

## around Farmington

All announcements for this column must be mailed to Around Farmington, Farmington Observer, 21898 Farmington Road, Farmington 48924. Deadline is noon Monday for the Thursday publication and noon Thursday for the Monday publication. Requests for announcements will not be taken over the phone.

**Parenting class**  
Thursday, March 1: "Children the Challenge — Biblical," a 10 week class for Christian parents of children up to 12 years, begins at 7:30 p.m. in Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, 21250 Haggerty. Registration information given by Sharon Pilat, 348-7600.

**The first nighter**  
Friday and Saturday, March 2-3: "The First Nighter," a Barbershop Harmony Extravaganza with The Nationals, the Gas House Gals and the Renaissance Chorus at 8 p.m. each night in Mercey High School auditorium, 11 Mile and Middlebelt. All seats \$9. Students and senior admitted for \$5 Friday only. Ticket information available from Austin Quinn, 544-8875.

**tax aides**  
Friday and Tuesday, Mar. 2 and 6: Free tax assistance given to senior adults by Tax Aides 1-4 p.m. Friday in Farmington Branch Library, 23550 Liberty Street; and from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday in Farmington Hills Senior Adult Center, within Mercey Center complex, through Gate 4 on 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt. Service given by members of Farmington Hills Chapter American Association of Retired Persons.

**crimes of the heart**  
Friday and Saturday, March 2-3: "Crimes of the Heart" produced by the Novi Players at 8 p.m. in Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road. All seats \$5. Inquiries taken by Novi Parks and Recreation office, 347-0400.

**Home Show**  
Friday through Sunday, March 2-4: Oakland County Home Show conducted by English Gardens Inc. from 9-9 p.m. Friday; from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday; from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday in Southfield Civic Center, Evergreen between 10 and 11 Mile Road. Admission asked at the door.

**suffragists**  
Saturday, March 3: "How the Suffragists Changed Michigan," program led by Elizabeth Giese, education director of Michigan Women's Hall of Fame Museum, followed by lunch at noon in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile. Event sponsored by Farmington Older Women's League in celebration of Women's History Month. Reservations are \$13, taken by Virginia Nicoll, 474-3094.

**stories and books**  
Saturday, March 3: "Stories and Books Come Alive," workshop for parents, teachers and all persons who work with preschool age children, at 10 a.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile Road east of Farmington Road. Fee is \$5. Event sponsored by Farmington Preschool Council. Inquiries taken by Sheila Wade, 661-2126.

**its a small world**  
Sunday, March 4: "It's a Small

World" Lenten series leads off with "The International World," at 7:30 p.m. in First United Methodist Church of Farmington, 33112 Grand River. Series continues Sundays through April 1.

**summer camp**  
Sunday, March 4: The Staff of Bloomfield Maples Montessori Center tells about its summer camp programs during open house 2-4 p.m. in the center, 6201 Maple, west of Farmington Road.

**balalaika**  
Sunday, March 4: The Balalaika Orchestra of Detroit in concert at 7:30 p.m. in The Birmingham Temple, 28611 12 Mile Road. Tickets are \$8 or \$7 for students and seniors through the temple office, 477-1410.

**coins, stamps, cards**  
Sunday, March 4: Coin, Stamp and Baseball Card Show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Mercey Center, through Gate 4 on 11 Mile east of Middlebelt. No admission charge.

**Auditions**  
Sunday and Monday, March 4-5: Open auditions for "The Theatre Guild of Livonia-Redford's production of 'Steel Magnolias' at 2 p.m. Sunday and at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Mercey Center, through Gate 4 on 11 Mile east of Middlebelt. No admission charge.

**substance abuse**  
Monday, March 5: "The Signs of Substance Abuse," talk by Farmington Hills Detective Duane Fox at 1:30 p.m. in Room 409, J Building, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. No charge.

**addiction**  
Monday, March 5: "Fall Back into the Hands of Addiction" and "Alienation from Family and Friends," talk by a member of Narcotics and Alcoholics Anonymous, at 7:30 p.m. in Room 409, J Building, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. No charge.

