

club circuit

MILITARY ORDER OF COOTIE AUXILIARY, Motor City, 22, auxiliary, meets at 8 p.m. Friday in Farmington Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post home. Most of the meeting will be taken up with the election of new officers. Installation is scheduled for March.

Main work of the auxiliary is to care for and entertain the veterans in the Veterans Hospital in Ann Arbor. Feb. 17 has been designated as Supreme Hospital Visitation Day when the auxiliary will meet there to distribute gifts, decorate rooms and lift the spirits of residents.

Many of the gifts have been donated by the auxiliary, such as clothing, lap robes, and slippers.

The auxiliary also will award scholarships this month to students in VFW National Home in Easton Rapids. The home does not receive federal or state funds. It is supported entirely by donations from the VFW and its auxiliary.

DETROIT TIP TOPPERS, a social club for tall men and women, meets for its "Annual Last Chance Valentine's Dance" at 8 p.m. Saturday in the clubhouse of Cumberland condominium complex in Southfield. Admission is \$4 at the door and attire is semi-formal. Call the hotline, 278-TALL for directions.

For other information concerning the club or for a copy of the group's newsletter call Bernard Botwinik, 435-5985, or Sue Tranchida, 882-2303.

WESTSIDE SINGLES meet for a Valentine Dance with music by Steve King and The Dillitues, at 8 p.m. Friday in Roma's of Livonia, Schoolcraft Service Drive, west of Inker Road.

Admission is \$4 at the door for singles over 21. The singles' hotline is 277-4242.

POLISH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY of Michigan continues its lecture series at 2 p.m. Saturday in Explorer's Room, Detroit Public Library, 201 Woodward Ave.

Topic for the day is "Census Records: Their Use in Genealogical Research." The speaker is James Jackson, past president of Detroit Society for Genealogical Research and Oakland County Genealogical Society.

The event is open to all interested persons.

MICHIGAN MILITARY FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP meets at 12:30 p.m. Saturday in Botdord Hospital's Administration and Education Center, 28050 Grand River. The event is open to all interested persons without charge.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF

RETIRED PERSONS (AARP), Farmington-Farmington Hills Chapter, meet at 1 p.m. Friday in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile Road.

Speaker for the day is Tim Connor, of Farmington Hills Police Department. His topic is "Crime Prevention, Safety Tips and Scam Avoidance."

The program is open to all persons over the age of 55, whether retired or not.

WELCOME WAGON of Farmington-Farmington Hills meet for dinner at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19 in The Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road. A nominal fee will be asked at the door.

After dinner speaker is Al Woods, a handwriting analyst.

Inquiries are taken by Toni O'Farrell, 553-8192.

CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20 in Livonia Public Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. The club is made up of practicing Catholics who have a bachelor's degree and who are free to marry in the Catholic Church.

Speaker for the day is Frank Alongi, coach of the Wolverine Pacers Athletic Club.

Inquiries taken by Mary Cavanaugh, 981-8197.

WOMEN OF NORTH FARMINGTON invite bowlers as well as non-bowlers to join "Bowling for Fun" at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, in Northwest Lane, 14 Mile and Northwestern Highway.

There is a \$9 fee for bowling, shoes, pizza and prizes.

Reservations must be made on or before Friday, Feb. 15 with Beth Hise, 1-353-2737.

FARMINGTON NEIGHBORS CLUB invites guests to a luncheon at noon Wednesday, Feb. 20 in Glen Oaks Country Club.

Guest speakers for the day are Shirley Richardson, mayor of Farmington, and Jean Fox, mayor of Farmington Hills.

Reservations must be made on or before Feb. 15 with Helen Benner, 474-1944 or Jean Kallmeier, 477-1795.

NATIONAL SCOLIOSIS FOUNDATION, Michigan Chapter Support Group, meets at 7:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of every month in Classroom A, 10th floor, South Tower, Beaumont Hospital, 13 Mile and Woodward, Royal Oak. The next meeting is Feb. 28.

Inquiries are taken by calling the foundation, based in Madison Heights, 398-6346.

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

Children need foster homes

Children from infancy to 14 years are in need of foster families. Persons interested in getting information on foster families and the reimbursement offered are asked to call LaDonna Derrick, at Methodist Children's Home Society, 531-4060.



Rachel Collins



Eric Bishop



Gloria Marshall



Amy Jefferies

Quakertown hosts its contest winners

Quakertown Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) celebrates American History Month (Feb. 1-28).

For the entire month, a display has been mounted in the Farmington Hills Branch Library by chapter chairman Zelma Dolph, and at the Saturday, Feb. 16 meeting, four American history essay winners will be recognized. The students and their parents will be honored in the Farmington Hills Branch Library.

