

Duffer's delight



Golf benefit: Sue Kafcas (left) sells raffle tickets to Ed Norton of Real Estate One at the Farmington Exchange Club reception following a golf outing for the benefit of Child Abuse Prevention at the Glen Oaks Golf Course in Farmington Hills Thursday. At right, Dr. Ronda Van Horn, a dentist, chats with John Anhut, left, chair of the Endowment Committee at Botsford Hospital and Jim McLaughlin, director of Development at Botsford.



St. Fabian honors educator who put family, students first

For years, the name Elizabeth Shephard has practically been synonymous with St. Fabian Elementary School in Farmington Hills.

Now, with the veteran third-grade teacher's retirement, the private Catholic school on 12 Mile very well may have to find a new identity.

Soon to turn 70 years old, Shephard, who distinguished herself with 29 years of teaching at St. Fabian, said she was "surprised, overwhelmed" by a recent retirement reception held in her honor.

"It was wonderful," said the Farmington Hills resident. "I was definitely surprised. I didn't expect anything like that."

The reception was held at the end of Mass on May 29 and was attended by her family, current and former students and friends. Among family members were her five children (who all attend St. Fabian) and all 11 grandchildren, three whom she taught.

Still attending St. Fabian are Todd and Shane Dwyer, going into the third and fifth grade, respectively.

The Shephard-St. Fabian link began when she came over from Detroit Public Schools in 1967, where she stayed (with the exception of two years off to raise her children) until this year, said Sister Mary Lorelle.

"To me, she was a very dedicated person," Sister Lorelle said. "She was dedicated to her teaching career and dedicated to her family."

"She was the type of teacher who never found fault with any other teacher, parent or child. She did her job, she did it very well, and the kids absolutely loved her."

Shephard, who is widowed, said the teaching profession has "changed a great deal" since she started out. "It's more difficult to teach today."

But her long tenure at St. Fabian indicated that the pluses outweighed the minuses.

"I would not have been there as long if I didn't like it," Shephard said. "They have very caring teachers who want to give a positive experience to students. I like the fact I



Family ties: Retired teacher Elizabeth Shephard poses with 10 of her 11 grandchildren - several who still attend St. Fabian. In the front row (from left) are Jake Owsley, 2½; Caitlin Owsley, 3½; Shephard; and Sean Shephard, 2. In the back row (from left) are Austin Owsley, 5; Todd Dwyer, 8; Shaq Owsley, 5 months; Jenny Dwyer, 15; Melissa Dwyer, 16; Shane Dwyer, 10; and Chad Shephard, 5. Not pictured is grandson Adam Jensen, 8.

can bring God into the subject matter."

"What will she do now?"

"I have a lot of grandchildren to look after," Shephard said. "I'm watching one of the teacher's babies a couple days a week. And I'll do some volunteer work."

Chances are, some of it will be right back at her home away from home.

Theater-goers get whipped up in 'Gone With the Wind' hoopla

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Barbie Amann of Livonia fanned herself furiously as she rushed through the lobby of the Star Southfield Entertainment Centre.

"Where has that Ashley gone?" she asked breathlessly.

"I haven't seen him," Theresa Wilkinson called after her.

The Canton Township resident was at the theater complex with her daughter, Rochelle, 8, for a premiere showing of the recolorized classic, "Gone With the Wind."

More than 200 prints of the film, with 12 1/2 minutes of the film digitally restored, are being released by New Line Cinema for showing at select theaters on Friday. The new release also has digitally remastered sound and is presented with Max Steiner's original music composed for the audience's entrance into the theater.

About 30 people Monday night viewed the film, shown on wide screen. First, however, they mingled while nibbling tea sandwiches, rum balls and scones, and they sipped fresh fruit punch and lemon mint tea at a "Southern Tea Time" party.

Many were dressed in their ante-bellum best finery.

Rochelle Wilkinson wore a dress her mother had worn to a wedding years earlier.

Ari Friedman of Franklin, outfitted in black suit and bowler, chatted with Samantha Cohen of West Bloomfield whose locks were topped by a wide-brimmed hat tied under the chin with tignon.

Cohen also was seen talking with Dora Knamer of Southfield who confided to a reporter that she was wearing a gown that she had worn nearly 50 years ago at her sister's wedding. An airy lace shawl topped the pink dress with a wide, racy satin sash.

While the crowd gathered, Joan Rayford of Livonia waited for her husband, Ron, outside the entertainment center. Dressed in a long, white gown that she had worn to her senior prom "many years ago," Rayford clutched a theater pass that she hoped would win her a trip to see Tara, Margaret Mitchell's mansion.

Others on hand included Farmington Hills couple Robert and Margaret Lockwood. Margaret's green, yellow and white dress was set off by a



Belle ringer: Margaret Lockwood of Farmington Hills got into the spirit by wearing a green, yellow and white dress and a large white hat.

large white hat. Union soldier for the day Jeff Przewozniak of Roseville must have been warm in his uniform as temperatures outside the theater soared into the '90s.

Many of the outfits were provided by Amann, who owns a theater costume store in Livonia and who is involved as an actress and costume designer for the Farmington Players.

No one saw Rhett Butler in person, but one could easily have imagined him saying, as he did in the film to Scarlett O'Hara, "Some day I want you to say to me the words you said to Ashley Wilkes... 'I love you.'"

Tree planting to honor multicultural activist

The public is invited to a memorial and remembrance tree planting of the Rev. Imani Karoub at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, July 2, at Drake Park, between Grand River and Freedom Roads.

The memorial is sponsored by This memorial has been made

possible through the assistance of the City of Farmington Beautification Commission's Remembrance Tree Program.

More information can be obtained by contacting Pat Shelton at 471-9030.

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