

## club circuit

**HILL AND DALE** Garden Club conducts its monthly meeting at 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 9, in the Farmington Hills Community Library, 12 Mile Road. The program for the evening is "Special Students, Special Teachers and Special Guests." October is Garden Therapy month and Mary Lou Seldon, a special education teacher at Kenbrook School who is a club member, is the evening's guest speaker. She will be accompanied by some of her students who are participating in a garden therapy project. Visitors are welcome.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN**, Farmington branch convenes from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 11 for its fall cluster meeting. Mercy Center, 11 Mile at Middlebelt, Farmington Hills. Representatives from AAUW chapters in Ann Arbor, Birmingham, Livonia, Northville, Oakland, Plymouth, Port Huron, Rochester and Troy will attend.

This is one of several meetings conducted across the state during October and November. The theme of these meetings is "Invest in Yourself: Personalize AAUW." This particular meeting will focus on "Personalize AAUW through Marketing" and features Lynn Aldrich, president of the Detroit branch and a member of the association corporate relations committee. Caroline Roulter, corporate representative from the University of Detroit and member of the division committee on corporate relations and Eleanor Siewert, past Birmingham branch president, div-

ision parliamentarian and newly named association parliamentarian. A luncheon and speaker follow the morning's presentations. Lillian Censer, director of the Center for Peace and Conflict Studies, WSU, will speak. For more information, call AAUW membership chairwoman Pat Isham, 471-5112.

**BRODHEAD FARMINGTON HILLS VFW POST 2269** and its ladies auxiliary celebrate its 55th anniversary with dinner and dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11. Members may attend for \$10. A year of service will be awarded.

Guests from the fifth district include: Joan Simonsen, Brodhead ladies auxiliary president and head of the fifth district auxiliary; Jim Kroiz, senior vice commander and Florence Kretsch, chaplain of the Oakland County council. For more information call the post, 474-9100.

**SINGLES CONNECTION** sponsors a music box dance at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, in the Holiday Inn, Livonia West, Six Mile and 1275. A singles dance will take place every Sunday at the same time. For more information, call 261-5457.

**OAKLAND COUNTY YOUNG REPUBLICANS** sponsors several riding outings. Horseback riding is offered at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12. For more information, call 879-7359. The group's general membership meeting is set for 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 21, at Jamesons, 12 Mile and

Main, Royal Oak. There will be a psychic. Bring a personal item. For more information, call the hotline, 543-5757.

There will be a Halloween party at 9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25, at Jamesons. Costumes encouraged. Prizes given for the best costumes. Admission, \$5. For more information, call the hotline.

**ZETA ALPHA** alumnae chapter of Delta Omicron, International Music Fraternity, meets at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12, at First Baptist Church, Southfield Road at Eight Mile.

A bell-playing demonstration will be presented by William and Janet Vandenburgh of Allen Park. She is a flutist who joined Delta Omicron as a music major at Miami University, Miami, Ohio.

Mary Condit, a piano teacher, will be hostess. Reservations for Delta Omicron members are necessary by Thursday, Oct. 9 by calling Condit at 565-3837 or Eileen Wagner at 542-1025.

**THREE FLAGS CHAPTER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION** celebrates its 47th anniversary at noon, Monday, Oct. 13, in The Birmingham Community House, 380 S. Bates. Barbara Nancarrow of Royal Oak is in charge of the arrangement and decorations. Steven Donke, named 1986 DAR History Teacher of the Year, will speak about the U.S. Constitution and Michigan history. He is a social studies teacher at Adlai Stevenson High, Sterling Heights. He

specializes in advanced placement program for students in U.S. history.

**WOMEN'S AGLOW FELLOWSHIP** Farmington Chapter hosts VJ Rawlings at 6:45 p.m. Monday, Oct. 13, in Sweden House Restaurant, Farmington Plaza, 31530 Grand River, Farmington.

**AMPUTEE SUPPORT AND SERVICE GROUP** meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, in the Farmington Family Physicians Building, 23800 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington. Meeting is run by Beverly Cornell, 553-8974.

**NORTH FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB** meets on Tuesday, Oct. 14, in the Farmington Hills Library on 12 Mile. The group meets the second Tuesday of the month. For more information, call 553-1520.

**FARMINGTON AREA JAYCEES** meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, in the Botsford Inn ballroom. People 18 and over are invited to attend. The evening's program includes psychic Clarice Meeks. For reservations, call 476-4431.

**NORTH FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB** meets at noon, Tuesday, Oct. 14, in the Farmington Hills Library on 12 Mile. Mrs. Thomas Converse presents slides and a discussion on the conservation of endangered plants.

**FARMINGTON AREA ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SCHOOL PER-**

**SONNEL** meets at noon Tuesday, Oct. 14, in Ten Mile School. Bring a dish to pass. Fred Pankow, area 4 president will speak. Business meeting follows.

**WELCOME WAGON OF FARMINGTON/FARMINGTON HILLS** meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, in the Farmington Hills Library, 12 Mile. Kay Isola, an interior decorator speaks about new trends in home fashions.

