



Singles Mingle

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Dance parties

WEDNESDAY SINGLES

The Farmington Singles Professionals will host the Singles Mingle Dance at the Grand Hotel, 31525 W. 12 Mile Rd. in Farmington Hills, from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday, Dec. 23. Admission is \$5 for non-members. A dressy men must wear a coat and tie. (313) 478-0181.

WESTSIDE SINGLES

Westside Singles will hold a Christmas Dance on Friday, Dec. 23, at Burton Manor on Schoolcraft Road, west of Water Street. The dance is open for adults 21 and older. \$2 before 8:30 p.m. (313) 561-0029.

NEW YEARS DANCE

Macdonald's New Year's Dance will be Saturday, Dec. 31, at Bobo's Country House, 35780 W. Five Mile, Livonia. Tickets \$37.50/person or \$75/couple. Family style dinner, live band, late refreshments, open bar. Seating tables available for men and women. (313) 422-3238 or (810) 347-1749.

NEW YEARS PARTY

Farmington Singles is hosting a New Year's Eve Party on Saturday, Dec. 31. Ticket prices range from \$25 to \$35 per person. Call Dave at 478-0119 for further information. Wednesday Dance.

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Single groups

U.S. SINGLES

The U.S. Singles (Dearborn-Livonia Chapter) meets at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18, at Ernesto's House Inn, 41561 Plymouth Road, Plymouth. Cocktails will begin at 2 p.m. with dinner at 3 p.m. There will be a \$10 gift exchange. Singles ages 45 and older wishing further information may write to: U.S. Singles, P.O. Box 2175, Fort Dearborn Station, Dearborn, 48123.

RETIRED FARMINGTON

A holiday get-together is planned at Our Lady of Sorrows, 22615 Power Road, Farmington, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9. Bring a dish to pass or pay \$3. 478-7841.

SELECTIVE PROFESSIONALS

Selective Professionals is a group for professional singles which sponsors seminars, business, speeches and varied activities. 422-8700.

RETIRED

Recreation, a support and social group for divorced and separated Christians, meets at 8 p.m. the third Saturday of each month at St. Kenneth Church, Haggerty Road south of Five Mile, Plymouth Township. (313) 261-9123.

RETIRED

Voyagers Singles mixed non-denominational for singles 45 years and older meets at the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia, on Friday, Dec. 9, the group will host the "History of Automobile Industry" at \$3.50 per person.

NEW YEARS SINGLES

New Year's Singles meetings meet 7 p.m. on the third Sunday of each month in Guinness Hall of Newburg United Methodist Church, 36500 Ann Arbor Trail, east of Newburg, Livonia. Light refreshments served. (313) 663-0014.

FARMINGTON SINGLES PROFESSIONALS

A nonprofit social group for singles ages 25-40, who share common interests and want to form new friendships. It's not limited to the Farmington area and members participate in more than 200 activities per year. (810) 478-9181.

SINGLE PLACE

Single Place Adult Ministries of First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main, Northville, presents Active Singles, a social group for singles who work afternoons, nights and weekends. Events include social, cultural and sports events and brunches and tours in and around the metro area. Ages 24-44. (810) 478-1220.

SINGLE POINT

The Rev. Paul Cough leads Scripture messages relevant to daily single living 10:45 a.m. Sundays, in Knox Hall, Ward Presbyterian Church, 17000 Farmington Road, at Six Mile Road, Livonia. Talk it Over (T.O.) 7:30 p.m. second and fourth Friday of each month, in Knox Hall of Ward Presbyterian Church. Also available, volleyball, 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays. (313) 422-1854.

EXPRESSIONS

An adult discussion group meets 7:30-11:15 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month in First United Universalist Church, 1917 Washburn Ave., Ann Arbor. The program is not church-affiliated. The group is open to those ages 21 and older. Admission is \$5 per person and \$2 for volunteers. Snacks are served at each meeting. (313) 966-0141.

EXPLORES

The Metro Mingles, a singles group for people with disabilities ages 21-35, is sponsored by the Easter Seal Society. (313) 338-9526 or (810) 646-3347.

ACTIVITIES GROUP

The Activities Group is a single adults participating in a variety of activities on an organized year-round basis. They are not affiliated with any self-help group, religious or political organization. Membership fee is \$30. (810) 624-7777.

