

COMMUNITY LIFE

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CONNIE BLAZEK

Neighbors have been great for 40 years

Sometimes it helps to review the past, to contemplate on the fruits of what we have done, so that we can improve our future, expand our horizons, develop our friendships, and continue to have a positive influence on our community.

The Farmington Neighbors Club dates back to Jan. 18, 1955, when a few neighborhood women in the Warner Farms subdivision of Farmington, Mich., organized a group to promote friendship within their community.

Meetings during that early period were first held in the members' homes. They, of course, hadn't the vaguest idea that they were indeed charter members of a community group that would grow and swell in numbers, to an eventual 230 in 1995, and become a significant community service organization.

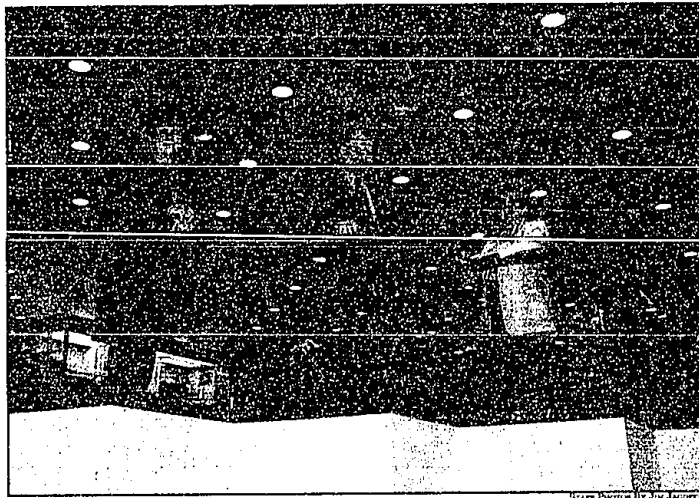
The early history, from 1955-1970, is sketchy, formal records were not kept until later. The club's history for that time is based on the memories of early members, and on publicity articles that appeared in the local newspaper, the Farmington Enterprise.

The club, in addition to being a place to make friends, rendered a wonderful service: To acquaint its members with community activities, and provide a source of entertainment close to home.

The women shared information on places to shop, restaurants to enjoy, museums to see, theaters to attend, classes to take, golf courses

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'Light Up' benefits hospice



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The three F's — food, fashions and fun — will live up to the evening when the Italian American Club of Livonia and Jacobson's Laurel Park Place stage the eighth annual "Light Up a Life" benefit for Angela Hospice next month.

A popular pre-holiday event, the gala get-together will be held 6-9 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 5, at Jacobson's Laurel Park Place store, Newburgh and Six Mile roads, Livonia.

A popular pre-holiday event — last year it attracted more than 1,000 people — the benefit will include a taste fest, featuring food and

beverages from more than 30 area restaurants and specialty shops, children's and celebrity fashion shows, and entertainment.

"A children's fashion show is planned and St. John Knits has promised a bigger and spectacular showing of their 1995-1996 holiday and cruise wear, and everyone will have an evening of shopping," said benefit organizers Carolyn DiComo of Northville Township and Loretta Burni of Farmington Hills.

Now this year is a special VIP reception with the celebrities — Tiger

Lary Sorenson; WKYZ-TV reporters Cheryl Chodun, Dan Springer and Don Shane; former Detroit Tigers Milt Wilcox and Rick Leach; WDIV Channel 4 weather reporter Paul Grass; WJB radio personality Jimmy Lauce; and Channel 60 anchorman David Scott — 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Community Room at Jacobson's.

VIP event tickets (which include the reception) are \$50 per person. General admission tickets are \$35 per person.

The strolling supper will feature samples of food and beverages from

Fun with fashions: Loretta Burni of Farmington Hills (at left, from right), Jacobson's store manager Norman Kesman and Carolyn DiComo of Livonia are busy putting the finishing touches on the "Light Up A Life" fashion benefit that will have Mark Sorenson, 9 (top photo, from left) Addison Kelley, 3, and Laura Sorenson, 13, as models.

Livonia's Allie's American Grill, Jacobson's, Laurel Manor and Fonte D'Amore, Tavern on the Green, Lorraine's Confectionery Yours, Chimento's, Mountain Jacks, The Olive Garden, Livonia Italian Bakery, Joe's Produce, De Palma's, D. Dennis's, Chef Jean-Paul La Page of Angel Hospice, Macaroni Grill, Surcil Catering from Daniel Lord Knights of Columbus and Villa de Roma.

Others include Da Vinci and Trattoria Bruschetta of Novi, de Ros

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