

Winning Kids shines spotlight on epilepsy

More than 30,000 children are affected by epilepsy in Michigan. The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan would like to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of many of these children by sponsoring the annual Winning Kids program.

The foundation's Winning Kids will serve as shining examples for both their peers and families affected by this disorder. They will also assist in educating and promoting epilepsy awareness throughout the state by participating in several of the foundation's special events during the year.

"All of us have been touched by a special child in our lives," said Arlene Gorelick, president of the

Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. "This program gives us the chance to acknowledge some remarkable kids and their enduring courage and spirit."

Each year, the local and national affiliates choose Winning Kids to represent children with epilepsy and the many challenges they face and accomplishments they have made. Many of these children live normal lives with the help of medications that control seizures. Unfortunately, some struggle with frequent seizures despite treatment.

All children with epilepsy need public acceptance and understanding to reach their potential and to attain happiness. About half to 60 percent of children

with epilepsy can achieve complete control of their seizures. Another 20 to 25 percent achieve partial control. The remainder are still hoping that one day research will produce a cure.

Any boy or girl with epilepsy between the ages of 5 and 9 is eligible for this program. All Winning Kids and their families will be recognized at the foundation's annual Summer Strroll for Epilepsy, which will be held in June. Registration forms for this program may be obtained by calling the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan at 1-800-377-6226. Deadline for registration is March 16.



Angela Corsi: reigning Miss Farmington.

Pageant applications are now available

Applications are now being accepted for the 28th annual Miss Farmington/ Oakland County Scholarship program.

Young women between the ages of 17 and 24, who live, work or attend school in Oakland County, are eligible to compete. The Miss Farmington pageant is an official franchise of the Miss America and Miss Michigan pageants. Winner of this year's program will go on to compete in the 2002 Miss Michigan competition.

The Miss Farmington pageant will be held at the Civic Theatre in downtown Farmington at 7 p.m. July 18. Following the program, a parade down Grand

River will take place, culminating with a kick-off celebration for the annual Founders Festival in the parking lot behind Page's Food and Spirits.

Applications for Miss Farmington are available at the Farmington Chamber of Commerce or by calling pageant headquarters at 471-9042 or 661-8179.

Last year the program awarded over \$6,000 in scholarships. Angela Corsi is the current Miss Farmington who will compete for the state title in Muskegon in June.

All entry forms must be received by April 1.

FARMINGTON CLUB CIRCUIT

EXCHANGE CLUB

The Farmington Exchange Club will meet from noon-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the Brass Point Restaurant in Farmington Hills.

FARM GARDEN

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, Feb. 5 at the Longacre House in Farmington Hills. Carolyn Dana Lewis, founder of the Great Lakes Rhododendron Society, will give a presentation. Call 615-9616 or 476-3017.

EMBROIDERERS

The Farmington Hills Embroiderers Guild will meet at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7 at Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills. The topic of discussion will be the Arts Festival project. Call Charlotte at 926-0899.

FARM GENEALOGY

The Farmington Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20 at the downtown Farmington Library. The program will be *Where Do I Go From Here: Getting Back to Basics* presented by FGS members.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

The Christian Women's Club of Farmington Hills holds meetings at Maples Country Club, 31240 Wakefield Dr., in Novi. Including brunch, the cost is \$10.60. Dates are as follows: Feb. 8, March 8, and April 12 from 9:30-11 a.m. For reservations, call Brenda at 248-661-4205.

BNI

The Business Network Inter-

national, Farmington Hills chapter, will meet 7-8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 31, at the Grand Cafe in downtown Farmington. The Greater Farmington Hills chapter will meet 7-8:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 1, 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 442-9798.

KIWANIS CLUB

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

TOASTMASTERS

The 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.

FINNISH CENTER

The Finnish Center in Farmington offers a variety of clubs to join such as dancing, singing, weaving, cards and more. You don't have to be Finnish to join. Call 478-6939. To have your club listed, submit the information no later than Monday for the following Thursday publication to: Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand River, Farmington MI 48335.

Broe Choir sets schedule

The Broe Tabernacle Therapeutic Choir recently performed at the Botsford Assisted Living Facility for 50 geriatric and Alzheimer's residents.

The choir is composed of individuals recovering from traumatic brain injuries and receiving therapy at Broe Rehabilitation Services in Farmington Hills. It was founded by Len McCulloch, director of psychological services at Broe.

"The choir's goal is to raise community awareness about traumatic brain injury and prevention while performing music which is pleasing to our audience," McCulloch said.

Upcoming performances include Burger School for Autism in Garden City on Feb. 1, Plymouth Christian Academy on Feb. 15 and Divine Child High

School on March 1.

School performances include an educational lecture on traumatic brain injury prevention, drinking and driving, and sports related concussions by Timothy Broe, owner of Broe Rehabilitation Services.

For more information on the choir or to schedule a performance, call Len McCulloch at 474-2763.



Len McCulloch, choir director

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