

around Farmington

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● JAZZ CONCERT

Thursday, June 19: Oakland Community College Stage Jazz Band in concert at 8 p.m. in Wallace Smith Theatre, Orchard Ridge Campus, Orchard Lake and I-96. Tickets are \$3 at the door.

● GARAGE SALE

Saturday, June 21: Garage Sale, sponsored by Chatham Hills Subdivision Association, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Entrance to the subdivision is on Grand River, west of Drake Road.

● SKATE-A-THON

Saturday, June 21: Skateathon to benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association.

tion runs 1-5 p.m. in Bonaventure Skating Center, 24505 Halsted Road. Pledge sheets are available new in the skating center.

● MIDSUMMER

Sunday, June 22: Midsummer Festival, sponsored by The Swedish Club, begins with breakfast of Swedish pancakes at 10 a.m. in the club at 23390 Ruth Street. Festival continues with entertainment, sale of imports, baked goods, crafts, doll and dinner served until dusk.

● VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

Monday-Friday, June 23-27: The First Presbyterian Church of Farmington conducts its vacation church school program each day from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Children from preschool through fifth grade will learn Bible stories, songs, games, crafts and prayer. Registration is now available. For more information or to enroll a child, call the church office, 474-5170 or Nancy Cooper Smith, program director, 437-6397.

● BIBLE SCHOOL

Monday-Friday, June 23-27: Vacation Bible School for 3-19-year-olds 7-8:30 each day in Farmington Hills Church of Christ, 36500 11 Mile. No charge. Registration information given by calling 477-5033.

● DANCEFEST

Monday, June 23: Morning and evening DanceFest classes begin this week in several locations. Registrations taken by calling DanceFest, 553-7362.

● MEDICAL TECHNOLOGY

Tuesday, June 24: Medical technology registry review, a review of clinical chemistry, hematology and related topics for the MT and MLT

registry applicant will be conducted 6-10 p.m. Tuesdays, June 24-29, in Madonna College, Livonia. Fee is \$45. For more information, call the continuing education office, 551-5188.

● AGING COMMISSION

Tuesday, June 24: Farmington Area Commission on Aging meets at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills City Hall, corner of 11 Mile and Orchard Lake Road. Open to all interested people.

● MIME

Tuesday, June 24: Mime artists Tracy Cook and Sue Valdez perform, then give a lesson in mime to their audience at 2:30 p.m. in Farmington

Branch Library, 23500 Liberty. No charge, but registration is requested by calling the library, 474-7770.

● 'TOOTSIE'

Tuesday, June 24: "Tootsie" shown for Customer Appreciation Day at 10 a.m. in Livonia Cinema, Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt Road. No charge.

● 'PHILADELPHIA STORY'

Wednesday, June 25: "The Philadelphia Story" continues classic comedy film series at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in Madonna College, I-96 and Levan. No charge.

● BABY-SITTING

Thursday, June 26: "Responsible Baby-Sitting," four-session clinic,

begins at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile Road. No charge, but preregistration is necessary by calling the library, 553-0300.

● BOOKED FOR LUNCH

Thursday, June 26: "Booked for Lunch," informal discussion with the library staff who share recommended titles for summer reading, at noon in Farmington Branch Library, 23500 Liberty. No charge. Participants invited to bring a bag lunch. Beverages provided.

● 'ALL OF ME'

Thursday, July 1: Film showing of "All of Me" begins at 10 a.m. in Livonia Cinema, Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt.

Air fares a bargain for seniors



retirement memos

Margaret Miller

SPRING AND summer of 1986 mark a great time to be a retiree on the move. But a confusing one.

With more tourists flooding this year to vacation in the good old U.S.A., plus deregulated airlines in a determined battle for customers, new deals for senior citizens are popping every day out of newspapers and television screens.

But figuring out advantages and limitations of each is enough to boggle the mind of even an experienced travel agent. Joe and I know. We've bogged two such minds so far.

WE DECIDED early on we'd make several flying trips this summer, figuring that way we could get much longer use from our 10-year-old, 55,000-mile car. So for months we've been paying close attention to airline ads aimed at seniors.

We carefully considered, then decided against, one airline's "gil-up-and-go" deal that offered short-notice trips anywhere in the continental U.S. with yearlong passes that would have cost each of us \$1,200.

With a couple of trips definitely on the agenda, we concluded we couldn't afford enough others to make that worthwhile.

Then, with reluctance, I opted out of another airline's offer to those 62 and older — four round trips, again anywhere in continental U.S., at a cost of \$449. Problem was you had to schedule flights within six days of departure, and that was too risky for two trips we projected, to Maine where we had to be there on a specific date and to the Pacific Northwest where there's an exposition going on this year.

BUT WE DID send off for

memberships in a Silver Wings Plus Club which gave each of us a \$50 credit on any flight scheduled by a third airline, plus car rental and motel discounts now and 10 percent off all flights after we're 65. We also joined a Travel Venture Club, offering a two-for-one round-trip deal on a fourth airline and a batch of other discount goodies.

Both of these had travel agents reading all the fine print and scratching their heads on how to schedule flights. Clearly, it was the first time each had seen these particular offers, but I'm sure it won't be the last.

We came to another conclusion —

that it's a great time for seniors but a complicated one in the travel business.

WE CONFIRMED our suspicion that all the touted discount deals aren't necessarily the best deals when we booked a car rental for my \$50-off-flight trip. After spreading out a dozen or so cards for assorted discounts, we went with a no-discount "super-affordable" rate once company was offering.

Thus we saved a 15-percent discount coupon for a later trip when we'd use a car for longer.

The offers have to be judged carefully and weighed against each other, but for sure there are real savings for traveling seniors these days. We intend to make the most of being in that category.

Margaret Miller was Suburban Life editor for Observer Newspapers for 16 years. She and her husband Joe have retired to Florida where she writes Retirement Memos.

Rotary supports Easter Seal Society

Susan A. Beauvais, executive director of Easter Seal Society of Oakland County, was on hand for the June luncheon meeting of the Rotary Club of Farmington to accept a \$500 check from James Fahrnkru, president of the Farmington Rotary to support the 1986 Easter Seal campaign.

Beauvais said that this contribution will help Easter Seals continue to meet the growing needs of persons with disabilities. She noted that the recent Metro-Detroit area telephone raised more than \$1,220,272 this year assuring continued services to

handicapped children and adults in Oakland County.

Last year 22,000 people were aided by Easter Seals in Oakland County. The Easter Seal theme this year was "That's what friends are for." Beauvais thanked Farmington Rotary for being a good friend.

The Farmington Rotary has several fund-raising events each year, which will include a pizza stand at Farmington Founders Day Festival next month. Proceeds from these events are used to support local charities and organizations such as Easter Seals.

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