

Local dignitaries serve time for MDA

Farmington police will pick up area business people on Monday, April 24, and take them to the Muscular Dystrophy Association luncheon at Marco's Dining & Cocktails on Grand River.

Participants will have their mugshots taken, help themselves to refreshments, and spend an hour calling friends and family, asking for pledges so that they can reach \$6000 goal. All of the air time and telephones are donated by CellularOne.

Those involved in the luncheon will be expecting the police to arrive, as they agreed in advance to participate and have already started raising their bail.

To date, there are 62 business people scheduled to participate. Forest Elementary principal Kayleen Hill and Kenbrook Elementary principal Margaret McKinley will be among those serving time for MDA.

MDA is a national voluntary health agency working to defeat 40 neuromuscular diseases through programs of worldwide research, patient and community services and professional and public health education.

Jaycees host benefit

Jaycee chapters from Farmington Area and Troy will co-host a *Vegas Night on Saturday, April 29*, with a portion of the proceeds going to benefit Team Farmington Special Olympics and the March

of Dimes.

The event will be 6 p.m. to midnight at Langan's Bowling Alley, 14 Mile Road and Northwestern Highway.

Party chief to speak at benefit

Don Fowler, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, will deliver the keynote address at the 35th-annual Phil Hart Dinner Sunday, April 23, at the Adat Shalom Synagogue, 29901 Middlebelt Road, Farmington Hills.

DEMOCRATS

The dinner program will begin at 6:30 p.m., with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. The Phil Hart Dinner is attended by hundreds of Michigan Democrats with some Oakland County activists among them.

This event, sponsored by the Oakland County Democratic Party, has drawn national keynote speakers such as Bill Clinton in 1991, Al Gore in 1989, and Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy II in 1994.

In addition to his position as chairman of the DNC, Fowler serves on the Executive Committee of the DNC and as co-chairman of the Rules and By-Laws Committee.

As president of Fowler Communications, Inc. Don Fowler has diverse experience in advertising and public relations. He has a degree in psychology, a master's in public administration and a doctorate in political science.

Oakland County Democratic Party members also recognize community and Party volunteers at the dinner. This year, the Tim Dineen Community Service Award will be presented to Duane LaMoreaux of Commerce Township, who has served as an officer of the county party for many years, and posthumously to Oakland County Commissioner Dennis Aaron of Oak Park. Marilyn Aaron, commissioner Aaron's widow, and his family will be on hand for this presentation.

Dinner tickets are \$60 each and are available by calling 435-4044 or 334-0971. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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ORATORICAL PURSUIT

Warner Middle School eighth grader Mark Isler took first place in the Farmington Optimist Oratorical Contest March 8. Isler's speech was entitled, "Listen to Me!" He advanced to the regional competition April 8.

AGOG OVER THE ARTS

Harrison senior Maria Pinsky has been invited to participate in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival at Western Michigan University May 11-13. She is the daughter of Stuart and Roberta Pinsky of Farmington Hills. The festival is

the culmination of a nine-month search for the finest artistic talent in Michigan high schools. Some 700 students attend the festival.

GRANT'S GRACE

Fairview Early Childhood Center has received a \$650 mini-grant from Oakland Schools, according to Fairview Findings. Teachers Marian Orihel, Cindy Mullmon, and Melissa Johnson prepared the grant proposal. Money will be used to conduct a parent workshop on sensory-motor integration and to provide take-home kits to reinforce concepts taught at school.

ESSAY EXCITEMENT

Larkshire Elementary fifth grader Nathan Shobe was selected as an essay winner by the Three Flags Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, according to The Larkshire Eagle. Shobe received a certificate and a book entitled, "The Look-Up Book of Presidents." Shobe also received an honorable mention in the state DAR competition. His essay was

entitled, "Colonial Days," which compared many aspects from that time period to life today. Teacher Karla Walkley also received a certificate for class participation in the DAR essay contest.

BEECH REFLECTIONS

Beechview Elementary had 16 student entries reach the state competition in the PTA's annual Reflections contest, according to Beech Viewings. Some 61 students participated in this year's event. First and second place entries are entered into the state competition. Those include:

In photography, Stephanie Westcott, Shelly Robertson, Chris Campbell, and Caitlin Chamberlin, second place, grades pre-kindergarten-2; Crew Chamberlin, first, grades pre-kindergarten-2; Shannon Bailey, Katie Steff, Matt Britten, and Kyle Chamberlin, first place, grades 3-5; Abbey Cleland, second place, grades 2-3; Carrie Nelson and Leah Yurasek.

In music, Brian Gutman, first place, grades pre-kindergarten-2; Brittany Durham, first place,

grades 3-5; Kent Peacock, second place, grades 3-5; and Robert Gutman, third place, grades 3-5.

In visual arts, Ashley Nelson and Andrea Chun, second place, grades pre-kindergarten-2; Christopher Britten, first place, grades pre-kindergarten-2; Summer Zoma, Carrie Nelson, Chris Fink, Andrea Mazanka, Andrea Barry, Stefani Barry, Anne Bruckman, Kristy Schwartz, Megan Saxe, Alicia Polk, Daniel Milson, Bryanna Porter and Alexander Smith, first place, grades 3-5; Tony D'Agostino, Michael Mennocotti, second place, grades 3-5; Leah Yurasek and Ellen Doughty.

In literature, Joyce Rose, Christopher Britten, Jessica Waldecker, second place, grades pre-kindergarten-2; Joriano Mennocotti, first place, grades pre-kindergarten-2; Elizabeth Stieber, Bill Brink, Rachel Wasson, Paul Mazanka, Beth Leeb, William Gines, Stefani Barry, Amy Drayback, Nicole Kollas, and Leah Yurasek, first place grades 3-5; and Chris Kuclo, second place, grades 3-5.

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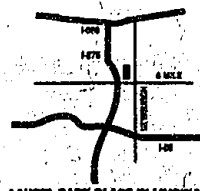
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