

Errand to run:
Debbie Zumbro, left, delivers casters to customers and performs other tasks for Sherry Eisen at her store Abode Furniture Co. in Farmington Hills.



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Woman decides to 'go for' it in business

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When Debbie Zumbro worked as a dental assistant, she wished someone else would do her grocery shopping and other time consuming chores.

"I used to think, there must be a better way," said Zumbro. "I can't be everywhere at once. I wish I had someone I could trust to do this for me."

The fledgling business is a year old now, and clients come primarily from Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield. Zumbro thought of the name Consider It Done because that's the standard response she gives her mother-in-law when asked to do a favor.

"I'll do anything within reason — run errands, clean a house, pay your bills, shop for you. Anything anyone needs or wants done."

Zumbro never misses an opportunity to secure a new client.

When she bought some new furniture from Abode Furniture Company in Farmington Hills recently, she noticed the owner spent a great deal of time in their family run business. She made her services known and thus secured a new client.

"We don't use her in our personal life, but she does odd jobs around here," said Sherry Eisen, co-owner of the store at 12 Mile and Farmington roads.

"We're very service oriented. For instance if we deliver a kitchen set and one of the casters is missing, Debbie will run it out to the customer's house. She's a very nice person."

The Novi housewife thought that other harried workers might feel the same way she did, enough to make it worth her while to switch job gears. That's how her business, Consider It Done, was born.

"I wanted to go into business for myself for some time, but franchising didn't appeal to me," said Zumbro, 37.

She visited a job placement agency and was counseled to scan Money and Entrepreneur magazines to get ideas on starting a new business. When she found an article about personal shoppers in a national magazine, she found her niche.

"I called a lady in New York who was featured in one article. She was a personal shopper. It was neat to find somebody doing what I wanted to do."

Zumbro has about 15 clients now but would like to see that number rise. She has passed out fliers, knocked on doors, and counts on repeat business, too.

"I recently pet sat for a couple in West Bloomfield," she said. "They wanted someone they could trust for their three cats,

who they treat like children. I have two cats myself. I cleaned their litter box, fed them and played with them every day. It worked out well."

One other area Zumbro is looking into is a taxi service for children.

"I've had a lot of requests from people who need to get their kids to gymnastics or soccer, but they can't get away from work to do it. But I'm checking with my insurance agency first."

Zumbro admits she's not getting rich in her new found career, but she has her husband of 20 years, Daniel, to provide financial and emotional support.

Zumbro is fully licensed and bonded. In addition to chores, she also puts together gourmet gift baskets.

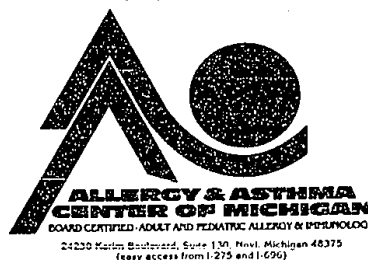
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Local artist and designer, Dominic Pangborn, will unveil a number of original paintings he has completed and donated to Independence For Life for this fund-raiser.

Proceeds of the paintings will be donated to IFL to continue to provide safe and reliable transportation to senior citizens. Pangborn's paintings have been exhibited in Chicago, Detroit, New York and Tokyo and in international magazines.

His works are on the walls of many corporate offices, as well as in the homes of private collectors in the United States and abroad. Pangborn has a line of ties, sold in stores in the United States.

The "Tie Guy" will exhibit his latest collection of ties as part of the evening's festivities. While guests enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres, holiday evening attire will be modeled by the Somerset Collection in Troy. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Tickets are \$25 a person and may be ordered by calling 1-800-344-2535.

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Piano teachers eye technology

Do computers have a place and purpose in piano studios?

Morrine Pomleh Silverman will share her expertise in "Integrating Traditional Piano Teaching With Today's Technology" at the Nov. 1 meeting of the Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum.

The meeting will begin 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 1, in the recital hall of Hammill Music, 16030 Middlebelt in Livonia.

Silverman of West Bloomfield earned a bachelor of music degree in music education from Michigan State University and a master of music degree from University of Michigan.

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