

# Walkers with heart

## 400-plus step out to foot food bill for poor

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**C**ROP walkers stepped up the march this year, worshipping in the sun and opening their gait for contributions. The 10th annual 10-kilometer (6.2 miles) jaunt Sunday raised \$32,144, nearly \$5,000 better than last year's total of \$27,347. Many of the 439 participants — some in strollers and some carting the family dog — completed the course in sunny 60-degree conditions.

Money will be divided four ways to those organizations that fight hunger: Salvation Army, Neighborhood House, Baldwin Center and St. Alexander Church's food cupboard.

The walk started and finished at the First Methodist Church in downtown Farmington.

"The weather was great," said Fran Perrett, pastoral associate at St. Colman Catholic Church, which had 15 participants. "There were more (walkers) than usual. It was an enthusiastic bunch."

As much as a fund-raiser, the annual CROP walk is one Farmington's largest ecumenical outing. Some 20 churches participate, representing many denominations.

The walk winds through many neighborhoods. Walkers were able to survey blooming flowers and buds on trees.

Stations along the way provided water and orange slices.

"Our kids ran ahead of us," Perrett said. "They were saying, 'We've been here for a half hour. You bunch of slowpokes.' They put us to shame."



Marching along: Excellent spring weather Sunday afternoon no doubt helped swell the Farmington CROP Walk crowd to 439.



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Never too young: Allen Russell and his 1 1/2-year-old son Jacob (left) take a break from the CROP Walk Sunday. The family, including wife Sue, are members of Nardin Park Methodist Church. Jon Carter, (right) member of the First United Methodist Church, pushes his son, David, along the CROP Walk route.



### FARMINGTON FOCUS

#### She's a 'Golden Oldie'

**J**ewell Cooke, a Farmington Hills resident who is well known in a local master's swimming program, has received a Golden Oldie award from the YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit. She was honored May 10 in ceremonies at the Detroit Athletic Club.

Founded by Dr. Samule D. Harris, the Golden Oldie program recognizes men and women, age 50 and above, who have volunteered their time and energy to various organizations in the Detroit area. Cooke's sponsor in the program is Carol Rhudy, aquatics instructor at Oakland Community College.

#### Happy 40th!

**T**he 40th anniversary of the Farmington Neighbors Club will be celebrated at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 17, at Glen Oaks Country Club on 13 Mile Road east of Orchard Lake Road.

A luncheon will be served and a birthday cake will be cut, according to Margaret Robinson, club publicity chairman. The purpose of the club is "to promote friendship within the club and the community through philanthropic causes," Robinson said. The event is open to the public. For more information or to make reservations, call Phyllis Borst at 473-4543.

#### Pop goes the concert

**F**armington High School's annual Pops Concert, featuring the FHS concert band, symphony band and symphony orchestra, will start at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 17, in the auditorium of Farmington High on Shiawassee west of Orchard Lake Road.

Tickets at \$2 for adults, \$1 for students and \$5 for a family, may be purchased at the door. For more information, call 489-3481.

#### Party time coming up

**A**tention all Farmington-area folks interested in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. Mark Friday, May 10, on your calendar.

A USO-type party, sponsored by the WWII Commemorative Committee to Honor Veterans, will be held 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, May 19, at the Farmington Hills Activities Center (formerly the Mercy Center), 28600 11 Mile Road.

The \$10-per-person charge will include live entertainment and hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

Limited space will be available for displaying war memorabilia. For more information, call "Uncle Jack" Cord at 478-4694.

#### Getting the business

**F**armington Hills residents Christopher Konig and Mark Schorer were honored recently with 120 business students at Schoolcraft College's 23rd annual Business Honors Banquet.

The students received recognition for their academic achievements in the fields of accounting, business administration, computer information systems, management, marketing of office information systems.

#### Memory Lane

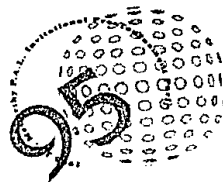
From the May 12, 1955 edition of the Farmington Enterprise:

■ A building permit application was filed for the construction of a new Lucky Super Market at Farmington Road and State Street.

■ J. Darwin Swain, village president of Union City, and Farmington Mayor Robert Lindbert were to exchange positions as part of the annual Michigan Week's Mayor Exchange Day.

■ Short item: "About the most disappointed people you will ever meet are those who get what's coming to them."

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