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Tottering unit puts out call for cancer society volunteers

By Lorraine McClish
staff writer

The unit of the American Cancer Society (ACS) Metropolitan Detroit Chapter that is comprised of Farmington, Farmington Hills and West Bloomfield is hovering on the brink of being dissolved for lack of volunteers.

"All we need are about 100 names on a list that we can call every once in a while who will work two or three hours on some specific project," said Betty Huff, a Farmington Hills resident who is trying to hold the unit together.

"We also need some people who will take a position on the board and get us going again."

The Detroit chapter of the society, based in Southfield, covers three counties. The move to break the broad-based organization into small units was made about a year ago for a two-fold reason.

First, a good part of the funds raised in each unit would stay in that unit for the benefit of its own residents.

Secondly, and in Huff's mind maybe more importantly, the services rendered to those with cancer and their families could be given on a much more personable basis by volunteers within their own neighborhoods.

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"WE ARE THE only unit in all three counties that never really got off the ground," Huff said.

"We got organized too fast here. It wasn't made clear to a lot of the people who volunteered for various jobs just exactly they were getting into. Some of the good workers moved away."

"We're down (in numbers) now to the point where we're going to lose everything we worked for and start having to take money and services from the tri-county chapter instead of it being home grown."

The volunteers who come forth for the Cancer Crusade, the door-to-door spring solicitation staged each year, holds pretty steadily with money goals either achieved or reasonably achieved, in this unit as well as others. The big need is for the list of those

who can be called on periodically to work on the annual bikeathon; speakers to conduct cancer education programs in the schools, clubs and businesses; those willing to sell Christmas cards; those willing to provide transportation for cancer patients; those willing to lend a hand for any scheduled special event.

"There's a long list to pick and choose from," Huff said.

"The irony of this is that we're not talking about raising a lot of money or spending a lot of time for any one individual. And the more there are of us the thinner it will be spread around," she said.

THE UNIT board of directors calls for 10-15 persons and this area's unit is now down to three board members.

The board volunteers can also pick and choose to serve in their area of expertise or desire, but these people, overall, are charged with planning and implementing American Cancer Society programs.

The board meets four times a year. But Huff cautions, "There is a lot of homework involved and these volunteers have to be pretty serious about the job they are willing to take on."

The main categories the board deals with are public education, public information, the Cancer Crusade, and service and rehabilitation.

"We are suffering a big loss of exposure," Huff said. "Not to mention money and services if we have to depend on other units to subsidize us. There's merit in that I'm sure, but it would be so much easier if we could meet our own needs here."

"Plus, we would have more control over our own needs than if we were dissolved into being a part of the Metro Division."

Her goal, she said, "is to have a big enough cadre of volunteers so we don't have to harass anybody into giving more time than they want to give."

Liz Bauer or Lisa White will take inquiries from potential volunteers. Call the society's Southfield office, 557-5353.

'Opportunity Farmington':

\$5,000 cleared — \$5,000 to go

By Lorraine McClish
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Farmington Hills Junior Women's Club has hit the 50-percent mark, \$5,000, on the way to its \$10,000 goal through the sale of "Opportunity Farmington."

"We'll be handing out some of the money before the holidays," said Sandy Donlon, speaking for the club members who promoted the sale of the board game.

Money that is raised through the

fund-raiser will benefit Farmington Area Advisory Council (FAAC), Farmington Community Center and The Gathering Place.

Proceeds will also be used for a special book collection in Farmington and Farmington Hills Public Libraries and be earmarked for fine arts scholarships to be given through the three area high schools.

The first recipient will be The Gathering Place. Several of the club members are shopping now for a piano that will be used for senior adults who

gather weekdays in Mercy Center. The piano is expected to arrive before Christmas.

THE CLUB has hit every goal along the way towards the ambitious project that got under way last spring.

Area merchants joined in the fund-raiser by buying suites on the Monopoly-type game board for the players who buy, manage and sell properties of familiar names in the Farmington and Farmington Hills communities.

All squares were sold so the game was manufactured in time to hit the second goal of going on sale during Founders Festival Days.

Another target was hit when more games were ordered to take advantage of the holiday-buying season.

Metropolitan Band of Farmington, Marjorie's Hair Salon, Jane's Hardware, Real Estate One, Honey Tree Restaurant, Executive Office Supply, Brown's Drugs and Contemporary Awards all have their names on the board.

The businesses helped get the game manufactured with their pledge to buy a square on the board, and they are now carrying the games in their place of business to sell to their shoppers and clients.

