

club circuit

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

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS Post 2269 and its auxiliary meet for its awards dinner in the post home Saturday night.

Guests of honor will be Paul Cavan, named "Police Officer of the Year" and John Wells named "Fire-fighter of the Year," and three teens sponsored by the post in the VFW "Voice of Democracy" contest.

The teens are Gregory Gramzo from Lutheran High School Northwest, Marge Cramer from North Farmington and Marc Tenenbaum from Harrison.

Fred Esser, post commander, Irene Rodebaugh, president of the auxiliary, and their chairmen will be attending the VFW District 5 convention Sunday, hosted by Post 2645 in Southfield.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, Three Flags Chapter, will honor the Good Citizens sponsored by the chapter, along with local American History Contest winner at a noon luncheon Saturday in First Presbyterian Church of Farmington.

Good Citizens, who will attend the luncheon with their parents, are Anita Bodiya of Southfield-Lathrup High; Kristin Fendichiaro from Walled Lake Central; Kristin Homes from Charlevoix High; Teresa Marie Mosher of Deckerville High; Ken LaVictor from Petoskey; and Julie Johnson of Southfield High; Suzette Bontrager from Pellston High School and Jeanette Helsel of Huron High School.

American History contest winners sponsored by the chapter are Danny Zumbrennen and Ben Zumbrennen from Northville and Jay Bodger of Farmington Hills.

Each wrote a Letter to the Editor, dated September 1787, urging the ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

Speaker for the afternoon is Mrs. Walter A. Kienert, state honorary regent of Piety Hill Chapter DAR, in Birmingham. Her topic is "The Flag of the United States of America, a Reminder of a More Perfect Union."

Irene Foster is chair of the event, assisted by Barbara Stetson, Joanne Jensen, Martha Stevens and Margaret Weldon.

WOMEN AGLOW FELLOWSHIP, Farmington Chapter, meet for dinner at 6:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9 in Sweden House, 31530 Grand River. The dinner meeting is open to men guests. Reservations are \$6 and can be made with Judy Haney, 624-2593, or Toni Olson, 661-1255, on or before Feb. 6.

Speaker for the evening is the Rev. Dominic Russo, associate pastor of Bloomfield Hills Christian Church, who is an adviser for Farmington Women's Aglow.

People who don't want to attend the dinner are invited to hear the program, scheduled to begin at 7:15 p.m., free.

NORTH FARMINGTON GARDEN CLUB meets at noon Tuesday, Feb. 10, in Farmington Hills Branch Library for a program called "How Lovely You Are." Speaker for the day is Michael Courtney, who will talk on the horticulture and care of orchids as houseplants.

Abe Lincoln 1809-1865

Abraham Lincoln was born on Feb. 12, 1809, and became the 16th President of the United States in 1861. He was shot by John Wilkes Booth on April 14, 1865, as he was sitting in Ford's Theatre, a few blocks from the White House in Washington, D.C. Quakerstown Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution urges us to study history during American History Month.

FARMINGTON AREA ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL meets at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, in the Buggy Works Restaurant. Members will order lunch from the menu. Program for the day is called "Magic Wheel."

WELCOME WAGON CLUB OF FARMINGTON meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, in Farmington Community Center, Farmington Road north of 10 Mile, for a potluck dinner.

Residents new to the area may attend. Those interested are asked to call Susan Bernhardt, 476-4899.

FARMINGTON PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S NETWORK meets for breakfast at 7:15 a.m. Friday, Feb. 13, in Farmington Community Center. Guests should make reservations before Wednesday, Feb. 13, by calling the center, 477-8404. Cost for non-members is \$6.

Program for the morning is "Developing and Operating a Small Business." The presenters are Sandra Cook, owner of Far Corners Importers, Gayle Sarkisian, owner of Green Plant Design, and Carolyn Romick, a partner in Farmington Hills Dental Associates.

FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, in Farmington Hills Branch Library. Ellen Wilt, a retired Eastern Michigan University professor, now a teacher at Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, will give a critique of the members' work. Member artists wishing to participate may bring one painting to be critiqued.

HILL AND DALE GARDEN CLUB meets at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, in Farmington Hills Branch Library for a program called "Musical Photo Paintings." Guest speaker is Richard Vernick from Nomads Inc.

INSURANCE WOMEN OF METRO DETROIT meets at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, in Vladimir, 28125 Grand River. Cocktails and dinner are followed by a program called "Speak Out."

