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the group's meetings during the past four years.

"In our club if we do something two years in a row, it becomes a tradition," said Bill Hartsock, Farmington Exchange Club's outgoing president and Farmington councilman.

Knollenberg gave a glowing report from the U.S. economic front: A balanced budget, low interest rates and meager inflation. He warned that Democrats are seeking to turn the resulting budget surplus back into new federal programs.

"If you put it into some fancy box, it's still going to be in Washington and there is still somebody who can get to it," said Knollenberg, who favors tax cuts

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instead.

Terrorism remains a concern, especially the country's vulnerability to attacks like those at U.S. embassies in Africa. That prompted an audience member to question U.S. perceived role as "superpower."

"What rights do we have to get involved in other country's affairs?" asked James Wedell. "If those countries cannot protect our citizens adequately, we should just leave."

Knollenberg defended the decision to bomb sites in Afghanistan and a Sudanese pharmaceutical plant in response to the embassy attacks. The latter was being used to make products for chemical warfare, he said.

"We don't have the full story yet, but I feel what we did was right," Knollenberg said.

Audience members also quizzed the five-year congress-

man on developments in Russia to nuclear waste disposal in the U.S. They also asked about GOP favorites in the 2000 presidential race. Knollenberg rattled off names of George W. Bush, John Casey, Newt Gingrich, Steve Forbes and John McCain as potential candidates.

Exchange members wouldn't let the impeachment lie.

"Is it conceivable that Democrats would be in favor of impeachment because then Al Gore would be running as an incumbent president?" John Richardson asked.

Knollenberg refused to speculate. Kenneth Starr will present his report to the House Judiciary Committee, which will make a determination on whether to start impeachment proceedings, Knollenberg said.

"There is a protocol; You have to follow it," he said.

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by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

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the model, classes are intended to be completed in a half-year.

The plan, which is upped different from Farmington High School's block scheduling program - is either fabulous or nebulous.

Proponents claim the plan gives teachers and students more time for innovative, creative learning and allows opportunities for students to take a wider variety of courses.

But critics of the four-by-four (now in place at Novi High School) insist that students receive fewer minutes of quality instruction than they would under the traditional full-year program, and thus, although more make the honor roll, higher grades don't mean much.

Critics also worry that students who must finish a full year of Advanced Placement courses or music, law, or other specialized courses, may have the potential to take significant courses under the block system, compared to the current

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Helen Ellison
Parent

who attended the meeting. Also on hand was the mother of a current Harrison junior.

"There are just a lot of questions that have to be answered," Helen Ellison said. "Parents are concerned, and they have every right to have those questions answered."

At the June international forum at Harrison, parents were assured by high school and district officials that their input and support of the plan's essential elements can proceed.

Parents are committing to, however long it takes to do this right. And while the district's assistant superintendent of instruction, said during the forum,

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