

## around Farmington

All announcements for this column must be mailed to **Around Farmington**, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024. Deadline is noon Monday for the Thursday publication and noon Thursday for the Monday publication. Requests for announcements will not be taken over the phone.

- THE FOREIGNER**  
 Thursday-Saturday, Nov. 17-19: "The Foreigner" comedy staged by Farmington Players at 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the Players Barn, 33312 12 Mile. Tickets are \$5, available by calling the box office, 538-1670.
- HOLIDAY BUFFET**  
 Thursday, Nov. 17: Holiday buffet is prepared and served by Judy Antish while she gives new ideas for food and table decor to make things easy for the hostess, at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Reservations, at \$12 each, taken in the center on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile.
- FATHER OF THE BRIDE**  
 Thursday-Friday, Nov. 17-18: "Father of the Bride" staged by the students of Harrison High School at 8 p.m. each evening in the school, 12
- Mile east of Orchard Lake Road. Admission is \$3 at the door.
- GRANNY PATCH BAZAAR**  
 Thursday-Friday, Nov. 17-18: Granny Patch Bazaar, sponsored to benefit the residents of Middlebelt Nursing Center, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day in the center, 14900 Middlebelt, Livonia.
- AUCTION**  
 Thursday, Nov. 17: Farmington High School French class will be taking a trip to Paris during the winter break. A public auction will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington High School, 33203 Shawnee, to help defray trip costs. The public may attend. For more information, call the school at 474-6155.
- THINKING ABOUT COLLEGE**  
 Friday, Nov. 18: Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center is offering a special program for women contemplating college from 9 a.m. to noon in the Liberal Arts Building, Room 1A200. For reservations, call 482-4445.
- CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**  
 Saturday, Nov. 19: The Swedish Club Women's Organization holds its annual Christmas Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Finnish Center, 482-4445.

## 'Rx for happiness' provided by grant

Catholic Social Services of Oakland County was awarded a \$21,000 United Foundation Venture Grant for "Prescription for Happiness," a program for low-income adults 60 and older.

The literature on geriatric mental health indicates that depression is the number one mental health problem for the elderly. Prescription for Happiness was designed to help decrease depression, increase understanding of happiness, and develop skills for a better quality of life for older adults.

The series of workshops planned will stress self-esteem, self-involvement, improved communication with family, assertive behavior, appropriate stress management, and less dependence on adult children.

The program will be given in senior centers and senior residences throughout Oakland County. For specific dates, times and places, contact Carol Landry or Diana Diesch at 674-2283.

## Gift giving shares the holiday spirit

Metrogroun Promotions has launched its fifth annual "Share the Holiday Spirit" gift drive. The drive runs Dec. 1-24 for youngsters who are living in six area children's homes and youth residential facilities.

People who wish to donate gifts can drop them off, wrapped or unwrapped, big or small, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Boys Republic, Boyville of Michigan, Methodist Children's Home Society, Michigan Human Services, Orchard Children's Services or St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher Center.

It is suggested that the gift-givers call the 24-hour gift drive hotline, 555-9777, for the individual home's "wish list" and any other information on how to share the holiday spirit.

- 35200 Eight Mile. Featured will be Swedish imports, baked goods, deli of Swedish food, and crafts. Lunch available at 11:30. No admission charge.
- ANNUAL BOUTIQUE**  
 Saturday-Sunday, Nov. 19-20: The annual Caboose Crafts Boutique held after masses at St. Fabian's Catholic Church, 33200 12 Mile. Sponsored by the Louis de Marillac Guild, proceeds from the sale benefit the children of the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills. Reservations are required by calling Julie Eschhoff, 855-8345 or Barb Bennett, 549-8340.
- FASHION SHOW**  
 Saturday, Nov. 19: The Sarah Fisher Auxiliary hosts its annual Fall Fashion Show and Luncheon at the Fairlane Manor in Dearborn. Proceeds from this event benefit the children of the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, Farmington Hills. Reservations are required by calling Julie Eschhoff, 855-8345 or Barb Bennett, 549-8340.
- AUTUMN NIGHTS**  
 Saturday, Nov. 19: Dance for Singles from 8 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn-Troy, Rochester Road and I-75 (Exit 67) open to the public. Admission is \$3.
- SIGNS BOOKS**  
 Saturday, Nov. 19: Tony Spina will be signing copies of his book, "Tony Spina, Chief Photographer," from 1-3 p.m. in Books Around, 33336 Grand River, Farmington.
- 'DANCIN'**  
 Saturday, Nov. 19: "Dancin'" to the music of the Wayne State University Band from 8 p.m. to midnight in Mercy High School gym, corner of 11 Mile and Middlebelt Road. Tickets are \$10 each, which includes beer, setups and refreshments, available from Betty Law, 681-3369, or Kathy Kennedy, 851-9355. Dance party sponsored by Mercy Parents Club.
- HOLIDAY FAIR**  
 Saturday, Nov. 19: Holiday Fair with crafts, handmade toys, books, gingerbread cake and baked goods from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Walder Kinder House, 25205 Codo Road, north of 10 Mile, west of Lahser in Southfield. Puppet show begins at 1 p.m.
- CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE**  
 Saturday, Nov. 19: Christmas Boutique sponsored by St. Agatha Women's Club with arts, crafts, bake sale and snack bar, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the church, 19750 Beech Daly, Redford. No admission charge.
- AMERICAN ARTIST SERIES**  
 Sunday, Nov. 20: American Artists Series lives up to its reputation in the opener of the 1988-89 concert season at 3 p.m. All five of the sea-

