

Rainbow Awards honor 70 who promote diversity

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On Jan. 23, the Eighth Annual Rainbow Recognition Awards will honor 70 community residents who have furthered the cause of diversity.

Organizers is about the number of honorees is about the number as at last year's ceremony. Sponsored by the Farmington Hills Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council, the awards breakfast will be held at 7:30 a.m. Thursday, at the William Costick Activities

Center, 28600 11 Mile Road in Farmington Hills.

"The Rainbow Recognition Awards and the Chair Award honor individuals within our community and/or educational institutions who have actively promoted racial and cultural understanding," said Kim Janowski, a co-chair with Suzan Zazalan.

"One individual will receive the Chair Award in recognition for their outstanding efforts in promoting awareness, understanding and acceptance of diversity in our community." Local musical groups will

entertain throughout the morning event. The keynote speaker will be Heath Meriwether, Detroit Free Press publisher.

Call Karen Schlueter for reservations at (734)468-1779 or by e-mail, kschluet@umich.edu. Tickets are \$12.00. Checks should be made out to MCMR Community Council.

Last year, Farmington Public Schools Superintendent Bob Maschfeld was awarded the first Leadership Award and Rana Khalaf, a volunteer, received the Chair Award. Also scheduled this month is a presentation by Kurt Metzger, a

research director at the Center for Urban Studies at Wayne State University.

He is expected to speak about demographics at 11 a.m. during a MCMR meeting Thursday, Jan. 16 in the Farmington Hills City Hall Council Chamber, located at 11 Mile and Middlebelt. Lunch will be provided. Call Gail in the Farmington Hills City Manager's office at (248)473-9500 to reserve a spot. All MCMR events are open to the public.

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Harvey Stallings

Services for Harvey Stallings, 79, of Farmington, will be held at 1 p.m. today, Jan. 9, at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Larry Austin officiating. Burial will follow at Glen Eden Cemetery in Livonia.

Mr. Stallings was born June 23, 1923, in Etowah County, Ala. and died Jan. 6, 2003, at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He worked as a math teacher for Allen Park Public Schools and Ferndale High School and was a U.S. Army veteran. He earned

a master's degree in mathematics and was only 30 hours away from earning a doctorate in mathematics at the time of his death. Mr. Stallings was a member of the Veterans of Foreign War and loved football.

He is survived by his wife, Paula; and sisters, Willie Ebert and Marie Solman. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mental Health Association of Michigan, 15920 W. 12 Mile, Southfield, MI 48076.

Mary A. DiGiovanni

Services for Mary Angela DiGiovanni, 23, of Farmington Hills, will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 10, at St. Pabian Catholic Church in Farmington Hills. Visitation will be held 2-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. today, Jan. 9, at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

Ms. DiGiovanni died Jan. 5, 2003. She was a graduate student at the University of Michigan.

Her grandparents John Cotant and Helen and Jim DiGiovanni preceded her in death. She is survived by her parents, Michael and Chrissy; two brothers; and grandmother, Kathleen.

Jill E. Kollins

Jill Elaine Kollins, 49, of Farmington Hills, died Jan. 2, 2003, at Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor.

Ms. Kollins was born April 17, 1953, in Detroit. She was an artist. She is survived by her mother, Jeanette; sister, Wendy (Don) Kollins; sweetheart, Michael Glicker; and longtime friend, Judy Wright.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society, P.O. Box 214182, Auburn Hills, MI 48321. Arrangements made by Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

Arline L. Mozer

A memorial service for Arline Mozer, 82, of Farmington Hills, will be held at 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 19, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Southfield with the Rev. Roland Troike officiating.

Ms. Mozer was born Oct. 12, 1920, in Chicago, Ill. and died Dec. 23, 2002, in Farmington Hills. She worked as a bookkeeper. Arrangements were by Charles R. Step Funeral Home in Redford.

Deborah Tokarski Dinco

Services for Deborah Tokarski Dinco, 52, of Farmington Hills, will be held at 11 a.m. today, Jan. 9, at the Chapel of L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Canton followed by burial at Parkview Memorial Cemetery in Livonia.

Mrs. Dinco was born May 1, 1950, and died Jan. 4, 2003, at Providence Hospital. She worked as a chief executive officer for the Child Welfare Agency.

She is survived by her husband, Richard; son, Ryan; mother, Lillian Tokarski; brother, Larry Tokarski; and aunt, Helen Banasiewicz.

Memorial contributions may be made to Orchard Children's Services, Deb Dinco Family Preservation Fund, 30215 Southfield Road, Southfield, MI 48076.

Edward R. Turner

Services for Edward R. Turner, 46, of Novi, were held Jan. 6 at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.

Mr. Turner was born May 29, 1956, and died Jan. 3, 2003, in Novi. Raised in Southfield, Mr. Turner played for Southfield's first hockey team, the Southfield Braves. He attended Ferris State College on a full hockey scholarship and was captain of his team from 1977-1980. Mr. Turner also coached hockey for children. He loved to golf and play softball. He was a caddy at Plum Hollow Golf Club throughout his teen years.

In 1980, Mr. Turner graduated from Ferris State with a bachelor's degree in business and an associate's degree in welding technology. He worked for A.J. Williams, Inc. and joined the Detroit Carpenter's Union. In 1988, he was employed by J.T. Crawford, Inc. as a project manager, general field superintendent and assisting estimator.

He is survived by his wife, Sandy, and sons, Kyle, Alex and Ryan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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