

around Farmington

All announcements for this column must be mailed to **Around Farmington**, Farmington Observer, 21825 Farmington Road, Farmington 48336. Deadline for **Around Farmington** is noon Monday for the Thursday publication and noon Thursday for the Monday publication. Requests for announcements will not be taken over the telephone.

FHS TRASH BAG SALE
Through Friday, Oct. 11: Farmington Football Backers conducts its third annual trash bag sale in support of Farmington High School's team. Available in clear and a solid color, the bags come in a box of 100 for \$15. Additional boxes are \$13.50 each. Pick up orders from 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 11 and from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12 at Farmington High School. To order call 442-3000.

GED PREP CLASSES
Now, registration for free GED prep classes accepted through the Clarksville Community Education Program. Eight week class begins in early November. Testing is free upon completion of session. Daytime and evening classes available. For details call 473-8333.

FALL RUMMAGE
Thursday-Friday, Oct. 10-11: The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church of Farmington hosts its fall sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday at the church, 33112 Grand River at Warner.

MORE RUMMAGE
Thursday-Friday, Oct. 10-11: United Methodist Women sponsors its rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Friday in Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 West 11 Mile, Farmington Hills.

RUMMAGING AGAIN
Thursday-Friday, Oct. 10-11: Our Lady of Sorrows sponsors its rummage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and 9 a.m. to noon Friday at the church, 23513 Power Road, Farmington.

AAUW BOOK SALE
Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 10-12: American Association of University Women, Farmington branch hosts its annual sale during mall hours at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile at Middlebelt. Proceeds are used for scholarships and community projects.

SALVATION ARMY
Thursday-Sunday, Oct. 10-12: The Salvation Army conducts a series of evangelistic meetings at 7 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday at the Salvation Army, 27500 Shiloh, Farmington Hills. Captain Andrew Miller, divisional youth secretary for eastern Michigan will speak. Music provided by Randy Bonfield. The public is invited. For details call 477-1153.

RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE
Friday, Oct. 11: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Women's League hosts its sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Goods sold at \$2 per bag from 3-4 p.m. The church is at 12 Mile and Farmington Road behind Crowley's.

BLOOD DRIVE
Saturday, Oct. 12: American Red Cross Blood Services conducts a drive from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Coleman Roman Catholic Church, 32500 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills.

MAYFAIR CO-OP
Sunday, Oct. 13: Mayfair Co-op Preschool invites the public and

alumni to a family ice cream social and open house from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the school, 30450 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. The school has openings in its Monday and Wednesday mom and tot class. For details, call Debra Merriman at 626-2332.

BRIDAL WORKSHOP
Monday, Oct. 14: Learn proper photographic make up and hair styling techniques from 7-10 p.m. at the Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road. Fee is \$12. For details, call the center at 477-8404.

DIVORCE AND FUTURE LIFESTYLE
Tuesday, Oct. 15: Instructors explore the divorce process and its impact on the current and future security of the partners. Designed for women but opened to all from 7-9 p.m. at the Community Center. Fee is \$5. For details, call the center at 477-8404.

HELPING TEEN PARENTS
Tuesday, Oct. 15: St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center in Farmington Hills sponsors a workshop on helping teen parents to recognize choices from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the center, 27400 West 12 Mile Road. Speakers include James Kors, a limited license psychologist who's worked with teens and families. Paula Zimmer, the executive director of Oakland Livingston Legal Aid will speak. Registration is \$10. For details, call Jacki Kolsay at 626-7527, Ext. 292.

TROPICAL FISH
Wednesday, Oct. 16-23: Joe Derek, area naturalist, talks about tropical fish from 7-9 p.m. Fee is \$12. For details, call Farmington Community Education at 469-3333.

RUMMAGE, BAKE SALE
Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 17-19: Rummage and bake sale from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 20805 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Bake sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. Light lunch available.

FARMINGTON MUSICAL CHORUS
Friday, Oct. 18: The group celebrates its silver anniversary with a free concert at 8 p.m. in St. John Lutheran Church, 23225 27th Road, Farmington. The Lutheran Choralists, a male chorus share the bill. Program features selections by Handel, Mendelssohn and Cloey. Public is invited.

BUILD YOUR HOME
Friday, Oct. 18: Registration deadline for eight session seminar on building your own home. Sessions held two nights a week beginning Tuesday, Oct. 22 at the Farmington School Center. Sponsored by the Michigan Builders Institute and Farmington Community Education. Fee is \$150 and includes a building book. Register with Farmington Community Education by calling 489-3333 during school office hours. Course instructor is a licensed builder experienced in teaching classes.

