

TASTE CALENDAR

Send items for Taste calendar at least two weeks in advance of event to Ken Abramczyk, Taste Editor, Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia, MI 48150 or e-mail kabramczyk@oe.homecomm.net. Send files in a text format.

SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Schoolcraft College has scheduled continuing education classes in the culinary arts department. Classes scheduled include Appetizers and Side Dishes for Holiday Entertaining, Tuesdays,

Nov. 27 and Dec. 4.

For more information, call (734) 462-4448.

OAKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Culinary Arts Department at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, in Farmington Hills, offers luncheon buffets and gourmet dinners throughout the school year on the third floor of Building J. The luncheon buffets offer a great selection of salads, fruits, vegetables, meats and fish for \$8.25. Dates of the buffets are Thursdays, Jan. 24, Feb. 7, March 21 and April 4. On Thursday, Dec. 6, diners can enjoy the

14th Annual Wassail Feast, which costs \$65 per person.

For information on any of these events, call (248) 622-3700.

MFI CLASSES

MFI, the University of Michigan Health System, offers culinary and nutrition education classes at its East Ann Arbor Health Center - Demonstration Kitchen, 4260 Plymouth Road, in Ann Arbor. Classes from 6-8 p.m. include Gifts from your Kitchen, Wednesday, Nov. 28.

Preregistration is required, so call (734) 975-4837, Ext. 236, or visit www.mfi

nutrition.com. Class fees are \$30 per person or \$60 per couple, except for the child's cooking class which is \$20 per adult and one child, and \$5 for each additional child.

BONNIE'S PATISSERIE

Bonnie's Patisserie, 29229 Northwest Highway in Southfield, offers cooking classes Monday evenings 7-9 p.m. Classes cost \$30. November classes include Hanukkah Party, Monday, Nov. 26.

For more information, call (248) 357-4540.

WEIGHT WATCHERS

Weight Watchers will host healthy holiday entertaining classes in a three-part series. Attendance is open to the public and free of charge, but participants are asked to bring a bag of groceries valued at \$10 to donate to Gleaner's Food Bank. Learn to make savory foods at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 27; simple ethnic holiday dishes, 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 5; and tricks to making holiday desserts, 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 13, at Weight Watchers Corporate Headquarters, 28555 Orchard Lake Road (between 13 and 14 Mile roads), Farmington Hills. For information, call (248) 653-8555.

Wine from D1

more, Monsoir with its modern, international flair showcased juicy, plump, exuberant red fruits, topped with vanilla oak touches in a lengthy finish.

The 1998 Ceretto Asij Barbaresco (\$44) has a bright concentration of cherries, plums, and red currants. While the vintage does not rank at the top in the 1990s, it's drinking superbly now and will age well.

For Barolo, the Piedmont's renowned and expensive wine, Ceretto offers several choices.

The 1998 Zonchera Barolo (\$44) has blackberry fruit with nuances of anise and mushrooms. With good grip, this more affordable Barolo is excellent with long-cooked meat dishes. At \$68, both the 1995 Brico Roche Brunate Barolo and Brico Roche Prapo Barolo illustrate the differences created by vineyard site. Prapo is a blockbuster while Brunate is about elegance and less power. Brunate from 1997 at \$83 is a rich, generous, warm and welcoming wine from an outstanding vintage.

Although Ceretto is known for its red wines, the full, yet crisp 2000 Arneis Bianco (\$22) proved to be a rich and delightful white wine to accompany veal with tuna sauce. A dazzling finish to any meal is the low-alcohol, off-dry 2000 Ceretto Moscato d'Asi "Santo Stefano."

The Healds are Troy residents who write about wine, spirits, food, and dining for the Observer & Eccentric! Newspapers. To leave them a voice mail message, dial (734) 953-2047, mailbox 1864H.

Schoolcraft College hosts annual Madrigal Dinners Dec. 7 and 8

The 25th annual Madrigal Dinner, a holiday celebration complete with a meal prepared by the culinary arts students at Schoolcraft College and live entertainment, is set for Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7-8.

Tickets for this traditional wassail feast are \$42 per person, and limited seating is still available.

The menu features mulled cider, aged and seasoned prime rib, Yorkshire pudding, and royal plum and cranberry pudding with brandied hard sauce. The evening ends with performances by the Schoolcraft Col-

lege Madrigal Singers and the court jester.

Good Neighbors All provides music on period instruments, the Schoolcraft College Madrigals Singers, directed by Jerry Custer, sing songs of the season, and Steve Ryder, the court jester, amuses the guests with magic and juggling.

The evening begins at 7:30 p.m. in the college's Waterman Center. Proceeds from the event help fund student scholarships. For information or to order tickets, call (734) 462-4670.

Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile roads, just west of I-275.

SPOTLIGHT ON:

Orthodontics

by Josephine Finazzo, D.M.D.

SETTING ADULTS STRAIGHT

Adults are growing increasingly accustomed to the idea of wearing braces. The American Association of Orthodontists estimates that, of the five million orthodontic patients in the U.S. and Canada, about one million are over age eighteen. This statistic reflects the fact that, in recent years, major advances in materials and treatment options have made braces more palatable for adults. For instance, clear brackets, which are much less noticeable, have provided to be popular with many adults. As a result, older patients have fewer reservations to prevent them from following the path of self-improvement that leads to better smile and increased self-esteem.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
WITH TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BOARD
(Summary)

A special meeting of the Farmington City Council with the Traffic and Safety Board was held on Monday, November 19, 2001 in Council Chambers, 23600 Liberty Street, Farmington, Michigan. Notice of the meeting was posted in compliance with Public Act 307-1976.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hartsock at 7:55 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Bush, Campbell, Hartsock, McShane, Mitchell.

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

FARMINGTON CITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT: City Clerk/Treasurer Cantrell, City Manager Lauboff.

FARMINGTON TRAFFIC AND SAFETY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Chiara, DeCorte, Goss, Vice-Chair Leppanen, Mehas, Chair Reynolds.

Council met with the Traffic and Safety Board to review the overall approach the board has taken with regard to specific traffic concerns over the past year; to discuss ideas generated from the joint meeting of Traffic and Safety Committees/Boards; to hear about selective enforcement as reviewed by Director Goss; and to discuss other issues concerning traffic safety and education.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

PATSY K. CANTRELL, City Clerk/Treasurer

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