

# Community support for Cornucopia continues to grow



Several local businesses and area celebrities are lending their support to the Farmington Hills/Farmington Community Foundation as they prepare for their Fifth Annual Cornucopia Ball on Friday, Nov. 12 at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills.

The event is a black-tie optional dinner dance and special live and silent auction to benefit the foundation, which provides funding and support to local family organizations and programs, such as Farmington Families in Action, Farmington/Farmington Hills Multicultural Community Council and after-school activity centers.

"Support of the foundation is a great community relations opportunity for businesses," said event chair Cathy Webb. "In addition to realizing certain tax benefits, organizations who participate are investing directly back into their community."

The foundation continues to seek participants. In addition to cash donations, the foundation also welcomes those who wish to show their generosity through the donation of items or in-kind services for the silent auction.

For more information on the Cornucopia Ball, contact Suzanne Lichtman, executive director at 855-5542.

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American Therapeutic Massage - Two, one-hour gift certificates  
Auto Center, Inc. - Two oil changes with oil and filter lubrication  
Charles and Nancy Bates - One custom, fully decorated doll house and one gourmet dinner for eight in the Bates' home  
Baker Street Draperies - Lamp  
Detroit Edison - VCR with remote  
Diamond Boutique - Diamond bracelet  
Chief William Dwyer - Spend a day with the Farmington Hills Chief of Police.  
EDS Consulting - "Getting a Grip on Anger" two-hour anger management seminar at your workplace (up to 20 people) by Dr. Ellen Slutsky, Ph.D.  
Farmington Family YMCA - Family Fitness membership for one year  
Farmington Hills Police Department - Two autographed Red Wings hockey sticks and an autographed WNBA basketball

Focal Point Studio of Photography - \$300 gift certificate  
Independence Green Apartments - Ten rounds of golf on Independence Green Golf Course  
Inrecon - Twelve tickets in suite including food and beverages at the Palace for a Vipers game  
Lichtman & Associates/Suzanne & Gary Lichtman - Three hours of media relations/public relations consulting services  
March Tire/Good Year - Four passenger tires with installation  
Michelin North America, Inc. - One set of Michelin tires  
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Sagemark Consulting/Dennis Fitzgerald - Estate, investment, retirement and business succession planning services  
Shanty Creek in Bellaire - Two rounds of golf  
Timothy Smith, author, Farmington Observer reporter - One autographed copy of his book, "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies - Little Thumbs Up!"  
Gwen Tomkow - Painting of northern Michigan along sand dunes  
Elaine Whitney - Six prints of northern Michigan scenes  
Farmington Hills Fire Department - Autographed WNBA Charlotte basketball signed by entire team  
Deb Kondzierski - Basket of goodies  
Marvin Burke - Bad and breakfast at the Victorian Inn in Port Huron  
Bev Ellis - two necklaces  
Just Jewelers - man's bracelet  
Colonial Car Wash - 10 car washes  
Richard Marinucci - Children's ride in a Farmington Hills fire engine, tour and lunch with

the chief  
Dr. Max McKinney - Condo on Marco Island for one week May 1 through Dec. 14  
Chief Gary Goss - Day as a public safety officer, ride on a patrol car and a fire truck, put out fire, firearms training with officers, lunch with the chief  
Diamond Boutique - Diamond pendant  
Just Jewelers - Two pairs of earrings  
The Gold Loft - Jewelry  
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Chief Bill Dwyer - FBI old fashioned glasses  
Anonymous - Two tickets to the Fisher Theatre to see "Martin Guerre"  
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Michelle of N.A. - Four passenger tires from Michelin  
John Ginnopolis - Dinner for two at Ginnopolis  
City of Farmington Hills - Two nine-hole rounds of golf for four  
Cathy Webb - Golf bag  
Charles and Nancy Bates - Gourmet dinner for eight at the home of Charles and Nancy Bates  
Carl Gippert - Guest conductor at a band or orchestra event at North Farmington High School  
Norm Logan - Guest conductor at a band or orchestra event at Farmington High School  
Mark Phillips - Guest conductor at a band or orchestra event at Harrison High School  
John Herrington - Guest coach on the sidelines at a 2000 season football game at Harrison High School  
William Hartcock - Hunt and Grunt dinner for two with William Hartcock  
The Reliance Group - Jackets and miscellaneous items  
Cathy Webb - JFK Jr. memorial magazine collection including "George"

Page's Food & Spirits - Martin lover's dream  
Suzanne Lichtman - Three hours of media/public relations consulting  
Charles and Nancy Bates - Two neopoint framed with angel theme  
Colonial Car Wash - Oil change  
Gall Eisner - Painting  
Inrecon - Palace suite with beverages, food and 12 Viper tickets  
Just Jewelers - Pin or pendant  
Congressman Joe Knollenberg - Proclamation personalized with date and person's name and the actual flag that will be flown over the U.S. Capitol  
Todd Bates - Red Wings tickets on the glass  
The Sports Image - Pull over Red Wings jacket  
Just Jewelers - Ring  
Todd Bates - Sailboat ride and dinner at GPYC next summer  
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Weber from WDIV-TV Channel 4 and Carolyn Clifford from WXYZ-TV Channel 7.

Only a few of the \$125-per-person tickets remain and must be purchased by Monday, Nov. 8. Call (248) 855-5542.

Lichtman said five firms had qualified as honorary sponsors for their contributions of \$10,000 or more: ACN, Bezak Companies, Botoford General Hospital and the Botoford Hospital Professional Staff, and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

Fitzgerald, a financial planner for Sagemark Consulting in Southfield, said those unable to attend can help the foundation in other ways.

Besides sending a donation, they can stage their own fundraiser and/or get up a collection at the office. They also can see if their employer will match their contribution.

Then there are "more elaborate forms" of individual giving,

including the setting up of various trust funds such as donor-advised, charitable remainder and charitable lead trusts, or creating one's own living endowment fund.

On the corporate level, businesses can take a leadership role in helping the foundation raise money, or they can invest some of their own money to create funds themselves.

Fitzgerald called it "a big opportunity for corporations to

visibly be giving to the communities through the communities' own foundation.

"The foundation is broad-based and really wants to help groups in the communities to do things," he noted.

And there are tax advantages to giving, he reminded.

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**JOINT INFLAMMATION**

Physicians are careful in describing findings about enlarged joints. Your doctor may say you have a swollen joint, an inflamed joint, or when the evidence warrants, an infected joint. Each phrase is special.

A swollen joint is the most general term. What the doctor tells you is that something is wrong with that knee or hand, but the cause is unclear. Often, they let it be, and, resting the joint with a splint, cast or by decreased use, is often the treatment of choice.

Being your joint is inflamed is more specific. Inflammation results from a series of related reactions in which chemicals open up blood vessels allowing white blood cells to go to a particular site, cause the breakdown of cell walls, and irritate surrounding cells to produce excess joint fluid.

Identifying that inflammation is the cause of your painful hand or knee is important. A number of medications, the non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, are useful to break up the cascade of chemical reactions and resolve an episode of inflammation.

The most specific term is an infected joint. This designation means your doctor has undertaken tests to determine that a bacteria is present in your painful hand or knee. Then the treatment of choice is an antibiotic specific to the type of bacteria causing the infection. Appropriate choice is limited and the need to start therapy soon is imperative.

In short, listen keenly to what your physician says when you have an enlarged and painful joint. The choice of words carries considerable meaning.

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