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She's on 'Donahue'

Farmington resident Alyce Faye will be a participant on the "Donahue" show at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, on WJBK-TV, Channel 2. The talk show's subject: What kids think of parents who date after a separation or divorce. Faye has firsthand experience. As a single parent, she dated after her divorce, much to the consternation of her children. She's now married to Fred Sewell. The show was taped several months ago, said Faye. "It's a fun concept," she added, "and it was fun to be in New York."

Faye, a stand-up comic, often does routines on dating problems. She's appearing at the Holly Hotel in Holly, Mich., Friday-Saturday, July 30-31, for 8 p.m. shows.

On to the Concours

The famous Concours d'Elegance classic automobile show is coming up, and Farmington Hills residents Ed Meuer, B.C. Pollard, Christopher Smith, Bill Wolf and Bill Chorkey are planning to be there. Concours d'Elegance will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3, at Meadow Brook Hall on the campus of Oakland University in Rochester Hills. Meuer will be showing off his 1947 Packard Clipper Super Deluxe, Pollard his 1932 Packard 12 Murphy convertible sedan, Smith his 1960 Jaguar Mark IV Saloon, Wolf his 1948 Buick Roadmaster convertible, and Chorkey his 1929 Duesenberg and 1933 Packard 12 Phaeton.

Touring Europe

Kristin Urevig of Farmington is among 80 members of the St. Olaf Orchestra who recently returned from a concert tour of eastern Europe. Urevig, who plays the cello, and other orchestra members flew to Frankfurt, Germany, May 25. The group returned June 10 after a seven-concert tour of Europe. St. Olaf is located in Northfield, Minn.

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The good fight  
Sad irony confronts longtime MS nemesis

For many years, Farmington's Sanford Altschul has been fighting multiple sclerosis. He continues the battle despite being slowed by that very disease.

By LARRY O'CONNOR  
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They asked, Sanford Altschul gave. For eight years, the Farmington resident donated the services of his company for events sponsored by the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

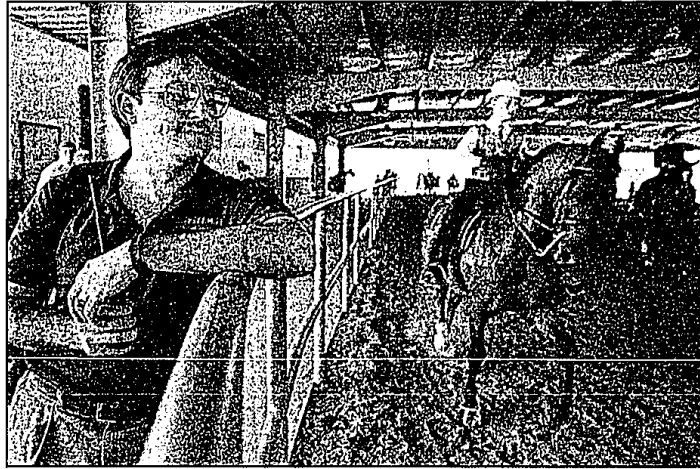
He's continually provided on-site medical care at such fund-raising functions as the Super Cities Walk and "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Each year, he found himself more and more involved with the MS Society.

Community-minded, Altschul never protested. He even joked about it. "It just kept growing," said Altschul, 37, who is married with three children. "I didn't expect the rate of my involvement to increase more than the rate of inflation, though."

Then, three years ago, Altschul was diagnosed with MS, a disease where hardened tissues on the brain or spinal cord causes partial or complete paralysis and jerking muscle tremors. Some would call it a cruel irony. Others might label it an unfortunate coincidence.

"Some thought it must be guilt by association," Altschul said. "It doesn't work that way. It's the draw of the cards."

The disease hasn't wreaked complete havoc on him. Fatigue is a problem, sometimes control of certain extremities has to be negotiated. Otherwise, Altschul appears like



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Luck of the draw: Sanford Altschul: "Some thought it must be guilt by association. It doesn't work that way. It's the luck of the draw."

any other vibrant entrepreneur. Systems Medical Services will be on-site Saturday at "A Mid Summer Night's Dream" benefit at Meadow Brook.

Systems Medical Services has grown in its eight year existence, consulting such clients as Joe Louis Arena and the Fox Theatre on medical service provisions. Altschul, who operates the business out of his home, also provides CPR training and other medical advice to corporations.

He has other ideas. He enthusiastically talks about someday working with school children, teaching them such first-aid programs such as CPR. Such energy comes naturally. Since being diagnosed with MS, though, Altschul has learned some valuable lessons.

Through the MS Society, Altschul was able to spend four days in a motivational program with other people with the disease. The Huega program encourages people with MS

about what they can do rather than what they cannot.

That attitude has inspired Altschul in his work. He wants to develop medical training programs for people who have disabilities.

"Someone who is in a wheelchair, they may not be able to do CPR, but they may be able to move furniture out of the way or make the call for help," he said.

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