# Optimists salute top officers, citizens

Farmington/Farmington Hills Op-timists Club honored two officers and two civilians May 14 on Law Day of National Law Enforcement Week.

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Officers singled out were Atan Soderlund in Farmington Hills and
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Pointing out that Soderlund dis-played "a great deal of courage in a dangerous situation," Dwyer said: "It gives us a lot of pride to honor him today."

COX, A commander, is a 14-year member of the Farmington Depart-ment of Public Safety. Earlier in the year, he received the department's first "Professional Excellence Award."

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The Oplimists recognized him for his role in coordinating the investigation that led to the conviction of both suspects in the February 1985 robbery of the Bloomfield Savings and Loan on Orchard Lake Road.



The \$42,000 taken during the rob-bery was recovered.

"Commander Cox was placed in charge of the case and as a result of his diligent efforts, gathered and produced in court 104 exhibits for evidence and coordinated the appearance of 39 witnesses," Farmington Department of Public Safety Director Frank Lauhoff said.



CHILSON WAS honored for her efforts as founder and president of Citizens for a Decent Community.

"Mrs. Chilson, during the winter months, led picketing at various raided locations in sub-zero weather in order to deter and discourage any liegal activities," Dwyer said.

Chilson's group also made the police department aware of any suspicious activity at the four sites that



eventually closed, Dwyer added.
Liming was recognized for her active support of Farmington's 2-yearold Neighborhood Watch Program.
She helped bring the home security
program to Farmington Meadows
and helped recruit many of the subdivision's 300 participants.
"During the process, Mrs. Liming
attended many of the block meetlings, helped in sign placement, field-



Jeannie Liming Farmington resident

Lauhoff called Liming "an invaluable assistant, giving of herself and her time."

All award winners received a certificate. Each department received a plaque.

## **Award winner**

### Hills man honored for community work

A Farmington Hills man has been honored for community service by both Detroit. First Church of Nazarene and Garden City Osteopathic Hospital.

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Pastor Richard Parrott (left) of the First Church of Nazarene with Emmaus Road Award recipient Donald J. Edwards Jr.

Edwards is a home missions board member for the Eastern Michigan District, Church of the Nazarene, Brighton, and vice president and secretary of the Gideons International Cakland Southwest Carmp. He is inance chairman of the Prison Fellowship Inc. Detroit Care Committee.

Edwards recently retired from the

### Jobs for elderly are declining

Jobs for older Americans are in shorter supply, says a member of the Governor's Task Force on Employ-ment Opportunities for Older Citi-zens.

Farmington Hills resident Kath-leen Needham addressed the Rotary Club of Farmington at its luncheon meeting of May 20. The speech was part of Rotary International's Senior Citizen Month.

The newly appointed task force member chairs the gerontology pro-gram at Madonna College, Livonia.

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tunities for older adults because of the predicted de-clining labor force for those over 55," Needham sald, "According to the U.S. Census Burgan by the

"According to the U.S. Census Bureau, by the year 2020, 31 percent of the population will be over the age of 55. In 1982, 15 million adults over the age of 55 were employed in the work force or were tooking for work. It is projected that by the year 2000, only 14.7 million in

THE TASK force, responsible for making recommendations and reports on employment and opportunities for older citizens, is preparing a report to be presented in September at the Governor's Aging Conference.

Concentration will be on program development, legislation, policy changes in job development and training opportunities.

Prolonged unemployment and lack of training and retraining offer few alternatives to full-time work

for the older adult, Needham said.
Her Involvements Include: commissioner, Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging; chairwoman, Task Force Member, Minimum Service Definitions and Standards for the state of Michigan. Also: committee member, United Community Services; member, Gerontology Society of America; and board member, Michigan Society of Gerontology.
She has studied the elderly in China, Canada, the United Kingdom and the Soviet Union. She has authored raining modules on aging, as well as produced audiovisual presentations.



#### Ride for children

Many Children's Hospital of Michigan patients wouldn't be able to ride a Southeastern Michigan Transportation Authority bus during SEMTA's "Ride for Children" promotion, so a SEMTA bus stopped by the Detroit Hospital beforehand to take thom for a ride. On May 17, all fares of riders boarding SEMTA buses traveling throughout the Detroit area were donated to Children's Hospital. Pictured with Children's Hospital patient: Shaun Trent is Farmington Hills City, Council member Johann Sorenen (left), SEMTA board vice chairman. "Ride for Children" was a one-day promotion for the Detroit-based Children's Hospital in honor of Michigan Transportation Week.



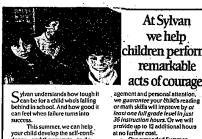
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