

Moving community force keeps busy

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elementary schools subsidized in part by Farmington Area Arts Commission she is involved in through her position as a commissioner.

As a nationally accredited flower show judge, she has just returned from judging a show staged by the North American Lily Society. The

big priority now is finalizing plans for a garden walk, set for June 28, sponsored by the Farmington Garden Club.

Meanwhile, she serves on the Methodist Children's Home board of directors, Oakland County Historical Commission, Israel Numismatic Society of Michigan, Metro-Detroit Chapter of the United States-China

People's Friendship Association, Osborne Computer Users Group executive board, AARP, Farmington Genealogical Society, Farmington Naturalist Club and the Farmington Area Association of Retired School Personnel.

Most recently, she was appointed a contact person from Farmington Hills for Michigan Sesquicentennial celebration.

OF IT ALL, Briggs says nothing interferes with her travel plans. She has visited every state in the country, most countries in the world, and been on six of the seven continents. In September, she will visit China for the third time.

Briggs talks from her home filled with flowering indoor plants and

with mementoes from her travels; meistrschaum pieces from Turkey, netsuke from the Orient, bone from Bali, onyx from Egypt, music boxes from Switzerland.

Often, those travels were visits to one of the many foreign exchange students who had lived with her here.

The most poignant of those visits was an invitation to her husband, the late Robert Briggs, to give away the bride at the wedding of one of their former exchange students in her native home town in Chile. On one occasion, Briggs hosted a foreign exchange student who was the son of a previous exchange student.

It is not at all unusual for Briggs now to receive an unexpected guest,

for a few hours, a weekend or a full spring break week, who is either a former houseguest or a relative of one of those students who shared her home for a school year.

Briggs' daughter was a foreign exchange student for a year in the Netherlands; last year, her granddaughter followed suit with a year of study in Italy.

FROM BRIGGS' window, visitors can see a 100-year-old apple tree, the last of an orchard, once husbanded by her grandfather, that is now a

subdivision in the southeast section of Farmington Hills.

She grew up in the home built by her parents on that land, and raised her children there. Diana, who is now an administrator for Poisons Prison in California, and Bob, a systems engineer in Silicon Valley, Cal. So while travel is important, so are the roots that run deep in Briggs, who lists the Farmington Historical Commission and its efforts to preserve heritage as a priority in a long and varied list of interests and service.

Benefit walk coming up

Farmington's sidewalks and streets will be used for a hunger relief program fund-raiser at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 1, from the First United Methodist Church, 3312 Grand River.

Farmington City Council has granted permission for a Church

World Services-sponsored 10-kilometer benefit walk. Twenty-five percent of the proceeds will be used locally.

Church World Services is required to provide the city with a \$1-million public liability insurance policy naming the city as an insured.


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Another reason for not using drugs occurs if you are sensitive to the side effects of medications. If they bring on upset stomach, headaches, or nervousness, then starting a drug may not treat a problem, but create one.

Therapy does not always mean using medicine. In treating arthritis, heat, rest, injection, and time often prove effective and invariably are safe.




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