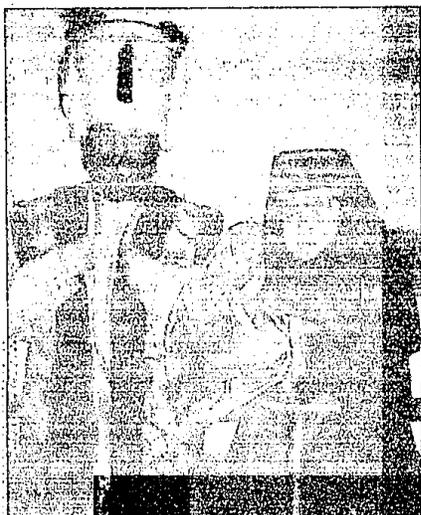


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Only make-believe: The Moehlmans, Al and Ruth, pose for a bogus postcard while vacationing in Turkey.

sent. Tourism is a big industry as people come to see the ancient ruins and vacation at the beautiful resorts.

In Istanbul where our journey began, the city is also crowded and has traffic problems. Situated between the Black and Aegean seas, Istanbul is half in Europe and half in Asia. It was founded by the Roman Emperor Constantine and was called Constantinople for centuries.

The city has been occupied by many invaders and is now primarily a Moslem city with many mosques containing beautiful mosaics. The ancient churches have frescoes and magnificent marble. The mosques don't have pictures of people, only designs and beautiful Turkish rugs.

Elegant palaces

The Turkish sultans who controlled the Bosphorus, the channel between Asia and Europe, built elegant palaces and mosques with the wealth they accumulated. The Tophapi Palace and the Dolmabahce Palace illustrated the lifestyle of the sultans. The Dolmabahce Palace became the state house when Turkey became a republic in 1923.

In Istanbul we saw whirling dervishes in a religious ceremony. Another evening featured belly dancers and a Turkish feast.

We sailed the Bosphorus where the old wooden houses must be restored on the exterior for historic preservation. Financial hardship is not considered.

In Turkey there is the famous spice market and the bazaar where small shops sell all sorts of things and one is expected to bargain. Carpets are a specialty. Turkish carpets are handmade and double knotted. Different regions produce particular colors and designs.

In Turkey mosques dominate the landscape while in Greece it's the churches. Istanbul and Athens are modern cities. Goats live on the stony mountains and shepherds watch flocks of sheep.

Ruth Moehلمان is a local historian and author of "Heritage Homes of Farmington."

Judaism topic

Rabbi Amy Birgman will teach a 10-week "Introduction to Judaism" course from 7:30-9 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Feb. 1 at Temple Kol Ami in West Bloomfield. It is designed for those interested in conversion as well as anyone interested in learning about Judaism.

Topics to be covered include the meaning of Torah, Jewish history, holidays, life cycle observances, and God-concepts. Temple Kol Ami is at 5085 Walnut Lake Road. There is a charge for the course. Call (248) 651-0040 to register.

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a member of the Farmington Hills Traffic Study committee 1997-98 and served on various committees with the Eight Mills Boulevard Association.

As chamber executive director, "I really enjoyed getting to know business people in town. I thoroughly enjoyed them. We still get together for lunch. We host interesting speakers, powerful people."

Penchant for perennials

As a master gardener with a penchant for perennials, "that has become a dear vocation," she said. "I'm taking a landscape course now one night a week."

The Jaycees will honor Soronen at a banquet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 10 at the Glen Oaks Country Club in Farmington Hills. Tickets are \$35 per person and are available by calling the Jaycees by Jan. 20. Soronen will attend with her husband, Rusty, and son David and daughter-in-law Kim. Two other sons live out of the area.

"I don't have to work the tables," Soronen quipped. "I still think I have to be a greeter."

With CPAC, she is looking forward to the third annual business/education partnership program on global marketing to be held at Harrison High School in April.

"It's like a conference to expose high school kids to global business, to see what's out there," she explained. "The morning includes a panel of business speakers and the afternoon has workshops. Language, market-

ing, business and computer students come up with a marketing plan for a product to be sold overseas."

Currently she works part time as vice president for the Marketing Communications Council, a public relations and Web site design firm.

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Words of praise flow for Jody

Here is an excerpt from Carleigh Flaherty's letter to June Farrell, president of the Farmington Area Jaycees, nominating Jody Soronen for Citizen of the Year.

"I personally came to know Jody after I moved to the area in 1996. At the time I was working as the executive director of the Canton Chamber of Commerce and met Jody at a meeting of directors representing 15 chambers of commerce in the area.

I immediately found her to be warm and welcoming and it was clear to me that this woman had tremendous talent working with a diverse array of individuals. She also struck me as being keenly intelligent about issues impacting business and community growth. Only two years later, I was given the opportunity to work directly with her when I took on the position of president of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce. It was evident to me that the qualities in Jody I had experienced two years prior were intrinsic qualities that made up her whole person.

It is leaders like Jody who have impacted the positive growth of our community. In her 16 year tenure with the chamber, Jody clearly made a point to balance the needs of business with the needs of the community as a whole. She understands the value of working together and that diverse groups and individuals can be complimentary to one another.

I came into contact with enthusiastic and energetic leaders everyday, but there are few

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Series helps those caring for elderly

If you are caring for an aging parent, relative, friend or spouse, North Congregational Church, in conjunction with Botsford General Hospital, has designed a free Sunday evening series to help you.

At each presentation, there will be refreshments and time for audience questions. Anyone who is interested in these topics is welcome to attend. To reserve your place, call 848-1760 at least a week in advance of a lecture that you wish to attend. You may sign up for a single lecture or the whole series.

The sessions are free and will be held in Pilgrim Hall, North Congregational Church, 30520 12 Mile between Drake and Halsted in Farmington Hills.

■ Sunday, Feb. 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m. "Who can help me care for

aging relatives or friends?" This presentation will outline community resources to ease responsibilities and enhance quality of life for caregivers. Alison Doyle of the Area Agency on Aging 1-3 and Sandy Linden, president of Seniors for Seniors, will describe how to find community resources for transportation, home companions, Meals on Wheels chore help, personal care, respite care and more. Government, non-profit and commercial programs will be covered along with eligibility requirements. Tips will be given for evaluating and selecting service.

■ Sunday, March 5, 6:30-7:30 p.m. "How can they remain independent?" Sean Singer, a Botsford occupational therapist, will talk about organizing the home for safety and conveniences,

compensating for impairments in vision and hearing, and locating assistive devices to help with activities of daily living such as dressing, cooking and bathing.

■ Sunday, April 2, 6:30-7:30 p.m. "Who will care for my relative when I'm gone?" Mollie Evans, RN, director of nursing at Botsford Continuing Health Center, will describe the continuum of possibilities including home care, adult day care, psychiatric day care, senior apartments, assisted living residences and skilled nursing facilities. You will learn about the relative costs, reimbursement possibilities, and medical indications for each type of care. She will also offer suggestions for evaluating facilities and ways to bring discussing care options with relatives.

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