EXPLORES

St. Edith Single Explorers meet at 7:30 p.m. the first Friday of each month at St. Edith Church, on Newburg south of Five Mile. (313) 464-2027.

PWP/LIVONIA-REDWOOD

The Livonia-Redwood Chapter 130 of Parents Without Partners meets the first and third Thursdays of the month at the Catholic Center, 30555 Grand River, Farmington Hills. Orientation is 8 p.m., the general meeting 8:30 p.m., followed by dancing. (313) 464-1993.

PWP WAYNE-WESTLAND

The Wayne-Westland Chapter 340 meets the second and fourth Fridays of the month in the Wayne AMVETS Hall, 1217 Meridian, Westland. Meeting is 8:30 p.m. Dance is set for 10 p.m. to midnight. Admission is \$4 before 9 p.m., \$5 after 9 p.m. New members welcome. (313) 526-0331.

CATHOLIC ALUMNI

The Catholic Alumni Club is for Catholics who are college graduates and are free to meet in the Catholic church. (313) 567-7564, (810) 930-1558 or (810) 647-7076.

TALK IT OVER

Single Point Ministries of Ward Presbyterian Church presents Talk It Over every second and fourth Friday monthly at 7:30 a.m. at the church, 17000 Farmington Road, Livonia. Speakers and panelists will discuss single issues. Free event. 422-1854.

SPORTS/RECREATION

The Activities Group is sponsoring a Northeastern and Northwestern bowling club holiday reunion party at the Bowlers Lanes in Royal Oak on Coolidge Highway, between 13 Mile and 14 Mile roads, Friday, December 30. Teams are arranged by the group by theme oriented contests. Costs are \$10 for bowling club members and \$12 for non-member couples are extra and balls are free. Restaurant stop follows. (810) 624-7777.

BOWL DAY OPEN HOUSE

Single Point Ministries is hosting a Bowl Day Open House from noon to 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 2, at Ward Church, Knox Hall with events including volleyball, food, football and more. 422-1854.

INDOOR VOLLEYBALL

The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit sponsors indoor volleyball every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Barry Middle School on Southfield on the corner of Evergreen Road and I-1 Mile Road. The cost is \$3 for members/\$5 non-members. (810) 662-1807.

BOWLING

Voyagers Singles mixed bowling league bowls 7:30 p.m. Sundays at Merit-Bowl Lanes, Five Mile and Meridian roads, Livonia. The league is open to those ages 40 and older. Regulars and subs needed. (313) 591-1350 or (313) 278-9717.

BOWLING

The Activities Group, comprised of intelligent adults who enjoy participating in a variety of sporting and cultural events, meet at 7 p.m. every other week at the Northwestern Bowling Club in Farmington Hills. No partners are needed, teams are arranged by group. A nearby restaurant visit follows. Next session begins Friday, Jan. 6. (810) 624-7777.

BRIDGE

Singles bridge group meets 7:30 p.m. Mondays in the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main. Lessons are offered 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. (313) 464-1993 or (313) 420-3177.

LYNNAL

Farmington Single Professionals play volleyball at 6:45 p.m. Tuesdays and 7:15 p.m. Wednesdays in the parking lot of Farmington, Nine Mile between Farmington and Drake Road, Farmington. There are courts designated beginner, intermediate and advanced. Cost \$4 for FSP members and \$5 for non-members. (810) 478-9181.

HUNTERS/WALKERS

Farmington Single Professionals meet 6:45 p.m. Wednesdays in the parking lot by the tennis courts at Oakland Community College, Orchard Ridge Campus, Farmington Road just south of I-696. (810) 478-9181.

Other activities

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BURGERS AND MOVIE NIGHT

Farmington Single members will meet at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23, for burgers at Mr. Joe's, 26071 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield. After dinner the group will venture to either the Old Orchard or American West theaters. Christmas Eve Dinner.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN A CHRISTMAS EVE DINNER AT SOUTHERN EXPOSURE

Christmas Eve dinner at Southern Exposure, 29000 Grand River Avenue in Farmington Hills, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24. Open to all who have returned to the area for the weekend or those who have been relocated to the area and are unable to make it home.