- son's concerts will be played in the Kingswood Auditorium, Cranbrook, 500 Lane Plaza Road, Bloomfield. Admission at the door is \$9.50, half price for students. Season tickets for the five concerts are \$45 and may be purchased at Harmony House, Farmington Hills. For more information, call 851-5044 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- SPEERS CONCERT**  
 Sunday, Nov. 20: First Church of the Nazarene hosts The Speers in concert at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the church, 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile. The Speers, America's First Family of Gospel Music, bring to the nation's top concert stages the personification of a rich heritage and an abundance of talent.
- MARKET TIMING**  
 Monday, Nov. 21: Do you wish to know when to buy or sell your mutual fund? Attend a free seminar at 1:30 p.m. in the Bloomfield Township Library, Telegraph and Lane Pine Roads. For reservations, call Janeth Ream, 478-5072.
- COPING WITH HOLIDAYS**  
 Tuesday, Nov. 22: Coping With The Holidays is the topic for the Women's Divorce Support Group meeting from 7-9 p.m. in the Lower Waterman Campus Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, sponsored by Schoolcraft College Women's Resource Center. Admission is free, no registration is required. For further information, call 482-4443.
- COMMISSION ON AGING**  
 Tuesday, Nov. 22: 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.
- ART & CRAFTS SHOW**  
 Friday-Saturday, Nov. 25-26: Handcrafters is sponsoring an art and craft show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Brighton High School, Main Street and South Seventh. More than 70 artisans. Admission is \$1.50. No strollers.
- HOLIDAY APPETIZERS**  
 Monday and Wednesday, Nov. 28 and 30: "Holiday Appetizers," preparation demonstration by Judy Antishin, followed by serving, at 7:30 p.m. each evening in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Antishin offers six hot and six cold appetizers and two punches for her 12th annual preholiday program for busy host-

- esses and has never repeated a recipe. Reservations are \$12, taken in the center.
- BOOK DISCUSSION**  
 Tuesday, Nov. 29: "A Yellow Raft in Blue Water" by Michael Dorris continues Popular Book Discussion at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile east of Farmington Road. Copies of "Pre-

- sumed Innocent" by Scott Turow are now available for checkout, scheduled for discussion Dec. 13.
- STRESS AND YOUR CHILD**  
 Tuesday, Nov. 29: "Stress and Your Child," talk by Dr. Karen Mikus at 7:30 p.m. in Fairview Child-hood Center, 25500 Oak Crest, sponsored by Farmington Public Schools. No charge.

## Young musicians vie in semifinals

The Quest for Excellence Young Musician Scholarship Competition continues to name semifinalists. The semifinal rounds continue through Nov. 29 in Varnier Recital Hall, Oakland University, Rochester.

Derek Barnes, 19, a cellist from Anderson, Ind., was named first-place winner of the Quest for Excellence second semifinal round. Jean Kay Shin, 16, a pianist from Oak Park, Ill., won the sixth semifinal round. Amy Oshiro, 16, of Skokie, Ill., captured first place in the eighth semifinal.

The scholarship competition for young classical musicians, ages 15-22, is sponsored by Macabees Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Southfield and radio station CKLW-AM. It's open to instrumental musicians living in the U.S. and Canada. Finals will be held later this year.

Barnes is a student at Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia. Pa. Shin, a student at Oak Park and River Forest High School has been studying piano since the age of four with Eloise Niwa, a faculty member of DePaul University in Chicago. Oshiro attends Niles North High School in Skokie and studies violin with Myron Kartman at Northwestern University. She has been playing the violin since she was 3 years old. Her parents spoke Japanese at home.

When she was in nursery school, Oshiro had difficulty speaking English and was shy. Her parents enrolled her in Suzuki-method violin lessons to help her overcome her shyness. She's gone on to solo performances with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Victoria International Festival in Canada.

Her awards include the Chicago Symphony Orchestra Youth Competition and the Society of American Musicians Competition.

A \$110 prize, symbolizing the company's 110 years of operation, was given to the winners by Macabees Mutual Life.

The semifinal rounds of the competition continue in Varnier Recital Hall at 8 p.m. each Tuesday through Nov. 29. The public is invited. Winners of the 13 semifinal rounds compete in the grand finals on Dec. 6 in Orchestra Hall, Detroit, for three scholarship awards totaling \$10,000.

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