Speakers are William Duell and

7 attain Webelo rank

Den 11 of Pack 329 has seven new Webelos. The young men who attained the rank of Webelo Scout are Aaron Gordon, Jason Habich, Eric Leder, Hugh Love, George Nigrant, Jim Thorpe and Mitchell Trager. While working to attain the rank, each of the scouts earned their For-easter, Engineer, Athlete, Showman, Aquanaut and Citizenship badges.



Ellen McNally of Toastmasters and Mary Finneren and Janice Lewick of the host club.

Reservations are \$13.50, taken by Irene Gagas, 471-0846, on or before Friday, Feb. 6.

All club news and announcements for this column are to be addressed to Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 33205 Grand River, Farmington 48024. The information must arrive before noon on the Monday before Thursday publication.



retirement memos

Margaret Miller

Responsible retirees are the majority

JOE AND I KNEW from the start of our retirement we had picked a locale where the older residents outnumber the younger ones.

And from our earlier days of pushing millage increases when we were convinced they were needed in the schools our daughters attended, we were well aware that school taxation is not a popular topic among retirees.

But that didn't prevent us from being pretty shocked at a letter that appeared last fall in our daily newspaper. It was most vehement on the theme that retirees shouldn't have to spend so much of their money on property taxes that mainly supported public schools. They'd been doing it for years, he noted, and now it was time for someone else to take over the burden.

WE LEARNED QUICKLY, though, that we were hardly alone in our disagreement with the writer of that opinion.

Within a few days, enough letters to the contrary had come out of the woodwork to fill a whole "Letters to the Editor" page.

I didn't clip the original, but I did make note of several of the letters that served to restore my faith in the good will of the older generation.

"Doesn't he know," one letter reported, "that property taxes also help support senior centers?"

Another noted: "I paid my real estate taxes for the school my children attended. So did my retired neighbors. I have two sons who now are paying painful amounts of their

chalkboard

Chalkboard lists events that will take place in Farmington Public Schools through the week. The calendar is compiled by Paul Barber, the schools' music coordinator who can be reached at 471-6441.

date	school	event	time	location	fee
Feb. 6	All	OM Judges training workshop	TBA	Clarkston	free
Feb. 7	high school	ACT test day	8 a.m.	TBA	fee
Feb. 9	Wood Creek	PTO meeting	7:30 p.m.	Media	fee
Feb. 10	Larkshire	Spaghetti dinner	6:30 p.m.	school	free
Feb. 11	All	Appleworks: word processing	4 p.m.	NFH Rm. 217	free
Feb. 11	Longacre	PTA board meeting	7:30 p.m.	Media	free
Feb. 12	NFHS	Chess Club	7 p.m.	E-2	free

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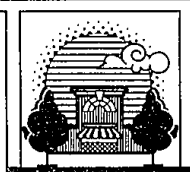
Kim's Flowers 591-0120

Michigan Lyric Opera presents
Gilbert & Sullivan's
H.M.S. Pinafore
or, *The Lass That Loved a Sailor*

Saturday, February 7 8:00
Sunday, February 8 2:30
Friday, February 13 8:00
Saturday, February 14 8:00
Sunday, February 15 2:30

at the Marquis Theatre. all tickets \$10

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Tickets held at door.



KISSES FOR SALE!

Celebrity Kiss Print Display
Fri., Feb. 6 through Thurs., Feb. 12

This year's auction will feature famous "kissprints" from Madonna, Vanna White, George Burns, Kenny Rogers, Chuck Yeager, Vincent Price, Miss Piggy, and others, as well as original Snoopy and Dennis the Menace drawings.

Submit your silent bid Friday, February 6 through Thursday, February 12, or come to the Auction at Centre Court for selected kissprints on Thursday, February 12, at 6:30 p.m. Jim Harper of WDTX will host.

Proceeds from the auction will benefit the programs of the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation.

And, on Valentine's Day, bring your beau to Tel-Twelve for Valentine's Day fashions. We'll be giving away some very romantic prizes to a few lucky couples. Shows at noon and 1 p.m., Saturday.

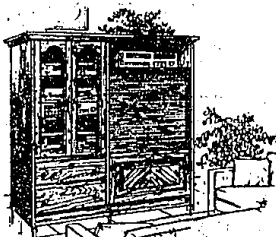
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