

retirement memos

Margaret Miller

## The eyes have it — again

LAST DECEMBER my husband, Joe, became part of a large segment of retirees who have had cataracts surgically removed and new lens im-planted. We both learned a lot about the advances in the branch of medi-cine dealing with the eye and the vast numbers of people who have benefitted.

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Now he has joined another statistical group — those who have had earareat surgery and then detached recina surgery. And we're learning still
more about the marvelous world of
eye care and repair. We've also
gained high respect for the operation
of at least one big city hospital.

Detached retina — just ask us
about it now! — is a condition that
will surely cause blindness in the affeeted eye if not treated promptly. It
isn't necessarily connected with catarract surgery. But what Joe's surgeon told us is that 1 or 2 percent of
the people who have cataracts surgically removed later develop detached retinas, and that about
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mathematician to figure all the odds.

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OUR ENCOUNTER with de-tached retina began just before we wound up a recent visit to Michigan. As Joe described it, a curtain just came down slowly over the operated eye, and he could not longer see through it.

## PTA sells raffle tickets

Rafile tickets, at \$25 each, are now being sold by members of the Farmington PTA Area Council to raise money for the council's scholarship lund. All rafile winners will receive eash prizes. The grand prize is \$2,000.

Tickets will be drawn Nov. 21, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, and Dec. 19, All tickets must be purchased before Nov. 21, They can be purchased before Nov. 21, They can be purchased by calling the Tim Zajaros residence, 478-1758.

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Our flight back to Florida was two days later, and the following morn-ing he saw his opthalmologist. The doctor ordered some quick laser work and then an immediate trip to Tampa, 60 miles away, for surgery by the detached retina specialist with whom he worked.

Once there, we were pleased to get immediate attention despite an off-ice full of people. The specialist told us chances for successful surgery were good but that promptness was most important; he would try to make arrangements to do the opera-tion before the day was over.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL next door also functioned with deliberate speed in this none-mergency but time-is-of-the-essence situation. Joe was checked in; a battery of techni-cians rushed through umpteen tests. An internist took more history and prescribed more medication, and the anesthetist inspired confidence by telling us he had worked on heart transplant operations.

And by 7:30 p.m. the two-hour sur-gery was under way. I was able to drive home that night, assured all had gone well.

Our medical encyclopedia and the experience of a couple of friends had indicated two days immobility and two weeks' hospitalization for such surgery. Not so any more, Joe was home in two days, already realizing some vision restored.

TWO WEEKS LATER, the indica-tions are that he will regain practi-cally all his sight in the operated eye, and he announces himself ready to have all restrictions removed. Once again we can be thankful for modern medicine and its restorative

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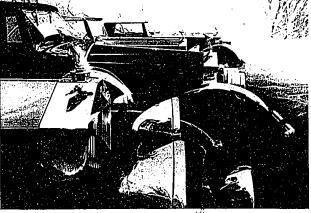
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## Rolls Royce

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Tom Hale has won the second place prize for "Rolis Royce" in Farmington Artists Club's fall show. Paintings of all media and techniques were judged late last month and will be on display Nov. 20-23 in Mercy Center for the annual exhibit. Hale was named "Artist-in-Residence" by Farmington Area Arts Commission in 1983. He is a member of National Watercolor Society, National Society of Painters in Casein and Acrylics, Michigan Watercolor Society and the Artist Equity Group. There is no charge for guests to view the exhibit of about 200 paintings. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Sunday.

# **Juvenile Diabetes** shops for the cure

A holiday shopping extravaganza, "Shopping for the Cure," will be presented by the Metro Detroit Chapter of the Javenite Diabetes Foundation 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16.
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Guests may do their holiday shopping and benefit JDF at the same time, according to Marsha Gordon, president of the local chapter.

Gordon said shoppers may pay for their gift purchases with checks payable to JDF, which is tax deductible in part. Proceeds from the event will be used to support research in finding the cure for diabetes.

Diabetes mellitus is a chronic metabolic disorder, which adversely affects the body's ability to manufacture and utilize insulin, a hormone necessary for the conversion of food into energy.

Approximately 11 million Americans and 1 million Canadians suffer from diabetes. Inclidren, the onset

can be particularly swift and severe, the course of the disease unstable and problems acute.

JDF was founded in 1970 by parents of diabetic children who yere convinced that, with research, diabetic second be cured. They were, and frontinue to be, determined to make, that cure happen in their children's hopping for the Cure' meghants include: AuCourant Optical Fashion, Charles W. Warren, Crabenats include: AuCourant Optical Fashion, Charles W. Warren, Crabenate, Furs by Robert, Guecia, and McBryde's Footwear.

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The festivities will also include wine, burs docurves and musical entertainment. Admission is a donation of \$25 per person. For further information or to arrange reservations, call 569-6171.

Humorist entertains

Emil Cohen, humerist, raconteur and vocalist, will be guest entertains or at the annual israel Bonds Professional Health Services Division Din entertains (Chen presents a program finding entertains). The content of the program of the content of the program of the content of the conten





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Altha Wargelin will teach how to create an angel out of natural raffia in a one-session workshop at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 13, in Farmington Community Center. Wargelin, who has been teaching crafts for 16 years, had her original items chosen by Grosse Pointe Junior League to be used in their Decorator Home Show this past springs. Fee for the workshop is \$10, plus \$3.50 in supply costs. Registrations are taken by calling the center, 477-8494.

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