

CALENDAR

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN AND AROUND FARMINGTON AND FARMINGTON HILLS

POTPOURRI

RECREATION
The Farmington Hills Special Services Department is registering participants for adult softball and youth soccer (for people in kindergarten through third grade). Call (248) 473-9579.

OPEN GYM

The William Costick Activities Center Gym on 11 Mile between Middlebelt and Inkster is open for adult basketball (7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays and 9-11 a.m. Sundays), teen basketball (3-5 p.m. Saturdays and 1-3 p.m. Sundays), adult volleyball (11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays) and 8-10 p.m. Tuesdays. Fee is \$2 to \$5 depending on age and residency. Call (248) 473-9579.

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER

A St. Patrick's Day dinner will be served 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 17, at the Groves Walker American Legion post, 3177 Grand River in Farmington. Corned beef, cabbage and stew are on the menu. Cost is \$7. Call (248) 478-9174.

SCUBA DIVING

The Farmington Family YMCA teaches self-contained underwater breathing apparatus diving 1-4 p.m. Saturday on Farmington Road north of 12 Mile. Call (248) 553-1933.

LEARN TO SWIM

The Farmington Family YMCA offers swimming lessons Feb. 26 through April 14 at the Y on Farmington Road north of 12 Mile. Call (248) 553-1933.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

The Farmington Musicals presents *A Touch of the Classics* at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at Hammel Music in Livonia on Middlebelt Road.

BARBIE SHOW

The "We Love Barbie, Barbie & Friends Fashion Doll Show" returns Sunday, Feb. 11, to the Plymouth Cultural Center located at 526 Farmer St. in the City of Plymouth. Show hours are 11 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information call (734) 455-2110.

VALENTINE DANCE

The Farmington Community/Dance Band will provide dancing music for its annual Valentine Dinner/Dance on Friday, Feb. 9, at Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills. For reservations and information on tickets call (734) 261-2202 or (248) 489-3412.

PLAYERS PERFORM

The Farmington Players present *The Uninvited* a tale of a haunted house at 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays throughout the month of February at Barnes and Noble in West Bloomfield. To purchase tickets call 553-2955.

PLAYERS ADDITION

The Farmington Players will hold auditions for *Singin' in the Rain* on Sunday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, March 5 and 6 at Barnes & Noble Book Store in West Bloomfield. Males ages 17-45 should try out.

Y-THI

The Farmington Family YMCA's "Y-THI" indoor triathlon occurs 8 a.m. to noon Sunday, March 25, at the Y on Farmington Road north of 12 Mile. Participants will swim, ride a stationary bike and run or walk on a treadmill for 15 minutes each. Entry fee is \$12. Call (248) 553-4020, Ext. 122.

ANOTHER WAY BENEFIT

Another Way Pregnancy Center in downtown Farmington will host a coffee house benefit from 7-10:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at the Michigan Theological Seminary, 41550 Ann Arbor Trail, in Plymouth. Various musical groups

will perform. The cost is \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door and all proceeds will benefit the center. Call Julie at 471-3195.

FUN & FITNESS

Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills offers Faith, Fun & Fitness from 9:30-11:30 a.m. every Thursday through March 29. Each session includes a variety of activities such as walking, jogging, aerobic exercise, crafts, speakers and coffee. Registration fee is \$20 or \$5 per session. Baby-sitting is also available. Call 681-9191.

ART EXHIBIT

Sculptures, paintings and mixed media by artist Kegang Tazian will be on display at Farmington and Farmington Hills City Halls through March 30.

HARD STUFF

KARRY POTTER

The Farmington Hills Library celebrates Harry Potter 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21. Call 474-7770.

YOUTH SPORTS

The Farmington Family YMCA's youth leagues for basketball, soccer, roller hockey and floor hockey get under way on Feb. 26 and run through April 14 at the Y on Farmington Road north of 12 Mile. Call (248) 553-4020, Ext. 122.

WINTER FUN

Winter fun at the Farmington Civic continues with *Geri Green - A Musical Program for Youth of all Ages* at 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Civic. Admission is \$2 per person, with no charge for infants 1 year and under.

LITTLE ME

Children 16 months to 2 years old can enjoy stories and hands-on fun at both area libraries. From 10:30-11:15 a.m. every Monday through March 26 at the downtown Farmington Library; and 11-11:45 a.m. every Thursday through March 29 at the Farmington Hills Library.

LEARNING ACTIVITIES

The Farmington Friends of the Library sponsor a Learning Activity Center which includes reading readiness activities and crafts for children ages 2-3 and ages 3-5. For dates and times call the main library at 553-0300.

CHILDREN'S STORY TIME

Dee and Becky (and sometimes Kathy) read classics and new favorites at 10 a.m. every Wednesday at Borders.

