

Former mayor to speak at nursing home reform group's meeting

Aldo Vagnozzi, former mayor of Farmington Hills and Democratic candidate for the state legislature, will speak on "How Can We Affect Public Policy" in regard to nursing homes at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 25, at Southfield Presbyterian Church, 21875 W. 10 Mile.

The forum is presented by the Michigan Campaign for Quality Care, Oakland County branch, and is open to all.

A hearing April 14 at Farm-

ington Hills City Hall drew more than 50 people.

The grassroots nursing home advocacy group recommends stronger consumer input in how the nursing home quality incentive grants are awarded and there must be accountability measures to ensure that the money is spent for intended purposes.

Frivolous appeals

Michigan is spending millions

of state and federal dollars to support "frivolous nursing home appeals that are designed to obstruct the nursing home inspection process," according to Mike Connors, a spokesman and researcher for the group.

In addition to using Medicaid funds to reimburse operators for formal administrative appeals, Michigan has created a costly

dispute resolution process operated through contract by the Michigan Peer Review Organization that permits facilities to challenge citations. Consumers are not permitted to participate in this process, Connors said.

Consumers need voice

The Campaign for Quality Care advocates the Michigan

Department of Consumer and Industry Services should be required to establish a consumer advisory committee to make recommendations on inspection and complaint investigation policies and practices, Connors said.

A state campaign meeting in Lansing scheduled for May 20 has been postponed to June 3.

Michigan Campaign for Quality Care is now listed on the web site of the National Citizens Coalition for Nursing Home Reform as the grassroots nursing home advocacy group in Michigan.

Located in Washington, D.C., it does advocacy work on a national scale. Its Web site is: www.nccnhr.org. Or call the local workers at (800) 288-5923.

Spaghetti dinner tonight

The Senior High Mission Group of First Presbyterian Church Farmington is sponsoring an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner and "Rent-a-Senior" on May 18th at 6:30 p.m. Members of the church can bid on the services of individual senior highs. All proceeds will help fund the Senior High Mission Trip to Cleveland Habitat for Humanity this July.

At 7:30 p.m., there will be a "Celebration Talent Show" presented by the church choir. The Chancel choir, the Praise choir, the Brass Band and the Handbell choir will participate. The show will also include solos, a quartet and a skit.

Visitors are welcome. The church is located at the northwest corner of 11 Mile and Farmington Roads. For more information call the church office at 474-6170.

Vacation Church School will be held June 19-23, 9:30 am to noon at the church.

The theme will be "Gotta Catch 'Em All" and children from kindergarten to grade 6 (in fall 2000) are welcome. Included in each day's schedule will be music, exploring Bible stories, games, snack time and crafts. Please call the church office at 474-6170 for further details and to request a registration form.

CLUB CIRCUIT

AGLOW
Farmington Aglow Lighthouse will host a mother/daughter banquet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 22, at the Family Buggy Restaurant, 29335 Orchard Lake Road. The cost is \$16 per person. Call Linda at 476-1053.

BNI
Business Network International Farmington Hills chapter will meet 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 24, at the Grand Cafe in downtown Farmington. The Greater Farmington Hills chapter will meet 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday, May 25, at the Comfort Inn, 30715 W. 12 Mile, in Farmington Hills.

OPTIMIST CLUB
The Optimist Club meets at 7:30 a.m. every Wednesday at Anita's

Kitchen, 31005 Orchard Lake Road. Call 474-9680 or 442-9796.

KIWAHS CLUB
The Kiwanis Club of Farmington Hills meets at 12:15 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesday at Steak & Ale Restaurant, 27690 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Prospective members are welcome. Call 661-8463.

TOASTMASTERS
The Windbaggers/Toastmasters Club meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday, except the first Thursday of the month, at Kerby's Koney Island, 21200 Haggerty, in Farmington Hills.

Submit information to: Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand River, Farmington MI 48335.

Tamara's offers free seminar

Tamara's Institut de Beauté will present a free educational seminar, "Everything for the Face" Tuesday, May 23, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Dr. Michael Milan, a plastic surgeon with 25 years experience, will speak about face lifts, botox, liposuction, laser resurfacing and more.

Gabriella Heller and Edita Friedman, permanent makeup artists with 10 years experience, will give demonstrations and

answer questions from the audience.

There will be refreshments, give-aways and industry secrets from Tamara Friedman, salon owner.

To reserve a spot for the complimentary evening of beauty, call Tamara Friedman at 855-0474, ext. 205. Seating is limited.

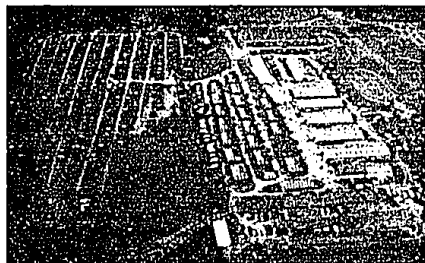
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