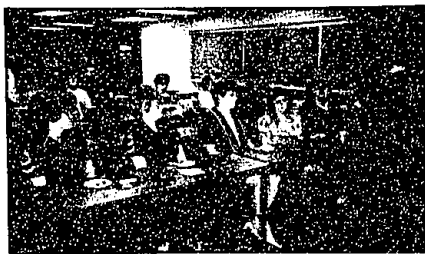


Big losers win battle of badges



The Macomb County Sheriff's Department is the big winner against the Detroit Police Department.

In March, Weight Watchers of Farmington Hills challenged the two departments in the "Battle of the Badges" competition to raise money for charity.

The five-week weight loss battle came to an end on April 27, when Weight Watchers announced the Macomb deputies as the winners.

Each team competed by trimming the fat to beat the battle of the bulge. Macomb won by losing 490.5 pounds with an average of

Weight-loss winners: Weight Watchers of Farmington Hills recruiter Carolyn Baugh motivated the Macomb County Sheriff's Department to keep up the good work. The department just completed a five-week Weight Watchers competition.

12.1 pounds lost per person who participated. The Detroit team's weight loss average was 7.1 pounds per participant with a five-week weight loss of 218.5 pounds.

Pound for pound, money was raised to benefit each team's charity — the Macomb Sheriff's Department raised more than \$1,000 to be donated to the March of Dimes.

Pin sales aid Alzheimer's Association

The Detroit Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association is offering a piece of wearable art as a means of raising funds for education, research and support programs.

The pins, available in sterling silver, 14 karat gold wash over, sterling and 14 karat gold are designed to raise awareness efforts in the community while increasing the group's financial resources.

The pins, developed by Fund-raising Concepts Inc., were first made available on a limited basis earlier this year, according to Dian Wilkins, executive director of the Detroit chapter. "The two figures supporting each other that make up our logo are extremely

distinctive and lend itself to this wearable art piece. We call it wearable, careable art and the response has been exceptional thus far."

"We have made every effort to keep these pieces affordable so that everyone in the community can show their support while owning or giving a beautiful piece of jewelry. What it expresses is love and concern for Alzheimer's sufferers and their families and caregivers. It is an extremely important message as well as a very worthy cause."

Prices for the pins are \$25 for the sterling silver pin which is about 2 inches high and for the 14 karat gold-over-sterling lapel pin

suitable for a man or woman. The 14 karat gold-over-sterling pin in the 2-inch size is priced at \$35 and the 14 karat gold design is available for special order.

"Today everyone knows someone whom Alzheimer's disease has touched — either personally or within a family. The announcement of former President Ronald Reagan's affliction with this devastating illness has brought home, more than anything we could say, how anyone can be affected," Wilkins said.

The pins can be ordered through the Detroit Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 17220 W. 12 Mile Road, Suite 100, Southfield, MI. 48076. Call (810) 557-8278.

Farmington AAUW to meet May 17

The American Association of University Women, Farmington branch, meets at 7:45 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17, at the downtown Farmington Library.

Anne Crowe will speak on her experience teaching English to safety engineers in Siberia, as part of a program sponsored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

the U.S. Department of State and the American Federation of Teachers. For information, call Diane at 653-9317.

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