Downhill Skiing

Farmington Singles members will participate in a downhill skiing trip to Mt. Brighton located on I-96, exit 145, Monday, Dec. 26. Novice and experts are welcome. Carpooling is available at 10 a.m.

IN-LINE SKATING

All are welcome to in-line skate in the Pontiac Savatone Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 28. Admission is \$5, balls rental is \$5 and parking is free. Carpooling is available. West Night Lights.

WALK AMONG THE ANIMALS AT THE DETROIT ZOO

The zoo's "Wild Night Light" display. The evening walking tour begins with a meeting at 8 p.m. inside the zoo entrance and a hot chocolate break halfway through the walk. The zoo is open to 8 p.m. Dress for the weather.

Ski Trip Meeting

A pre-trip and sign up meeting for the Eighth Annual Great Weekend Getaway through Farmington Singles will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4 at the

Farmington Community Library, located at 23550 Liberty behind the police station. East Tawell will be the agent of the cross country trip on the weekend of January 13 through 15. The trip is \$140 for members and \$150 for non-members.

ON SEARCH OF

The Activities Group in Search of club members will be meeting periodically searching to find the best of what the area has to offer in restaurants, foods and novel decor. Suggestions and samples will be discussed at various Saturday meetings. The Activities Group is composed of intelligent adults who enjoy participating in a variety of sporting and cultural activities. (810) 624-7777.

Festive events welcome new year

"What are you doing New Year's Eve?" — If you haven't made plans yet, here are some ideas.

■ Ring in 1995 with a festive and romantic New Year's Eve tradition called "Night in Old Vienna" 9 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 31, at Orchestra Hall in Detroit. This concert features the Detroit Symphony Orchestra led by Leslie B. Dunner, performing the music of Vienna, along with international famous soprano, Kaaren Erickson.

During the concert, professional ballroom dancers, Glenn Clarke and Cindy Gerald, and Steven and Susan McFerran will whirl across stage to the beautiful waltzes of Vienna. After the performance, concertgoers are invited to dance on stage to the sounds of the Mack Pitt Orchestra. The New Year will be kicked off with party favors and a champagne toast at the stroke of midnight. Tickets range from \$20 to \$38, box tickets are \$80. Call (313) 833-3700 or Ticketmaster, (810) 645-6666.

■ Organizers of First Night/Birmingham '95 are getting ready for a lively New Year's with a myriad of outstanding performances, headlined this year by the Chenille Sisters.

First Night is a non-alcoholic festival of the arts for all ages, featuring over 20 performers,

which takes place in easily accessible locations throughout central Birmingham from 2 p.m. until midnight on Dec. 31. Admission is a \$7 button (admission for children ages 3-5 is \$1; children 2 and under are admitted free). For information, call (810) 540-6688.

Other headlines include: Southern Exposure, Mr. "B." Peter Madcat Ruter and Shari Kane; Ursula Walker and Buddy Budson, bluegrass artist Neil Woodward; Merlin the Magician; two puppet troupes; and children's interactive theater performances.

A "Hoodown Countdown to Midnight" will take place in Shain Park to "rope" in the New Year, showcasing the foot-tapping, knee-slapping, toe-tapping country music of Southern Exposure.

■ Put another quarter in the jukebox, break out the go-go boots, mini skirts, pink fishnet stockings, and hairspray and prepare to rock the night away this New Year's Eve and celebrate the 100th performance of "Beelive," the 1960s musical now playing at the Gem Theatre in Detroit.

Performance times for New Year's Eve are 7 p.m. (show only, \$25.50) and 10 p.m. — show, champagne, dessert, party favors, and dancing to the "Beelive" band (\$49.50) Call Ticketmaster or (313) 963-9900.

This is what success looks like.



From left:
Mike Bin, Farmington;
David Nowell, Livonia;
Geoff Horst, Plymouth;
Karen Comis, Garden City;
Wayne Parks, Canton;
Jason Klotzky, Radford;
Roy Bates, Westland.

Your looking at seven cool kids who've never met but have one thing in common. They're all carriers for The Observer Newspapers—in fact they're our "Carriers of the Year." They've all successfully delivered the Observer in their city, did all the required stuff that goes along with a newspaper route and received fame and glory. Well, maybe not fame and glory, but some neat prizes, a steady income, and that plaque they're each holding has the word "excellence" on it; another word for "awesome."

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