

## club circuit

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED PERSONS**, Farmington Hills Chapter 2088, has elected Dorothy Korp as president for the coming term. Her vice presidents are Jim Meeker and Ivan Nylin.

Other officers to be installed at the group's May meeting are Catherine Magas, Bernice Frederick and Ann Leasing. The event is scheduled for noon tomorrow in the downstairs room of Farmington Hills Community Li-

brary on 12 Mile Road in conjunction with "Luncheon is Served."

"Luncheon is Served" is the chapter's only annual fund-raiser. Donation of \$2.50 will be asked at the door.

**HILL AND DALE GARDEN CLUB** meets tonight at 8 p.m. in Farmington Community Library on 12 Mile Road. The program will be led by Amy Langdon, a member of the club, who will present a demonstration of Japanese flower arranging.

**FARMINGTON AREA PRESCHOOL COUNCIL** meets at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Nardin Park Methodist Church.

The meeting is open to all preschool personnel as well as all persons interested in preschools. Topic for the program is school supplies.

**AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY** hosts "Mastectomy Update," a continuing education seminar from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, May 16 in Sheraton Southfield, 17017 Nine Mile Road. There is a \$10 luncheon charge.

The seminar will include three workshops, followed by a show of fashion models by Reach to Recovery volunteers.

Reservations are taken by calling the cancer society, 557-5353.

**PIONEER WOMEN OF GREATER DETROIT COUNCIL** will stage its annual canister drive through Detroit and suburbs Sunday through Tuesday, May 17-18.

Money collected is used to help maintain day nurseries and kindergartens as well as supporting Youth Aliyah projects.

Through Youth Aliyah young people receive their education in the group's agricultural and vocational schools in Ayanot, Kanot and Bron, Israel.

Child care centers maintained in Israel by Pioneer Women cater to the needs of children whose mothers work or attend school. The day-night centers provide for orphans, children unwanted by their parents or those whose homes are unsuitable for proper nurturing where the parents are mentally or physically incapacitated.

**STEPPAMILY ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN** hosts an open meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 18, in Bloomfield Academy, 1050 E. Square Lake Road, between Adams and Opdyke roads in Bloomfield Hills.

The group is a self-help organization for all persons living in a "merged" family situation.

The program is aimed to help those who are having strife in the areas of children, ex-spouses, ex-in-laws, money, marriage, expectations of fellow family members or visitation of children.

The program is called "Creating a Feeling of Family: Rituals in Stepfamilies," and will be led by Mary F. White, side of University of Michigan.

There is no charge. Inquiries will be taken by Elaine Smith, 652-6573, after 7 p.m.

**MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF CALLIGRAPHERS** meet at 8 p.m. Monday, May 18, in Farmington Hills Community Library, 32737 12 Mile Road.

Members are asked to bring a salad to pass for a 6:30 p.m. salad supper. Members will vote for new officers and view a movie after supper.

Guests are invited to this meeting. Non-members will be asked a \$1 donation at the door.

**THE GATHERING PLACE** regulars will don clothing from Second Edition, Farmington Community Center's resale shop, for a fashion showing of both men and women's clothes at 1:30 p.m. Monday, May 18.

There is no charge for the show. Guests are asked to enter The Gathering Place in Mercy Center from Gate 4 on 11 Mile Road, east of Middlebelt Road.

At 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 19, Sherry Deeg comes from Farmington Community Library to show the film, "Juggernaut," a movie of India. The film portrays the people, the landmarks and the culture of India in the journey of a modern day juggernaut.

At 11 a.m. Thursday, May 21, The Gathering Place hosts Dale Winnie.

The attorney will be available for any questions seniors have on legal concerns.

Reservations are now being taken for a trip to Ann Arbor, scheduled for Tuesday, May 25.

This spring, The Gathering Place's annual arts and crafts show moves to Tally Hall. Seniors will show and sell the arts and crafts they have created with artist Jo Schmidt and crafts teacher Yvonne Singer in the mall on Orchard Lake Road, all day Wednesday, May 27.

**DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION**, Quakertown Chapter, took three awards during the DAR State Award Day, held in Lansing this spring. Members took a first place award for their year book, a first for their press book, and topped other state chapters with the number of DAR insignias ordered by their members.

The chapter's next regular meeting begins at noon, Tuesday, May 19, in Farmington Hills Community Library on 12 Mile Road.

Officers will give their annual reports, and a report will be given on the 90th Continental Congress, held in Washington, D.C. early this month.

Following the business meeting, officers for the 1981-83 term will be installed.

**FARMINGTON NEIGHBORS CLUB** meets for a luncheon and program at noon Wednesday, May 20, in Glen Oaks Country Club.

The meeting is open to all women in all adjoining suburbs. Reservations can be made by calling Ruth Paul, 478-5739.

Guest for the afternoon is Rose LoCicero, a member of Women's Association of Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

Her topic is "The Role of Women in the History and Development of Detroit Symphony Orchestra." Mrs. LoCicero is a long-time supporter of the arts, both locally and nationally.

