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Our branch membership gathers in large groups and small, monthly and more often, for projects and social events. Each year a dedicated group collects, sorts, prices and packs books donated by members and the public at large.

These books are then resold at our largest fund-raising activity, the AAUW Used Book Sale.

One-half of the profits from our 42nd Annual Used Book Sale this past October will be sent to the national AAUW Educational Foundation to be used for post-graduate scholarships for women. The other half of the proceeds will go to designated local charities

and educational institutions; some of the monies will endow scholarships for women pursuing undergraduate degrees.

A typical member may choose among a number of ways to participate in AAUW: attend a monthly meeting featuring a speaker; choose one or more study groups, such as our International Relations or Oakway Investment group; participate in a book discussion or gourmet group; or play in a golf or bridge group.

Members are encouraged to attend annual and bi-annual state meetings to discuss AAUW issues, and to attend a biennial national convention.

The networking among people and the exchange of ideas at these gatherings inspires and energizes us to work at the local level on current social issues important to AAUW's mission, as well as developing life-long interests, leadership skills and friendships.

For information about AAUW membership call: (810) 553-9317.

Diane Goech, an 11-year resident of Farmington Hills, is a former secondary school Spanish teacher. She is employed at a local educational software firm. A 25-year AAUW member in Illinois and Michigan, she is president of the Farmington Branch of AAUW.



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Resale shop: From left, Pat Thompson, Mary Holmberg, Nan Held and Donna Thomas show off a few of the items available for sale at the Second Edition used-clothing store in Farmington Hills.

YMCA HIGHLIGHTS

These YMCA Highlights appear courtesy of the Farmington YMCA, 28100 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. For information, call 553-4020.

CATCH THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT

Try the YMCA on a special membership offer. For as little as \$55, your family can work out at the Y over the holidays. Membership is limited only and valid until Dec. 31. (Membership does not include 1995 class membership registration privileges). For more information, call 553-4020.

CLASS REGISTRATION

Mail in and fax registrations for members are now being taken for the upcoming winter season. Deadline is Dec. 17. Walk-in registration for full facility members begins at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 19. Registration for program members begins at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 20.

BASKETBALL SHOOTING CONTEST

Plans are now being made for a basketball shooting contest Sunday, Jan. 8, at the Farmington Y.

The contest is for ages 7-70, male and female. Different shooting contests will take place with awards going to the top winners in each age division. Pre-register at a cost of \$5 or register the day of the event for \$8. All fees will go to the Invest in Youth campaign. For more details call Carol McMillan at 553-1935.

MIDDLE SCHOOL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Five person teams will play games between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Playoffs will begin at 2:30 p.m. and continue until the tournament winner is declared. Games will be officiated and trophies awarded to the winning team. Age divisions are as follows: 11- to 12-year-olds will play Tuesday, Dec. 27; 13- to 14-year-olds will play Thursday, Dec. 29. Fee is members \$25/team or \$5/person and program members, \$35/team or \$7/person. Call Alana Hill at 553-4020 for more information.

BEGIN TO SWIM PROGRAM

The Farmington YMCA offers the Begin To Swim Program during

the week of Dec. 27-29. Registration is 8:30 a.m. to 8:45 p.m. Dec. 19 and 20 at the Y. The class meets all four days with participants being grouped according to their ability. Class times and ages are as follows: ages 3-5, 9-9:30 a.m.; ages 6-14, 9:30-10 a.m.; ages 3-5, 10-10:30 a.m.; and ages 6-14, 10:30-11 a.m.

6-7 GRADE BASKETBALL LEAGUE

Registration begins Dec. 19 at the Farmington YMCA for any sixth or seventh-grade student interested in playing basketball. Practices will be on Monday nights (5-6 p.m. or 6-7 p.m.) and games will be on Wednesday nights during the same time frame. League begins in January and will be at Hoopville in Farmington Hills on Commerce Drive. Fee is \$30 for members and \$60 for program members (plus \$5 for program membership, if needed). This league is for students not participating on any other basketball team. Contact Carol McMillan at 810-553-1935 for information.

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open and function, it would revert to the city."

Income from classes, events, room rentals, fund drives and volunteer functions like Second Edition, maintain the historic building and grounds.

Farmington Hills resident Nan Held, a founding Second Edition volunteer, recalled spending the first summer helping to organize everything before opening in the fall of 1980. It was a gradual success story.

"A lot of word-of-mouth and a little advertising and then it finally started to grow," Held said. "We still have people that come in and say, 'I didn't know this was here.'"

The business began to really take off about five years ago, and the little shop moved into more spacious quarters in the house. It now has own entry into the building on the east side facing Farmington Road.

Articles of clothing can be donated or sold on consignment where the owner earns 50 percent of the selling price.

"Most people generally prefer watching some money come in," said Pat Thompson of Farmington Hills, also one of the founding volunteers. "It seems like there are two types of people. Those who bring their clothes hardly ever shop, and the others who shop hardly ever bring clothes. And then there's us who do both," she said with a laugh.

Those who bring clothes in have the option of picking up items if they have not sold within two months. Otherwise, unsold items are donated to charity.

"We ask that (garments) please come in on hangers and pressed and clean," Held said. "The style must also be fairly current. You don't want anything that is too far out of style because it is not going to sell."

The merchandise is everything from infants', children's, teens', women's and men's clothing.

The volunteer staff would like shoppers to know that there are some terrific things at the Second Edition and to keep checking back because they get new articles in every day.

"When people start shopping here and they find something good, they just get hooked on the place," said Mary Holmberg, a seven-year volunteer from Northville.

Customers can call and leave requests for a particular type of article they are looking for including wedding gowns and mother-of-the-bride dresses.

"Always check here first!" Held said with a smile.

The Second Edition is open Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon and Tuesday evening from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more information call: (810) 477-8404.

CC students collect food for poor

Detroit Catholic Central students raised more than one ton of food for needy families in northwest Detroit during the school's fifth annual Thanksgiving canned food drive.

Organizing the drive were two Livonia students Mike Topolenski, a senior, and Phil Osier, a freshman. The drive included a dance where students brought cans, and homeroom and class

competitions. Sophomores won the class contest.

The food was delivered to the Rev. Don Archambault at the St. Vincent De Paul food department of St. Gerard's parish in Detroit.

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