

# Club hits jackpot, makes lottery money

All 12 members of a Farmington Hills lottery club were happy after the recent Michigan Lotto drawing. They each became millionaires after winning the \$12.2 million jackpot.

"Yep, they're all millionaires now," confirmed Kerry McNulty of the Michigan Lottery.

Club members — who requested anonymity — said they discovered they had won the jackpot after one club member told the rest.

"One club member indicated that he was interested in some publicity, but the others cried, 'No! No! No!'" McNulty said.

"No one believed it," said one of the members of the club when they came to Lansing to claim their prize. "At first we thought we had five numbers, but we matched all six — we screamed!"

The club will receive installments of more than \$614,000, before taxes, each year for 20 years.

By law, the lottery is required to withhold 28 percent for federal taxes and 4.6 percent for state taxes, McNulty said.

Club members said some of the plans for their winnings included sharing with family and friends, going on a cruise, shopping for toys for their children and traveling to Disneyland.

The winners, who have played as a lottery club for one year, bought their winning Easy Pick ticket at Suburban Pantry Shoppe on Evergreen Road in Southfield.

The ticket was hidden behind one of about 300 videotapes that were stacked in shelves in a club member's house, McNulty said.

The winning Michigan Lotto numbers were: 3, 7, 13, 37, 38, 47.

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millage elections and the selection of a new superintendent to replace Michael Flanagan.

"It's gone by so quickly," Webb said. "When I was first elected, I remember having to hire baby sitters for my young boys (Jim, 13, and Matt, 12). We've gone beyond that now."

Webb, 42, plans to run on her record. She said she's taken the lead on several issues, including controversial ones such as the Kenbrook Elementary boundary study and the Wooddale parking lot.

Her prominence was seen during the superintendent search in December, which resulted in the hiring of Charles Maxfield from Berkley School District.

Webb organized the search process as board members handled the duties instead of using an outside firm. She was elected in 1990, serving previously on school and district committees.

Inch, 62, will shoot for what amounts to 20 years on the board. He was first elected in 1978. In addition to treasurer, Inch has served as vice president and president on the board.

He's a professor of economics at Oakland Community College and a 31-year resident of the district.

"I think there has been quite a bit of change on the board in recent years," said Inch, who with Helen Prutow, is one of the longest-serving board members. "I think it's wise to have some continuity on the board."



R. Jack Inch

nulty on the board."

Inch is not known for lengthy dissertations during board meetings. When he does speak, though, it's usually direct.

"I think I can make things pretty concise," he said. "... I think I'm one who can bring order out of chaos."

Swiatkowski's campaign comes as an outsider. He formed the group Parents for a Traditional Education, which questioned such things as the district's whole language approach to reading.

He also suggested that letter grading begin in the third grade, as opposed to the sixth grade as is done now.

"It's a curriculum thing," he said about his candidacy. "I've seen a lot of programs put into



Douglas Swiatkowski

place that I disagree with and I think are philosophically wrong. That's one reason."

His comments ranked school officials last summer. Then superintendent Michael Flanagan questioned whether Swiatkowski was more interested in being in front of the cable TV cameras



Cathleen Webb

than discussing the issues.

Swiatkowski is a credentialled teacher and has taught adult education courses. He's employed as a continuous improvement coordinator at Detroit Center Tool.

He and his wife, Karen, have four children, three of whom attend Wood Creek Elementary.

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