

**MOVERS AND SHAKERS**

**OBITUARIES**

**Chemist joins team**

Glen Martin of Farmington Hills was recently named an analytical chemist at Sonscore, Vinay Gupta. As analytical chemist, Martin is responsible for the development of electrochemical sensor technology using silicon substrates. Martin was the co-founder of eH2O LLC and a co-founder and president of Selective Technologies, both in Flint.

**Hermanoff wins award**

The Ohio State University Foundation Board announced that local resident and business owner Sandy Hermanoff is a recipient of the 2001 John B. Gerlach, Sr. Development Volunteer Award.

Hermanoff serves as an advisor to the Director of the School of Journalism and Communication and is a devoted advocate for strong public relations educa-

tion programs at Ohio State. She has been a dedicated supporter of scholarships and award programs in the school and has established an endowment fund, the Sandra M. Hermanoff Discretionary Fund in the School of Journalism and Communication, to encourage and promote excellence in Ohio State's journalism and public relations programs.

**New firm members**

Jeanne Dunk and Dennis O'Connell recently joined the law firm of Foster, Swift, Collins & Smith, P.C. in Farmington Hills. Dunk was previously employed with Dunk, Marchak & Slosser, PLC in Royal Oak and O'Connell comes from a 27-year career with Michigan Consolidated Gas.

**New artist at +X**

Bob Cusmano has joined the team of artists at +X (Division

X), a division of Grace & Wild, Inc. in Farmington Hills. This division provides special effects design, production and project supervision for commercials, broadcast television and corporate programming.

**Resident assists Attorney General**

Attorney General Jennifer Granholm recently appointed Ronald Aho, co-founder of the law firm Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Aho, as Special Assistant Attorney General. Mr. Aho, a resident of Farmington Hills, will be working on various assigned projects on behalf of the Attorney General's office.

**Blue Cross promotion**

Beverly Stovall of Farmington Hills, was recently promoted to sales director of corporate key accounts for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan. Previously a

regional sales manager of corporate key accounts, Stovall is currently working toward an executive MBA degree from Michigan State University.

**Taste consultant**

Kathleen Buraconak of Farmington Hills, recently became a consultant for Taste-fully Simple, Inc., a national direct sales company based in Alexandria, Minn. Buraconak conducts in-home presentations of upscale, convenience driven gourmet foods.

**New Pioneer counselor**

Pioneer Counseling Center in Farmington Hills recently appointed Kishwar Tahir, M.D. to its clinical staff. Dr. Tahir a recognized psychiatrist in Michigan for over 19 years, works with adults, adolescents and children.

**DOROTHY L. BUTTERMORE**

Services for Dorothy Irene Buttermore, 70, of Redford, were held Jan. 4 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Marque Cryderman officiating.

Mrs. Buttermore was born June 15, 1931, in North Carolina and died Jan. 2, 2002, in Farmington Hills. She worked for Pizza Hut in Clayton, Ga. for 10 years and was a member of the Farmington Elks. She loved nature.

She is survived by her son, Frank; daughters, Diane Miracle, Wanda Pratt, Linda McManus and Margo Mitcham; brothers, Clyde Maples, Paul Trusty and Glenn Trusty; 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Francis. Memorial contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Metropolitan Detroit Chapter, 1133 East Maple Road, Suite 201, Troy, MI 48063-2863.

Arrangements made by Heeny-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

**DAVID A. RIEBE**

Services for David A. Riebe, 48, formerly of Farmington Hills, were held Jan. 5 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Larry Austin officiating.

Mr. Riebe was born Dec. 16, 1953, in Detroit and died Jan. 3, 2002, in Garden City. A graduate of North Farmington High School, he worked as an architect.

He is survived by his son, Paul; daughter, Amy; mother, Norma; brother, Jon (Shelly); sister, Susan Hatch; grandmother, Ethel Mae Gleason; and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his father, Alex.

**LOIS E. GETTS**

Services for Lois Elaine Getts, 72, of Farmington, were held Jan. 5 at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. James Russell officiating. Burial took place at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Getts was born May 31, 1929, in Detroit and died Jan. 2, 2002, in Detroit. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by her sons, Daniel and Thomas; daughter, Donna (John) Hekker; brother, Orville Parrie; sister, Diana Bennett; and grandchildren, Hilary DeVries, Nicholas Getts, Preston Getts, Brittany Getts, Jacob Hekker, Hayley Hekker and Brooke Hekker. She is preceded in death by her husband, Donald.

Memorial contributions may be made to Angel Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154-5010.

**MARTIN O. MEYER**

Services for Martin Oscar Meyer, 67, of Plymouth, were held Jan. 6 at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia with the Rev. Robert Bayer officiating. Burial took place at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mr. Meyer was born July 31, 1934, in Livonia and died Dec. 31, 2001 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He worked for Cintas as a delivery person, as a bartender and a Twin Pines milkman.

He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline; son, Martin; step-daughter, Angela (Roger) Eaton; sister, Helen (Walter) Sherman; brother, Ronald (Susan) Meyer; and granddaughter, Lila Jacqueline.

**Torchbearer to get spot on NBC**

When 38-year-old Dr. Jeff Pierce of West Bloomfield was selected as a torchbearer for the 2002 Olympic Relay Run, he never imagined carrying the flame would lead to national recognition.

Yet Pierce is one of 65 Olympic torchbearers chosen by Coca-Cola Co. to be profiled nationally on NBC for the torch relay. A special vignette featuring Pierce is scheduled to air Monday, Jan. 7, the same day he'll carry the Olympic torch through some streets in Ann Arbor.

The segment featuring Pierce is scheduled to air between 9-10 p.m., during a break from the TV program *Third Watch* on Channel 4.

The 20-second spot will tell Pierce's inspirational story through personal photos and videos and through words from his nominating essay, written by a co-worker of his at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. The vignette will also show footage of Pierce carrying the torch from earlier in the

day. Pierce, a rehabilitation physician, is the founder of Athletes Unlimited, a nonprofit organization that provides recreational and competitive sports opportunities for disabled people throughout Michigan. Athletes Unlimited gives disabled individuals a chance to compete in swimming, tennis, track and field, the martial arts, weight lifting, softball, basketball and cycling.

Pierce also serves on the Governor's Council for Sports and Fitness and provides advice on disability-related issues.

"It's a great feeling to know that someone considers me inspirational enough to be an Olympic torchbearer," said Pierce, who was nominated by his colleague, Margaret Branigan. "I've always felt very fortunate, so I'm glad to have had the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of kids and their families."

Coca-Cola received more than 100,000 nominating forms from across the country,

then narrowed the list to 2,500.

From that group, company officials selected only 65 nominees to be featured in video profiles that will be televised during prime time commercial breaks.

"By featuring a torchbearer every night on national television, we hope to remind people that inspiration comes in many forms," said Coca-Cola spokeswoman Julie Wilsterman. "It's everyday people like Dr. Pierce doing extraordinary things."

The torch relay began Dec. 4 in Atlanta, the host city of the 1996 Olympic Games. More than 11,500 people will carry the flame roughly 13,500 miles through 46 states, culminating in ceremonies in Salt Lake City on Feb. 8.

Pierce is scheduled to carry the torch three-tenths of a mile through Ann Arbor Monday morning.

Two other West Bloomfield residents - Dr. Ted Schwartzfeld and Steve Swistak - also were named as Olympic torchbearers.

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