

Musicale program goes European

Join the Farmington Musicale at Hammell Music, 15630 Middlebelt in Livonia on Wednesday, March 5 at 1:00 p.m. for a program with an international flavor.

"Hands Across the Ocean" will feature several members performing music of European origin. Pianist Jan

Smith will play three Spanish Dances of Enrique Granados.

Soprano Rita Puchman will sing songs of Schubert, Schumann, Brahms and Strauss with pianist Bruce Slinger.

Elaine Vermiglio will perform the Schumann Piano

Sonata in G minor, Op. 22. Soprano Faith Rick, with pianist Jennifer Gale, will perform songs of Vivaldi, Handel, Bellini and Piccini. Guests are welcome. Contact Jan Smith, (248) 626-3856, for more information.

GRANHOLM

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woman Mary Dettloff. "She's a great supporter of schools and youth," Dettloff added while Granholm is personally opposed to abortion, "she does not believe she should impose her views or her faith on the entire state."

Dr. Monica Migliorino-Miller, director of the Stop Granholm Church and Truth Project, praised Sister Doelker's decision.

The press release quoted her as saying, "A Catholic school shouldn't feature Governor Granholm as a prize because she publicly repudiates Church teaching and insists that abortion advocacy is consistent with Catholicism. We also thank Cardinal Maida for being responsive to complaints about this scandal."

Reached by phone, Migliorino-Miller said she believes Maida may have made phone calls or other contact with Sister Doelker in regards

to the matter. A member of the Stop Granholm project (www.stopgranholm.com) obtained a listing of auction items, which led to the organization's targeting the school.

"We began to alert people this was a problem," Migliorino-Miller said. "We're fairly confident it wasn't just our group. Sister Doelker's memo indicated that."

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accepting her gift. "A few Mercy parents and others have contacted us with concern that by offering this luncheon we appeared to stand in opposition to the Catholic Church and its teachings on abortion. We would like our Mercy school community and friends to understand that we never saw this as a gesture of support for abortion."

"Out of sensitivity to any who might interpret this item as Mercy taking a pro-abortion stand, the luncheon with Governor Granholm will no longer be an item in Mercy's auction. We thank Governor Granholm for her willingness to give of her time to support Mercy's auction."

Migliorino-Miller hopes that pro-life Catholics will help fill Granholm's place in the auction. "We invite Cardinal Maida, Attorney General Michael Cox, and others to offer their time to assist Mercy High School and Catholic education. Catholic schools should replace bad role models with good ones."

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Beek in Wixom, just north of Maple Road. The 175,000-square-foot building sits on 16 acres.

"I wanted to increase my knowledge of computer maintenance and hopefully get a career in it," Skrimin said.

He's learned how to tear a computer apart, put it back together and resolve maintenance issues and master operating systems.

He is now qualified to participate in the State Leadership Conference held at the Detroit Marriott Renaissance Center March 6-9.

"He is a certified Microsoft professional technician," said Sharon Jennings, an instructional tech. "This is a worldwide certification. He can go anywhere in the world and use it. It's a Bill Gates certification."

CAREER PLANS

Skrimin is preparing to become a certified Microsoft systems engineer.

After graduation, he expects to first attend Oakland Community College and then Michigan State University and Lawrence Technological University.

Skrimin has five self-built computers running in a network in his parents' home.

Farmington Hills home. He also has a laptop computer. Human error accounts for many computer problems, Skrimin said. That will keep computer repair people in business for decades to come.

The Southwest Campus has placed several students in jobs, Jennings said. Two students work for Millford Public Schools in computer maintenance.

"These students not only earn college credits, they get hands on in the workplace," Jennings said.

Associate Dean Michael Beyer said the campus is more like a college than a high school.

The school's relationship with Business Professionals of America contributes to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic, and technological skills.

BPA members are provided an opportunity for the development of leadership skills, personal and professional growth, and career-related competencies.

The BMMT Cluster is one of nine at the Oakland Schools Technical Campuses that combine academics, skills training and work experiences to prepare students for career success.

Twelve school districts send students to the Oakland

Schools Technical Campus Southwest, which opened in 1970. There are also technical centers in Pontiac, Royal Oak and Clarkson.

The Wixom campus has a Prometric testing center, which does a variety of testing for national certifications.

Recent campus renovations came after a 2001 vocational millage approved by voters, Beyer said.

EARLY INTEREST

The interest in computers David Skrimin has is fostered by the school's programs, but it originated much earlier in his life.

"My dad has always had an interest in computers and when I was a lot younger, he taught me everything I know," he said.

Gary Skrimin works in a computer-based job at Ford Motor Company. Mom Miriam expects to soon return to nursing. David has a brother, Matthew, 4, and sisters Laura, 13, a Farmington High School freshman and Carolyn, 20, who attends Michigan State University.

For more information about the Oakland Schools Technical Campus Southwest regional competition contact Dean Alain Beckner, (248) 960-5400.

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member," Reid said.

Anyone who wants to run for this four-year seat should contact Judy Stelnhebel at (248) 489-3341.

The last day for filing nominating petitions is 4 p.m. April 7.

The last opportunity for a candidate to withdraw his or her name is 4 p.m. April 10.

The last day to register to vote in this election is 5 p.m. May 12.

Absentee voter ballots will be available May 20. The deadline for accepting absentee voter application is 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 7. Emergency absentee

voter applications can be made up to 4 p.m. June 9, election day. Return delivery must be prior to 8 p.m. when the polls close.

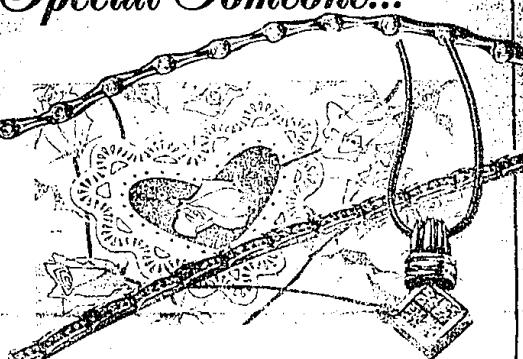
Enberg served on several school board committees and community organizations during her 17 years in the district.

She holds a bachelor of science degree in nursing from the University of Kansas and a master's of business administration degree from the University of Michigan.

Enberg and her husband have two grown sons.

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