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First-time attendee Dick
Carvell, longtime Farmington
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documit, said
the Cornucopia Ball is
a community
jewel mostly
for how it
helps kids.

"It means
a lot as far as the groups they
support," Carvell said. "... Espocially the programs for the middie schools. I think that's a wonderful thing. That gives the kids
something to do and keeps them
out of trouble."

Good move

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Although many commented that the move from the William Costick Activities Center to Glen
Oaks was a positive one, some including Webb - thought the live auction started too late. When it did, around 11 p.m., the crowd had thinned out considerably.

Webb said the event being on a Friday night (it previously was held on Saturday) did not help matters as far as people sticking matters as far as people sticking

heid on Saturday) did not help matters as fir as people sticking around later. And, dinner was served about 20 minutes late. Hopefully a return to Saturday (already sat for Nov. 4, 2000, again at Glen Oaks) for the next Cornucopia Ball will alleviate some of the wrinkles, Webb noted.

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"Saturday is their preference," said Webb, about the regular attendees to what Farmington City Council member Arnold Campbell called the "premier event" of Farmington and Farmington Hills.

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Campbell was among those who applauded the move to Gien Oaks. "I think it's n big plus to have it at the Glen Oaks Coun-



Fun time: Cathy Webb, one of the organizers of the event, dances the hustle.

try Club because I think it cre-ates a whole different ambiance to the event," Campbell said. He also thought other changes enabled "a different spectrum of people" to enjoy the festivities. The event was black-tie optional (instead of required) and ticket price was reduced from \$150 to \$125.

\$125.

All of those things, noted
Webb, contributed to "our fresh,
new, exciting look. We (on the
Cornucopia Ball planning committee) were trying to make people come back to the ball.

Also helping to bring about
that fresh look was Farmington
Center Florist owner Linda

Trzcinski, who was the first ever honorary florist for the ball. She created beautiful arrangements that were used as table center pieces. Trzejnski's work brought "an

Trzeinskie work brought "an air of elegance and class to the room," Webb såid.
Foundation Chairman Tyrone Tartt, during 'comments to the festive gathering, emphasized how "every detail has ben planned with great care."
That campaign apparontly succeeded. The attendance of 231 was a marked improvement over 1998, when only 147 came out.

And the area's corporate world also came through. Five firms qualified as honorary sponsors for their contributions of \$10,000

or more. Thuse included ACN, Beztak Companies, Botsford General Hospital and the Bots-ford Hospital Professional Staff, and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

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Webb said some of the auction Webb said some of the auction items that fatched big bucks included two from Farmington Hills Mayor Nancy Bates and husband Charles. A gourmet dinner for eight, to be enjoyed in the Bates' home, brought \$900; a fully restored and furnished Yellow Victorian delihouse created

low Victorian dolihouse created by Charles Bates generated another \$750.

Webb's husband, Jim, bought another big ticket item: a day with Farmington Hills Police Chief Bill Dwyer, complete with lunch, for \$400.

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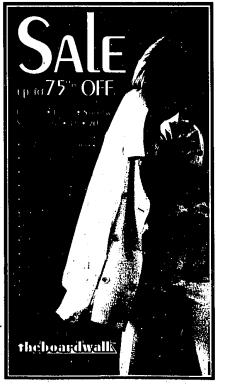
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