

Community Corner

This week's question:
What does Veterans Day mean to you?

We asked this question at Farm Hills Doughnuts in Farmington Hills on Nov. 11, Veterans Day.



"It brings back memories of my brother, Walter Clark. He died in Vietnam in '67."
— Marle Clark Westland



"It's a day to remember all who served and why they served. It means freedom, I guess."
— Mark Tinney Farmington



"It's a day for veterans and their families."
— William Brian Farmington



"It reminds me of my time in the service... Marine Corps, four years. I was in Vietnam, too."
— Leonard Franla Novi



"All the people who fought for our country... we should remember them."
— Vesna Nestorovski Farmington Hills



"I remember some old friends from my days in the Marine Corps."
— Kevin Hanley Livonia

Efforts rewarded Businesses keep Farmington beautiful

Nearly 70 Farmington businesses and civic groups received awards for their beautification efforts at an annual luncheon in October, sponsored by the Farmington Beautification Committee.

Local funeral director Walter Snodgrass won the coveted Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce Beautification Award, always awarded as a surprise announcement at the luncheon.

This year's program was held at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills and is the city's 23rd year of applauding beautification efforts throughout Farmington.

Forty businesses and groups were awarded plaques this year. The various locations were filmed by Kevin Southern of the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission and shown at the luncheon.

Winners included:

- The following businesses — Comerica Bank, D & W Oil, Dimitri's Restaurant, Dr. Walter C. DeMatia, Drake's Professional Building, Focal Point Studio, Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, LaKritze-Weber, Inc., LOC Federal Credit Union, Michigan Osteopathic Association, National Bank of Detroit, Plaza Pet Complex, Ram's Horn Restaurant, Thayer-Rock Funeral Home and the Village Mall.
- For renovation and improve-

ments — Cook Building, Farmington Public Schools, Johnson Investment Building, Metrobank of Farmington and St. Gerald's Catholic Church.

• The following auto service facilities — Benner's Amoco Oil Service, Clark Oil, Colonial Car Wash, Ole Toll Shell and Valvoline Instant Oil Change.

• In the apartment/condominium category — Farmington Oaks Apartments, Farmington Place, Jamestown Apartments, Parkview Apartments, Pinewoods Condominiums, Kensington Manor and Valleyview Condominiums.

• The Farmington City Hall and the Farmington Historical Museum received awards for civic buildings.

• The First Baptist Church of Farmington and the Salem United Church of Christ were the places of worship winning plaques.

• Places of industry included the H.R. Krueger Machine Tool Co. and Jayco Sales and River Co.

• The Crossroads Shopping Center received an award in the shopping center category.

• The Huron River Hunting and Fishing Club also received an award.

SIXTEEN OTHER businesses won beautification certificates.

They included: Burger King; Executive Office Supply; Farmington Tennis Club; Merritt, Cole & McCal-

lum; the law firm of Peters & Wilmering; Amoco Oil at Nine Mile; two Mobil Oil stations, one Eight Mile and another at Drake, Chatham Hills Apartments, Drake's Apartments, River Glen Apartments; Sunview Apartments; Versailles Apartments; Wynset Condominiums.

Receiving certificates for renovation work were Farmington State Association and First Federal of Michigan.

Four groups received "good neighbor" awards including the Farmington Area Jaycees, the Longacre Elementary PTA, the Farmington Garden Club and the Church of Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Certificates of commendation went to Backyard Birds, Framery One, the Bon Ton Shoppe and Michelle Marc's Flowers.

Special awards and recognition were given to the city's public services department, Walter Snodgrass and the Korner Barber Shop. A letter

of recognition was sent to the Power & Grand River Shell service station.

The awards were presented by the current chairwoman of the Farmington Beautification Committee, Sandy Shelly, and Farmington Mayor Shirley Richardson. Offering remarks were Richardson, City Manager Robert Deadman, Lincoln Avery who chairs the Farmington Hills Beautification Committee and Dale Huggler who is president of Keep Michigan Beautiful.

In addition to Shelly, members of the committee include Carol Kurth, Donna Damon, Earl Billing, Rosemary Fitzpatrick, Joan Lorenz, Elizabeth Meredith, Penny Oglesby and Jacqueline Steuer. This year's luncheon and awards ceremony was chaired by Oglesby, Fitzpatrick and Shelly.

The group is affiliated with the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan and Keep Michigan Beautiful, Inc.

Members sought for city's boards

Several positions are open on boards and commissions in the city of Farmington, according to City Manager Robert Deadman.

Slots on the city's Traffic and Safety Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Commission and the Beautification Committee are available, and city officials are seeking residents to fill them. In-

terested residents can send a letter and/or resume in care of the city manager, Farmington City Hall, 23600 Liberty, Farmington 48335. In the letter, detail which positions interest you and offer any background which might be helpful. The city council will schedule interviews and, subsequently, make appointments to fill the positions.

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