

FARMINGTON
NOTES

Groups serve up holiday programs

Money goes to Paws

Okland County resident Amye Charfoos, who asked those invited to her bat mitzvah last year to make a contribution to Paws With A Cause, presented a check for almost \$10,000 to that organization on Dec. 21 at Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills.

Paws With A Cause is a national nonprofit organization that attempts to develop working relationships between people with disabilities and dogs.

At her 1992 bat mitzvah, the Jewish ceremony performed when a girl is 13 years of age and considered to be an adult, Amye asked her guests to make a contribution to Paws instead of to her. She has always been interested in animals in general and dogs in particular.

"I'm very excited," she said. "This is the first time I've ever really gotten involved in making a direct difference in people's lives. It feels great and makes you want to continue making a difference."

A 'quality' man

Robert Adams has been selected Quality Achiever of the Month at the Farmington Hills-based Jervis B. Webb Company. Adams, a Webb employee for 41 years, works at the New Hudson facility. Webb is a leading designer, manufacturer and installer of custom material handling systems.

A top podiatrist

Marie Delewsky, a Farmington Hills resident, has been named Podiatrist of the Year for 1993 by the Southeastern Division of the Michigan Podiatric Medical Association. The announcement was made during the group's 79th annual meeting and scientific seminar.

Delewsky, who has practices in Troy and Shelby Township, is a graduate of the Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine in Chicago. She serves on the college's alumni association board.

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Many service and charitable organizations in the Farmington area are going to great lengths to make sure a lot of people have happy holidays.

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Many Farmington area service organizations aren't taking a holiday over the holidays.

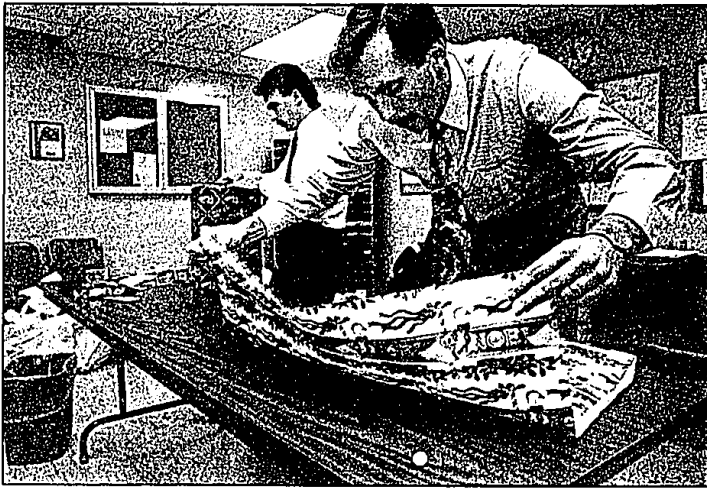
In fact, many have special activities planned for people in the area.

Volunteers from the local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will deliver about 50 meals on Christmas day and again on New Year's day through the Meals on Wheels program. Key LeMon, AARP director of communications, said the regular deliveries for the programs don't cover the holidays.

"We always cover Thanksgiving and, Christmas and Hanukkah (as one holiday)," LeMon said. "We add another two holidays, such as New Year's, Easter or Valentine's Day."

The Farmington Area Community Women will deliver about 225 Christmas presents to preschoolers this year. Nancy Pawlukiewicz, president of the group, said names of needy children in the Head Start program and their siblings have been placed on Christmas trees at the three Metrobank offices in Farmington Hills, both the Farmington and Farmington Hills city halls and the First Federal Bank in Farmington. A gift is brought back to the trees for the child named and then collected and sorted at a warehouse also used by the Goodfellows, Pawlukiewicz said.

"The gifts are for kids up to 16 (years old)," she said. "We collected most of the gifts Friday (Dec. 17). The families pitch in to sort the gifts." The 60 or so children at the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center



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Holiday split: For the fourth year, members of the Police Officers Association of Michigan in Farmington Hills wrapped toys and clothing for 11 Hills families. Detectives Pat Camini, left, and Tim Swanson try their hand. The union members shopped for the items at Target, where they were given a discount. The group was one of many helping those in need over the holidays.

have already had a Christmas party thrown for them this past weekend by a loosely knit group of volunteers, said Jackie Kelsey of Sarah Fisher. In addition, Tony Penna and his family are inviting those Sarah Fisher children who aren't spending Christmas with their families to dinner at Penna's restaurant in Sterling Heights. Betty Nicolay, chairwoman of the board at Farmington Youth Assis-

ance, said the group will be passing out plaques for the D.A.D. (designate a driver) program at area restaurants and taverns taking part in the program over the holidays.

The program, which was started by 47th District Judge Fred Harris, allows the designated driver in a party to have free soft drinks.

"The plaques came later than we

had hoped, so we're trying to get them in place," Nicolay said.

Wednesday, the Farmington Hills Police Department hosted the P.A.S.T. dinner. That group, Police and Seniors Together, matches an officer with a senior citizen who is isolated from family. The officers and seniors share a Christmas type dinner at the station.

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