

# Center honors memory of a top volunteer

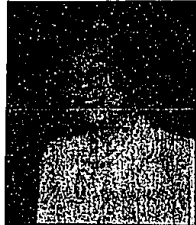
A quiet ceremony was held recently at the Community Center of Farmington-Farmington Hills to honor the memory of Rachel Shuler, one of the center's most dedicated volunteers.

About 50 members of the center's Volunteer Guild, along with Shuler's family and other guests, gathered to dedicate the "bride's room" in her memory. A plaque was mounted on the wall to honor her many contributions to the community through her work at the center.

Shuler was first recruited in September 1984 by guild member Gerry Tobin to help put together the "Goodenough Cookbook." As Dianna Paul, another Guild member, recalls: "Rachel jumped in with both feet and soon was co-chair of the project. From there, she never stopped."

Rachel was president of the Volunteer Guild 1987-89. She also chaired The Center's Arts & Crafts Show and Santa luncheons for many years. In addition to working at the reception desk on a weekly basis, she could be counted on to help with any project, from clerical work to wallpapering the living room.

After her death on Aug. 11, 1991, Shuler's family donated funds to the Community Center in her memory. The Volunteer Guild used the money to restore and redecorate the room in the Goodenough mansion now used for classes, meetings and as a "bride's



Rachel Shuler

room" for private weddings. At the dedication ceremony, a large handmade quilt also was donated to the center by Rachel's husband, Charles Shuler. The quilt will be raffled off to raise funds for the fourth printing of the "Goodenough Cookbook." All previous printings have sold out.

Raffle tickets for the quilt are available through the Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Roads. Call 477-8404, Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to noon.

In addition to her husband of 35 years, Charles Shuler, Rachel Shuler was survived by their four children and one grandson.

Charles Shuler is retired, having taught English at Oakland Community College for 25 years. The Shulers have been residents of Farmington Hills for 29 years.

## Auto dealer, veteran Frank Lopez dies

The huge American flag in front of Bob Saks auto dealership on Grand River has been flying at half staff this past week. Frank R. Lopez, co-owner of Bob Saks, Inc., has died.

Mr. Lopez, 43, of Bloomfield Hills, died May 20 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Lopez was a graduate of Fordson High School and Henry Ford Community College. He was formerly co-owner of Southfield Dodge and Tel-Twelve AMC Jeep dealerships in Southfield. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Lopez was a member and usher in Kirk in the Hills Church in Bloomfield Hills. He was honored

by President Ronald Reagan for being one of the top Hispanic business men in the U.S.A.

Survivors include his wife, Linda; son, Francisco; step-sons, Ryan and Jason; mother, Josephine Dunn; father, John Lopez; brothers John and Joseph; sister, Sally Shilla.

Services were May 23 at the Wm. R. Hamilton Funeral Home, Birmingham. A memorial service was held May 24 at Kirk in the Hills Church with the Rev. Raymond B. Knudsen II officiating. Interment was in White Chapel Columbarium, Troy.

Memorials may be made to Frank Lopez Northwood University Scholarship Foundation, 8500 Grand River, Farmington Hills 48335.



FRANK LOPEZ

ROBERT L. SIMON  
Mr. Simon, 65, of Farmington Hills died May 24.  
Born in Detroit, Mr. Simon was

a retired pipe fitter for Chrysler Automotive.

Survivors include his wife, Dolores; son, Keith, Jeffrey, Kevin, Robert Jr. and Timothy; daughters, Jill Berk and Patricia Simon; sisters, Dorothy Markham and Dolores Rimer; mother, Adelle Simon.

Services were May 24 at the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. James Wright officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. Envelopes are at the funeral home.

## FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, June 1, 1993, at 7:00 p.m. at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center, 32500 Shilawasse, Farmington, Michigan, the Board of Education of the Farmington Public School District will hold a public hearing on the levying in 1993 of a proposed additional millage rate of .88 mills for operating purposes pursuant to 1991 Public Act 75. The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony and discuss the levying of the proposed additional millage rate.

The proposed additional millage rate would increase 1993 revenues for operating purposes from ad valorem property tax levies by 2.7 percent (2.7%) over the revenues that would otherwise be permitted by 1991 Public Act 75. In the event the proposed additional millage rate is not approved, the School District's revenues for 1993 will increase over those received during 1992 by 0.83 percent (0.83%).

The Board of Education currently has the complete authority to establish a levy of 32.77 mills in 1993 from within its authorized millage rate of 36.6055 mills.

The Board of Education proposes to act upon a resolution to set the tax levy for 1993 at the regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, June 1, 1993, at 8:00 p.m. at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center. This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

JOSEPH SVOKE,  
Secretary, Board of Education

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## CITY OF FARMINGTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES AND TO REVIEW 1993-94 PROPOSED BUDGET

The City Council of the City of Farmington will hold a Public Hearing at 8:00 p.m., on Thursday, June 7, 1993, in the Council Chambers in City Hall, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan, 48335, on a maximum proposed increase of 1.08 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 1993-94 and on the proposed 1993-94 budget. In the previous year the city levied 10.5400 mills (\$10,540.00 per \$1,000 of State Equalized Valuation, SEV) for city operation and Charter limited debt service and an additional 3.1300 mills (\$3,130.00 per \$1,000 SEV) was levied for city unlimited debt service for a total millage rate of 13.6700 mills (\$13,670.00 per \$1,000 SEV). State law, (Act 5 of 1982) provides that the base tax rate for 1993 city operating taxes be reduced from 10.5400 mills (\$10,540.00 per \$1,000 SEV) to 9.9582 mills (9,958.2 per \$1,000 SEV). This is a .5818 mill (\$.5818 per \$1,000 SEV) lower tax rate than the 1992 operating tax rate.

The cost of personnel, health insurance, employee salaries and fringe benefits, and general inflationary increases in goods and services purchased by the city will increase the General Fund operating expenditures in Fiscal year 1993-94. Revenues from other sources will not be adequate to offset the increased cost of providing services.

The increase in the cost of providing essential services makes it necessary to increase the millage rate for 1993. The maximum total proposed millage rate will be 14.17 mills (\$14.17 per \$1,000 SEV). This millage rate will result in a 4.58% increase in revenues if assessed valuations are additionally limited by constitutional amendment or state statute. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating and limited debt service revenue will increase by 1.48% over the preceding year's operating and limited debt service revenue. Individual property taxes may increase greater or less than the estimated average.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting. Public comments, oral or written, are welcome at the hearing on the proposed millage rate and on the proposed budget for FY 1993-94.

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