

Hills doctor headed for ethnic fame hall

Dr. Silas Cheuk, a Farmington Hills physician and former Association of Chinese Americans national president, will be inducted into the International Heritage Hall of Fame Friday.

The occasion will be the annual honors dinner of the Friends of the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit.

Cheuk, 52, who practices in Dearborn, was born in Vietnam of Chinese parents. He came to the United States in 1955 and earned a medical degree from Wayne State.

For the past 12 years, he has conducted a free clinic for 100 elderly Chinese who live in the Cass Corridor's Chinatown north of the Temple-Cass intersection.

He is a past board member of The Association of Chinese Americans. In 1987, he was recognized by the Governor's Advisory Commission on Asian-American Affairs. He hopes to help establish a Chinese-American Community in Detroit.

Induction of the four distinguished ethnic leaders coincides with dedication of the Hall of Fame's new permanent home of portraits of Hall of Famers and



Dr. Silas Cheuk

murals of ethnic settings. The Hall is in the atrium adjacent to the Cobo Hall People Mover station. The Hall of Fame will now have 28 members.

on the agenda

Below are highlights from agendas of government meetings this week. All meetings, unless otherwise noted, are open to the public.

Farmington Hills City Council
lower level conference room
City hall
31555 11 Mile
6 p.m., Monday, April 10

At this study session, the city council will discuss the purchase of recreational property and capital projects financing.

Farmington Hills City Council
Council chambers
City hall
31555 11 Mile
7:30 p.m., Monday, April 10

New councilman Paul Sowerby will be sworn in at the beginning of the meeting. Scheduled public hearings are:

• Consideration of determination for Robinson/Parker road improvement and notice of intent to issue bonds.

The council will receive a report on temporary certificates of occupancy and will consider an appointment to the zoning board of appeals to replace Sowerby.

Also to be considered is a final preliminary plat for Sinclair Woods, section 23, as well as a request of Marriott Corporation for a new full year Class C liquor license with Sunday sales east of Orchard Lake, south of 12 Mile.

The council also will consider a request for transfer of a Class C liquor license from Jean Riecker (J.R.'s Bar & Grill) to J. Robert Langan (Roby's Inc.), just east of Orchard Lake on the south side of 10 Mile.

The council will approve a resolution authorizing a grant application for recycling facility and setting a joint consortium member city councils meeting date.

The consent agenda includes:
• Approval of a revised planning and zoning review fee schedule.

- Approval of award of bid for purchase of 1989 pickup truck for the department of special services.
- Approval of resolution for support of the Rouge River Rescue 1888.
- Approval of purchase agreement for property at southwest corner of I-696 and Farmington Road.

Council of Homeowners Associations
Traffic Advisory Committee
Farmington Hills City Hall
Lower conference room
City hall
31555 11 Mile

7:30 p.m., Monday, April 10
Presentation will be made by James Barbaresso, Oakland County Road Commission and the Farmington Hills Police Department.

Farmington Planning Commission
Council Chambers
City hall
23600 Liberty
8 p.m., Monday, April 10

On tonight's agenda:
• A continuation of a public hearing on Michigan Bell Telephone's application for special exception use and site plan approval for a MBT building addition at Grand River and Power roads.

• Site plan approval for exterior and landscaping for Negative Outlook.

• Request for outside display from ACO Hardware.

• amended site plans for Dimitri's restaurant and for the exterior of the Chatta Building (Pictures & More) at Grand River and Farmington Road.

Downtown Development Authority
Marketing Committee
DDA offices
33201 Grand River
9 a.m., Tuesday, April 11

More discussion of a proposed promotional plan for the downtown Farmington area is slated.

Farmington Board of Education
Scholman Administrative Center
32500 Shawwassee
7:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 11

During this special session of the Farmington school board, trustees are expected to award bids for phase two of the Farmington High School media center renovation and facade/building improvements.

Farmington Community Library
Farmington Hills branch
32737 12 Mile
5 p.m., Thursday, April 13

Library trustees will consider awarding a bid for the purchase of a minivan. The building committee will report on the current status of the proposed 12 Mile branch expansion. Trustees will receive a report on the Farmington Hills year 2000 plan as it relates to library functions and the overall task force.

Baum heads Amicare

Gary Baum was named president of the Farmington Hills-based Amicare by the Amicare Board of Directors.

Amicare, a subsidiary of Sisters of Mercy Health Corp., provides a range of home health services and resources.

It includes Amicare Home Health Resources, which furnishes respiratory, infusion, rehabilitative and durable medical equipment; Amicare Home Health Services, providing nursing and therapeutic services for homebound patients; and Amicare Services, offering nursing and personal care services for individuals needing assistance at home.

Baum was president of Amicare Home Health Resources before he accepted his position as president of the recently integrated company. Previous to that, he was area general manager of Foster Medical, a division of Avon.

The integration of the three companies allows Amicare to respond to a variety of home health care needs in Midwestern markets. Amicare has 27 offices in Michigan, Iowa, Indiana and Illinois. Amicare is a member of the Mercy Health Services system.

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Lawmaker pushes stronger handicapper parking rights

State Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, has introduced legislation to strengthen handicapper parking rights and deter unlawful users of the designated spots.

Dolan, whose district includes Southfield Township, sponsored House Bill 4411 in conjunction with Sen. Doug Cruce, who introduced the companion bill in the state Senate.

Both measures amend the Michigan Vehicle Code to provide for greater enforcement of the code's provisions concerning handicapper parking, increase penalties for violations and specify a more detailed definition of the term "handicapper."

"Abuses of handicapper parking are a source of daily frustration for handicappers attempting to move about freely in their communities," Dolan said. "Unfortunately, these abuses are very common and Senator Cruce and I believe our legislation would help reduce many of the problems."

The bills would expand the definition of "handicapper" to allow the designation sticker given to people

with the following physical characteristics:

- blindness
- inability to walk more than 200 feet
- loss of the use of one or both legs or feet
- inability to walk without the use of an artificial aid
- a debilitating lung disease
- a cardiovascular disease of a specific seriousness

Other disorders, including arthritis, or a severe neurological or orthopedic impairment.

"Our bill also make it a misdemeanor to falsify information to obtain a handicapper tag or use the handicapper identification when not transporting a handicapped person," Dolan said. "In addition, they will increase minimum fines for parking in the spots from \$20 to \$50."

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