

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 on the telephone.

● HIGH SCHOOL COMPLETION
Monday, Jan. 9: Registration for high school completion classes are taken from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and from 7-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday in Farmington Community School, 30415 Shiawassee. Inquiries may be made by calling the school, 477-9373.

● SMOKELESS SYSTEM
Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 9-10: Free introduction to The Smokeless System begins at 7:30 p.m. each night in Botsford Hospital's Administration and Education Building, 28050 Grand River. Inquiries may be made by calling the hospital, 471-8090.

● INFANT-CHILD CPR
Monday, Jan. 9: Infant and Child CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) taught from 7-10 p.m. in Botsford Hospital's Administration and Education Center, Grand River west of Eight Mile Road. Fee is \$5. Registration is requested by calling the hospital, 471-8090.

● DOG OBEDIENCE
Monday and Wednesday, Jan. 9 and 11: All breed obedience classes for dogs over the age of six months begins at 7 and 8 p.m. each evening in American Legion Hall, 31775 Grand River. Novice, advanced, open and utility classes led by members of Detroit German Shepherd Dog Obedience Training Club. Fee is \$60 for 12-week session. Registration and information given by Diane Sachs, 476-2477 or Barb Waters, 521-8496.

● UNDER CONTROL
Monday, Jan. 9: "Getting Your Life Under Control," talk by Pastor Gary Johnson at 8 p.m. in Antioch Lutheran Church, corner of 13 Mile and Farmington Road. No charge. Event sponsored by Women's Group of Antioch.

● FITNESS FACTORY
Monday, Jan. 9: High energy and low impact aerobics classes begin this week in Flemonese Club, Nine Mile east of Haggerty, and in Faith Covenant Church, corner of 14 Mile and Drake Road, led by Fitness Factory instructors. Registration information available by calling Fitness Factory, 955-2855.

● CHORALE AUDITIONS
Tuesday, Jan. 10: Auditions for Madonna College Community Chorale begins at 7 p.m. in Room 168 on the campus at 136 and Levan, Livonia. Auditions continue at 7 p.m. Jan. 17.

● BABY-SITTING
Wednesday, Jan. 11: "Not Just Kid Stuff," two-session workshop on how to be a responsible baby sitter, begins at 4:30 p.m. in Botsford Hospital's Administration and Education Center, 28050 Grand River. Fee is \$20. Registrations may be made by calling the hospital, 471-8090.

● DIABETES
Wednesday, Jan. 11: "Diabetes Management," series of six classes begins at 7 p.m. in Botsford Hospital's Administration and Education Center, 28050 Grand River. Registration and inquiries may be made by calling the hospital, 471-8090.

● JAPAN
Wednesday, Jan. 11: Three films about Japan lead off Winter Film Series at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Branch Library, 23500 Liberty Street. No charge.

● BLOOD DRIVE
Thursday, Jan. 12: Blood Drive sponsored by Farmington Transportation Department, from 1-7 p.m. in the Administrative Annex (formerly 10 Mile Community School), 10 Mile Road east of Farmington Road. Walk-in donors accepted. For an appointment, call Farmington Public Schools, 477-1300.

● THANATOS SYNDROME
Thursday, Jan. 12: "The Thanatos Syndrome," metaphysical thriller by Walker Percy, begins Book Discussion Series at 10 a.m. in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty Street. Copies of "Crossing to Safety" by Wallace Stegner now available for checkout, set for discussion Jan. 28.

● MURDER MYSTERY
Saturday, Jan. 14: "Murder Becomes Fashionable," a whodunit acted out for the guests to solve, begins at 7 p.m. in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile. Reservations at \$30 each taken until Jan. 11 by calling the center, 477-8404. Charge includes appetizers, drinks, dinner and performance.

● BASEBALL CARDS
Saturday, Jan. 14: Baseball card-swapping session at 10:15 a.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile Road east of Farmington Road. No charge.

● GED
Monday, Jan. 16: Free GED (General Education Diploma) preparation classes begin this week in Farmington Community School, 30415 Shiawassee. Registrations are taken now from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily and from 7-9 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the school. Inquiries may be made by calling the school, 477-9373.

● WEIGHT NO MORE
Monday, Jan. 16: Free introductory session to Weight No More, a life-style approach to permanent weight loss, at 7 p.m. in Botsford Hospital, Grand River west of Eight Mile Road. Inquiries may be made by calling the hospital, 471-8090, during regular office hours Monday through Friday.

