

Citizen ambassador Hills business futurist invited to Russia

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Futurist Carol Ann Payne is breaking up on Russian customs. The Farmington Hills woman, appointed Future of the Workplace Coordinator for the Michigan Business and Professional Women (MBPW) in 1987, is taking her task one country at a time.

By invitation, she will be part of a team of business and professional women who will visit the Soviet Union from July 6-16. After a briefing in Washington, the 20 team members will visit Moscow, Tallinn, Leningrad and Helsinki.

"When I received the letter, I sat down and said to myself, 'Oh, my God,'" Payne said. "Two people I have spoken with said the Russian people don't accept tips. They consider it an insult. But they do like Marlboro cigarettes and Telex machines."

The trip will be made in conjunction with the All Union Economic Society of the USSR and the Citizen Ambassador Program of People to People International. National MBPW representative Payne will participate in technical meetings, discussion sessions, institution and facility visits, and informal gatherings with Soviet colleagues.

THE FOLLOWING subjects will be discussed, according to Michael Lehan, director of financial planning for the Citizen Ambassador



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Program for the Citizen Ambassador Program, in a March 13 letter to Payne.

• The expanding role of women in management positions in the United States and the Soviet Union.

• The multiple roles that women must play as working women and as wives, mothers, housekeepers and caretakers for aging parents and family members.

• Barriers faced by women as they seek to advance their positions in the workplace.

• Training and education necessary for women to compete equally with their male counterparts.

• The realities of "equality" as it exists in both countries.

• Current management practices and philosophies as seen through the eyes of women in leadership/management capacities.

"These topics will be further refined as the team is formed, incorporating the specialized interests

and expertise of the individual delegates," said Lehan. "The major criteria for invitation of delegates are their professional backgrounds and experience and the ability and willingness to contribute on a people-to-people level," he said.

PAYNE is engaged in a year-long study called Workplace 2000, a two-volume effort launched in September 1987 by the Detroit Business Women's Club, a chapter of the Michigan Federation of Business and Professional Women.

On Jan. 12, Farmington Hills Mayor Terry Evers appointed Payne to the Municipal and Economic Vitality Task Force of the Year 2000 project.

Payne is a corporate administrative officer for Richard Rood's Car Tool Co., a Farmington manufacturer.

She is the founder of the Association of Women in Finance, a network of women involved in

finance, accounting, investment banking, trusts and estates, law and real estate.

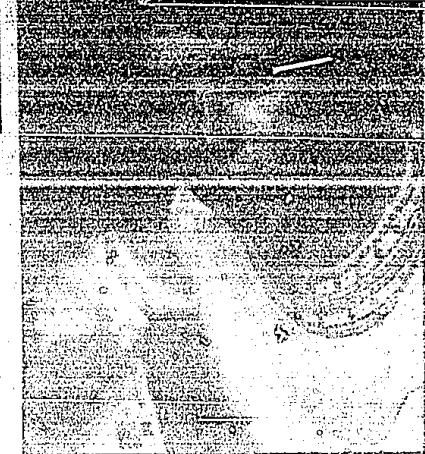
Payne is also president of her own holding company.

She has one son, Daniel, 21.

The estimated expense per delegate is \$4,000. Payne expects to take a leave of absence and deduct the trip as a business/educational expense, an option under Section 163 of the tax code.

People to People, based in Spokane, Wash., was founded in 1955 by President Dwight Eisenhower to foster good will and understanding between Americans and citizens of other countries.

The Citizen Ambassador Program, one of several People to People International activities, administers professional exchanges involving such disciplines as medicine, building sciences, law, agriculture, energy, finance, technical technology and trade education.



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Study gives Farmington 'boom town' label

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15,533 new jobs will be created in what Corporate Office for the Farmington/Livonia area.

This represents a 25.9-percent increase, MacCracken said.

"That's 9 percent per year. This area is going to have to be prepared," MacCracken said.

The findings have implications for city planners who need to examine why this growth is happening, what it's likely to do to the tax base, the implications for real estate development and whether the growth will be entrepreneurial, MacCracken said.

IN CONDUCTING the survey, the research firm looked at 191 of the country's largest metropolitan areas and employed a pattern recognition technology using ZIP codes, MacCracken said.

"We couldn't do individual cities," MacCracken said. "We looked at the characteristics of every ZIP code to draw a line that made economic sense."

"ZIP codes had to be contiguous, that is, they had to be next to each other. They had to make some kind of economic sense rather than following strict political lines or city

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Business activity within these ZIP codes was another consideration, he said.

