



Donations: Sheila Hills, area manager of DSW in Novi, presents Pete Siska and Sandra Hill of the Animal Welfare Society with a check for \$4,569 from the DSW "Dawgs and Dogs" promotion.

Benefit for Animal Welfare Society raises funds, gets hard to place pets adopted

To help ring in the new year, DSW Shoe Warehouse hosted "Dawgs and Dogs," a special benefit for the Animal Welfare Society of Southeastern Michigan. Thanks to the public's support, they were able to raise over \$4,600 for the AWS.

In addition to the money raised during DSW's "Dawgs and Dogs" promotion, nine pets were adopted from the "adoption center" that was held outside the DSW store in Novi. It was a huge success for the AWS, given

that many of the dogs adopted were older and one was even blind.

AWS is a nonprofit, charitable pet society dedicated to giving pets a "second chance." A second chance pet is a healthy, people friendly dog, puppy, cat or kitten that is homeless or about to become displaced from its current home.

DSW has three locations, including stores in Novi, Southfield and Troy.

All stores are open Monday

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through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 6 p.m. For more information, please call 349-0404.

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teacher.

Sometimes he gets hugs. Or a kid will try to stump him with a crossword puzzle. Last week a little girl told him a joke "that was pretty darn good," he said, chuckling at the recollection.

"I'll be walking in a store and someone will say 'Hi, Mr. Siegmund.' I can't remember them by name but I've had 200 students over the years."

Teacher Carol Greening thinks the SAGE program is a wonderful asset.

"We really like having the seniors in with the kids," she said. "The class looks at Robert

like a grandfather figure. He shares his expertise. He's a very intelligent man and knows a lot about a wide variety of subjects. He knows a lot of Farmington history and shares that, too.

"Our SAGE volunteers keep coming back," she added. "We have one gentleman who comes three half days a week. Another is in his upper 80s. They add so much."

Always looking

Linda Murphy from the Farmington Hills senior center said that Robert Siegmund is "one of the longest running volunteers in the SAGE program. Students

love him. He is both tutor and mentor and a wonderful role model for the students, who often don't have a grandparent living nearby. He is so reliable and he has become an integral part of the curriculum.

"We're always looking for good volunteers for SAGE," Murphy continued. "Usually we try to hook up a volunteer and a teacher at the beginning of the school year."

To volunteer or learn more about the SAGE program, call the Farmington Hills senior center at 473-1862.

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from the police desk to city council chambers," said Reid. "Those artists had requested their works be displayed in Farmington City Hall."

In Farmington Hills, original works of art by former Farmington Artists in Residence honorees are located in the courthouse, at the cable commission office, upstairs at the Longacre House as well as at city hall.

"We have a brass plaque in the library inscribed with all the names of the artists in residence winners since 1976," said Reid.

"Working with so many people, you can make suggestions, it would be wonderful to have a gallery happen, and maybe it will, but the question will be—where's the best place to house it?"

Reid is happy to see the Artist

in the Corridor series resurrected. Starting this week, the watercolors of Evanthis Samra, honored as artist in residence in 1992, will be showcased in the Farmington Hills city hall. The works will be on display through March 24.

"Not all of our artists are visual," Reid added. "We've honored a composer, a choreographer. We do have an audio/visual tape of a performance by Barbara Selinger."

"Getting a permanent gallery involves the coming together of minds. Many feel the pieces should remain where they are."

At one point, the FAAC asked for a room in the Costick Center to house a permanent art collection.

tion, but was told the room was being utilized for another purpose, Reid said. She also questioned whether the space would've been ample to house the collection, which grows each year.

Nancy Coumoundoures, the first full-time arts coordinator for Farmington/Farmington Hills hired late last year, also supports the concept.

"That sounds like a wonderful idea worth further exploration," she said. "We're already looking at turning one hallway in the Costick Center into a gallery for the Farmington Artist Club members."

Local woman on epilepsy board

The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan, which assists more than 98,000 individuals in Michigan living with epilepsy, elected Ortho McNeil neuroscience professional Christine Khami to its board of directors.

Khami, who lives in Farmington Hills, will assist in policy and procedure direction for the foundation in its mission to promote independence and improve quality of life for people with epilepsy and their families.

Along with four years of professional experience in the pharmaceutical-neuroscience field, Khami also brings with her a number of qualities that will assist the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan to establish a more visible presence in the neurological sector of the medical community. Her working relationships with numerous physicians and neurology residents will help to further the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan's efforts across the entire state.

"In the past, it was my expertise of the medications used to control the seizures that con-

nected me to epilepsy, and the people it affects," said Khami. "Being elected to the board of this organization has given me an opportunity to use my skills and talents to advocate, promote growth for programs and services offered by the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan helping to improve the quality of life for thousands of people."

Khami's accomplishments include graduating with honors from the University of Michigan with a major in management and scholarships from the American Society of University Women, Barnes and Noble, Minority Recognition, Elizabeth Szilagyi and Returning Women. As a volunteer she has been involved with the U-M-Deborah Human Resource Management Club, and the Society of Human Resource Management.

The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan provides seizure management, counseling and information to families and the general public. For more information, call (800) 377-6226.

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