

Attorney: Plan for spouse's death

P. Mark Accettura, an attorney specializing in areas of estate planning and taxation, will present "Planning for Life's Changes: The eventual loss of a spouse" at the Farmington branch library on Monday, Nov. 5.

Accettura, a Farmington Hills attorney, co-authored a book, "Lost and Found: Finding Self-Reliance after the Loss of a Spouse," which relates the struggles of widows and widowers and offers practical tools to facilitate a speedy recovery to emotional and financial well-being. The book is dedicated to "Ann," whose story exemplifies the book's purpose.

"After losing her husband and her son about a year later, she struggled mightily and then took her life," Accettura said. "I felt pretty helpless. There were signs I prob-

ably should have picked up on, but at the time, I didn't understand."

The book is written to help people like Ann, who are faced with emotional, legal and financial upheaval after a spouse dies. In his law practice, Accettura found himself giving clients advice, and while they were doing their best to write it all down, he saw the need to do something more.

"I really felt as though I needed a tool to assist my clients, a

handbook," he said.

Written by Accettura, financial planner Steven Case and Dorothy Deremo, RN, President of Hospice of Michigan, the book includes a directory of resources.

Deremo wrote the first chapter, "Grieving the loss of a spouse." Other topics include navigating Social Security, insurance, settling estates and making funeral arrangements.

A portion of the proceeds goes to Hospice of Michigan; copies of the book will be offered for sale after his presentation.

To make a free reservation, call the library, 474-7770. Information is also available on the Internet at www.lostandfound-spouse.com



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Livonia Elks host Pumpkin party

The Livonia Elks Lodge No. 2246 hosts its annual "Pumpkin Patch Party" for developmentally disabled children from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 26, at the lodge, on Plymouth Road. Reservations, (734) 426-2246.

CCC Museum seeks stories, information

The Online Civilian Conservation Corps Museum, an online historical resource, is seeking stories or information about the CCC from any of the 3 million men who served in all states and territories from 1933 to 1942.

Participants can send their stories, with name, company number and location if known, to James F. Justin CCC Museum, PO Box 5, Woodbury NJ 08096 or e-mail to JFJmuseum@aol.com

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simply stated, is to enhance the culture of the community.

They're kicking off a season of activities with a Christmas Tea from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Masonic Temple in downtown Farmington. Guests will be encouraged to wear vintage or holiday attire, and the dressier, the better.

"Come really grand, because we're setting the stage for people to come in a grand way, the way we're making it look," Tawnya said, adding that the program will center around Victorian Christmas traditions. "We have some nice surprises planned."

Blue Circle member Ellen Abou said a similar event last year drew a group of women who dressed in 1940s style, close-fitting dresses, hats and gloves. "It looked lovely, and I think they enjoyed it twice as much."

Events in 2002, now in the planning stages, include a Mystery Party in January, a winter History Series culminating in a themed dinner and a cemetery walk in October. The winter series is titled "Planes, Trains and Automobiles...a historical odyssey," and will feature informative discussions about the history of transportation.

Valerie Knol, chairperson of the cemetery walk, said it won't be a commercialized, "haunted" event. Instead, it will be respectful of the area's history and the families whose loved ones are buried there.

"We have numerous historical cemeteries in Farmington and Farmington Hills," she said. "We have some people working on the history of different cemeteries in the area, and based on that, we'll decide which cemeteries we're going to."

Tawnya said Blue Circle members have appreciated the overwhelming support from the community for Cafe on the Porch and their efforts since. Members have been stung by criticism from others associated with the Warner Mansion.

"Listening to the comments at City Council and letters in the paper, it's really helped us become more committed to what we've wanted to do," Tawnya said. "In the beginning, it was painful for us to leave the Mansion. It took a little while for us to think we could do these things, just not at the Mansion."

"It's the community that makes these things special, not us," Knol added.

Tickets to the Victorian Christmas Tea are being sold at Farmington Bakery and Books Abound in downtown Farmington. They're also available by mail; send \$25 per ticket to Blue Circle, 34125 Oakland, Farmington, Mich. 48335.

For more information, call Tracy Freeman, (248) 478-8323.

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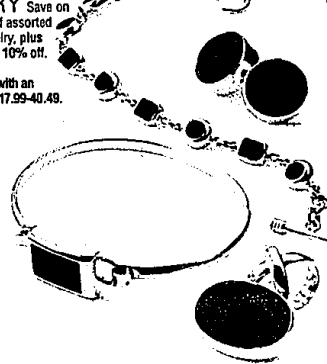
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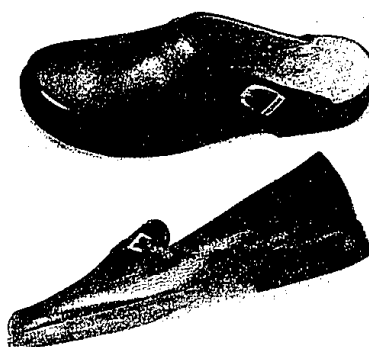
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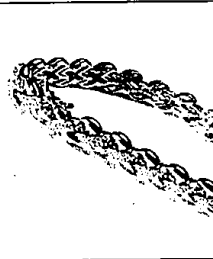


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