MEDICATION SIDE EFFECTS
Friday, Oct. 18: ElderMed at Botsford hosts a hospital pharmacist describing the side effects of common medications at noon in Botsford. Reservations are necessary. Call 471-8920. Cost for lunch and program is \$4 for ElderMed members, \$5 for non-members.



SHARON LEMIEUX/staff photographer

Artists show at Mercy

Donna Vogelheim, of Farmington is one of the artists scheduled to show their works at the 28th Sholem Aleichem Institute's art show Friday-Sunday, Oct. 11-13 at Mercy Center. Show hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Vogelheim poses behind a recent commission, "Peonies in Lace," a watercolor. A watercolorist, she teaches at the Community Center in Farmington and the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association. She is also the Farmington Artist in Residence.

Vertigo turns lives upside down

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"MY APPOINTMENT was at 5 a.m.," she said. "He goes until 7 at night." She praised his "wonderful diagnostic equipment" and his skills, saying, "He teaches you with exercises and diet control."

She regrets that she did not remain under his care but said it would have been difficult unless she stayed in Louisiana. "I was desperate," she said, explaining that she opted instead for surgery. "I have not had a serious dizzy spell for two years," she said. But she does have "a full feeling in the ear — like water in the ear. I try to live with it."

Jim Sweeney of Bloomfield Hills, who is retired, has a vestibular disorder, "an imbalance of fluids or pressure, which lead to vertigo. It can be incapacitating," he said. Sweeney's first attack came when he was taking a medication for another health problem. He stopped taking the medication but still found himself subject to vertigo attacks. "For 12 years I went to doctors without the proper diagnosis," he said.

Sweeney read in the newspaper about the support group for Meniere's and vertigo disorders. "I have been able through diet and fluid intake and avoidance of medications," to control the condition, he said. He attributes a lot of his knowledge to talking with other support group members and the guest speakers. "I'm no longer on my own," he said, grateful for the support the group has given him. Dr. Dennis I. Bojrab, otologist at Wm. Beaumont Hospital, "has talked a number of times. I've learned a great deal from him." Bojrab also will be on the program at this month's meeting, with Dr. Rubin.

ANOTHER RESIDENT of Bloomfield Hills who has Meniere's asked not to have her name used in the newspaper. "It's a private thing," she said. "Then my friends will know." Many people with Meniere's do not want anyone to know about their disease, fearing job loss or other potential problems.

This woman, a widow who is now 78, said she first had her dizzy spells

at 18. "They called it Meniere's Syndrome when I first had it. It went away but I kept enough hearing to raise my children." She has lost hearing in one ear and, "The other ear is down to not very much. I wear two hearing aids," she said.

Dorothy Rivard of Birmingham said her dizziness disorder has been diagnosed as microvascular vestibular nerve decompression caused when "a swollen blood vessel presses on the balance nerve." She said she began having problems in mid-1988

but wasn't diagnosed until late October 1990.

A widow, who does volunteer work, she said her occasional "abrupt dizziness" doesn't keep her from functioning. But, "It sort of makes you fearful. You don't know when it's going to reappear."

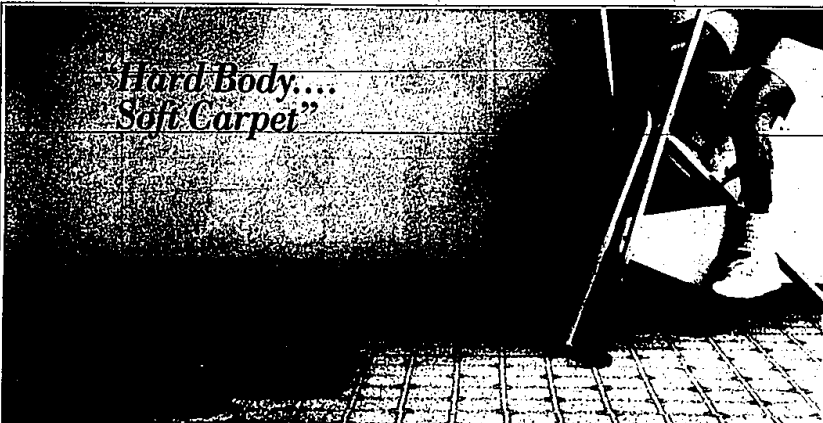
Support group founder Marie Key, who said Meniere's is incurable, stresses the importance of early diagnosis. "It's not life threatening, but it is lifestyle threatening," she said of the disease.

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