

Dressed right: Gershon Cooper of Botsford Hospital and State Rep. Andrew Raczkowski, who serves with the Army Reserves, share a laugh at the ball.

Cornucopia **Ball 2001**



Bidding for charity: Carol Richards looks over a variety of silent auction items.

Ball guests express support for Foundation, youth

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There were signed baseballs and hockey gear up for bid, scores of tuxedos, an array of beverages, and nearly 200 people eager to support youth.
The white, crescent moon-shaped dining room of the Bosch Corporation was the setting for the Seventh Annual Cornucopia Ball. Patrons paid \$150 a ticket to be there. Many spent more on loads of auction items.
Event proceeds benefit the Farmington Hills/Farmington Community Foundation, which raises money to help pay for several family and youth related programs. Their largest contribution goes toward the Youth and Family Services after school program. It has been praised as a national model, by state juvenile program officials.
"It's important to support the community foundation and the programs it's able to benefit. My primary interest is supporting the youth program," said Hills Councilman Jon Grant.

He was among dozens of event-geers filing into a long foyer flanked with silent auction items displayed on cloth-covered tables.

Guests were greeted by signed photos of a smiling Tiger Woods, a young Al Kaline with a bat on his knee, and real Bosch power tools.

Plastic autumn fruit and vegetables in baskets of dark brown, sat on neat, deep yel-low hay bales. Orange cheese cubes took their place on a bed of parsley next to straw-berries and melon cubes.

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Drossed in black slacks, ties and white shirts, a brass quintet of Harrison High musicians performed a Bach chorale.

Once inside the ballroom, diners were greeted with glass globe centerpieces, sprouting 4-foot high grass stalks topped with seed husks.

"I believe in the work that the foundation does," said Brian Rich, husband of community foundation trustee Theresa Orlaske-Rich. One of the big things they support is the program for middle school students - that is a wonderful program.

U.S. Rep Joe Knollenberg, R-Bloomfield Township, was represented at the ball by

mon purpose."
"It really shows the way the community steps forward and supports the work of the foundation. As a result of this evening, a number of wonderful things can continue to happen in this community," said Hills mayor Nancy Bates, on hand with husband Charlie. She traveled in July to Washington, D.C., to discuss after-school program successes with congressmen and senators.
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"We're very pleased to be hosting it from the Bosch side," said Meredith Nickol, presi-dent of Bosch's Ford Value Team and a foundation trustee.

"It's important for the community. It shows a level of support for the foundation and recognition of it. We just hope they bid a lot," she said.

"I am very supportive of our youth centers and the foundation is keeping them open. I think they're doing a good job," said former Hills mayor and state representative Jan

The event typically raises more than \$100,000, organizers said.

College to open in 2003

The builder of a new Farming-ton Hills college has pledged to 'surgically insert the building and the parking,' to reassure neighbors concerned about los-ing a nearby woods.

"We worked very hard to pre-serve as much of the woods as possible - 65 percent of the trees, which I think is pretty rare," said Center for Humanistic Studies President Kerry Mous-takns.

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"We were all upset and worried they would destroy the forest, said Claire Petrak, former
vice president of the adjoining.
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the neighborhood felt it was better than condos going in there."

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Moustakas said moving the
80-student college to Farmington Hills makes sense, as a
study showed most students
come from central Oakland
County.
"Farmington Hills is an educational mecca," she said, as there
are four colleges in the city. "We
also have a number of faculty
who live in Farmington Hills or
have private practices here, and
my parents have lived here 31
years," Moustakas said. Her
father, Clark Moustakas, found-

ed the college in 1981.

The 14,000-square-foot building is planned for four acres next to the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College, just south southwest of Orchard Lake Road and 1-96. Construction is to begin in spring and finish in early 2003.

The building will have four classrooms to accommodate students, offices for staff and facultance of the construction of the co







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