

Goodfellows paper sale kicks off yule fund drive

PAY ATTENTION to your neighbor this Friday as he hawks newspapers at busy Farmington intersections.

He's selling newspapers for the Farmington Area Goodfellows as part of the group's annual holiday drive to help the needy in the Farmington area.

During their 1989 drive, Goodfellows raised enough money so volunteers could deliver 266 sets of baskets to 156 families with 373 children, as well as to 138 seniors.

Money raised also goes to shoes and clothing programs and for donations to groups like Meals on Wheels.

As in past years, the Goodfellows' theme continues to be "No Child or Senior Citizen Without a Christmas."

"Our people are in place. I have all the confidence in them — we couldn't do it without them," said Farmington Area Goodfellow president Richard Tupper, adding that the group can always use additional volunteers.

Friday's annual newspaper drive, plus donations through the Observer, make up the bulk of the organization's budget. The group also receives donations from other civic groups, especially during the holiday season.

The Farmington Area Goodfellow center will again be at the Village Commons shopping center, with volunteers sorting items and making up baskets. The center will be open from Dec. 3-15.

Throughout the year, the Goodfellows work on other programs as well, including a new family shoe program started in the spring and a clothing program — both done on a referral basis.

Referrals to the Goodfellows programs can come from schools,

Goodfellows need help

Again this year, the Farmington Area Goodfellows need your support to help provide a holiday lift to needy children and less fortunate elderly residents in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

With the money donated, the Goodfellows deliver baskets of joy typically containing canned foods and knitwear. Each includes gift certificates redeemable for fresh food and winter clothing. Toys, games, dolls and children's clothing are included when appropriate.

Family makeup dictates the size and content of each basket. Potential recipients must document need. Special dietary requests are honored when practical.

Cash donations come back to the community. About the only things the Goodfellows have to buy are stamps to mail solicitation letters and boxes to make into baskets. Volunteers are the Goodfellows' backbone.

Please fill out the coupon below and mail it, along with your donation to:

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churches, the Salvation Army and other civic groups.

Board eyes cuts first

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for the next several years," added trustee Helen Protow. She also sits on the Oakland Intermediate Schools board. "We're going to have to show good faith."

"But I don't want to go back to the Scotch tape and string education we had in 1978."

Trustee Jack Cotton disagreed, advocating a tax-increase effort keeping all programs intact. "I don't see why we have to endanger a lot of people or staff feelings," he said. "I don't buy all the doom and gloom that's around. I'd rather give the election a good shot without torpedoing it."

ALTHOUGH A special election for the district seems likely, officials face a strategic decision. Flanagan prefers a February election because of budget-timing constraints and employee collective bargaining contract clauses that

require layoff notification be made in the spring.

Adding to the strategy is the city of Farmington Hills, which is planning an election for parks tax renewal in 1991 and the Farmington Community Library, which is also considering going back to voters next year for a bond issue on a new library.

Hills Councilman Aldo Vagnozzi, liaison to the school board, said any election for new taxes will be tough. "It's going to be rough, whatever," he said. "The climate is not conducive to . . . an increase. It would have to be a prudent proposal."

FARMINGTON TEACHERS union president Jim Miner told the board if they make cuts to the district's program, it will automatically affect staff especially at Highmeadow and Hillside elemen-

tary schools where the staffing is fairly new. Teachers with more seniority will bump the newer teachers out.

"No matter where you cut, you lose your staff at Hillside and Highmeadow. That's where you have your new teachers," Miner said. "Any areas of the program are going to mean staff cuts."

The staff is already feeling the pressure from positions that are not being filled, he added. "The whole district is compressing in reaction to these concerns."

A number of concerned parents attended Tuesday's finance committee meeting and made comments. "I'm not looking at a really bright future," said board watcher Joe Svok. "The timing of this, unfortunately, is not the best."

Svok encouraged the board to look to as many creative solutions as possible to keep a good program in the schools.

Rotary seeks host families, students

The Farmington-area Rotary Club is seeking high school students interested in traveling abroad and host families for foreign students coming to the area.

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program offers opportunities for students to visit and learn in a number of countries overseas. Students must be at least 16 years of age at the time of exchange, studying in one of their last two years of pre-college education and in the upper one-third of their class scholastically.

Parents and students are expected to pay costs of transportation, including passport and visas, the cost

of accident and medical insurance, and for clothing for student welfare and comfort.

The Farmington-area Rotary will work with families in the area interested in hosting students.

The Rotary will correspond with the student prior to arrival, meet and transport him or her from the point of arrival if within 150 miles, furnish one year's free schooling on a pre-college educational level,

house and feed the student in Rotary or Rotary-approved homes, give the student a stipend of \$40 per month and supervise and promote the student's activities, welfare and experiences.

Contact Rotary Youth Exchange Program coordinator Jack Fuller for further information at 583-8726, or write to him at 28423 Brandwine, Farmington Hills, 48334.

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