SENIORS (55-PLUS)

TAX COUNSELING

This year's tax counseling for seniors over 60 will run through April 10. The Costick Center in Farmington Hills will offer counseling from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. every Tuesday; and the downtown Farmington Library will offer counseling from noon to 3 p.m. every Friday.

VALENTINE DANCE

Bring your sweetheart or meet someone special for this very festive Valentine Sweetheart Dinner Dance from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Costick Center in Farmington Hills. The cost is \$10. No tickets will be sold at the door. Call 473-1830.

YOUR HEALTH

The Senior Program has scheduled health presentations on the following Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills: March 20, *Memory Enhancement*; and April 24, *Osteoporosis for Men and Women*. To register call 473-1830.

FINNISH LUNCHEONS

Relief for India



Doing their share: Beechview Elementary School students and staff last week gathered food, clothing and bedding items for India earthquake victim relief. Pictured are students Jeny Shukla (left), Kristen Stack, Zach Durham and Priya Wadehra, who look over some of the donated items. Parent Rashmi Wadehra (second from right), picked up items twice daily. At far right is Beechview Principal Norma Jean Sass, who is pretty proud of the students' efforts. East Middle School also contributed to the cause. All of the items were to have been shipped overseas this weekend. The earthquake hit on Jan. 29. As many as 100,000 people could have been killed and 200,000 injured.

THE FINNISH CENTER

Farmington Hills has a monthly luncheon the third Wednesday of the month through June. The cost is \$5 and includes a salad item, meat, potatoes, vegetable and dessert. Call 437-0350.

BOOK TALK

Join friends and neighbors for an informal book discussion 1 p.m. the first Thursday each month at the Costick Center. Paperback copies will be available for advance checkout. Fee, 50 cents for residents; \$1 for others per session.

QUILTERS

The Sunshine Quilters meets at 10 a.m. every Friday at the Costick Activities Center. Everyone welcome.

BALLROOM DANCING

Dance to live big-band sounds from the '40s and '50s at 11 a.m. Fridays at the Costick Center, 11 Mile and Middlebelt. Call 473-1830.

LINE DANCING

Learn how to line dance from 1:15-2:40 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, from 10:40 a.m.-noon at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. Call 473-1830.

CLASSES

WANGO TANGO

The Farmington Family YMCA's tango dance class occurs 7:30-9 p.m. Fridays at the Y on Farmington Road north of 12 Mile. Fee is \$10. Partner not necessary. Call (248) 553-1934.

INVESTMENT SERIES

The Farmington Community Library will once again offer its *Winter Investment Series* at 7 p.m. every Tuesday through March 22 at the Farmington Hills Library. Registration is required. Call 553-0300.

LEARN TO SKATE

Suburban Training Center in Farmington Hills will hold Learn to Skate classes on Tuesdays through March 13. Snowplow Sam classes 1, 2 and 3 for skaters 6 and younger, as well as adult beginner classes will also be available. Call 888-1400.

SELF ESTEEM

Clinical psychologist Dr. Laurel Gille will kick off her speaking series from 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at the Longacre House in Farmington Hills with *Enhancing Students Self Esteem*. Ideal for parents and teachers. Call 477-8404.

PARENTING CLASSES

Parents can attend a class on how to prevent teens from getting involved in sex, drugs and alcohol from 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 12. Both classes will be held at the Farmington Training Center. Classes are sponsored by Farmington Youth Assistance. Call 469-3434.

YMCA CLASSES

The Farmington Family YMCA offers a variety of classes such as in-line hockey, lacrosse, flag football and swimming lessons. Call 553-4020.

LONGACRE CLASSES

The Longacre House in Farmington Hills is taking registration for exercise, dance, fiction writing, art, psychic reading, piano martial arts and kickboxing classes. Call 477-8404.

BOTSFOORD CLASSES

Botsford Health Care Continuum offers a variety of health-related classes, including carpal tunnel syndrome, basic first aid, meditation and stress management. Call 477-6100 or 471-8020.

BUILDERS' CLASSES

Farmington Community Education offers classes in home building, remodeling and licensing. For dates, cost and registration information, call 489-3333.

MEETINGS

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mark Oppat, an authority on antique radios, will speak about them 8 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at the next meeting of the Farmington Historical Society in the downtown library. If you have an old radio that doesn't work, bring it to the meeting and he will see about fixing it.

GENEALOGICAL

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 F.G.S. members.

SINGLES

SINGLE MINGLES

Single Mingle dates are held selected Fridays throughout the month. For dates and locations, call the Metropolitan Single Professionals at 851-9909.

CARDS & DINNER

Join the Farmington Single Professionals for euchre, pinocchio and dinner from 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Monday at Cowley's Old Village Inn in downtown Farmington.

CO-ED BOWLING

Subs are needed for the FSP Sunday night bowling league. All levels of bowlers are welcome. Call 851-9909.

