

Karmanos fund-raiser planned

The Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute has announced a five-year, \$75 million fund-raising campaign — Michigan's largest for a single disease.

The Cancer Care and Cure Campaign will fund new facilities, research, community outreach and education projects. More than \$50 million has already been raised, thanks to the generous contributions of local and national corporations, foundations and individuals.

Included in the \$50 million is the \$15 million gift from Farmington Hills businessman Peter Karmanos, Jr., which named the Institute; and a \$5 million research pledge from the General Motors Corp., announced May 11 at the Institute's annual black-tie gala.

"Cancer patients throughout the region now have access to world-renowned cancer specialists, research experts, and the most compassionate, appropriate and efficient care available," said Institute Director and CEO William P. Peters, M.D. "The success of this campaign, by the year 2000, will make the Karmanos Cancer Institute one of the top five cancer centers in the nation."

The campaign will be chaired by General Motors Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President John F. Smith, Jr.; and Edward C. Levy, Jr., president, Edward C. Levy Company, Detroit.

Honorary chairs include Michigan Governor John and First Lady Michelle Engler, Mayor Dennis and Judge Trudy Archer, Tom and Nancy Angott, David and Doreen Hermelin, Dr. Michael and Rita Brennan, Dr. Vainutis and Ingeborg, and Dr. William and Elizabeth Peters.



Old friends: Veteran Harry Ross meets former neighbor Helen Curtis.

Vets make Flag Day special for residents

Pete Kulbaba, Harry Ross, John Green and Jake Wisnelli — veterans from the VFW Post 2289 of Farmington Hills — visited the Hamilton House of Farmington Hills, a residence for the memory impaired, for a Flag Day celebration June 14.

Residents are veterans of wars dating back to World War I.

The visitors demonstrated the proper way to fold a flag and then presented that flag to Sam Tennenbaum, a veteran of World War I.

Kulbaba spoke about the meaning of the flag and the reverence of it.

Staff, visitors, and residents joined in the pledge of allegiance.

Humor was brought to the event by Ross who proceeded to tell stories about his experiences while serving his tour.

As he looked out into the crowd, he discovered one of his former neighbors, Helen Curtis, a resident of Hamilton House.

Even though the residents experience short-term memory loss, long-term memory for many of them is intact.

This reminiscence brought smiles and comments from many of them.

Refreshments were served and a lot of hugs were exchanged.

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"We haven't taken a ment ax approach to tax cuts," he said.

Wolf said the county has been lean while keeping about a \$70 million surplus.

"You need a 5-10 percent surplus to keep your bond rating and be ready for emergencies," he said.

Wolf said he would eventually like to see a tax reduction if surpluses continue.

More surpluses will be harder to find, he said. The county has already cut 300 jobs through attrition and buyouts, without any layoffs.

"On the other side we've seen a lot of growth," he said. "Our airport is the second largest in the state and 27th largest in the world. It's very important to our county."

He cited trade missions to Mexico as part of the county's efforts to improve the area economy and low unemployment as one of the benefits to its growth and favorable business climate.

Wolf said as tax dollars are spread thinner, cooperation between counties and between counties and local governments will help in a variety of ways.

"We hope we can come up with a bus system that will take in all of Woodward Avenue," he said.

Wolf cited cooperative efforts between cities and counties on the Eight Mile Corridor as an example of redevelopment.

Wolf said he will continue to keep a handle on taxes while improving services wherever possible.

"I cut expenses and I will continue to find financially sound ways to do that as long as I am a commissioner," he said.

In addition, Wolf said he will continue to find ways to

strengthen county law enforcement, health services and economic development.

During his chairmanship of the commission's Airport Committee, the Oakland Pontiac Airport has become the Oakland County International airport and has obtained a full-time federal customs service. Those changes will mean an additional \$20 million for the county's economy, he said.

Wolf and his wife Shirley have five grown children.

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Of the 22 acres, only eight are being developed, Yaldo said. The rest will remain untouched.

The site plan includes a green belt area and a meandering creek.

The stream, though, is expected to be altered by the Oakland County Drain Commission's planned repairs for Caddell Drain.

Yaldo is meeting with members of the drain commission on

how the repairs will affect his plans.

Trees will be saved where ever possible. Some larger trees will come down but are to be replaced by saplings, Yaldo said.

In all, there will be 52 evergreens and 20 shade trees, as well as shrubs and additional landscaping, architect James Ludwig said.

"I won't be here to see the maturation of that tree at all," said

Green Briar resident Art Deters.

The developer said he has a track record preserving trees. Yaldo cited PineWoods Condominiums on Farmington Road in the city, which he built and retained many existing trees.

The zoning change — for which the public hearing was called — allows the developer more latitude in setbacks and size of the units. Condos are expected to start at \$200,000 each, Yaldo said.

Planning Commission's recommendation will be considered by Farmington City Council for approval. Department of Natural Resources also has to approve of the site plan.

Resident complaints will likely have little effect in stopping the development. The area is zoned as residential.

"He (Yaldo) has a right to own land and to a reasonable use," Commission member William Burke said.

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Following are the winners of the Memorial Day Parade in Farmington:

- Best Unit — In memory of past commanders of Grove-Walker Post 346; won by Redford ROTC.
- Outstanding Color Guard Adult — Louis B. Hovens & Theodore R. Hovens; won by Farmington Hills Color Guard VFW Post 2289 Auxiliary Memorial.
- Best First Youth — Won by Girl Scouts 32.
- Best Musical Group — VFW Post 2289 won by Northville Carriage Co., redneck horse and the carriage; Leonard Demberowski, past commander 190.
- Best Youth Group, Boys — Won by Cub Scout Pack 45.
- Best Youth Group, Girls — Irene Christensen Krueger, past Blue Star Mother President; won by Irene Dimes Electric.
- Best Marching Unit — Won by Robert Hildebrand, past commander Post 190, won by Redford ROTC.
- Most Outstanding Vehicle — In memory of Charles Currie won by Bob Robey, Model T.
- Best Marching Group, Youth — Grove-Walker 346 Auxiliary Memorial; Harrison High School Flag group.
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