

## club circuit

**PARENT SUPPORT GROUP** meets at 6:30 p.m. every Friday in Farmington Area Advisory Council offices, 23450 Middlebelt Road. The program centers around parenting adolescents, communication skills and support. There is no fee. Inquiries are taken by calling the council office, 477-6767.

**FARMINGTON SINGLE PROFESSIONALS** host their Special Holiday Single Mingle from 7:30 p.m. to midnight in The Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile Road. Admission is \$5 for guests at the door.

The end-of-every-month event is designed for newcomers to learn what the club is all about, and learn what the group will be offering for the next couple of months.

What is planned for January is a couple of cross country ski weekends, an evening of Jazz, a bowling party, downhill skiing, a night at the movies, and a Sunday brunch at O'Leary's Tea Room.

All of the offerings are listed in the group's newsletter. A complimentary copy of the newsletter will be sent on request by calling the singles' information line, 478-9181.

**WESTSIDE SINGLES** meet for a

dance party at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 28, in Roma's of Livonia, Schoolcraft Service Drive, west of Inkster. Admission is asked at the door. Open to all singles over 21.

**ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER ASSOCIATION** meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3 in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile Road. A rap session will take place among members and guests. There is no charge and the meetings are open to all interested persons. The association is the only one of its kind in Wayne and Oakland Counties.

**FAMILY MEMBERS OF CHEMICAL ABUSERS** education series begins at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4 in Farmington Area Advisory Council offices, 23450 Middlebelt Road, and continues for eight weeks. Fee is \$10 a session. Inquiries are taken by the council office, 477-6767.

All club news and announcements for this column are to be addressed to: Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 21888 Farmington Road, Farmington 48336. The information must arrive before noon on the Monday before Thursday publication.

## Youth hostel membership is for the young at heart

Mention "American Youth Hostel" and many people conjure up a mental image of young people backpacking through Europe, but today's AYH member breaks that stereotype.

AYH members are young in mind and spirit, but not necessarily young in age. They are people who enjoy adventure and travel that often includes sailing, canoeing, bicycling, hiking and skiing.

Members are currently gearing up for their winter ski outings. YH is one of the few groups to offer cross-

country ski trips. Many trips also accommodate those who wish to downhill (Alpine) ski. Trips vary in length from a few hours, a few days or a week in length. Skiers travel by deluxe motor coach for many trips and, for the most part, stay in hotels with hot tubs and swimming pools to soak tired muscles. Meal times are usually social times as AYHers enjoy the camaraderie of fellow skiers.

AYH's 1990-91 ski schedule includes 12 weekend trips to Northern Michigan or Canada, December through March. Two special trips are also scheduled: a Christmas holiday week trip to Quebec City, Canada, offering both cross-country and downhill skiing and a March trip to Innsbruck, Austria. Day trips to nearby parks are also planned.

Many trip leaders are instructors or experienced skiers who usually can assist new skiers in getting off to a good start.

Weekend trips cost approximately \$180 for AYH members; non-members are allowed one weekend trip as a guest at trip cost plus \$3. Annual AYH membership is \$25 and allows participation in skiing and in a variety of year-round activities.

For a full schedule of trips and information about skiing and other AYH activities, call the AYH office, 545-0511.



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## A van full of goodies

Members of Farmington Area Community Women filled one van and a couple of car trunks full of gifts that came from anonymous residents and were delivered in time for Christmas to about 200 youngsters. Along side the vehicles filled with packages are Robin Kane and her daughter Stephanie; Michele Paul; and Nancy Pawlukiewicz holding Jamie Olsen.

## Precision and neatness permeate handwriting

Dear Lorene Green,  
Each week I look forward to reading your column. I find graphology fascinating! As a child and teenager, I spent a great deal of time practicing my handwriting. I get a lot of compliments — and complaints! I must be the slowest writer in the world. I intensely dislike writing on unlined paper.

On committees, I'm often asked to keep minutes because my notes are legible, methodical and concise. I'm extremely interested as to any insights you can give me.

D.M.,  
Rochester

Dear D.M.,  
Precision, neatness and systematicity are some of the outstanding traits that permeate your handwriting. Your modus operandi reflects these traits. You are a highly organized young woman. Plans are carefully made and then the wheels are set in motion to implement the planning. Once completed you dislike having your plans disrupted. Details are handled with as much care as the more important aspects.

Stunning discipline can be seen here. You are not afraid of hard work. Regardless of how you may be



graphology  
Lorene Green

feeling, you "hang in" until the job is done. Authority figures are respected. In repetitive tasks, your pace and efficiency increase. Personal standards border on perfectionism. You are conscientious and manage your time well. Punctual, you do not keep others waiting and probably dislike having to wait for others.