**the wind goes whoosh**  
Monday, March 5: "The Wind Goes Whoosh," program for kindergarten and preschoolers at 2 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile Road east of Farmington Road. No charge.

**retirement investing**  
Tuesday, March 6: "Retirement Investing," program led by representatives of Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc. at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile east of Farmington Road. No charge.

**Children of Alcoholics**  
Tuesday, March 6: "Adult Children of Alcoholics," program by Dr. Mel Chudnof, at 8 p.m. in Room 409, J Building, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. No charge.

**travel films**  
Tuesday, March 7: "Toronto" and "Berlin" conclude Winter Travel Film Series at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Branch Library, 23550 Liberty. No charge.

**substance abuse**  
Wednesday, March 7: "The Origin and Genesis of Substance Abuse," talk by Edie Clark at 1:30 p.m. in Room 409, J Building, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. No charge.

**drug awareness**  
Wednesday, March 7: "Drug Awareness," talk by William Bedford from the Detroit Pistons who tells how drugs affected his life and career and answers questions from the audience at 7:30 p.m. in Room 409, J Building, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. No charge.

**Lenten Prayer Service**  
Wednesday, March 7: Lenten Prayer Services begin at 7:30 p.m. and continue through April 4 in Antioch Lutheran Church, 33260 13 Mile Road.

**musica viva**  
Friday, March 9: "Musica Viva," concert featuring flutist Ginka Ortega and guitarist Aldo Lagrutta with flamenco dance Raquel Schreier at 8 p.m. in Smith Theater, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. Tickets are \$10, available from the box office, 471-7700.

**juggling workshop**  
Saturday, March 10: Patrick the Juggler leads a juggling workshop for participants at least in sixth grade, from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty Streets. No charge, but registration is necessary, made by calling the library, 474-7770.

**women's day dinner**  
Saturday, March 10: International Women's Day Dinner Theater begins at 6:30 p.m. in Room 306, J Building, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. Video of International Conference of Women in Nairobi, Africa shown, followed by dinner of ethnic dishes. Reservations at \$12 or \$10 for seniors and students are necessary, made with Women's center, 471-7602 or 471-7745.

**spring fashions**  
Saturday, March 10: New spring fashions modeled with breakfast at 9:45 a.m. in Jacobson's, Livonia. Reservations, at \$4.25 each is taken by calling 591-7696, ext. 278.

**JUGGLING WORKSHOP**  
Saturday, March 10: Patrick the Juggler demonstrates juggling techniques and gives instructions at 1:30 p.m. in Farmington Branch Library, 23550 Liberty Street. Participant pants must be in 6th grade or over to attend. No charge, but registration is necessary, made by calling the library, 474-7770.

**free world**  
Sunday, March 11: "The Enlarging Free World" continues Lenten Series at 7:30 p.m. in First United Methodist Church, 33112 Grand River. No charge. Nursery is provided.

## Vice president named

Michael P. Kurek has been named vice president of technology development at the Metropolitan Center for High Technology.

From 1986 to 1989, the Farmington Hills resident was program director and director of marketing and sales at Biopolymers Inc. in Farmington, Conn. He was previously director of business development at Repligen Corp. in Cambridge, Mass.

The firms were founded to find commercial uses for technology developed at the University of Con-

necticut Health Center and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

From 1981 to 1984, Kurek was market development and product manager for Millipore Corp.

Prior to his industrial experience, Kurek had five years of post-doctoral training in biomedical research at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, the Boston School of Medicine's department of microbiology and the Boston Biomedical Research Institute's department of biorganic chemistry.

Kurek, 42, is a native of Pennsylvania. He received his doctorate in genetics from Florida State University in 1975 and an MBA in general management from Boston University in 1984.

The Metropolitan Center for High Technology is a not-for-profit organization designed to commercialize technology. It does so by identifying and developing new technologies.

The center also operates a small business incubator that provides low-cost office space and business services to entrepreneurial technological companies. MCHT is one of Michigan's three Centers of Excellence, the other two are Industrial Technology Center in Ann Arbor and the Michigan Biotechnology Institute in East Lansing.



Michael P. Kurek

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