



Taking a shine: Lauren Picard, 15, of Farmington Hills; her mother, Mary, and brother Preston take a look at Sheila Taormina's gold medal won at the Atlanta Olympics. Taormina joined city officials during Celebrity Server Night at Big Boy in Farmington Oct. 9. The event raised more than \$1,000 for Farmington Families in Action.



City service: Farmington councilwoman Mary Bush delivers the food to Sheri Hoerke, left, and Jan Tbbe.

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Celebs step up to plate for FFIA fund-raiser

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What a line-up: First there was the one at the of patrons waiting to get in; and then there were those serving up the food. Farmington Families in Action teamed up with Big Boy restaurant on Farmington Road for its annual Celebrity Server Night Oct. 9. More than \$1,000 was raised for FFIA, which is in the midst of its "Sober October" campaign.

host, hostess, waiters, waitresses, bus people and dessert makers with Big Boy managers and employees serving as patient tutors. Within minutes, the novices were balancing platters, scurrying around while shouting out the familiar "behind you." North Farmington High marching band dropped by to provide a throbbing rhythm to what was a harried scene. Patrons did their part by tipping. Gratuities were collected and donated to FFIA. Also, Farmington Big Boy donated 10 percent of the day's receipts to the group's substance abuse awareness programs.

J.S. Olympic swimmer Sheila Taormina shook hands, signed autographs and smiled as brightly as the gold medal around her neck. Taormina was joined by a cast of local celebrities whose dexterity with dinner dishes wouldn't quite make the highlight films from Atlanta. Farmington Hills Mayor Aldo "May I Sent You" Vagnozzi and Farmington Mayor Jo Anne "Smoking or Non Smoking?" McShane were joined by their council cohorts while Farmington Public Schools Superintendent Bob "Regular or Decaf?" Maxfield led a contingent of educators into the fund-raising fray. "This kind of reminds you of college, doesn't it?" said North Farmington High principal Deb Clarke, helping clean off a table. Volunteers took on roles of

Turnout for this year's event was the best ever, Big Boy owner George Durany said. Ironically, last year's program featured former Detroit Red Wing Keith Primeau, who was traded to the Hartford Whalers Wednesday. This was the third celebrity server night Big Boy hosted for FFIA. "It was tremendous; it was a lot of fun," said Durany, who owns the Farmington Road Big Boy restaurant. As for his evaluation of the employee help, the restaurant was quite pleased. "I'd like to hire everyone," he said. "When you get people who are that enthusiastic ... and it was all for a good cause."

Dessert storm: Hills councilwoman Vicki Barnett puts the topping on several sundaes ordered during the dinner rush.



Principal's platter: Highmeadow Common Campus principal Barbara Reams makes sure Jack, 3, and Christina, 10, Glancy are satisfied with their food.

BUSINESS MILESTONES

This column highlights promotions, transfers, hirings and other key personnel moves with Farmington-area connections. Send a brief biographical summary, including the towns of residency and employment and a black-and-white photo, if desired, to: Business Editor, Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand River, Farmington 48335. The Observer's fax number is 1-810-477-9722.



Richard Linsk



Greg Zimmer

firm, has acquired Organizational Revitalization, Inc. of Clarkston.

GREG ZIMMER of Farmington Hills has been appointed as the Director of Marketing for the original equipment manufacturing sales division at Cooper Automotive in Troy. He will be responsible for all Cooper Automotive OEM marketing activities including advertising, public relations, market planning and support.

ROBERT F. FEARON of Farmington Hills was chosen by The American Institute of Architects to receive its President's Award. The award recognizes the unique contributions of architects who practice in the education or corporate world. For 30 years, he served as Director of Design and Construction for the Bell System. In 1987 he joined the faculty of Lawrence Technological University where he is a Senior Lecturer and a full time faculty member in the College of Architecture and Design.

BOYS AND GIRLS REPUBLIC of Farmington Hills selected Maryjane Peck of Livonia as a member of Leadership Detroit XVIII. Leadership Detroit, one of 350 community leadership programs throughout the nation, provides a foundation for lifelong commitment to effective leadership through education and capacity building.

BOTSFORD CONTINUING CARE CORPORATION in Farmington Hills has named Bill Parisi the Applause! Applause! winner for October. An administrator-in-training, Parisi has been with Botsford for two years. He was nominated for the award by Linda Mondoux, R.N., administrator of nursing services who noted that he often extends himself beyond the call of duty.

RICHARD LINSK, M.D. has joined Middlebelt Pediatrics, a University of Michigan Health Center in Farmington Hills. Dr. Linsk joins the practice of William Rubinoff, M.D., Harvey Stein, M.D., and Allan Weiner, M.D.

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AGENDAS

Farmington Hills City Council
City Hall, 474-6115
Regular meeting
Council chambers
7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14
Agenda items include:
■ A public hearing to consider a variance from the city code for flood damage prevention for 28535 Geraldine and entering into executive session to discuss the city attorney's written opinion.
■ A report from Councilwoman Nancy Bates regarding the National League of Cities Human Development Committee Meeting.
■ Consideration of appointments to boards and commissions.

■ Consideration of the selection of a consultant to conduct an organizational analysis of the department of special services.
■ Consideration of the approval of a contract with SMART.
Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission special meeting
Farmington Hills City Hall, 473-7288
4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15
Agenda items include:
■ Presentation by Harold Horn of CTCIC on the SWOCC's franchising authority;

■ Explanation of city and SWOCC's jurisdiction by city attorney John Donohue;
Farmington Board of Education
Lewis Schulman Center, 469-3300
7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15
Agenda items include:
■ Recognition of state Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills;
■ Presentation of Expansion Management magazine Gold Medal Award by Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce Director Jody Sorenson.

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