**LA LECHE** League of Farmington/Southfield meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 25119 Acacia, Southfield. For more information, call 352-1278. The evening's topic is the family and the breastfed baby.

**FARMINGTON NEIGHBORS CLUB** meets at noon Wednesday, Oct. 15, in Glen Oaks Country Club. The Kent County Grand Rapids Mental Health players present two separate plays. Guests are welcome. Reservations must be made by Friday, Oct. 10, by calling Barbara May, 471-6765, Jewel Bally, 477-7169 or Elsie Ross, 474-7681.

**WESTERN WAYNE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY** meets at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15, in the Carl Sandberg Library, 30100 Seven Mile, Livonia. Members will discuss the Michigan Sesquicentennial pioneer certificate.

**WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF THE UNITED HEBREW SCHOOLS** will host Dr. Ralph Epstein, adjunct professor of psychology at the University of Detroit at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15 in the LaMed Auditorium of United Hebrew Schools, 21550 W. Twelve Mile, Southfield. He will speak on the psychology of anti-Semitism. The public may attend.

**REPUBLICAN CLUB OF FARMINGTON** meets at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, in Botsford Inn. Weldon Yeager, Republican candidate for Secretary of State, will speak. Open to the public.

**THE FARMINGTON COMMUNITY CENTER MEN'S CLUB** hosts Dr. George Xiao from the People's Republic of China at noon Thursday, Oct. 16, in the Farmington Community Center. He is a visiting scholar at Oakland University. Xiao will discuss what's ahead for China and give his impressions of the U.S. Admission of \$4 includes the speaker, lunch and social gathering. Reservations should be made at least two days in advance. Call the center at 477-8404.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN'S BUSINESS OWNERS** Michigan chapter meets at 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 16, in the Ramada Inn, 28225 Telegraph, south of 12 Mile, Southfield. Joy Messick and Nancy Thompson from Hart Systems will speak on the power of intuitive judgment. For reservations, call 645-2200.

**BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD-TROY SINGLES** hosts a Sweetest Day singles dance party from 7:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 17, in Troy Hilton Inn, Stephenson Highway at Maple. Eddie Rogers of WOLM-FM will play the music. Admission is \$3. For more information, call the hotline, 649-4184.

## Some pets fit well into retirement plans

**THE SIGN** in front of the rural home jumped out at all three of us that Saturday afternoon as I rode home from a meeting with friends Gloria and Peggy.

"Free Kittens." Three voices said simultaneously. "Let's stop!"

We didn't, of course. It was hardly the time or place. But the incident told me I'm not the only retiree who misses having a pet, even while sticking to the most sensible resolve not to acquire one.

**PEGGY SUMMED UP** the reasoning and the conclusion that Joe and I have reached. She's a busy widow, much involved in Sarasota life and some travel. "I'd love to have a pet," she said, "but around here there's just too much problem with flies, and I want to be free to get away. Besides, dogs have to be walked and cats can be destructive."

All true. But since that conversation, Gloria and her husband, Don, have added a young cat named Charley to their household. They decided coping with the problems would be well worth the enjoyment a pet would bring to Don, who has kidney dialysis three times a week and is mostly home the rest of the time.

"Travel is pretty much out for us anyway," Gloria told me, "and Don wants me to be active but that means he's alone a lot. You wouldn't believe how much fun we've had with Charley."

**I WOULD** believe, because I know how much I've enjoyed pets at other stages of life. And because I fre-

quently talk to people who have brought beloved critters very successfully into their retirement years.

For instance, there is the lady I think of as "Marie of the Spaniel." I meet her quite often when I walk on the beach in the morning. She always is with a honey-colored cocker named Joey. She takes him to exercise there, looking for shells while he runs and pokes around.

"We've had him for years, and he's well-behaved whether we're here at the apartment or traveling in our camper," Marie said. "He really loves the beach." In fact, she won't forget the time she took the dog beachward after she and her husband, Joe, had spent several months away from Florida.

"He just ran up and down the beach and didn't want to come in," she said. "He was so glad to be back."

**AND THEN** there's Otto the Siamese cat and his people, Connie and Jerry. The three of them have it made when it comes to taking a pet into retirement.

Otto made several trips back and forth to Ohio before his owners came to Florida to stay, so he's learned to adjust well to varied situations. He's always been strictly a house cat, so the Florida flea problem is practically non-existent. He's great company, says Connie, and never gets into table food except for a certain brand of spread cheese.

And recently, when Connie and Jerry traveled for a couple of weeks, some friends offered to keep Otto

### retirement memos

**Margaret Miller**

and thoroughly enjoyed their house guest.

Well, perhaps it works for a few. But I'm staying sensible. I petted a lovely cat at a nearby store just a few days ago and resisted the temptation to get on the list for one of her offspring.

Sill, maybe someday . . .

Margaret Miller was Suburban Life editor for Observer Newspapers for 18 years. She and her husband, Joe, have retired to Florida where she writes Retirement Memos.

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