

Jaycees seek new members

That versatile bunch of young men (18-35), the Farmington Area Jaycees, are hoping to recruit more members.

Not that the 100 who meet two evenings a month at the American Legion Hall need more, but they want to share the fun and fellowship.

At 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, all men in the community who are interested or curious about Jaycee activities should drop in at the hall, 3175 Grand River, for refreshments, a program and conversation.

Fred Madley, public relations chairman, says men generally join for specific reasons—to make new friends

and get involved in the spring musical show. The show, given annually in March at Harrison High School, is a 25-year community tradition. It is written, produced and staged by the Jaycees, the Jayettes (some still call it the auxiliary) and families.

Madley says, "You don't have to be invited to be a member. Just drop around next Tuesday evening or call our president, Jim Luke of Farmington."

ANXIOUS TO straighten out a few misconceptions, he said many still believe they have to be recommended to

join. Not so, in fact, residence in Farmington or Farmington Hills isn't required either. Marital status is not a factor in membership; members are both married and single.

Same for Jayettes, the women don't have to be married to be in the group.

"We want to let people know we are two separate clubs that work together. The girls don't just follow us around and pick up the pieces. They have their own projects, but the clubs cooperate on many projects."

Although best known for the spring show and the summer rodeo, the Jaycees have a continuing blend of activities—bowling, softball and golf outings, the Halloween haunted house, a track meet for youngsters, recreational activities for the handicapped and an elderly and a community prayer breakfast.

However, Madley and former president John Sprys find other values in Jaycee involvement.

MADLEY SAYS, "The thing it has done for so many is to bring them out of their shell. And it's the fastest way for a person transferred to meet new people."

Sprys, who has been rodeo chairman, manager of a softball team and show chairman, says he got involved because he wanted to help with the athletic programs, work on the show and make some new friends.

A sixth-grade teacher at Shawwassee Elementary School, he has also been vice-president, treasurer, secretary and two-year board member.

Madley says, "I have seen so many people do a 180-degree turn after they joined. It's better and more fun than a Dale Carnegie course."



Stars of the 1973 Farmington Area Jaycee musical, Rocky's Rodeo Road, John and Jana Sprys, continue to be actively involved in the musicals and other club activities.

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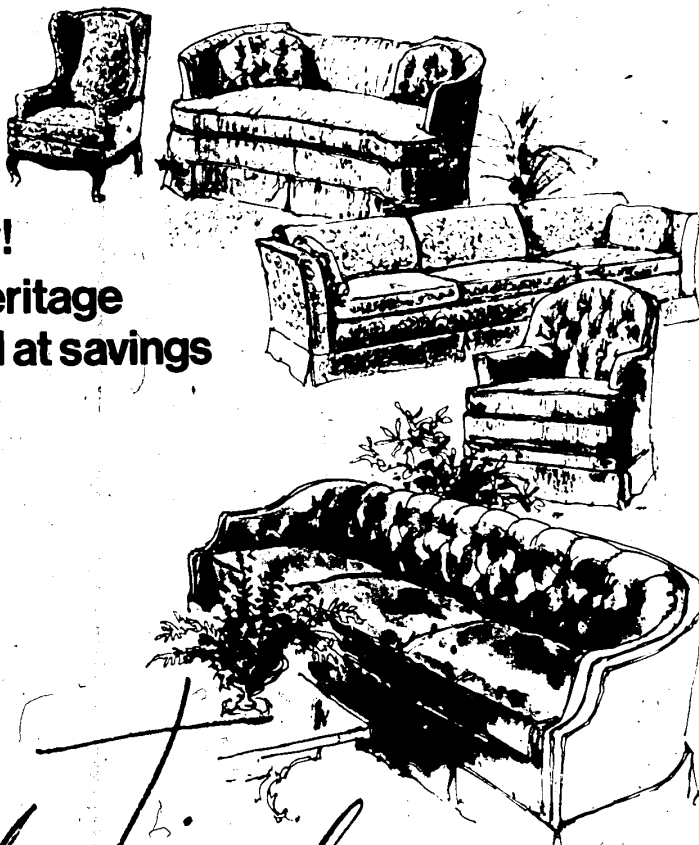
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