

# Vote to admit women to Kiwanis fails

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vior of keeping the Kiwanis a men's organization.

"It's a matter of rights, I think," he said. "It's still a debatable topic. Everyone loves women — but the Kiwanis just want their own club."

Carl Dahlstrom, president of the 25-member Kiwanis Club of Farmington, said many delegates from his

club attended the convention, although he was not among them. Those delegates voted according to their personal views, he said.

DAHLSTROM SAID he could not predict what would happen in the future, but said his club would go along with any decision made nationally.

"The Farmington club feels that

they would go along with whatever comes down the pike," he said.

"It didn't affect me personally or bring me up in any other. It just seems to be a sign of the times that women would like to be in some of the male clubs."

The Kiwanis of Farmington Hills North did not send a delegate to the convention, but Michael Fabian, president — personally in favor of

admitting women — said the reaction of chapter members to the decision was mixed.

"There are some members happy and some that are not," he said.

Among those most supportive of maintaining the Kiwanis as a male organization are wives of Kiwanis

members, who took an informal vote at the convention in favor of maintaining the status quo.

DOROTHY SMITH, wife of Lloyd Smith, is one of those who support keeping the Kiwanis an all-male organization.

"I believe that men should have the right to have their own groups as women have theirs," she said. "I'm not alone in that — the wives in general were against it."

"It's interesting to me why there is such a push for women to join men's groups, but women still have women's groups unto themselves. If it is illegal for women not to join men's groups, why isn't it equally illegal for men not to join women's groups?"

Although Dorothy Smith often helps out with Kiwanis projects, she said that there is little interest in the

Farmington area to start a Kiwanis women's group, which are localized women's clubs started four years ago.

"We haven't had any desire," she said.

Those who feel it is just a matter of time before women become full-fledged Kiwanians include Louise Coleman, president of the Farmington Jaycees. The Jaycees admitted women in 1984.

Referring to increased support that Kiwanis showed at their convention this year regarding allowing women members, she said, "It's a sign of the times. I think in the future — the vote will go through eventually — I think it's inevitable."

The Kiwanis Club of Farmington Hills had representation at the national convention, but president Harvey Seymour had no comment about the results of the national vote.

## He cares for area pets

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cuts a day — — trimming of poopies — — and treated cows, horses and sheep.

After the first year, during which time his wife served as receptionist, he realized it was not profitable to leave the office to treat large animals, and began to specialize in pets such as birds, dogs, and cats — — in addition to giving up the hair trimming.

TODAY, HE said, veterinarians tend to specialize — with about 40 percent treating pets.

Two other veterinarians have since joined the Plaza Veterinary Hospital.

Practicing veterinary medicine continues to provide challenging, diligent, and often amusing moments, he said.

"No two days are ever the same. That is the beauty of being a veterinarian."

"There is no end to the challenge that kids and dogs will give you. They'll upset you every time."

For instance, he said, there is "the dog that comes in with a torn-toe on its nose . . . or the dog that gets a chain wrapped around their feet. Some of my operations are done with tin snappers and bolt cutters."

ARTICLES HE has seen ingested by pets include baby bottle nipples, peach pits and rocks.

Richardson said he used to keep a file folder of anecdotes about animals he had treated, with the thought of eventually publishing a book.

"Then James Herriot (the English vet of book fame) came out and beat me in writing a book," he said. "With his style, there was no way I could top that."

The day that Richardson gave the interview, Thursday, was supposed to be a quiet day — and it was, until a crisis intervened in the

form of a dog — hit by a car — that had to have a kidney surgically removed. That necessitated the staff meeting.

In 1965, Richardson opened a pet shop, Pet's 'N' Particulars, next door to the hospital.

"What I always dreamed of was to have a complete pet complex," he said — and that is what he has now. Pet owners may buy supplies, board their pet and have them treated without having to go back in their cars.

THIS YEAR will mark the 19th annual Children's Pet Show held by the store and hospital, in conjunction with the Farmington Founders Festival July 22.

Richardson said that when the event was started in 1969, there were 200 entries. Last year's 60 entries are an indication that children in the area have grown up and left home, he said.

Richardson still continues to go to local schools, however, to talk to children about animals.

Richardson became involved in community affairs when he joined the Jaycees the first year he lived in Farmington.

One of his major contributions to the community was his spearheading of a petition drive, followed by a campaign leading to the successful passage of a \$3 million bond issue and a millage increase to add swimming pools and auditoriums to each of Farmington's three high schools in 1969.

DURING THE 1960s, Richardson was a proponent of the effort to consolidate Farmington, Farmington Township, and the villages of Woodcreek Farms and Quakerwood. The vote failed in the city.

Of his serving on the city council, he said, "I enjoyed it. It was a lot of fun. But I felt it was time to serve my profession. I'm kind of a man of goals — I had achieved what I set out to do."

He and Shirley were named Farmington's Citizens of the Year in 1970 by the Farmington Elks Lodge.

"I've been very active, and received far more than my fair share of credit for it," he said. "I've associated myself with an awful lot of good people."

Co-workers also recall with delight her subtle wit and quiet sense of humor. And to those with whom she shared her innermost feelings, she was "a loving and sensitive young woman."

"I would consider her a role model for people my age," said Debra Hussong, media relations director at Henry Ford. "She was hardworking, dedicated, honest and willing to learn. Those are old-fashioned values, I know, and they were deeply appreciated here."

A quiet assertiveness and determination to succeed were also evident in the type of tennis she played. A varsity player at North Farmington High School and at Oakland University, she continued in later years to play an aggressive game with friends and family, said Karen Matney, a longtime school friend. "She always showed a lot of determination underneath," Matney said.

Their closeness extended to their careers as well. Mrs. McEwen has long served as public relations officer for the hospital's West Bloomfield outpatient center. "She was a bright spot in my life," her mother said.

In addition to her mother, Miss McEwen is survived at home by her father, Dr. Charles M. McEwen, and her brother, Charles D. (Doug) McEwen. Other survivors are maternal grandmother, Mrs. Fergus (Stella) Colquhoun of Akron, and paternal grandparents, Charles and Effie McEwen of Lexington, Mass.

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