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Kathy Wel, a public health nurse who lives in Troy, checks the blood pressure of Young Yee, a Chinatown resident, while Lin Poy, a South Redford school board member and registered

nurse, works in the background. The Chinatown Medical Clinic, run by Dr. Silas Cheuk, a Farmington Hills resident, is a free clinic in Detroit's Cass Corridor.

## Doctor gives checkups to Chinatown seniors

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South Redford school board member and 10-year clinic volunteer.

Poy, a registered nurse, is employed as an assistant program director of the child care division (immunizations) for the Wayne County Health Department.

"I only learned how to speak the (Chinese) language because my mother didn't know English," Poy said.

Her efforts are joined by those of Redfordites Kin Yee, an electrical engineer, and his wife, Jane, a homemaker who acts as receptionist, as well as Kathy Wel, a public health nurse who lives in Troy.

"We take any age, but most of our services are directed toward the elderly," Kin Yee said.

CHUCK YEE, a Warren resident, comes down to the clinic.

"He's been my doctor for a long time. He tells me to come down here," Yee said. "He checks my pulse and my blood pressure."

Although some patients agreed to be photographed via an interpreter's request, they were not fluent enough in English to be interviewed.

ON A busy Sunday in April, the clinic was also visited

by representatives of Community Home Care, which offers the same type of services as the Visiting Nurse Association. Cheuk also sits on the advisory board of Community Home Care, according to Barbara Williams, community liaison.

"In my role, I've had the opportunity to go to various doctor's offices and meet the doctors," Williams said. "I talk to Dr. Cheuk about once a week. I've always found him to be very personable and very professional."

"He's the old-fashioned kind of doctor. He takes time with his patients. There's a warmth about him. He's always very concerned, very receptive and very available."

Cheuk always attends advisory board meetings and often gives suggestions on how to improve services, Williams said.

"With the problem of health care now, in terms of availability, this clinic is really great. The patients do not have to go out of the area. Dr. Cheuk knows the culture, so if he needs to prescribe a diet, he knows their lifestyle."

The Chinatown Medical Clinic is co-sponsored by the Association of Chinese Americans and the On Leong Merchants Association.

## Police beefup asked

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Councilman Paul Sowerby questioned Dwyer whether overtime, estimated at \$195,000 in 1988-90, would be reduced by hiring additional officers. "That's very difficult to project because overtime is unplanned," Dwyer said.

Dwyer said that if another officer was added, more than likely one of the department's cadets would be promoted and a new cadet hired.

Costick told the council that they should consider that the public perception of the police department is positive. "I don't know if you add 10

police officers that you're going to accomplish an objective. . . ."

But Sowerby said that the amount of overtime budgeted indicates officers are working long hours. Even though they are considered good at their jobs, "at what cost, at what fatigue?" he asked.

## The Community Center gets local video exclusive

It may not be telecast live on MTV, but The Community Center Farmington-Farmington Hills will have a video premiere all the same.

At its 1989 annual meeting, the community organization will enter the video age with a premiere showing of its 1989 annual fund drive video. The "world exclusive" will take place at the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9. The meeting is open to the public.

"We're all very excited about seeing the video for the first time," said Dorothy Pfaff, executive director at The Community Center. "The board members have several plans for this tape, including its use with the 1989 annual fund drive."

Highlighting the center's activities and operations, the video will be used as a uniform information source for the annual fund drive. Shown at small gatherings held by individual board members, the video will inform and educate area residents about The Community Center and its fund drive.

The annual fund drive raises money for this independent, non-profit organization's day-to-day operations. This premiere will kick-off the fund drive that will run through June.

BEFORE THE video's showing,

the board will attend to its annual business matters. These will include a report by board president Larry Freedman as well as reports from the finance and property and grounds committees.

Sandy Brotherton, honorary chairman of the 1989 annual fund drive, will speak about the upcoming fundraiser. Brotherton served as state house representative of the 69th district for 14 years.

Additionally, the slate for the new board members will be presented for a vote. The seven nominees are John Akouri, Richard Guirlinger, Michael

Hermanoff, William McNish, Kal Nindo, Tadashiko Otani and Dara Tolbert.

"These nominees are very representative of our community's diversity," said Pfaff. "We are looking forward to having them join the 28 current board members who have all elected to continue their terms."

The public is encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting that will be held at The Community Center.

The Community Center Farmington-Farmington Hills is at 24705 Farmington Road, north of 10 Mile.

— Dorothy Pfaff  
executive director

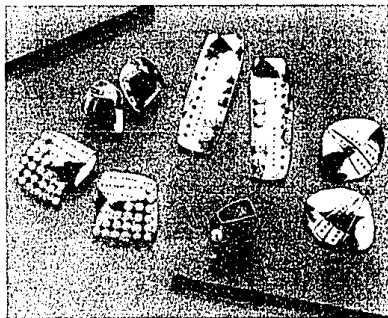
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