

## Gilda's Club names 3 women to board seats

Joyce Bichler, executive of Farmington Hills based Gilda's Club of Metro Detroit, announced the appointment of new board members recently.

They are Rebecca Christian, Christina Lovio-George and Karen Gunsberg.

Named for former Detroit and comedian Gilda Radner, Gilda's Club is a free non profit, support community for people with cancer, their families and friends.

Christian, of Livonia, is senior vice president and director of the Franklin Bank in Southfield. Lovio-George, of Bloomfield Hills, founded Lovio-George, Inc., a Detroit based marketing communications and public relations firm in 1979. Gunsberg, of

West Bloomfield, is a realtor with Century 21, Town and Country, Birmingham.

Each are appointed to two year terms joining the existing board which includes President Randall Book; vice presidents Jacqueline Berkelhammer, Marcia Gershenson, Sherry Mudskor, Michael Radner (Gilda's brother); treasurer Cori Lester; and members Leonard Baron, Dr. Stuart Bordman, Olga Dworkin, Phillip Fisher, Joe Gadon, Richard Golden, Janet Jaffe, Paul Kadish, Phyllis Marra, Carolyn Moore, Arthur Nitzsche, Maury Okun, Peter Robinson, Susan Rogel, Dr. Michael Roth, Jean Slaughter, Sandra Tessler and Jim Weiner.

## Mom's pie takes the cake

Mom's Oatmeal Pie won first prize in the senior division of the pie baking contest sponsored by the First United Methodist Church during the Farmington Founders Festival.

A large audience was on hand to see Julie Skworecz of Farmington win for her recipe. Here it is.

**Mom's Oatmeal Pie**  
1 9-inch unbaked pie crust  
2 eggs, slightly beaten

2/3 cup maple syrup, or imitation

2/3 cup sugar

1/2 cup oatmeal

one stick butter or margarine (melted)

1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Mix eggs, syrup, sugar, oatmeal, butter and walnuts together.

Stir until well blended. Pour into pie shell. Bake at 350

degrees for 45 minutes or until done.



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**Laugh driven:** Motor City Women of Comedy presents its benefit for Gilda's Club. From left: Elliott Branch, Alyce Faye, Leo DuFour, Jim McLean, Norm Stultz, and Mary Miller. Not pictured but also performing will be Jennie McNulty.

## Foster parents needed

The St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center is looking for dedicated foster and adoptive parents to provide safe and loving homes for children with special needs and victims of abuse.

A summer orientation will be held Thursday, Aug. 21 at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the center's foster care and adoption department today at 626-3025.

The foster care and adoption building, 24725 Inkster, between 12 Mile and Northwestern Highway. Information regarding qualifications and training will be provided.

Call the center's foster care and adoption department today at 626-3025.

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Radner was best known as an original cast member of NBC's "Saturday Night Live" show where she created such characters as Lisa Looper, Roseanna Rosendanna and Emily Litella. Radner, a Michigan native, died of ovarian cancer in 1989 following a two and a half year battle with the disease. It was her dream to have a place where cancer patients, their families and friends could come together for emotional support.

Her dream, Gilda's Club, is a 5,300 square foot, three-story house in Royal Oak, scheduled to open later this year when renovations are complete. It will offer weekly wellness groups, family groups, lectures, workshops and special events in a homelike setting. It will be open to men, women and children with all types of cancer, as well as their families and friends.

"We wanted to be very involved in raising funds and paying tribute to a woman who paved the way for us," said Faye.

For the first show four years ago, Faye says every phone call to a comedienne was met with overwhelming support, enthusiasm and a desire to participate. Chaplins, Kicked, Joey's, Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, Big Red's, Holly Hotel, Rib Ticklers, Second City and Paisanos will be encouraging patrons to join the fun Aug. 24.

"We're adding a few good men this year," she said, adding that "people were getting the wrong

impression. With all women performers, they thought Gilda's Club was just for women. It's for everyone."

Faye says concert-goers can expect a first rate show.

"This rivals an HBO production," she said. "Last year we had 700 people. We'd like to sell out. Our theme is a jungle - The Lion Laughs Tonight."

The benefit started out in Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle but soon outgrew the venue. This will be the second year at the Royal Oak Music Theater. Faye hopes they'll have to move the show to the Fox or Fisher theater next year.

"We're always looking for ways to keep it fresh with new performers, new themes. Join us for a jungle of laughs."

Faye is already smitten with Gilda's Club.

"The friendships you make are priceless," she said. "I just love those people at Gilda's Club."

Faye and her partner Miller will host the concert. Performers include Elliott Branch, Leo DuFour, Jim McLean, Norm Stultz and Jennie McNulty. Tickets are \$75 V.I.P., \$50 preferred seating and \$35 regular seating. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. with afterglow and dessert for all at 10 p.m.

Tickets are available through Ticketmaster outlets Hudson's, Harmony House and Blockbuster Music.

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child restraint violation costs \$90.

Failure to yield to emergency vehicles costs \$135, as does not stopping for a school bus. If you refuse a preliminary breath test, cough up \$175. Most other driving violations cost \$110.

It has been indicated to me previously by the court that in the case of most traffic violations, if one wishes to contest the ticket, one must notify the court and an appearance date before a magistrate will be given.

If the magistrate finds you guilty, the fine must be paid immediately, even if you ask for an appeal hearing before a judge. Then, if the judge finds you still guilty, you lose the fine, but if the judge finds you innocent, the amount of the fine will be refunded by the court.

I find this process rather unappealing because the defendant is put at a distinct disadvantage in terms of loss of time and money, as well as probably increased auto insurance rates, whether or not the defendant is guilty and simply elects to pay the fine rather than go through the present judicial process. I would hope something might be

done by the 47th District Court to more evenly balance the scales of justice in these cases.

While most citizens deal with the court for nothing more serious than traffic tickets, as costly as they may be, other potential offenders might take note of the following especially the local youth population.

Often a court will go easy on young and first time offenders convicted of more serious crimes by sentencing them to probation or community service as an alternative to the county jail. Community service convictions costs the offenders \$30 a day. Yes, they pay for themselves doing community service.

But worse, if you happen to be sentenced to serve time in the Oakland County jail, the cost goes up. Inmates are charged \$65 a day for their room and board in jail.

Luckily, I haven't had a traffic ticket in over 30 years and I've never been accused of any crimes. But there for the grace of God go I. My advice is simple: obey the laws because the alternative isn't worth the price.

## North Farmington garden club celebrates 20 years

The North Farmington Garden Club recently celebrated its 20th anniversary with a season finale luncheon and tour of the house and gardens at Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester.

Four original charter members remain active within the organization and four additional have been members since 1977.

"Obviously gardening is here to stay," said Jolene Marbonich, publicity chairperson for the club.

"Just ask any one of our present 42 members and associate members. There is something intangibly humbling and soul satisfying when down on ones knees digging and planting in

the dirt to produce a landscape of flowering color for our community's enjoyment. Just drive by Dunckel Middle School on Twelve Mile Road or past the five senses gardens at the Farmington YMCA during the peak of summer bloom. We rest our case."

The club's 1997-98 season will debut with a field trip on Tuesday, Aug. 12 to the Seven Ponds Nature Center in Dryden featuring a prairie grass walk as well as specialty gardens and nature displays. Bring a picnic lunch. Members and guests can call for more information: 477-2511 or 553-3265. Register for this outing by Aug. 4.

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