

School superintendent Church prepares for Fulbright trip

This October, Clarenceville Schools Assistant Superintendent Barbara Church will depart for Tokyo, Japan as a participant in the Fulbright Memorial Fund Teacher Program.

Church was selected by a panel of educators from a national pool of over 2,100 applicants.

Since learning of the honor this past spring, Church said she's been preparing almost every waking moment for her trip. In addition to plowing through a program reading list, she's gotten information from the Internet, watched videos about Japan and talked with others who've made the trip.

"When I get there, I will already have a foundation of understanding, so I'll be able to look more into specific areas," she said.

Educators are required to have a plan when they return to the U.S. that will incorporate what they've learned.

Church plans to develop two days worth of material that she'll present to 7th grade social studies classes.

"I'm going to be looking for what is the life of a 7th grader in Japan," she said, explaining that will include visiting a class there and taking lots of photos.

Clarenceville 7th graders will be asked to assume the identity of a Japanese student and will be in classes taught as they are in Japan. Church chose 7th grade because Asian studies are a part of that grade's curriculum, so her two-day presentation could be incorporated into the class.

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"I also used to teach middle school, and I like 7th grade," she said.

Church will also create a presentation to deliver at a School Board meeting.

The Fulbright program allows distinguished primary and secondary school educators in the U.S. to travel to Japan for three weeks in an effort to promote greater intercultural understanding between the two nations.

The 200 educators will begin their visit in Tokyo, where they will receive a practical orientation on Japanese life and culture and meet with Japanese government officials and educators.

They then will travel in groups of 20 to prefectures (states) outside of Tokyo where they will have direct contact with Japanese teachers and students during visits to primary and secondary schools as well as a teachers college.

They also will visit cultural sites and local industries in addition to a homestay with a Japanese family.

The program is sponsored by the Government of Japan and was launched to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the U.S. government Fulbright Program, which has enabled more than 6,000 Japanese citizens to study in the U.S. on Fulbright fellowships for graduate education and research.



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Moffitt earns award

David Moffitt, Oakland County Commissioner, (R) Farmington Hills, and Board Vice-Chairman, will receive a SEMCOG Joint Public Services Project Award for his efforts to televise Board of Commissioners meetings, first begun in 1998.

The Joint Public Services Awards program is a collaboration between the Metropolitan Affairs Cooperation, and the South East Michigan Council of Governments, and is designed to promote intergovernmental cooperation in delivering public services.

"We're pleased to recognize local governments, school districts, and private or nonprofit organizations in our region who cooperate to improve quality of life and conserve precious public funds," notes SEMCOG Executive Director, Paul Tait. "All of the projects are meant to be duplicated."

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Local students win credit union scholarships

A Farmington Hills resident and Mercy High graduate are among five outstanding students beginning university life with scholarships from Dearborn Federal Credit Union.

The 2002 Founder's Scholarships were presented to outstanding high school seniors this summer during a free "Education Planning Seminar" for consumers interested in investing to finance a child's education.

High school seniors who are members of the Credit Union are eligible for the Dearborn Federal Credit Union scholarships that recognize academic excellence as well as outstanding community service.

The recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship is Anne Lieberman, a graduate of North Farmington High. Lieberman served as co-captain of her school's varsity gymnastics team and varsity track team, and was a member of the marching band and the

National Honor Society. In her

community, she has volunteered with Botsford Hospital, the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization and the Shalom Synagogue. Lieberman is attending Duke University this fall.

and track teams, the science

club and the National Honors Society. Bolhouse also served as co-director of her school's pep band. In her community, Bolhouse served as secretary for St. Vincent de Paul and has worked with her church's youth group and Young Neighbors in Action. She is attending University of Texas, Austin this fall.

The recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship is Angel Bolhouse, a graduate of Mercy High School. A member of the cross country

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Restaurateur says woman tried to run him over

A woman dining with another person at the Rong Rong Chinese Buffet on Grand River ran out after the owner asked her to pay for her dinner around 7:45 p.m. Tuesday.

The owner ran after the woman who jumped into a waiting Jeep Liberty driven by her co-diner. The owner said the driver tried to run him over as the two fled. The owner gave police a partial number from the license plate. The bill came to \$18.97.

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