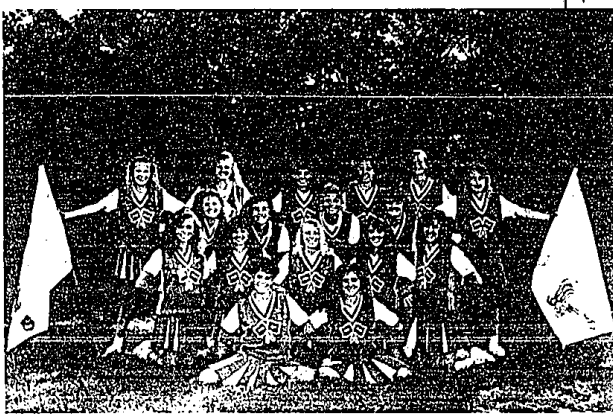


Best in Michigan

The Farmington High School Color Guard was named best in the state when the group was rated on originality, precision, difficulty of routine and showmanship. In the front row from left are Leya Raffie and Kelly Behnan. In the second row are Megan Smith, Amy Smith, Michelle Fanner, Tracie Poll and Crisly Nemic. In the third row are Jennifer Hoemke, Beth Schneider, Kim Richardson and Carl Lathers. In the fourth row are Kristin McConaughay, Keri Nicholas, Christine Alonzo, Heather Morgan, Julie Lowell, and Stephanie Skier. Raffie, the group's captain, took the "Best All Round Flag" award at Central Michigan University Color Guard Camp this summer.



Clubs, designers, florists create for 'Festival of Trees

More than 90 Detroit area designers will donate their time and talent to decorate the 100 trees that will be displayed and sold at Festival of Trees, Nov. 18-20 in the Riverfront Ballroom, Cobo Hall.

Four designers will create themed vignettes for their decorated trees. These designers are Design Detroit Interiors, Inc. in Grosse Pointe with "Santa's Tree Room," P. K. Fields Interiors of Farmington with "Sophisticated Whimsy," Meyer Interiors of West Bloomfield with "Christmas at Beaufort," and McLaughlin's of Southgate with "Hearalding the Yuletide."

A regular decorated tree contributor is Michele Marc's Flowers, Ltd. in downtown Farmington.

Fifty-three area garden clubs and florists have created an Isle of Wreaths as part of the festival.

Contributors from this area are Barbara Derby of Farmington,

members of the Farmington Garden Club and North Farmington Garden Club.

Four Farmington Hills residents served on the Festival of Trees Committee: Arlene Tanari, Dona Childress, Eileen Cozier and Sherry Weller.

In addition to the tree and wreath displays, the festival includes continuous entertainment, a Santaland with children's activities, a festival gift shop and Gingerbread Village put together by chefs and food services students throughout the metro area.

The 100 percent volunteer effort is a major fund-raiser for the Evergreen Endowment Fund of Children's Hospital of Michigan. The fund supports research into the causes and cures of childhood diseases.

Admission is \$4, or \$3 for seniors and \$2 for children.

Center marks 20th year

Editor's note: For 20 years the doors of The Community Center have been kept open through the work of men and women who volunteer to serve as its directors. The Farmington Observer introduces the members of the 1989 board to readers as part of the center's 20th anniversary year observance.



Shirley Richardson

Farmington Councilwoman Shirley Richardson gives a new meaning to the phrase "professional volunteer." Recently presented with a "Volunteer Leadership Award" from the Greater Michigan Foundation, she has left an indelible mark on the Farmington-Farmington Hills community, her home for the last 20 years.

Richardson has been a member of the board of directors of The Community Center Farmington-Farmington Hills since 1986 and has served in a variety of capacities, including liaison between the city of Farmington and the center. Her most memorable project with the center was when she and her husband, John, co-chaired a fund-raising effort. Her goal for the center is that it becomes a self-sustaining facility, so more time and effort could be spent on new programming instead of soliciting donations.

Although the various civic and charitable organizations that she has been involved with are far too many to name, a few include the City of Farmington Planning Commission, the Gazebo-Pergola Fund Committee, Keep Michigan Beautiful, the City of Farmington Beautification Committee, Farmington Area Goodfellows and Southeastern Michigan Veterinary Medical Association Auxiliary.

She and her husband and their three grown children have all participated in many of the center's activities through the years.



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