmas parties to sponsoring an arts and crafts sale, interspersed with just-for-fun get-togethers.

Moonlight sking, a family Christmas party, a treasure hunt, and a mystery night are planned for this year along with traditional afterglow parties that celebrate the end of a project well done.

"We offer something for everyone," Albrecht said. "We're members of all ages and all interests. Some members want only to work on programs for youth, some only want to work for the elderly. There's enough here for you to pick and choose from in meetings, programs, projects for whatever interest you've got and whatever time you've got."

Ellis has lived in Farmington Hills for less than a year and says of her involvement with Farmington Area Community Women.

"It was a good introduction to this community. I feel like I really belong," she said.



Guests at Farmington Area Community Women's Membership Night will see a lot of the Chanel look which is furnished for the fashion show by Village Shoe Inn.



Anita Rudolph chooses red polyester with the look of silk from Hiltz Missa to model for her club's Membership Night. Her gold belt with onyx-like inserts, black patent leather shoes and bag comp from Village Shoe Inn.

### April 7-11

## National Library Week observed

Chrysler chairman Lee Iacocca is driving home a new message, Star quarterback Dan Marino of the MI-

ami Dolphins is calling a new play. World class boxer Sugar Ray Leonard and his sons are championing a

## 'Don't give up,' says owner of a lost dog

Roberta Cadger, a Farmington Hills resident who has both lost a dog as well as found several and returned them to their owners, tells both the owners of the lost and found, "Don't give up."

Cadger tracked "Capone" for almost 60 days before she was convinced her pet had given up hope of finding his way home.

"I got a lot of calls from my ads. People they called to say they saw him in Redford and Livonia and I'm sure they did. We hunted in every nook of Bentley High School and the Rotary Park, where he was said to be seen. But it was so cold and he was probably so hungry and so scared I know he went with someone who offered him shelter. He just wasn't up to waiting for me," she said.

IN ADDITION to running the advertisement, she was connected up to "every police department and

every agency for miles around, with concerned people who can generally get your pet back," she said.

While she is convinced that "Capone" has a new home now because no trace has been reported of him in the past 60 days, Cadger asks finders of lost pets not to stop trying to find the owner.

"These advertisements are free," Cadger said of the classified ads that are placed by finders of any lost item in the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. "They don't cost you any more than a phone call and it means so much to the families that have lost a pet."

Sally Waldman, supervisor of the phone room for the classified section of this newspaper, said, "This is a longstanding policy of the paper. We think if you are nice enough to call to say you've found something of value, you shouldn't have to be put to any expense for extending that courtesy."

new cause. An awesome team is spreading the word: "Get a Head Start at your Library." From boardroom to gridiron to the ring, the winning spirit starts at the library.

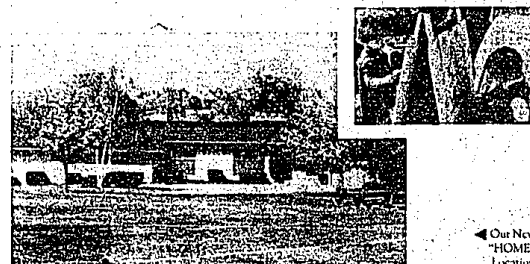
Research shows that children who have been exposed to reading and other cultural experiences before they begin school have a better chance at success in formal learning. Moreover, 50 percent of intellectual development occurs between birth and 4 years of age.

Libraries have long been concerned with promoting reading to children, and today they are placing even greater emphasis on family reading activities to help fight America's growing illiteracy problem. Story hours, crafts, puppet shows, songs and games are among the children's programs libraries offer.

The Farmington Community Library invites the community to visit the library this week. Cookies and punch will be served from 10 a.m. to noon and 6-8 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Those who check out at least five books at a time, get a library bag. The library will honor the many volunteers who assist throughout the year. Letters of commendation will be presented to "Friends of the Farmington Library" and to "Farmington Library Board."

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