

# Their actions speak volumes

## Volunteers recognized for caring hearts, helping hands



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**B**ecause they have made thinking of others — and then acting on the thought — a part of their lives, more than 300 volunteers were honored during the 21st-annual recognition breakfast May 1 at the Farmington Hills Activities Center.

Farmington and Farmington Hills officials helped hand out pins, book marks and thank you

cards to the more than 300 volunteers assembled at a more than 500 volunteers were thanked for their efforts in a variety of services.

Those services include bingo, blood pressure testing, bridge, community service, computer class, crafts, the gift shop, current events, exercise, golf, holiday meals, home chore, legal services, library, meals on wheels, oil painting, outreach, Police and Seniors Together,

tax assistance, widow's group and World Medical Relief to name a few.

A video highlighting some of those community services was part of the ceremony along with the presentation of the Diamond Award to Bette Strauch. The award recognizes a senior who is 75 years old and volunteers to serve the community.

Strauch volunteers at Providence Hospital in Southfield and

drives seniors who need transportation in the community.

Maggie Loidas, who worked at the activities center as an exercise specialist for many years, was honored for her continuing commitment through volunteer work.

And Joanna Ratanatharathorn, who directed the Volunteer Center, which matches volunteers with agencies, was also honored.

**At it awhile:** Florence Viergutz is honored for 15 years of volunteer service to the community.



The big two-five: Roger and Betty VanDorpe of Farmington have volunteered for more than 25 years.



Nice going son: Larry Soldan pins a volunteer award on his son Mike.

'Brush' with volunteerism: Ken Lockwood, who teaches painting at the Senior Center, is an honoree.

### POLICE AND FIRE CALLS

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

#### BREAK-INS

The passenger window of a red 1991 Nissan Pathfinder parked at the Strawberry Lane Apartments on Middlebelt in Farmington Hills was broken, causing \$250 in damage. An \$800 cellular phone and a \$1,500 kickbox were stolen May 1-2.

The passenger window and dashboard of a white 1986 Olds Calais were damaged (\$200) at Bob Saks on Grand River in Farmington Hills and a \$400 AM/FM cassette stereo was stolen May 3-4.

The driver's side window was broken and the dash damaged (\$400) on a white 1991 Cadillac parked at Botsford Hospital on Grand River in Farmington Hills and a \$250 AM/FM stereo cassette and other items were stolen May 4.

The glass door wall of a residence at the Fairmont Park Apartments on Dover Hill in Farmington Hills was broken (\$200) and \$1,400 in jewelry was stolen April 4.

#### VANDALISM

The driver's side window of a green 1992 VW GTI was smashed, causing \$200 in damage at the Village Green Apartments on Eight Mile in Farmington Hills May 2.

An antenna was bent, mirror broken, fog lights and rear window wiper stolen from a 1991 Mitsubishi Coup parked in Drake'shire Apartments in Farmington, causing \$600 in damage.

#### AUTO THEFT

A brown 1994 Chevy pickup worth \$12,000 was stolen from Blockbuster Video on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills May 1.

A \$16,000 gold 1994 Ford Taurus was stolen from a residence on Washington Court in Farmington Hills May 3-4.

A \$10,000 blue 1993 Plymouth Voyager was stolen from the Old Orchard Theatre on Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills May 4.

#### DAD CHECK

A check for computer equipment made out to System Development on Northwestern in Farmington Hills for \$4,442.25 in November 1994 came back with insufficient money in the account.

#### DRUNKEN DRIVING

Farmington Hills police arrested a Hills man, 43, for drunken driving after his black 1993 Cadillac was involved in an accident on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills at 6:18 p.m. May 2. The man refused a breath test, resulting in automatic suspension of his license.

Farmington Hills police arrested a Hills woman, 32, for drunken driving May 4 on I-696 eastbound near the Orchard Lake interchange. Officers had clocked a gray 1981 Jaguar at 69 mph on southbound Orchard Lake north of 13 Mile and caught the driver after she stopped at a red light, then ran it and drove onto I-696. She initially refused to take a blood alcohol test. When she did, she had a blood alcohol level of .11 percent. A level of .1 percent is considered legally drunk in Michigan.

Farmington police arrested a Highland man, 61, for drunken driving after the 1994 Ford Mustang he was driving crossed the median several times on Grand River May 4. The driver had a blood alcohol level of .17.

#### DRUGS

Farmington Hills police arrested a Detroit woman, 56, for possession of marijuana May 2 after she was pulled over because her red 1987 Ford Escort was spewing blue smoke after leaving the Motel 6 parking lot and heading east on Grand River.

Farmington Hills police arrested a Detroit woman, 24, for possession of marijuana at 10:12 p.m. May 4 on I-696 near Orchard Lake. The woman illegally turned right on red in her blue 1992 Plymouth Sundance. She had three marijuana cigarettes and two roaches in the car.

#### THEFT

A \$500 cellular phone was stolen from a locked drawer at the Ram's Horn restaurant on Or-

chard Lake between April 30 and May 2.

The dash of a black 1992 Jeep Wrangler parked at Bob Saks on Grand River in Farmington Hills May 3-4 was damaged (\$150) and a \$600 AM/FM CD stereo was stolen.

Two tires (\$500) were stolen from a black 1993 Jeep Wrangler at Bob Saks on Grand River in Farmington Hills May 3-4.

Four wheels and tires (\$1,000) were stolen from a green 1994 Toyota Camry parked at Bob Saks on Grand River in Farmington Hills May 3-4.

Farmington Hills police found a screwdriver on the seat of a black 1995 Toyota Camry parked at Bob Saks on Grand River May 3-4. It was used to pry at the dashboard and caused \$1,500 in damage.

A Southfield man told Farmington Hills police that a woman's \$350 leather jacket, a \$100 car phone and a \$90 tennis racket were taken from the 1992 Toyota Celica GT that had been repossessed by Bob Saks on Grand River in Farmington Hills April 21.

A \$200 pager and a \$3,600 man's watch were stolen from a locker at the YMCA on Farmington in Farmington Hills May 4.

A signed LeVerre Francois vase (\$800) and a Meer-schampipe bowl (\$1,435) were stolen from a display case at Hickory Hill Antiques on Grand River in Farmington May 3.

An Olympus camera (\$200) was stolen from a residence on Frederick in Farmington May 4.

#### FIRES

Neighbors of a resident on West Brandon in Farmington Hills used a garden hose to put out a fire in a plastic rubbish can at his residence at 10:13 a.m. May 3. The fire was apparently set by a child who had taken a lighter and poured gas out of a can. The fire singed the boy's hair, eyebrows and eye lashes. Damage to the property was \$40.

#### FRAUD

A credit card was fraudulently obtained and used to buy \$395.54 in merchandise from Art's Tire and Service Center on Northwestern in Farmington Hills Jan. 13.

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