

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1993

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Homeowners to meet

The Farmington Green West Homeowners Association's annual meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, in the General Meeting room of the Farmington Community Library on 12 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads.

The subdivision is west of Drake Road and north of 12 Mile. Residents of the sub are asked to attend.

Dietitian wins award

Robbin L. Dungey, a Farmington Hills resident and a dietitian at Bon Secours Hospital in Grosse Pointe, was one of just two people in the nation to win the award for Outstanding Program Coordinator of the Year.

She won the award for her work with the Medi-Base Weight Management Program at the Bon Secours Internal Medicine Center.

Her job as program coordinator allows her to work closely with her patients for the 12-week Rapid Weight Loss phase, giving them motivation and support. In this phase, patients are counseled by Dungey on issues of commitment, social support and social/emotional interactions.

"My main focus at that time is on them and telling them about the differences they will feel when they begin to lose weight," she said.

Dungey's patients wrote nomination letters to the Advanced Healthcare/Medi-Base division of Dean Distributors, which sponsored the award. She received a certificate of achievement along with an expense-paid trip anywhere in the continental United States.

"I have never really won anything," Dungey said. "This award, coming from the patients, is really special to me."

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Beauty marks

Businesses, residents attract honors

■ There were quite a few winners on the afternoon that the Farmington Beautification Commission passed out awards and certificates.

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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When it comes to beauty, sometimes it's tough to single out the pick of the bunch. So the Farmington Beautification Commission went with a handful of winners for its annual awards ceremony.

Several business owners and residents were cited for the contributions to enhancing the overall visual appeal of Farmington. They were honored in a luncheon Oct. 21 at the Farmington Community Center.

One recipient was the Grand Cafe downtown, which received "Most Up and Coming Business" accolades from the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce. Owners of the newly opened European style coffeehouse, Bob and Dennis Sakuta, "expressed" their appreciation.

"Mostly what we were trying to do is make a place that was clean, neat and classical," Bob Sakuta said. "A place where you don't feel funny if you come in underdressed or overdressed."

The Grand Cafe in the lower level of the Cook Building features: a quaint and cozy atmosphere mainly through its classical decor. A jewel-toned interior with red mahogany wood enhances its warmth while items such as marble table tops and



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Brother act: Bob (left) and Dennis Sakuta, brothers and co-owners of the Grand Cafe in downtown Farmington, show off their business.

art renderings give it a state of grace.

With every drop of Colombian brew, the place imparts a bean of wisdom as well. On the walls are 20 some quotations such as "If you want a rainbow, you have to put up with a little rain."

The Sakutas have owned the

Cook Building for three years. After refurbishing the historical structure, they were looking for businesses to move in.

"We decided the proper tenant was us," said Bob Sakuta, who is still looking for a tenant for the main portion of the building.

They pored over design books.

The typical cafe in Europe is usually located below a boutique. The basement of the Cook Building seemed perfect.

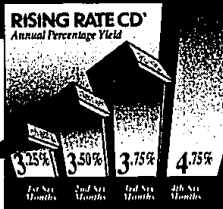
Bob Sakuta said he wanted the coffeehouse to appeal to all ages and tastes rather than just the bohemian.

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