

# Good attitude builds success, says Demers

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**SUCCESS STARTS** with attitude. "To me, it's a way of life," said Detroit Red Wings coach Jacques Demers. "In anything you do, if you have a good attitude and discipline, if you have desire, then possibly you can build a winner."

What changed the Red Wings from the Dead Wings to Stanley Cup semifinalists was not only hard work, but also learning how to win. "We've learned the only way we could win in the National Hockey League, or in life, and be successful is going and doing what we had to, being honest, showing good attitude, putting a lot of discipline into it," Demers told 200 civic, business and government leaders who attended the Farmington Area Community Leadership Prayer Breakfast Tuesday morning.

"What I think I brought as a coach was the importance of the pride in wearing the Detroit Red Wings uniform," the keynote speaker said. "Anything you do in life, you have to have pride, you have to do it with desire and with honesty. "Nobody wants to be around a

loser," he added. "But now that we're a winner, the players feel really good about their self-esteem. I feel that's very, very important — to make people feel good about themselves."

FARMINGTON HILLS councilwoman Jean Fox received the Jaycees Distinguished Citizen Award at the 21st annual prayer breakfast, held in the Glen Oaks County Park Clubhouse, Farmington Hills.

In presenting the Distinguished Citizen Award, fellow councilman Terry Sever, who served as master of ceremonies, listed many of Fox's civic, community and government achievements. "Her youthful enthusiasm, her energetic approach to life and her pursuit of happiness were the reasons she was able to step forward and volunteer once again to do more for this community," Sever said.

To which Fox replied: "As far as I'm concerned, the Jaycees in Farmington and Farmington Hills stands for 'Just Champions.'"

Outstanding Service Awards, signifying service to the community and the Jaycees, were presented to Hardee's of Farmington Hills, Farmington Public Schools athletic director Ron Holland, Metrovision of Oakland County, Arthur Young & Co.

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CPAs and local businessman Jack Davis. Sever, former Jaycees national vice president, was honored "for epitomizing what the Jaycees are all about."

IN BUILDING the Red Wings into a winner, Demers said he tries to instill a strong family environment. "Before you become a good athlete," he said, "you have to be a good person."

"Right now in the National Hockey League," he added, "we're not one of the best teams. But when it comes to family and strength within, we possibly are the best team in the league. Players who come from other teams say they didn't realize how close-knit these guys are."

In exchange for the limelight and adoration, his players, many caught up in the fast lane for the first time, are warned not to get involved with drugs or alcohol. He asks them "to live a good life, be yourself, be nice, show some class, some respect."

"The more people who pull together in the same direction," he added, "the stronger you are. That's the story of the Detroit Red Wings."

The Montreal native took the occasion to salute his new hometown of Farmington Hills and its sister city of Farmington. "I really found something special here. I found it a very warm place to live."

The prayer breakfast, patterned after the presidential version held each year in Washington, D.C., was held during Jaycee Week as proclaimed by Farmington Hills Mayor Jody Soronen and Farmington Mayor Richard Tupper.

Rabbi Elfy Spectre of Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills, said "these kinds of breakfasts are a wonderful opportunity for us. We can, in coming together in this way, in speaking together, in learning from each other, see the commonality that we share." The Rev. Keon Cronin of Our Lady



Terry Sever, who served as master of ceremonies, talks with fellow Farmington Hills council member Jean Fox after she received the Farmington Area Jaycees Distinguished Citizen Award at the prayer breakfast.



Jacques Demers, Detroit Red Wings coach and keynote at the prayer breakfast, spoke about the hockey player's obligation to show class and respect in public.

of Sorrows in Farmington joined Spectre in delivering a spiritual message.

FARMINGTON HILLS Mayor Jody Soronen called the Jaycees "an organization that certainly has made a difference in this community. It has raised money and has supported the things that many of us enjoy, such as the Y and the community center."

Jaycees president Chris Washburn said the breakfast "gives us a chance to recognize those people in the community who have stood above the rest in their contributions to the community and the Jaycees."

"The breakfast is one of the favorites of the Jaycees," she added, "because we get a chance to thank you for your support."



Michele Hillon (left), Michelle Hawken, Diane Benoit and Susan Doman and the rest of the Marcyaires from Farmington Hills Mercy High provided entertainment at the prayer breakfast.