**WOMEN OF NORTH FARMINGTON** meet for luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 20, in Detroit Golf Club. The event is open to guests. New membership officers will be installed.

**WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** meets at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, in Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 Seven Mile Road, Livonia.

Guest speaker for the evening is Joseph Pernick, Wayne County Probate Judge. His topic is "Probate: Yesterday and Today."

**FACET**, (Farmington Association for Children with Exceptional Talent) meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, in Farmington Hills Community Library on 12 Mile Road.

Guest speaker is Graham Lewis, assistant superintendent of special education services in Farmington Public Schools.

His topic is "Gifted Education in Farmington: Its Past Development and Future Plans."

Election of officers for the 1981-82 season will take place.

**ALONE-TOGETHER**, a social group for widows and widowers, meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 21, in St. Edith Church social hall, 15089 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

Program for the evening will be "Uptown and Country," a dance concert performed by Nickie's Dance Company of Canton.

The event is open to widows and widowers, only. Admission of \$3 will be asked at the door.

m.m. memos  
**Margaret Miller**

## Growing on a small scale

Those nights with sub-freezing temperatures last week were absolutely devastating to my garden. I had to buy two new geraniums.

My garden, I should explain, is probably the tiniest in these parts and I intend to keep it that way. In spite of considerable razzing from family members.

When we bought our present home two years ago, one of its main charms, in addition to its lovely swimming pool, was its dearth of cultivated gardens.

Others would not consider this an advantage. But the man of our house and I had had 20 years of tending gardens planted by those who came before us. We were glad to turn that kind of work over to someone else and take over the present homestead with its grassy lawn and assorted shrubs.

We didn't even grieve too much when it turned out that the clay surrounding us wouldn't even accept tulip bulbs. We were sure we would be content to admire the neighbors' tulips.

BUT THE FIRST time we invited friends over to go swimming, one of the couples brought us a planter pot for a housewarming. It's maybe 18 inches in diameter and it was crammed with geraniums, marigolds, a petunia and some ivy.

It added a bright spot on the pool's concrete deck, and the flowers bloomed there happily and without aid. They were planted so close together they didn't even need weeding.

Now that was my kind of garden. It bloomed through the first summer, but, alas, I left it out one night too long. A chill fall evening nipped the annuals.

But the ivy seemed to have survived, so I brought it in and set it at the sunny end of the kitchen. A couple of jade plants gave the ivy some company, and it went on all winter.

Last spring it was back to the yard, and since there were some spaces I bought three geraniums at the church sale and startled the local nursery by purchasing one sample each of several other annuals.

Hot days and somewhat sporadic watering took its toll, but by the end of the summer all the geraniums were growing tall along with the ever-faithful ivy.

THIS TIME, when fall arrived, I brought the garden in and all its occupants did very well all winter. My daughter commented more than once that it was pretty silly looking.

But she did promise me a tomato plant this summer, and I stuck into the soil a pussy-willow stalk that sprouted.

And I waited until it seemed safe to take it outside again. But not long enough. The temperature dipped last week, and I fear the geraniums that were tended all winter are gone now.

And is not just. The ivy continues in good health, and the pussy willow may have survived. If not, another stalk from the bunch I bought has some leaves. The cherry tomato plant is still to come, and the church had another sale so there are two new geraniums to plant.

Life and my garden go on.

## He helps others enjoy the opera

Opera buff Dr. Jack C. DuBois comes to Farmington Hills Library for a program to help guests enjoy and get a better understanding of opera.

"A Night Before the Opera" is timed just prior to the Metropolitan Opera's stay in Detroit, which runs May 25-30 in Masonic Temple.

DuBois' illustrated lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 21, in the library at 32737 12 Mile. It is sponsored by the library's Adult Services without charge and is recommended for any one baffled by opera.

"Even if you don't plan on seeing the Met this season, DuBois is known as a very witty man who can teach you a great deal, and you'll have fun at the

same time," said Carole Hund, who arranged for DuBois' appearance here.

DuBois' program will center around the six operas that will be seen in Detroit at the end of the month: Puccini's "Manon Lescaut," Verdi's "The Rise and Fall of the City of Mahagonny," Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana," Verdi's "Requiem," Mozart's "Don Giovanni," Saint-Saens' "Samson et Dalila," and Verdi's "La Traviata."

DU BOIS was long-time host as well as writer of all of the scripts for "Detroit Opera House" on WDET-FM.

He has been associated with and instructor for Detroit Conservatory of Music, Michigan Conservatory of Mu-

sic, Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Community Colleges and is a professor at Wayne State University.

He has lectured on opera for Detroit Adventure Series and conducted WXYZ's TV-College, where he lectured on Wagner.

He teaches piano, voice, opera, history theory, appreciation and humanities of music.

He will play tapes for his audience along with a running commentary, unraveling opera story lines. He believes everyone will enjoy listening to opera on radio, or seeing a television or live presentation when they know the plot of the story beforehand.

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