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"This is very much in line with Bosch's corporate goals of giving to the community," said Meredith Nickol, President of Bosch's Ford Value Team and a new member of the Foundation board.

Bates said when Bosch first approached the Hills City Council regarding their expansion, "they said it was very important for them to be a community citizen."

Foundation board chair Dick Miller, whose firm Barton Malow designed the expansion, commented, "This is what the Foundation is supposed to be about - the businesses and the people."

Created to provide financial support for a variety of endeavors that support children, youth and families, the Foundation's primary focus has been after-school youth programs offered through the Hills Special Services Department.

However, grants have also been made to Farmington Families in Action, the Multi-Cultural/Multi-Racial Council and GRIP (Generations Responding to Issues & Problems).

Bates said a long hall that leads from the building's dramatic front entrance to the cafeteria will likely be the location for silent auction items, as well as displays that provide information about the Foundation and the groups it supports. The cafe-

teria doors open into a drop ceiling supported by white columns, which arcs out into the room, where high windows line the far wall.

In addition to providing the facility, Bosch has donated \$10,000 to the Foundation.

"This is in honor of the opening of our building expansion, our commitment to Farmington Hills and our great relationship with the city," said Becky McDonald of Bosch's public relations department.

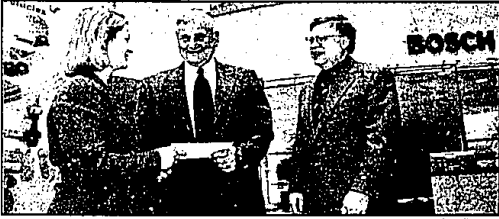
The company's generosity impressed Cornucopia co-chair, Joanne Smith.

"This just goes to show corporations don't have to be cold or uncaring," said the former Hills mayor. "I have been really grateful Bosch is in our community."

Bates said the Foundation would like this partnership to serve as an inspiration.

"Our real hope for this is Bosch becomes a model for other corporations," she said.

The firm is on Hills Tech Drive, north of I-696 and west of Halsted.



Checking In: Meredith Nickol of Bosch Corporation presents Dick Miller and Rev. Mark Jensen of the Farmington Hills Farmington Community Foundation, with a donation of \$10,000.

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Finnish Center hosts first Jamboree June 1-3

The Finnish Center Association will host its first Jamboree June 1-3. There will be food, fun and music of all kinds, including country, folk, blue grass and acoustic.

The Novi Band will open the Jamboree at 7 p.m. Friday, June 1 and from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, June 2 bring your acoustic instrument and join in on the jamboree.

Sunday, June 3 will bring the music-filled weekend to a close with a pancake breakfast at 10:30 a.m. Admission is \$5 for adults and children 12 and under go for free. The center is located at 35200 West Eight Mile Road. Call 478-6899.

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Congressman Joe Knollenberg, Palmer was asked to participate because of his relationship with Helen Robertson, mother of Roy Kenneth Williams, Jr., a Farmington High graduate who was killed in Vietnam.

Robertson connected with the Oakland County chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America last year, in her efforts to have her son and other Vietnam veterans recognized. She and a con-

tingent from the Waterford-based group laid a Memorial wreath alongside those honoring war dead from World War I, World War II and the Korean War.

Palmer said sacrifices like the one Williams made are the reason he has a problem with the commercialization of Memorial Day. "They're turning the whole thing into a meaningless holiday."

Rep. Raczkowski, who has served in the U.S. Army Reserves, also stressed the meaning of the holiday and expressed sadness at the closing of the VFW Post on Orchard Lake Road. He urged support for the remaining veterans' club, the American Legion Walker Grove post, housed on Grand River.

Welday remembered walking past the downtown war memorial countless times during his

youth, spent on Oakland Street in Farmington.

"It was just a rock on the corner," he said. "One day, I stopped to read the names. When I realized what they had sacrificed, it made me stop and think."

In North Farmington cemetery, Mayor Bates pointed out, lie graves of soldiers from every war fought by Americans, dating back to the Revolutionary War. She's also worried the meaning of the holiday is being lost on future generations, who have come to see it as "the day the pool opens."

"That's not the children's fault," she said.

Hartcock said the best way to honor the memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice is "continuing to be a beacon of justice for the future."

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