You live by the time-worn cliché, "A place for every and everything in its place." You cannot rest until all is in order. Have you considered this compulsive neatness may be programming you out of some of the joys that come with flexibility?

Your pattern of thinking is logical, slow and methodical. Once in possession of new material, you are able to retain it for a long time. This suggests a retentive memory which is useful in eliminating the time con-

suming need to search out the information again.  
You restrict your intake of abstract concepts. Have you considered that you could be limiting your creativity, growth and adventure by being unresponsive to new ideas and/or theories. Seemingly, you live in a rather small world. Sometimes the fear of failure keeps you from trying new things. A need for approval and attention is strong.

There is a certain reserve and lack of spontaneity about you. You need time to test the waters before jumping in. Past experiences have taught you not to show your feelings too freely nor be too open in your responses.  
You are a sensitive young lady. Some timorousness here may be the result of having been under the influ-

ence of someone with a stronger personality than you own. I think you have also lived with a rather strict code of what is right and what is wrong.

A preoccupation with personal security is suggested in this handwriting.

Presently, you appear to be concerned with something about the future. I cannot ascertain just what it might be, but you probably know.

Friction can be unsettling to you so you try to avoid it whenever possible. You also appear to be trying to please others and do what they expect from you as opposed to what you personally wish to do.

People who prefer writing on lined paper usually need guidance in their life. They tend to be followers as opposed to leaders.

An eye for aesthetics, structure and form is noted here. Possibly, this was the spur to your early interest in practicing and developing a handwriting style which was pleasing to you.

If you would like to have your handwriting analyzed in this newspaper, write to Lorene C. Green, a certified graphologist, at 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150. Please use a full sheet of white, unlined paper, writing in the first person singular. Age, handedness and signature are all helpful and feedback is always welcome.

## Young and old benefit from intergenerational program

Young and old are proving to be valuable companions to each other in Botsford General Hospital's intergenerational program. The program, which began in August, allows Botsford's senior and rehabilitation patients over the age of 50 to interact with preschoolers in the hospital's Child Care program in both an educational and fun-filled way.

"The program has been an excellent booster of self-esteem for both the adults and the children," said Maureen Diederich, nursing manager of Botsford's Rehabilitation Unit. "The children and patients meet four times a month and share story-telling, do sing-alongs and play instruments. They play games together, make cookies, do crafts and they've even had a chance to participate in on-unit bowling together."

Each department, both Child Care and Rehabilitation, is responsible for the goals of its own groups in the program. Twice a month the program's staff meets to pre-plan activities,

confirm general objectives and fit those tasks into the lead teacher's lesson plans in the Child Care Unit. The goal is to create a supportive atmosphere for all groups involved.

"Part of the rehabilitation program for our patients includes a reintegration program," Diederich said. "Our rehab patients are encouraged to do as much as possible as exercise their abilities, especially as it pertains to everyday life. What better way to become reacquainted with the community than to interact with active children?"

THE CHILD Care Center consists of the children of Botsford employees where preschoolers, ages 3-5, participate in the intergenerational program. All pre-planned activities are shared with center parents who have consented to their child's participation ahead of time.

Shirley Meisner, director of the Child Care Center, comments on the positive responses to the pro-

gram. "The program is going beautifully. The parents are enthusiastic. And the children love it. After seven visits, the children continue to be comfortable and even helpful with the patients. It seems the children are very fascinated with pushing patients' wheelchairs."

"The program is designed to benefit both groups," Diederich said. "While the seniors and rehab patients satisfy part of their program, they also enjoy the children. And the program also allows the children to become familiar and comfortable with the aging population and those who are physically disabled. So, I really believe this program is ideal for everyone involved."

BOTSFORD'S 20-bed Rehabilitation Unit is one of the most progressive facilities of its kind in southeastern Michigan. The unit takes a team approach to provide comprehensive care and develops a rehabilitation program tailored to an individual's specific needs.

## new voices

SCOTT and KIM MOORE of Canton announce the birth of their daughter, Lindsey Elaine, born Nov. 6 weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces.

She has one brother, Stephen, 2 years old.  
The infant's grandparents are Bruce and Barbara Moore of Farmington Hills. Her great-grandmothers are Audrey Moore of Livonia and Gertrude Hallen of Dearborn.

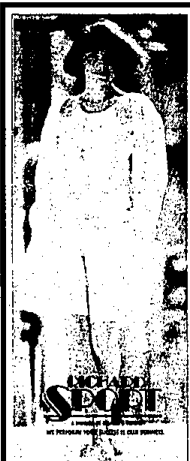
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