The winners are Rachel Collins from Clarenceville Middle School, daughter of Thomas and Donna Col-

lins of Livonia; Eric Bishop from Clarenceville Middle School, son of Dennis and Ellen Bishop of Livonia; Gloria Marshall from Plymouth Christian Academy, daughter of David and Ruann Marshall of Plymouth; and Amy Jefferies from Plymouth Christian Academy, daughter of Lewis and Karen Jefferies of Livonia.

Bea Rodacker, Quakertown's regent, will preside over the meeting. Dolph will present each student with a bronze American History Medal, a certificate, a copy of the newsletter

publicity, a pocket-size copy of the U.S. Constitution, and the booklet "How to Respect and Display Our Flag."

THE National Society DAR has celebrated American History Month since 1956. The American history essay contest has taken place each year for students in grades 5-8. The 1991 essay topic was "What the Bill of Rights Means to Me."

The chapter winners are contenders for the state competition. At the state level there will be first and second place winners at

each of the four grade levels. The four second place winners will receive \$25 each, while the four first place winners will receive \$50 each.

The state winners will then compete on the divisional and national levels. The state finalists will be announced by the Michigan Society DAR at its Awards Day in East Lansing March 27.

Speaker for the February meeting will be Harriet Tindal, state chairman of the Christopher Columbus Quincentennial Committee. Her topic will be "Columbus to America."

Yessian Music marks its 20th year

In 1971, Dan Yessian, a Redford High School teacher, resigned from his position of four years and embarked on a career in music — just after Motown Records left Detroit for California.

He set up his office in a vacated bait and tackle shop on Old Grand River in Farmington. But first, he renovated the store, removing the minnow tanks and counters. Then, he replaced them with a desk and a phone. The rent was \$50 a month. The overhead was light but the struggle was heavy.

Now, 20 years later, Yessian Music is celebrating its anniversary as one of the Midwest's largest producers of original music, with a full time staff of 12 arrangers, composers and administrative people. In addition to a state of the art 24-track recording facility.

Yessian writes, arranges and produces music for national and regional ads including Chevrolet "Heartbeat," Whirlpool, Dodge, Frigidaire, FTD, AC Delco, Hardee's, General Electric and more. Agencies both in and out of state have hired the company to write music on behalf of their clients which often include the Fortune 500.

Yessian Music is also busy scoring for industrial shows and national sales meetings complete with live performers. These clients include Oldsmobile, Lincoln Mercury, Jeep and GM/UAW.

Recently, Yessian scored a powerful ecological film, "I Need The Earth," for General Motors with narration by Colleen Dewhurst. His work was also featured in a PBS Special, "A Tale of Two Cities." For

children, Yessian has written for Sesame Street, The Electric Company, Hot Fudge and Hanna Barbara Cartoons.

Yessian has received various awards for his work which include Caddy's and Telly's and The Silver Microphone. He was also appointed

by former Gov. James Blanchard to the Michigan Film Council in 1985.

This year, to celebrate its 20th year in business, Yessian Music will be releasing an album filled with original songs both instrumental and vocal. The CD will be available in April of 1991.

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Violinist comes to OCC for 'Musical Adventure'

Musica Viva! Bulek International 1991 Concerts present "A Musical Adventure," starring international treasure violinist Hamao Fujiwara in his first Detroit-area appearance.

Fujiwara's active recital career has recently taken him to Japan, India, and Western Europe, and across the U.S. He has appeared as soloist with major orchestras worldwide, including the Tokyo, Hong Kong and Seoul Philharmonic Orchestras, Rochester Philharmonic and the Toronto, Vancouver, Louisville and American Symphony Orchestras.

He has taught at the Juillard School and the Manhattan School of Music. Currently, he is a professor of violin at University of Michigan School of Music.

Joining Fujiwara is pianist Katsurako Mikami, a winner of the National Competition in Tokyo and Marguerite Long International Pi-

ano Competition of Music in Paris. She is a graduate of Toho School of Music, Paris Conservatory of Music, Juillard School of Music and records for Columbia and Musica Magna Records.

Internationally acclaimed Flautist, Glinka Gervasio-Ortega, will join in the performance. Performing on four continents, the Bulgarian-born flutist has been making musical news since her 1983 Carnegie Hall debut.

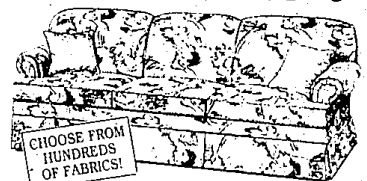
The concert will be 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 28 in Smith Theatre, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College, 1-696 and Orchard Lake Road.

Tickets are \$15 for general audience and \$10 for students and seniors. Tickets include a free afterglow and are available by calling the box office, 471-7700.

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