

Bank holds clothing drive

Michigan National Bank employees collected 4,000 Bundle Bags filled with clothing, household items and toys to benefit the Foster Grandparents Program of Wayne and Macomb counties.

The items were collected during a four-week drive sponsored by the Farmington Hills-based bank's Helping Hands volunteer program. The Bundle Bags were provided by the Society of St. Vincent De Paul in Detroit, "a non-profit organization whose main purpose is to help those in need."

Stan Wegryniewicz, director of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, said, "I've been with the Society of St. Vincent De Paul for 15 years and this is the largest corporate effort that I have seen. Michigan National did an outstanding job in coordinating this drive among its 113 bank branches, operations offices and corporate headquarters."

Foster Grandparents operates a clothing closet for its participants to select items that they themselves or their foster grandchildren need, at no cost to the Foster Grandparents. Genevieve Rakocy, director of the Foster Grandparent Program said, "We are indeed grateful to the Michigan National Helping Hands for their generous response. This couldn't have happened at a better time. Our clothing closet has been depleted for several weeks and we've been concerned that the many emergency needs of our Grandparents could not be filled."

Robert Mylod, chairman and chief executive officer of Michigan National Corp. said, "This clothing drive provided a number of benefits for Michigan National's Helping Hands volunteers. We had an opportunity to give to a worthwhile cause and to have a great deal of fun doing it. All our locations in the Southeast region participated with eagerness and enthusiasm. We hope to do this again."



Jonathan Haglund, magician, comedian and performer in pantomime, will entertain the Friends of the Farmington Community Library Friday.

Friends of the Library to hold 3rd annual bash

Friends of the Farmington Library salute their Friends, the members whose generosity supports the Farmington Community Library, at their third annual gala Friday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m.

This year's gala, an "Evening of Comedy," features the talent of Jonathan Haglund, a comedian, magician and performer in pantomime. His clowning includes audience participation.

The Farmington Friends in a nonprofit organization that promotes library services, facilities and needs. Its support funds services and programs not included in the regular library budget. In the last month, the Friends membership drive added 335 new Friends, an 87 percent increase in the individual and family categories.

This year, their support enabled the library to buy the magazine collection and HoYoac, an index of 400 magazines plus a new reference tool of poetry on microfiche.

The children's department at both libraries is a priority of the Friends; books worth \$5,000 were bought for that department as well as puppet theaters for young library patrons. Book Whiz, a software program for teen book selection, is another favorite added through the Friends generosity.

THE GALA tradition honoring Friends' contributors began in 1987 with a Michigan Opera Theater presentation. This year's entertainment, comedian Jonathan Haglund, is a Farmington native who attended Cloverdale Elementary and Farmington Junior High before completing his public school education at Royal Oak Kimball.

A favorite at the Renaissance Festival, Haglund has made other local appearances as well as performing in Hong Kong and Japan. Besides television commercials, his film roles include two Michigan productions, "The XYZ Murders" and "Somewhere in Time."

Another Friends' gala tradition is wine and cheese served each year by Ron Asmar, owner of the Vineyard Wine Cellar and Liquor Shoppe in Farmington Hills. This year, special desserts will be supplied by Baker's Loaf in downtown Farmington.

"THE FRIENDS have a longstanding history of library support in our community," said Beverly Papal, director of the Farmington Community Library. "This gala is one means of saying 'thank you' to

our members for all they've done throughout the year."

Quality programming is among the Friends' priorities. Not content to buy library materials, the Friends also support the library by making available programs for all ages.

This year, the Friends sponsored Ronnie Cee, a magician, the String Puppet Theatre's production of "Jack and the Beanstalk," "Art for Arts Sake," "Battle of the Books" and "Ace the A.C.T. and S.A.T." Adult programming included a lecture by historian Helen Gilbert and an evening with clinical nutritionist Jamie Champion.

"During the gala evening, Friends will be able to see tangible evidence of their financial support as well as a pictorial display of the library then and now," said Friends president Roz Greenberg. "This is an excellent opportunity for members to share an enjoyable evening with other community spirited Friends."

Friends who received invitations and wish to attend this gala must respond as soon as possible. Call Sally Campbell at 553-0300 to make a reservation. Calls to this number also provide information on how to become a Friend.

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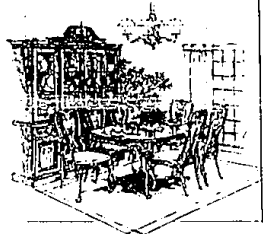
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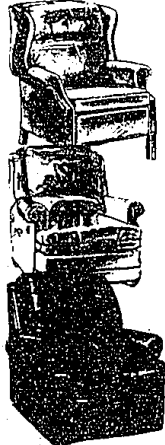


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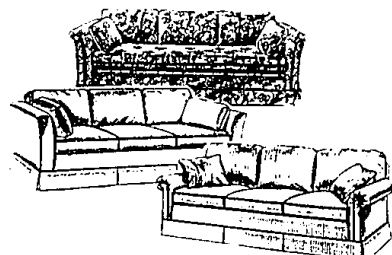
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