● PRAYER BREAKFAST
Tuesday, Jan. 17: Father Pat Brennan from St. Paul of the Cross Retreat House is speaker for Community Leadership Prayer Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. in Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 13 Mile Road. Reservations are made by sending a check for \$2.50 per person, payable to Farmington Area Jaycees, to Farmington Area Jaycees, P. O. Box 33, Farmington 48024, before Jan. 10.

● GO FOR IT
Tuesday, Jan. 17: "Go For It," program led by Ann Greene who tells how to get what you want out of life, at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile Road east of Farmington Road. No charge, but reservations are requested by calling the library, 553-0390.

● GIBSON OPEN HOUSE
Wednesday, Jan. 18: Open house from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Gibson School for the Gifted, 12925 Fenton Road, Redford. Inquiries may be made by calling the school, 537-6669.

● CHORALE REHEARSALS
Wednesday, Jan. 18: Women singers may join Suburban Chorale of Livonia in open rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. in Clarenceville High School, Middlebelt Road north of Seven Mile. Open rehearsals continue Jan. 25 and Feb. 2. Inquiries taken by Beth Scaglione, 477-3271.

● FINANCIAL AID
Thursday, Jan. 19: Information on financial aid for students told in program at 7 p.m. in Madonna College's Kresge Hall, 136 and Levan, Livonia, in cooperation with Michigan Student Financial Aid Association and Michigan Department of Education. No charge.

● NATIONAL GALLERY
Thursday, Jan. 19: Film series on the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., begins at 11 a.m. in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty. No charge. Series continues Feb. 2 and Feb. 16.

● LIBRARY NEWSLETTER
Saturday, Jan. 21: Young adults interested in compiling a newsletter of book suggestions may join an orientation session at 10:15 a.m. in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty Street. Inquiries taken by Nancy Haseck, 474-7770.

Who dunnit mystery planned for Jan. 14

A good, old-fashioned who dunnit mystery will take place in Farmington Community Center Saturday, Jan. 14. "Murder Becomes Fashionable" will begin at 7 p.m. for the evening of an intriguing murder plot, cocktail party and catered dinner. Complete with bootleggers, jewel thieves and a fashion show of roaring '20s styles, "Murder Becomes Fashionable" is a 1920s murder mystery well-suited for mystery lovers of the 1980s. It will host a cast of 10 actors who will mingle with the dinner theater guests without immediately divulging their roles in the mystery.

DIRECTED BY Pat Suchy, the cast of "Murder Becomes Fashionable" has been working together and perfecting their performances for several years. "Our show is interactive theater where the audience plays a key role

in the plot's development," said Suchy. "From the start of the evening until the murder is solved, the audience is actively involved."

Upon arrival at historic Longacre Mansion, guests will be given a tour of the building to become acquainted with the scene of the crime. They will receive several clues and helpful background information on the characters as the mystery evolves. Guests will test their investigative skills by deducing who dunnit, and prizes will be awarded to those who discover the culprit.

To make reservations for "Murder Becomes Fashionable," contact the center at 477-8404 by Jan. 11. A \$30 per person charge includes appetizers and drinks, dinner, and performance. The hosts encourage guests to dress in roaring '20s attire.

The center is a non-profit, independent organization at 24705 Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile Road.

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Weight Watchers host center's grand opening

Weight Watchers announces the grand opening of a new Weight Watchers Center in Village Commons Shopping Center on Grand River, east of Farmington Road. The center, designed by Andy Barna Jr., was planned to accommodate the rapid growth of Weight Watchers in the Farmington area.

The weeklong festivities begin today and include food demonstrations, make-overs, motivational speakers, and a special "Come as You Were Party," where members will wear clothes that symbolize their weight loss. The party begins at 7 p.m. Thursday. No charge.


The culmination of the week's activities will be an open house all day Sunday, Jan. 15, highlighted by the personal appearance of Florine

Mark, president of the W W Group Inc. She will tell her own success story and host a question and answer session. Refreshments will be served.

Guests and members can register all week for a drawing Sunday afternoon. The new Clarion Hotel in Farmington Hills is giving the use of their exercise facilities, indoor swimming pool and dinner for two at the Tivoli restaurant located in the hotel for the winner. The restaurant will prepare food according to special requests making this an ideal place for members and guests on Weight Watchers' programs.

All events during the grand opening week are free. Call 482-7466 for schedules or more information.

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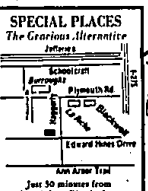
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The exhibition was organized by the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. and made possible by support of The DuPont Company. Its presentation in Detroit is made possible in part by DuPont Automotive Products and Cadillac Motor Car. Additional support has been provided by the State of Michigan, the City of Detroit, and the Founders Society.

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