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offered to teach me how to quilt. I've always wanted to try it, so I may just take them up on the offer. Besides all these fun activities, the club also has general meetings the second Tuesday of each month. Sometimes we have interesting speakers, sometimes we make crafts, sometimes we watch demonstrations. But always we have fun. At the Nov. 11 meeting we learned how to make decorative swag.

Dec. 9 is a potluck gift exchange. I'm really looking forward to learning how to do faux finishes in February and how to line dance in March. That should be a hoot. How about visiting us in March and learning how to line dance? Members are always encouraged to bring a

friend. The general meetings are open to all. The more the merrier.

It's hard when you move to a new place because most people you meet already have an established circle of friends. You have to find others who are also looking for a new social link. The Welcome Wagon provides just that opportunity in Farmington and I am so glad I found it.

Marti Stupica is president of the Welcome Wagon Club of Farmington/Farmington Hills. Information about membership can be found at the local libraries, the city parks and recreation department, or by calling 474-0891.

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## Local genealogist receives Kellogg award

Longtime Farmington resident Margaret Walker received the Lucy Mary Kellogg Award this fall at the 1997 Michigan Genealogical Council Seminar in Grand Rapids.

The Lucy Mary Kellogg award was established in 1992 in honor of the Michigan Genealogical Council's founding member and eminent genealogist. Some of the criteria to meet for the award are serving in a position of leadership in a Michigan genealogical or historical organization; being involved in a major research project; furthering knowledge of genealogy through education and making a significant contribution to the genealogical benefit of the community.

Walker is a descendant of three pioneer families and homesteaders in Charlevoix, Leelanau and Grand Traverse counties beginning around 1880. She began as a council delegate in 1976 and has served on numerous committees and was council president from 1982-84. She proposed the plan for member societies of MGC to co-host the annual seminars and to share the profits, thereby strengthening

both the council and its member societies. Walker was general chairman of the 1985 seminar held in Livonia and co-hosted by the Farmington Genealogical Society.

Her major contribution to the state genealogical community was the Death Records Index project, an ongoing project with the Michigan Department of Community Health. She works as a committee of one with the State Registrar, with the assistance of local society coordinators keeping approximately 600 volunteers throughout the state supplied with individual packets containing ledger photocopies and transcription materials supplied by the community health department.

A three volume set entitled Michigan Death Index (1867-1874) was published in 1996 and a copy has been placed in the downtown Farmington Community Library. A final collation will include all entries transcribed through 1882 and will be printed in early 1998.

In Farmington, Walker was the co-founder (1973) and past president of the Farmington Genealogical Society, which will



Accepting award: Margaret Walker of Farmington receives the Lucy Mary Kellogg Award from Sybil Rae-side at the Michigan Genealogical Council Seminar.

celebrate its 25th anniversary in September, 1998.

She transcribed the Oakland County Courthouse records which led to the Society's publication of "Land Owner Maps of Historical Farmington Township (1822-1830) which was compiled and maps drawn by Peter Scholtenbrand.

Continuation of this project and others, such as tombstone and burial records readings of the five city cemeteries, a local death records index for Farmington and Farmington Hills, and transcribing obituaries from the

Farmington Observer are ongoing.

The Farmington Genealogical Society meets on the third Tuesday of each month September through May with the exception of December at 7 p.m. at the downtown Farmington Community Library on State Street. Membership is \$12 individual or \$15 family and includes a monthly newsletter and a beginning genealogical packet. For more information, call club president Peggy Brann at 653-6711 or Sue Cromwell, vice president, at 477-5846.

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## OWL sets brunch for Dec. 7 at Botsford Inn

The Farmington chapter of Older Women's League (OWL) plans a holiday brunch on Sunday, Dec. 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Botsford Inn.

Cost is \$20 per person for brunch in the Founder's room, and a talk by speaker Kay Duncan on "Women in the Bible." There will be a raffle of a hand-made Christmas stocking and wreath and a \$100 gift certificate for Shadowline lingerie. There will also be a silent auction.

Duncan, the speaker, was born in Nashville, Tennessee and attended Memphis State University. She has lived in several states and also England and Canada before moving to the Detroit area in 1978.

She began her volunteer activities with the Detroit Institute of Arts that same year. She's been involved in various capacities: art to the schools chairman, 1991 arts and flowers chair, volunteer committee chair 1991-93, and presently serves as member of the Founders Society Membership Committee, an advisor and member of Hospitality DIA. She continues as an arts to the schools docent.

Reservations must be received by Dec. 2. Call Doris O'Connell at (248) 348-8012.

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advising a neighbor putting down a wood kitchen floor.

Sitting at his kitchen table, with the cherry side shelf nearby holding framed family photos and the wall telephone mounted in a custom made wood frame behind him, Grix notes that the handles for the nearby rocking horse are worn down. A fifth grandchild, and the first child for his daughter Christa, is due to be born in February.

No doubt the horse will be making a trip to the basement workshop for a tuneup soon.

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