

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Feathered felons

I have always considered myself to be a law-abiding citizen and, to that end, I am plagued with guilt over my inability to regulate the type of birds frequenting my birdfeeder.

As suggested, I put out less food but still they come. Those unwanted feathered felons from Canada, how do we get rid of these foreigners! I have, naturally, posted signs at the feeder alerting the birds to the type and quantity of gulls, geese and pigeons allowed by law, as I am sure every good citizen has done, and yet they continue to blatantly thumb their beaks at the ordinance and run afoul of the law.

Worse yet, I believe the amount of these felons has actually increased since the ordinance was passed. It seems they are telling their families and friends they are not welcome here in Farmington Hills, and as a result, gangs have begun to form. Perhaps a call to the Immigration and Naturalization Service is in order; we cannot allow these Canadians to seek asylum here any longer! As for the gulls and pigeons, I suspect they came from Livonia (a most unruly city). Deport them immediately! And what about those bluejays? I never did like their color much. Ban them, too!

I suggest we as citizens flock to our local police station and demand action.

Report every offense! How else will we keep these birdbrains from taking over our town.

Carol J. Lucena

Heartfelt thanks

On behalf of the Farmington City Council, I want to congratulate the entire Farmington community for your support of the city's decision to purchase and renovate the historic Civic Theatre.

The community celebrated the Grand Re-opening of our landmark Civic Theatre on Jan. 7, 8 and 9, with 1940 rollback-priced movies, an auction of Civic memorabilia and an extraordinary gala event, hosted at the Legato next door to the theater.

Further, the city council and I want to publicly thank the following people for their contributions, which made the Grand Re-opening such a success:

Event co-chairs Denise Tawney and Suzanne Paul (capably assisted by her husband, Charles and daughters, Correen and Sara); Michael and Kelley Nowak for generously hosting the Gala receptions at Legato; The Farmington Observer and Northwest Gazette newspapers for their coverage of the events; Bill Clark of Quadrants,

Inc., construction and operations manager for the Civic Theatre; City Manager Frank Lauhoff for his leadership and dedication in the purchase and renovation of the theater; Rick Hatfield of Springbrook Florist for donating flowers for the Gala; the 268 individuals who purchased tickets to the Gala, and those who attended the memorabilia auction and purchased over \$10,000 worth of Civic Theatre history - all proceeds of which will be used to complete Phase Two renovations of the theater balcony and the permanent display area on the upper level; and Alison and Jeff Richards for volunteering as coat and hat check persons.

However, mostly we want to thank the people of Farmington for their steadfast support of the decision to preserve the historic Civic Theatre as a family-oriented entertainment facility - and the "heart and soul" of downtown Farmington.

William Hartsock
Mayor, Farmington

Great volunteers

The 1999 Goodfellow year has come to a close, and our pledge of "No Child or Senior without a Christmas" has been completed. It all happened because of the great volunteers (elves) we had helping this year. The greater Farmington area is truly blessed with people who are willing to help others.

As we all know the economy was good this year, and the numbers were down, but still there were many families and seniors in our community who needed help. We delivered packages and gift certificates to 130 families, and 125 seniors, and assisted 38 disabled adults.

We want to thank many people again this year, especially the folks who helped us sort canned foods, packed toys, made out gift certificates, delivered packages, sent out thank you's and of course, those who made donations of food, toys, and money through our "All Community Mailing." There are 12 standing committees to do the work that includes more than 60 people. It's without a doubt that the people of F2C (Farmington's Two Cities) are committed to helping others.

We get many cards and letters from recipients each year thanking everyone who helped make their Christmas a happy one. Some of the notes we get tell of situations and problems which most people can't imagine. But for the elves, it makes the time and effort worthwhile.

All of us on the board of directors want to extend our most heartfelt thanks to all those

who helped this year. We hope you enjoyed what you did, and will consider helping again next year.

We trust you had a wonderful holiday and that the New Year will be good to you.

Richard Tupper
President and General Chairman
Farmington Area Goodfellows, Inc.

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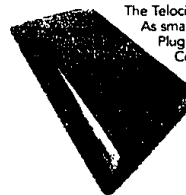
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