# Consumers need to be informed when donating

About 2,900 charities are ficensed in Michigan to solidity donations from you and your neighbors. Every year, these charities take in millions of delars in donations. While many use your money wisely, others are not deserving of your general it is best if you receive a reasity, says the Farmington dills Consumer Protection Committee Consumer Cons

Asking questions about the charity and making an informed giving decision is the only way to

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be sure that your money will support the worthwhile services that a charity can provide.

Ask Questions

If you receive a solicitation call, it is best if you don't pledge before you have all the facts. Even if the charlty sounds werthwhile, request written information. Take the time you need to think things over – a charlty that needs your help today will still need it tomorrow.

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Ask:

WHO is soliciting for the charity - volunteers or professional fund-roisers?

WHAT does the charity do?

ME HOW MUCH of your money will go to the program you wish to support? How much will go for fund raising or administrative costs?

WHEY should you give to this charity? Its your donation tax deductible?

WHERE is the charity located? Request a name, address, and telephone number.

WHEN did the charity begin operating? Has it been effective?

licensed organizations are issued a Michigan Charitable Solicitations number. Ask the charity to provide you with this information before you donate. This information is also evailable by calling (817) 373-1152, or by writing to the Michigan Charitable Trust Section at PO Box 30214, Lansing, MI 48909. The attorney general is also available at www.sg.state.mi.us.
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social groups, unions, or political action groups whose membership consists of current or former firefighters and law enforcement personnel. These groups may use little of your money for charitable purposes. In order for your donation to be tax deductible, the receiving organization must be specific with internal Revenue Service requirements. You may wish to ask the solicitor if your donation will be deductible. Your refusal to donate to these groups will not affect your access to police, fire, or emergency services. Most public safety organizations that solicit are required to file with the atterney general. You may direct public safety inquiries to the attorney general hotline at (300) 789-4518. Note that this is for public safety inquiries to the attorney general hotline at (300) 789-4518. Note that this is for public safety inquiries only. Your call cannot be forwarded from this number. Finally, many charities and to forwarded from this number. Finally, many charity, your among the content of the properties of the content of the content

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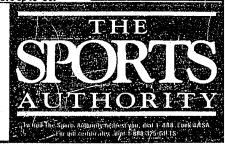
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## SCHOOL BRIEFS

The following is a round-up of events in the Walled Lake School District, which includes a northwest Farmington Hills.

### GALULEO LEADERS

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For the past two years, the district has participated in the Galileo program with major sponsorship from the Kellogs Foundation. Because of careful budgeting, we anticipate that the Kellogs funding will assist in carrying the program into a third two-year cycle, which will give the district nearly thirty teachers who have been through the program. This year's participants are Bette Ambrosac, Chriss Golden, Western; Peggy Haver, WLMS; Kwin, Jeff Lilee and Marykfuy Marks, Cental; and Patricia Werner, Keith.

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The district honored Darrin'
Jennings, Western teacher and
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was nominated by his JV team.

## **VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION WEEK**

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Individual volunteers and outstanding staff members are recognized through colden Apple Awards, but each spring the district sets aside one week to honor the legions of volunteers who work throughout the district each day of the school year. The board preclaimed the week of May 31-June 4, 1999 as Volunteer Recognition Week.

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PRELIMINARY 1999-2000 BUDGET

Administration present of the proposed 1999-2000 school budget during the state-mandated ipublic hearing. The public and board of education members had. board of education members had; the opportunity to ask questions and the board adopted the 1999-, 2000 operating budget as presented. The board also approved final adjustments to the 1998-1998 budget to more accurately reflect the year's revenues and expenditures.

### MILLAGE RATE REDUCED

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Based on the provisions of Proposal A, the district will lays 18, mills on non-homestoad property for 1999-2000. The millage required to generate the certified hold-harmless revenue for 1998-2000 will be 3.0520 mills. This is a reduction of .2554-mill for homestoad property owners. To satisfy debt obligations fir 1999-2000, 4.8 mills will be levied.