

Friends of the Library eye donations

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You've gotta have friends, according to one song, and the Farmington Public Library isn't an exception. Farmington Friends of the Li-

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brary is conducting its annual membership drive to raise money for the contribution of programs and materials to the Farmington Community Library. Anyone who gives to the drive automatically becomes a member. There are 225 contributing Friends.

"We're really pleased with all contributions to the library," said Roslynne Greenberg, Friends' president.

For the Farmington Hills resident, who recalls with obvious fondness taking her children to the library, the two-branch library is more than

another public building.

"It's almost like a family," she said. "(Library director) Beverly Papp's enthusiasm and energy have really moved the library forward."

During the July 1985 to June 1986 fiscal year, the group earned \$8,800 through membership donations. Another \$4,900 was collected through the group's annual used book sale. These earnings are augmented by interest earned on the \$76,000 bequeathed in 1980 by Mary DeLand, a former resident.

DURING THE SAME fiscal year,

the group contributed \$20,000 for programs such as the presentation by J. Patrick Wright, author of "On a Clear Day You Can See General Motors."

Contributions from Friends also paid for larger signs inside the library, the volunteers' luncheon and children's programs, such as the annual Valentine's Day party. The group also donates a book in the honor of each library volunteer.

Within the last three years, the group has funded the installation of the library's security system.

Future programs sponsored by Friends include presentations by Sesame Street producer Lisa Simon, cartoonist Draper Hill, a concert by the Blue Pigs and a performance by the Red Rug Puppet Theatre during the annual children's Valentine's Day party. Friends volunteer to help librarians during the February party.

Contributions also will help to establish a collection of compact disks for loan to library patrons.

For the second year, the group offers donors tokens honoring their

contributions. A \$30 donation earns a Friend's coffee mug, a \$50 gift, a Friend's book bag, and those who give \$100 receive both. In addition, the group plans to begin sending members a quarterly newsletter sometime next year.

Those who want to contribute should make checks payable to the Farmington Friends of the Library and send their donation to Farmington Friends of the Library, Treasurer, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington Hills 48018.

Corvette drawing proceeds for fest

To help raise operating money for the Farmington Founders Festival, the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce plans to hold a drawing where the top prize is a new Chevrolet Corvette.

To help improve the odds of winning, only 750 tickets will be sold. Each ticket will cost \$100. The Brighton Chamber of Commerce raised more than \$38,000 by selling 711 tickets for a similar drawing this year.

The intent is to prevent having to tap chamber revenue to subsidize the annual summertime festival.

"Every year, I see income from

fund raising going down. I see us dipping into chamber funds unless we can come up with some sort of major fund-raiser," said festival chairman Jonathan Grant. "I'll take a real commitment by the board and the chamber membership."

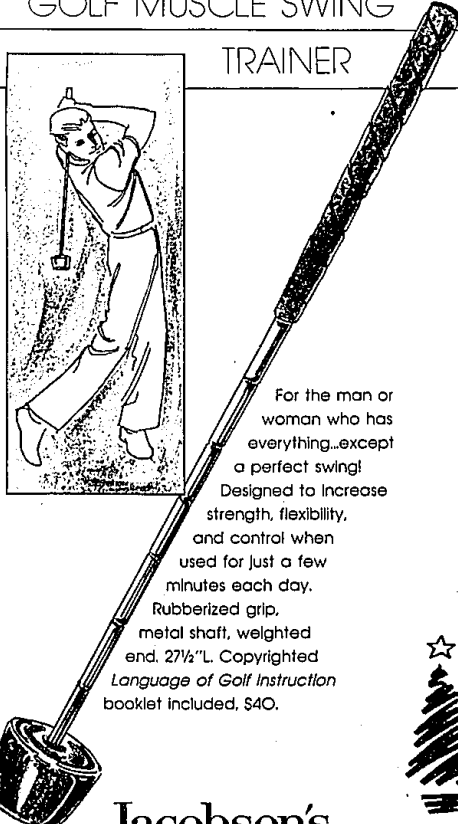
Corporate sponsors are sought for the three major events — the parade along Grand River, the fireworks at Oakland Community College and the showmobile at the Downtown Farmington Center. Botsford General Hospital has agreed to sponsor the 1987 parade. Whether fireworks continue depends on availability of reasonably priced insurance.

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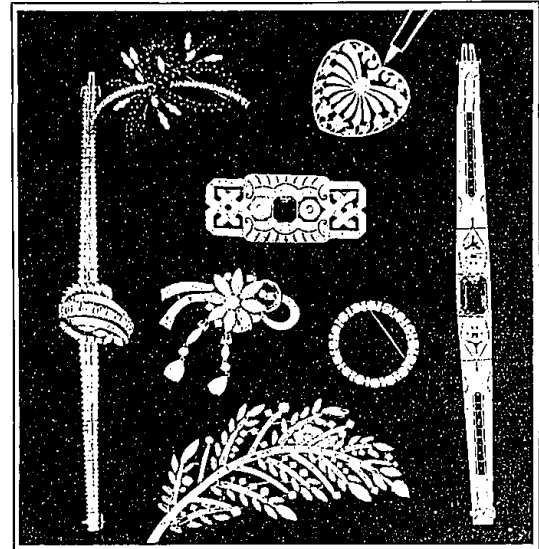
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