ZIP codes included in the Farmington/Livonia ranking were Farmington (48101, 48024, 48025); Farmington Hills (48333, 48334, 48335); Franklin (48035); Pontiac (48133); Westland (48185) and Canton (48107).

The Farmington/Livonia ranking was called such because these communities' ZIP codes constituted the majority of these studies, MacCracken said.

"We were dealing with the entire country. Everything isn't black and white," he said.

ROBERT DEADMAN, Farmington city manager, said he wasn't surprised that the Farmington area was considered a boom town.

"We've known this for a long time," Deadman said. "Property has been under development and redevelopment for a long time."

The upturn in the economy at the start of the 1980s has brought stress to road systems necessitating widening, as in the case of Orchard Lake Road, he said.

"We're not sure how long it will last," he said. "I don't think the city is trying to solve the problem, anything they already didn't know."

WILLIAM COSTICK, Farmington Hills city manager, had similar thoughts on the survey. He said area residents have already witnessed along the I-630 and I-75 expressway system.

"There seems to be a glut of office space in the metropolitan area. Here or office buildings have not been fully rented," Costick said.

The city of Southfield has become

the center of a commuter's trip three days rather than Detroit, he said.

COGNITIVE LETTERS, the Troy/Warren area as one of the top 10 boom towns.

The Livonia/Farmington area is Georgia's number one.

"Many of the boom towns are the result of a steady march out from the city," Detroit-based Vivian said.

He said Vivian, a staff writer, wrote in

the March 27 issue.

"Think of it as a matter of smaller companies coming for cheaper office space, rather than housing and lower traffic jams."

The Wall Street Journal's article called "The New Boom Towns" ran March 27-28.

The Detroit-based Vivian said the idea for the survey that looked at "boomtown job centers" came up during a business lunch he shared with

David Black, president of Corporate Inc.

"We have great working relationships with them," he said. "The idea for the survey came from Corporate. We're always trying to find new ways to do business."

The "boomtown" is the Wall Street Journal's definition of Corporate Inc., Black said.

"The boomtown, in effect, are suburbs of suburbs," Black said. "It's not a city, it's a suburb."

COLLECTION SHOW



Meet designer David Brown

Thursday, April 6

10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., Livonia

Drop in to chat with the man who understands the way you live and what you want to dress as home. From his collection, white cotton carry

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police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

ASSAULT REPORTED

An assault in the gym of the Farmington Training Center was reported March 24. In which the two basketball-bound men were knocked to the ground. The incident occurred at about 8:45 p.m. at the end of a wheelchair basketball game.

The victim was a 29-year-old Novi man and the subject a 34-year-old Southfield man, according to Farmington Department of Public Safety report. No injuries were reported.

VEHICLE FIRED

An estimated \$11,000 in damage was reported in a van and its contents after it caught fire while being driven along westbound M-101 March 24.

No one was injured in the fire, ac-

cording to Farmington Department of Public Safety reports. Firefighters from both Farmington and Farmington Hills assisted in extinguishing the flames.

According to the fire report, the owner of the van, a man from Royal Oak, said the van was parked in a parking lot when the fire started.

A Novi woman who had left the Farmington Hills Chrysler/Pontiac dealership after having her car serviced, pulled into the Old Shell service station on Grand River with her vehicle's engine on fire March 29. A total of \$1,000 in damage occurred.

LANDLOST TICKETED

The owner of a shopping center in downtown Farmington was ticketed March 27 after reported earnings about blowing garbage from the commercial building.

According to a Farmington De-

partment of Public Safety report, Center Holding Company which owns the building where large chain stores such as T.J. Maxx are, received the ticket from code enforcement officer John Koonce.

Residential neighbors, including those from the community, had complained to the city about garbage from the building blowing away.

After having won a Center Holding Co. of this on-going problem in the past, both by phone calls and written letters and warning tickets, I faced a court victory. Koonce reported.

THEFTS REPORTED

Tools valued at \$4,000 were reported stolen from a truck on Brookfield March 17.

A 1984 Buick valued at \$120 was reported stolen from a vehicle at the Drakeville Apartments March 12-14. There was also \$100 in damage reported in the incident.

Surplus food available

Surplus commodity food will be given out from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 4, at St. Michael's church, 5705 Chalmers, Farmington Hills.

The food, distributed through the Oakland-Southfield Business Service Agency, includes canned goods, frozen meats, poultry, butter, honey, oil, coffee, rice, flour and other staples. The large amounts of surplus food each week are donated to be given to the needy.

bag for carrying the commodities. Large amounts of surplus food should bring the following information to register for the 1988-89 surplus food: Social Security card; proof of income for the past 40 days and present identification.

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