

Dolan releases financial statement

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In the wake of statewide scrutiny of legislators' finances, Republican state Rep. Jan Dolan of Farmington Hills has released her 1989 personal financial statement.

Democratic state Sen. Jack Faxon and his Lansing office staff did not respond to the Observer's request for similar information.

"My constituents have the right to know there are no questionable ethical issues or conflicts of interest in my public or private life," said Dolan, seeking re-election to a second two-year House seat.

In light of the resignation of Sen. Joseph Mack, D-Ironwood, following an investigation of alleged financial improprieties, Dolan said she wants her financial background to be made public.

Dolan represents the 69th state House district, which includes Farmington, Farmington Hills and Southfield Township.

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SHE PROVIDED the Observer with the following information:

- Earned income (all gross amounts of earned personal income) — \$42,870, salary; \$8,100 for travel and expense; \$1,821 for 49 weekly capital round trips (the state pays for one weekly round trip between legislators' homes and Lansing); \$60 in other state travel expenses.
- Unearned income, including stocks, bonds, real estate — \$2,682, Merrill Lynch.

Dolan indicated she did not receive any money in honoraria, travel reimbursements or gifts from lobbyists or other non-governmental groups.

She indicated she has no liabilities, defined as including personal loans of more than \$7,500.

Dolan said the guidelines for expense reimbursement for legislators aren't stressed enough.

For example, lawmakers are reimbursed for one weekly round trip between their home and the Capitol and a "set amount" for travel and expenses.

But honoraria, money legislators receive from lobbyists or non-governmental groups for speeches or other activities, is not being reported.

"What has not shown up is that fact that some people get honoraria for things they do," she said. "This is not reported anywhere. It's legal, but it should be reported."

The state House ethics subcommittee, of which Dolan is a member, is studying new guidelines regulating reimbursement and honoraria.

"We're talking about expanding honoraria to anything you receive," she said. Better definitions of honoraria are needed, she added.

THE FORMER Farmington Hills city councilwoman believes there should be legislation requiring elected state officials to file personal financial disclosures.

"My Republican colleagues and I are strong supporters of such legislation, which would prevent situations similar to what occurred recently," she said, referring to Mack and a House legislator who was investigated for similar allegations, which were later dropped.

"I hope prospective candidates for the (state) Legislature also will provide financial disclosure information," Dolan said.



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Harwell to sign his book

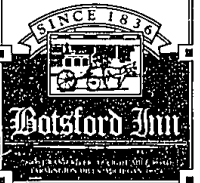
The voice of summer, Ernie Harwell, will be signing his book, "Tuned to Baseball," now in paperback for the first time, at the Little Professor Book Center in the Grand River/Halsted Shopping Center, Farmington, on Saturday, June 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Harwell, the voice of the Detroit Tigers for almost a quarter century, has written his "Tuned to Baseball" (\$3.95 in paperback) not so much as a nostalgic collection of stories about the past, but as an entertaining and insightful collection of perspectives about baseball — the game and the players.

Harwell, a Farmington Hills resident, is appearing at Little Professor as part of a Father's Day promotion. Besides meeting Harwell, shoppers can enter a drawing at Little Professor to win four tickets to the Tigers Dad's Day Game on Father's Day (June 17).

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