

Chef turns tour guide and party giver for 15

Tom McKinnon, a local chef who has become known as a benefactor of Farmington Community Center, will host 15 young boys from Sarah Fisher Home for a day of activities on Sunday, Dec. 23.

McKinnon, executive chef for Holly Hotel in Holly, has put up the Christmas tree in the hotel complex. But he will ask the guests to decorate it.

"I hope they will think of it as their tree," McKinnon said. "These are the boys who will not be going home for Christmas because there is no home to go to."

McKinnon and his wife, Janine, once a volunteer for Sarah Fisher's DePaul Cottage, have worked up enough enthusiasm for the guests' arrival among employees in the hotel "that everybody is getting into the act," McKinnon said.

"The waitresses are seeing that each boy will go home with a gift. We will be serving them a gourmet lunch and taking them on a tour around here," he said.

THE HOLLY Hotel, designated an historical building, has twice been destroyed by fire. Now restored in its authentic Victorian fashion, it still carries

Santa to lunch with tots at Roman Terrace

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus are scheduled to arrive at noon Dec. 22 in Roman Terrace on 12 Mile and Orchard Lake Roads.

Christmas Carol will be in the restaurant to personally escort children to visiting Santa, who has a gift for all of his guests that day.

Also on hand will be a magician and his bag of tricks and one of Santa's elves whose speciality is making animal balloons.

On the menu is a spaghetti lunch at \$3.95 for adults, or \$1.95 for children. Reservations are suggested by calling 851-4094.



TOM MCKINNON

the legend of "Carrie Nation's bar."

The bar that was once the target of the American Women's Temperance Society has been replaced by the original soda fountain bar used in Cunningham's first Detroit store.

"There is a lot to see and do here," McKinnon said. "We've got enough to keep the boys busy for a full fun day."

McKinnon, who grew up in Farmington Hills, has given several sold-out benefits in Farmington Community Center, demonstrating and lecturing on the culinary arts.

During his study in Europe he supplied Farmington Observer readers with a column on some of the fine eating houses on the continent.

Kevelin is elected

Bruce Kevelin of Artistic Cabinets in Farmington Hills, has been elected vice president of the American Institute of Kitchen Dealers (AIKD).

President of the group for the coming term is James R. Alcorn, of Bloomfield Custom Kitchens in Birmingham.

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We've seen four this season. Perhaps the best is C.D.B. Bryan's *The National Air and Space Museum*, (Abrams, \$42.50), a beautiful and breathtaking examination of man's most exciting contemporary venture, recorded by one of science's best writers and in one of the world's greatest museums. This book, filled with more than two hundred full color illustrations, is a treasure for the whole family.

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