# Super Lotto hits home

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For Raymond Winiarski of Farmington Hills, there truly was a golden pot at the end of the Super Lotto rainbow.

He didn't learn he would share Wednesday's \$28.8 million Super Lotto jackpot, the highest in state history, until he and his wife, Carol Dupuis, saw the winning numbers — 2, 26, 29, 31, 35 and 41 — on the 11 p.m. news.

Appearing Friday at a Michigan Lottery press conference in Lansing with the four other winners to claim their pre-tax, first-prize installment of \$290,060, oil Winiarski,

stunned but elated, could say was: "It still hasn't sunk in."

Each winner will collect \$5.7 million over 20 years. For the next 19 years, each will receive an annual pre-tax payment of \$289,100.

Winiarski, 31, said he plans to continue working. He's a plant superintendent at the X-Mation Tool Co. in Novi.

Dupuis, an accounting supervisor at Olga's Kitchens corporate offices in Troy, is expecting the couple's first child in about five weeks.

THE COUPLE plans no wild spending with their new-found earnings. Instead, they plan to invest in land, pay off bills and Winiarski's truck, remodel their home and provide a college education for their baby.

Winiarski bought his ticket to financial freedom at a Perry Drug store in Troy. Dupuis said the couple has played the same numbers, chosen by picking numbered slips of paper from a box, for two years.

The lucky five weren't the only winners from the single drawing record \$21.4 million played. "One of the most important new records for the state from this one drawing is the nearly \$8.8 million that will go to the state school aid fund to help support K-12 education," said Michael Carr, Lottery commissioner.

## business briefs

If you recently opened a shop, captured an award, earned a promotion, are planning a new venture or project, or have information about other business-related happenings — and there's a Farmington-area connection we'd like to hear from you so we can share your news item with other Observer readers. Send items to: Business Briefs, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024.

62,000-square-foot office in Phase III of the exclusive Southfield office complex.

The 1.85 million-square-foot, four-phase Galleria Officecenter is a development of Forbes-Cohen/Nemer Associates, a nationally known development/management team.

Designed by Neumann/Smith & Associates and leased by Catalano & Co., the Galleria Officecenter is on Northwestern Highway and 12 Mile, near the Lodge Freeway, I-696 and Telegraph.

stringent set of experience and education requirements.

The Michigan chapter is affiliated with the Realtors National Marketing Institute Commercial Investment Council and the National Association of Realtors.

● PURCHASE APPROVED The Farmington Hills City Council has authorized the city manager to order \$38,400 for a ball field improvement program being done by the city and the school district. The money will go to New Hudson Fence Co. for services and materials for fencing and backstop installation.

The council also authorized the city manager to buy: ● \$4,535 in IBM computer hardware from Nynex Business Equipment for use by the Division of Public Works. The purchase will be made through the Oakland County Cooperative Purchasing Program.

● A 1988 GMC S15 four-wheel-drive pickup from Art Moran Pontiac/GMC at a cost of \$10,053 for use by the Engineering Division. The construction inspection truck will replace one that's 9 years old.

● NEWS DIRECTOR Ford Motor Co. has promoted Mary Sharon Joseph of Farmington Hills to domestic corporate news director. She's part of a new external affairs office combining public affairs and governmental relations. Joseph joined Ford employees publications in 1986. She has been Corporate News Department manager since 1981.

● NEW VP Ellen Batkile, a Farmington Hills certified public accountant, was elected a first vice president at First Federal of Michigan and named manager of the investor relations department.

Batkile joined First Federal in 1982 as a consultant in corporate finance. She previously was a manager with Peat, Marwick & Co.

Batkile is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

● CHAMBER MIXER The Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce will host an after-hour business mixer from 5-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Holiday Inn of Farmington Hills, 38123 10 Mile.

The event will provide a chance for business professionals from Farmington, Farmington Hills, Novi and Livonia to exchange information, ideas and knowledge with others in a networking environment.

There will be complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. For reservations, call the chamber: 474-5440.

● NEW PRESIDENT Jon Savoy of Farmington Hills was elected president of the Michigan Certified Commercial Investment Members, the Industrial Real Estate Division.

He specializes in the sales and leasing of industrial properties in the northwest suburban Detroit markets.

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