VOLLEYBALL

Come and play drop-in volleyball from 6:45-9:45 p.m. every Tuesday in the gym and fieldhouse of the Bloomfield Hills Middle School. The cost is \$5 for members and \$6 for non-members. Call 851-9909.

BOOK TALK

Borders Books in Farmington Hills hosts a book discussion group 7:30-8:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month. Call 851-9909.

AFTER WORK PARTIES

Metropolitan Single Professionals host "Fun and Fine Dining" 5:30-7:30 p.m. every Thursday at restaurants throughout the Detroit area. Call 851-9909.

YOUNG SINGLES

Young Singles Outreach (ages 17-29) meets 7-11 p.m. the second and fourth Saturdays of each month at 20911 Inkster Road in Farmington Hills. Call 478-1410.

MOMS & TOTS

HOPE MOMS & TOTS

Moms and Tots meets 10-11:30 a.m. Mondays at Hope Lutheran Church in Farmington Hills. This program provides time for moms to get together while their children play in a supervised environment. To join, call 553-7170.

UNITED MOMS & TOTS

Orchard United Methodist Church of Farmington Hills has a mom-and-tot play group that meets year-round 10-11:30 a.m. every Friday. Call Amy, 476-4284.

VOLUNTEERS

LONGACRE HOUSE

The Longacre House of Farmington Hill is seeking volunteers. Call 477-8404.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

The Alzheimer's Association seeks volunteers to provide companionship to those with memory loss. Volunteers receive an orientation that provides them with the information and skills to brighten the life of someone with Alzheimer's disease. Call 557-8277.

SENEX

Senex, a program for older adults, provides homebound people with extra care and a variety of activities. Call 473-1830.

MEAL DRIVERS

Substitute drivers are needed to fill in periodically, one day per week, Monday-Friday, one to two hours per day. Call Diane at 473-1825.

NUTRITION VOLUNTEERS

Kitchen volunteers are needed 9:30-11 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Call Diane at 473-1825.

FOCUS:HOPE

Drivers are needed for an hour or two to deliver food boxes to senior citizens once a month. Call 473-1826.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help improve relationships between parents and children in a program sponsored by Catholic Social Services of Oakland County. Training for the program is provided. Call Francine Adams, 334-3595.

DRIVERS NEEDED

If you have some free time to transport cancer patients to nearby treatment centers, call Ivory Underwood at 443-5800.

SUPPORT GROUPS

ADVOCACY TRAINING

Special education law and the individualized education program as related to students with dyslexia will be the topic when the Michigan Dyslexia Institute's support group meets 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 21, at the Institute, 30230 Orchard Lake, suite 130. Call (248) 737-0044.

PET THERAPY

Doctor Paws Pet Assisted Therapy is a nonprofit organization based in Farmington Hills, in cooperation with Therapy Dogs Inc., that tests and prepares your dog and you to visit hospitals, nursing homes, children centers, etc., on a volunteer basis. If you have a dog that gets along well with other dogs and people and you would like to volunteer one hour or more a month visiting patients, call Dr. Paws at 888-7488.

MODERATION MANAGEMENT

MM is a free self-help group and nine-step program that provides guidelines for moderate drinking and support to change your drinking habits. Not intended for alcoholics. Meets 7:15-8:15 p.m. the first Tuesday of the month at Universalist Church, 25301 Haled in Farmington Hills. Meetings are anonymous, with no fees. Call 788-8040.

MANIC-DEPRESSIVE

The Manic-Depressive and Depressive Association of Metropolitan Detroit provides education and support for people with depression and related illnesses and also for family and friends. Meetings are 2-3:30 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month at Providence Medical Center at 30055 Northwestern Highway; or 7:30 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at Providence Park in Novi, 47601 Grand River. Call 542-0430 or 960-1288.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT

The city of Farmington Hills Senior Adult Division offers an Alzheimer's support group for caregivers and family members 1-3 p.m. the third Wednesday of each month. Call 473-1822.

PROJECT RACHEL

Project Rachel is a confidential 11-week program for women who have had an abortion. Members of all faiths are welcome. Call (888) Rachel. Sponsored by the Catholic Archdiocese of Detroit.

PEER SUPPORT

The peer support group is a 12-week educational program for people ages 12-18 struggling with chemical abuse, family problems and other stress issues that affect them and their loved ones. It takes place 3:30-5 p.m. Tuesdays at the Farmington Area Counseling Center, 23332 Orchard Lake Road. Call 473-1290.

CALENDAR DEADLINE FOR 2001

The Farmington Observer, without charge, welcomes Calendar items. Items should be from non-profit community groups or individuals announcing a community program or event. Please type or print the information below and mail your item to The Calendar, Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand River, Farmington, MI, 48335, or by fax to 248-477-9722. Items will appear at least once. Deadline for Calendar items is noon Thursday for the following Sunday's paper.

Event: _____
Date and Time: _____
Location: _____
Telephone: _____
Additional info.: _____