

club circuit

FARMINGTON AMERICAN LEAGION, Groves-Walker Post 346 and its auxiliary meet at 8 p.m. tonight in the post, 31775 Grand River.

WOMEN OF NORTH FARMINGTON meet for lunch, a silent auction, and to hear psychologist Dorothy Soystrig at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11, in Room 404, J Building, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. Sovereign's talk is called "How to Turn All Your Negatives Into Positives."

Members and guests must make reservations before Friday, Jan. 4, with Marion Prover, 471-4361, or Sandy Mills, 476-5260. Cost is \$10.

MOONDUSTERS meet for a dance party at 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, in Livonia Activities Center, corner of Five Mile and Farmington Road. The event is open to all singles over the age of 40 from all surrounding communities.

Admission is \$3.50 at the door which includes dancing to a live band and refreshments.

CATARACT SUPPORT GROUP meet at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, in Beacon Hill Professional Plaza, 18161 13 Mile Road, Southfield.

Marge Celmer, an associate clinical assistant, will demonstrate two new instruments, the A Scan, used to measure the length of the eye for calculating the power of the lens implant, and the B

Scan, used to view the inside of the eye using ultra sound.

The group celebrates its first birthday at this meeting. It was started, under the auspices of The Cataract and Eye Care Institute, to educate the public on the treatment of cataracts.

Inquiries about the group will be taken by calling the Institute, 846-4156. The group's Cataract Hotline number is 645-4185.

PHOENIX DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP meets at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 7, in St. Paul Presbyterian Church, 27467 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Program for the evening is called "Practical Information for Coping Along."

The group, sponsored by YWCA of Western Wayne County, serves as a support system for women who are separated, divorced or contemplating divorce. New members are welcome at any time.

Inquiries are taken by Pamela Cronewett or Susan Cadwell in the Y, 561-4110, during regular business hours.

HADASSAH, Novi-Northville Chapter, meet at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, in the Farmington Hills home of Laraine Knopow, 2844 Locumoor, for an evening of "Fitness, Fun, Food."

Members and guests are invited to wear leotards or loose clothing for a physical fitness workout and will learn about behavior modification in relationship to food and get some nutritional guidelines.

There is no charge, but reservations are necessary, by calling the host, at 855-9848.

FARMINGTON KIWANIS meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, in Farmington Elks Lodge on Orchard Lake Road, north of Grand River.

After-dinner speaker for the evening is Martha Turner, a perennial traveler to Scotland. She will give an update on conditions in Scotland and the latest reports on the "Loch Ness Monster."

Guests are welcome to make dinner reservations with Carl Dahlstrom, the chapter president, 474-5589.

PERSONAL RESOURCE CONSULTANTS continues its series for singles with a wine tasting session at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, in Park West Galleries, 29469 Northwestern Highway, Southfield.

The series concludes Jan. 30 in Grosse Pointe, 27815 Middlebelt, Farmington Hills, with a session called "Investing in Your Future: Tax Strategies and Financial Planning for Singles."

Reservations are required for each event by calling Personal Resource Consultants, 722-2222.

PLYMOUTH CHILD BIRTH Education Association offers a six week prenatal exercise class beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, in Newburgh Methodist Church, 35500 Ann Arbor Trail, Livonia.

The association's seven week Lamaze series begins at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, in the Spirit Lutheran Church, 34563 Seven Mile Road, Livonia; at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16 in First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth, 701 Church Street; and at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, in Newburgh Methodist Church in Livonia. Inquiries are taken by calling the association, 459-7477.

PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S Network meets for breakfast at 7:15 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11, in Farmington Community Center, 24703 Farmington Road. After-breakfast speaker for the morning is Elizabeth Giese, a consultant for Michigan Department of Labor. Her talk is called "Sexual Harassment in the Workplace."

The network is open to all professional women in the area and meets on the second Friday of each month, September through June, for a program and the opportunity for communication and networking.

Reservations, at \$5 each, must be made by Wednesday, Jan. 9, by calling the center, 477-8404.

All club news and announcements for this column are to be addressed to: Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024. The information must arrive before noon on the Monday before Thursday publication.



retirement memos

Margaret Miller

Retirement gets 2-year assessment

It's two years now since Joe and I have faredwell to our respective editorial desks and drove off to watch sunsets. So, perhaps it's time for a bit of retirement assessment, though two years from now I may decide that any such appraisal was premature.

I've been thinking about what is different in my life and how I view it. What I miss, and how much, and what I don't miss. I'll try putting the thoughts down in categories.

This is strictly a personal assessment. I've talked to retirees here in Florida and find both agreement and disagreement. I'd be interested in hearing how others who have taken different retirement routes may view their own situations.

FIRST, RETIREMENT locale. I'm as pleased as I expected to be with where we live.

The golf and the beach have lost none of their fascination; the freedom from snow and ice none of its satisfaction. We've found a corner of Florida where even the tourist season doesn't bring a sense of too much crowding, and we appreciate it.

Second, retirement home. Having far less space took some adjusting, which I expected. I love the easy-care aspects; I work a lot at figuring out where to

put things. Joe says whenever I have some free time I start rearranging things. I don't miss the lawn and garden at all; I enjoy viewing the communal grounds and growing my houseplants.

Third, work. Or should I say former work? I don't miss at all the daily and weekly output and the deadline pressure. I guess I do miss the "in on things" aspects. Joe and I both have experienced disappointment at the lack of interest in our talents when it comes to part-time work.

On the other hand, there's ample interest and appreciation for these abilities in volunteer projects, and we find we're busier than we expected to be.

AND FINALLY, relationships. I find I miss friends more than I thought I would, and family even more than that. Contacts with those far away become more, rather than less, precious. New relationships are growing, but they take time and they don't replace those left behind.

I look back after two years and feel some pang, see some empty spots, note some things that could be different. But I also look ahead to feel sure I'll throw more things away, write more letters, watch more sunsets and in general relax more into the retiree role.

Sports teams form for play abroad

Sport for Understanding, a non-profit international sports exchange program, is in the process of forming 37 teams in 15 sports to play in Europe, Asia, Canada and Latin America next summer.

Sport for Understanding is an offshoot of Youth for Understanding, one of the largest international educational organizations, which has exchanged more than 100,000 students during its 33 years of operation.

Participants can play soccer in Brazil, England, Finland, Australia or the Netherlands. Basketball players can join a team going to Italy, Australia, Costa Rica or Finland. Ice and field hockey teams will be playing in Canada, golfers in Scotland.

Players ages 14-19 need only have average or better athletic ability. Program fees range \$1,400-\$1,975. All team programs are four weeks in

duration and each team is accompanied by a coach.

Interested coaches and players are invited to write SFU, Department 108, 3501 Newark Street, NW, Washington, DC 20016.

"WE DRAW UPON the resources of an organization which maintains offices and a professional staff in 13 U.S. regions and in 26 countries around the world," said Richard S. Willard, executive director of SFU.

The SFU program, in its third year of operation, is planned and administered by an experienced group of professionals, sports administrators, university faculty and international coaches who are in close contact with sports leaders, host coaches and sports clubs in each nation.

The 1985 program is expected to include about 500 players and coaches.

Each team consists of 12-16 players. All teams are officially sanctioned to travel and compete internationally by the respective sport governing body.

Team members will play in another country where they are hosted by a sport club, its coaches and a host family. Occasionally the teams are hosted

in two separate countries during one season. And occasionally the player will be competing opposite teammates as a member of an internationally mixed team. Sometimes the athlete will be invited to enter local, regional or countrywide competitions based on individual interest and ability.

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