"Remember these names when you're shopping," Donlon said. "Even though many of them wouldn't normally handle a game for their clients, they are doing this extra service for us through the holidays to help us meet our goal."

Dave's Sports, Art Alcove, Hair Sanctuary and Warren's Corners are also carrying the game during the season.

Other merchants who are joining in the benefit are Melnick's Curiosity Shop, Penny Wise, Tally Toys and Mar-

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mel Gifts and Toys.

MEANWHILE, Great Scott, on the corner of Orchard Lake Road and 13 Mile, whose name is also on the board, is offering space in the store from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Saturday until Christmas for Farmington Hills Junior Women to set up shop for more sales of "Opportunity Farmington."

Donlon describes the game as "a fun-filled game designed to challenge the players' business and money-making skills, suitable for the entire family."

The lion's share of the club's \$10,000 disbursement will go to FAAC in conjunction with the club's involvement in a statewide campaign that tackles the problems of alcohol abuse and the increased number of deaths caused by drunk driving.

The Junior Women joined in the state campaign through its affiliation with Michigan State Federation of Women's Clubs.

"Opportunity Farmington" sells for \$10. Its facilities, used in other towns as a fund-raiser, has been used in several high schools as a tool to teach the free enterprise system.



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Five generations gather

Five generations gathered to celebrate the 81st birthday of Marguerite Jewett (seated at right) who has lived in Farmington for 52 years and in the same house on Ottawa since 1935. One-month-old Donald James Loschinski is her first great-great-grandchild, held by his mother Gayle Loschinski, who is one of her 70 living great grandchildren. At Mrs. Loschinski's right is Alice Ryan, Mrs. Jewett's daughter, who has been her mother's neighbor for 35 years. At far right standing is Irene Ryan, one of Mrs. Jewett's 39 living grandchildren. Alice Ryan, a genealogist, has traced her mother's family back to 18th century England.



Warming the season with song

Farmington Community Chorus director Jim Whitten and accompanist Susan Garr have finalized preparations for their holiday concert, "Songs Yule Love," at 8 p.m. Saturday in Harrison High School's Center for the Performing Arts. It marks the third annual Christmas concert for the chorus. The first act will be filled with popular songs and the second with some modern and some old, familiar carols. Tickets are \$2, or \$1 for seniors and children, at the door. The chorus is sponsored by Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department and has grown to 90 members in the three years it has been performing.

Ken Kollar to take Eagle Scout award

Keneth A. Kollar, a senior at Farmington High School, will receive his Eagle Scout Award when Troop 435 hosts its Court of Honor Dec. 10 in Pierce Junior High School, Redford.

Active now in Farmington High's swim team, its concert band, marching band and symphony band, Kollar joined the Redford Boy Scout Troop sponsored by Jane Addams School PTA in 1978.

With the troop he served as patrol leader, as a member of the Leadership Corps, biked the President's Trail in Washington, D.C., the trail at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio and the U.S. Grant Pilgrimage in Illinois.

His many long-term camping experiences led to becoming a member of the Order of the Arrow, an honorary camping society.

Kollar's service project, a requisite to attaining scouting's highest award, was completed at Oak Hill Nursing

Home in Farmington. He was led to giving his time to those in a nursing home, he said, because his grandfather spent the last four years of his life in a veterans' hospital.

At Oak Hill he assisted in the Saturday bowling and bingo activities. He built a box for storing toys that could be used by young visitors to the home, and a large puzzle board for use by the residents.

He also made the arrangements for Farmington High's Stage Band to come to the home for a night of entertainment.

OUTSIDE OF troop activities and responsibilities, Kollar has been an active member of Sacred Heart Byzantine Catholic Church in Livonia since he started serving as an altar boy there at the age of 8.

While he was a resident of Redford, he delivered the Redford Observer, at-

tended Rogers Elementary and Marshall Junior High School, played baritone and tuba in his school bands and played Little League Football for a Redford team.

He moved to Farmington Hills and Power Junior High School in 1978. He switched to delivering the Farmington Observer and in August, 1980, was named the newspaper's "Carrier of the Month."

Other awards followed, mostly in the area of his musicianship.

After a series of band camps, and attendance at the Smith-Walbridge Drum Major Camp in Indiana, he received the distinction of Drum Major First Class, an award attained by only 17 of the 380 attendees.

His plans are to attend a Michigan university under an ROTC program, while majoring in computer engineering.



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