

## FARMINGTON CLUB CIRCUIT

## ARTISTS

The Farmington Artists Club will meet 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. The program will feature a critique of members work by artist Robert Scheffman.

## NEIGHBORS

The Newcomers and Neighbors Club will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the downtown Farmington Library. The guest speaker will be Karen Piccinato, the "Flower Lady."

## NORTH GARDEN

North Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Wednesday, Feb. 13, at the Farmington Hills Library. The topic of discussion will be bulb planting and care.

## FARMINGTON GARDEN

The Farmington Garden Club will meet noon Monday, Feb. 4, at the Longacre House in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 615-3516.

## HILL &amp; DALE

Hill & Dale Garden Club will hold a board meeting 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 4, at the Heritage Park Visitor Center. Call (248) 486-4346.

## MUSICALS

The Farmington Musicals will perform *Musical Rapture: What Money Can't Buy* at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Hammell Music Auditorium in Livonia.

## EMBROIDERERS

The Farmington Hills Embroiderers Guild will meet 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills. Call (248) 928-0699.

## STRONGER WOMEN

Faith Covenant Church in Farmington Hills hosts *Stronger Women*, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Thursdays, through March 21. The program includes exercise, crafts, food, fun and fellowship. The Church is at 35415 West 14 Mile Road. Call (248) 681-9191.

## CAREER WOMEN

The National Association of Career Women — West Suburban Chapter will meet for lunch at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 12 at Ernesto's in Plymouth. The featured speaker will be Adam Taub from Lyngklip & Taub Consumer Law Group. RSVP to Brenda Durling, (734) 462-4670.

## EXCHANGE CLUB

The Farmington Exchange Club will meet at noon Wednesday, Feb. 6, at the Brass Pointe Restaurant in Farmington Hills.

## GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Farmington Genealogical Society will meet 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, at the downtown Farmington Library. The topic will be *Strategies for tracing your German ancestors back to the old country*. Professional speaker, Jan Zaleski, will lead the discussion.

## ENGAGEMENTS

## BULLION-SHEPARD

Mr. and Mrs. Michael C. Bullion of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter Nicole Marie to Matthew Carl Shepard, son of Dr. and Mrs. M. Eric Shepard of Perrinton.

The bride-to-be earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Western Michigan University and is currently employed as a membership coordinator for the National Truck Equipment Association in Farmington Hills.

Her fiancé earned bachelor degrees in criminal justice and biomedical sciences from Michigan State University and is currently a police officer for the city of Rochester.

An April wedding is planned and the couple will make their home in Troy.



## YLITALO-LOHR

Sheri Ylitalo and Steven Lohr announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Susan and Donald Lohr and a graduate of Farmington High School. She earned a bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University and is currently employed as a project manager for TEK-systems in Bingham Farms.

Her fiancé is the son of Shirley Lohr of Macomb Township and the late Kenneth Lohr. He earned a double bachelor's degree from Grand Valley State University and is also employed as a project manager for TEK-systems.

A May wedding is planned at Trinity Lutheran Church in Clinton Township followed by a reception at Metropolitan Beach in Harrison Township.



## Applications being accepted for musical excellence awards

Applications are available for students in grades 7-12 who plan to compete in Farmington Musicals' Awards for Musical Excellence. This annual competition offers cash awards to further music education.

It is open to students who attend Farmington public or private schools, to children of a Farmington Musicals member and to those whose primary residence is in Farmington or Farmington Hills, but who attend school elsewhere.

Applications have been distributed to the music departments in all Farmington-area middle and high schools. They may also be obtained at the Farmington Public Libraries. Applications must be completed and returned, postmarked by midnight, Friday, Feb. 8. This year the competition will be Saturday, March 2, at Nardin Park.

United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. Categories will be: Piano, string/clarinet/classical guitar, wind/brass/percussion instruments divided into three grade levels: 7-8, 9-10, 11-12. Cash awards will be given in each grade division.

The Strey-McCallum Memorial Piano Award will be presented to the student who is judged to be the "most outstanding pianist" regardless of grade level.

First place winners will perform their winning compositions in a recital at 3 p.m., Sunday, March 17, at Antioch Lutheran Church. Awards will be presented at that time, as well as the Strey-McCallum Piano Award.

The recital is open to all free of charge. The Farmington Musicals is a member of the National Federation of Music Clubs.

## Tuning up



**Free concert: The Saginaw Valley State University Valley Wind Quintet will perform at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10, at Nardin Park United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. The Valley Wind Quintet, which was founded in 1983, has become one of Michigan's most active performing ensembles. Composed of Saginaw Valley State University faculty, who are also members of the Midland Symphony Orchestra, the group is comprised of: Row 1, William Wollner, horn and Drew Hinderer, bassoon; and row 2, Jane Bellen, oboe, Lauren Rongo, flute and Linda Hargett, clarinet. The concert is free and open to the public. Nardin Park is located at 29887 W. 11 Mile. Call (248) 476-8860.**

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not to bring it."

Patterson returned home from Daytona Beach last Saturday after a week-long with her daughter, Donna. The two women did a little shopping, but mostly they just enjoyed each other's company.

"I can't do much because of health," said Patterson. Patterson received an application for Home for the Holidays with one of her Meals on Wheels deliveries. She decided to fill it out.

"That day I didn't have much to do. I filled out applications for other things, and this was the only one that came through."

Like Wolnosky, Patterson was surprised when she found out she had won a ticket. In spite of turbulence on the way down, she enjoyed the flight.

"They were excellent," she said of the staff at Southwest. "They couldn't have been better. They were just wonderful, wonderful. The captain even pushed me onto the plane in my wheelchair."

## Successful program

Although Southwest Airlines has sponsored Home for the Holidays for over 20 years, Wayne County Executive Edward MacNamara introduced it to Wayne County 16 years ago.

"Recent events have made it clear that it's more important than ever to stay in touch with family and friends, and Southwest Airlines has again generously offered a way for seniors to make the trip," he said during the program's award luncheon Dec. 5 at the Airport Marriott

Hotel.

Jan Ford, department executive for Wayne County's Health Community Services, said applications were sent to 43 sites served by her department as well as every identifiable gathering place for seniors in Wayne County.

Once received the applications were turned over to Southwest Airlines, which made selections based on motivation for making the trip, length of time since applicant visited his or her loved one, and economic need. Twenty-six trips were awarded to Wayne County residents; 1,015 trips were awarded nationally.

"Southwest has always wanted to give back to the communities they serve," said Dan Jorgensen, Detroit-area marketing manager for Southwest Airlines. "This is

one way to do that."

Westland resident Marquette Wojewski, 79, also won a Home for the Holidays trip. Besides a \$5 bingo pot, the trip was the first thing she ever won. She looked forward to seeing her brother, David, in El Paso, Texas. However, fate intervened. While waiting to board her plane, Wojewski got sick.

"I didn't get to go," she said. "I guess it's just one of those things. There's nothing you can do about it. I'll try again next year."

Ford said the events of Sept. 11 influenced some winners to decline their tickets. "For those who chickened out we had to go back to the drawing board. We certainly weren't going to give any trips back," she said.



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