

Enchanted

Longacre benefit is successful

"Some Enchanted Evening," the annual auction for historic Longacre House held March 31, raised \$6,500 for the home which now operates as a community center. Money from the auction will go toward a much needed paving of the parking lot and summer camp scholarships for youth in the area.

Tickets to a Detroit Pistons game, a Rod Wings picture and a romantic evening at the Embassy Suites were among the top attractions in the silent auction. Other big items in the silent auction were four rounds of golf from Copper Creek and San Marino.

Art auctioned

Ron DuMouchelle of DuMouchelle Galleries in downtown Detroit conducted the live auction. Items included a pen and ink drawing on watercolor paper by Farmington artist Howard Weingarden, a LazyBoy leather recliner, a framed painting "Old Timers" by Ronald Lewis, a work by Farmington potter John Glick, a Moerschbaum Pipe and a Victorian decorated Christmas tree. Both Weingarden and Glick are former Farmington Artist-in-Residence winners. Artists Monte Nagler, Alice Nichols and Bev Ellis also volunteered goods for the auction.

A day on the Lansing House floor and lunch with state Rep. Andrew Raczowski, R-Farmington, went for \$375. Door prizes included flags from Credit Union One, discount tickets for the Michigan Star Clipper Dinner Train, millennium glasses from Bill Cook and United Artists theatre tickets.

Entertainment too

Miss Farmington Leslie Reinbold sang. Laura Erickson played flute. Norice Ernst was accompanist and Jim Knuckolls played piano while guests strolled. Beth and Jeff Grossman and Max DuBois were tellers for the evening.

Vendors providing food includ-

ed A & W, Aloumaro Restaurant, Charlie's Grill, Farmington Bakery, Graf's Pastry Kitchen, Kroger, Local Color Brew Co., Marilyn Stoffes of the Longacre House, the Pasta Stop, Sunrise Assisted Living, and Luigi's.

Sponsors included Heeny-Sundquist Funeral Home, the new Silk Gardens on Twelve Mile Road, Great Frame Up, Wild Birds Unlimited, Northwest Gazette, Observer & Eccentric, Time-Warner, Farmington Players, Farmington Musicians, Great Harvest Bread Company, Northville Rockys, Country Epicure, Embassy Suites, Sweet Lorraines, Kosch's Restaurant, LaShish, Local Colors, Novi Hilton, On the Border, Hearts and Roses, and Focal Point studio.

Many sponsors

Additional sponsors were Colonial Oil Exchange, Barry K Salon, Lawrence Stock, Chocolate Dream Shop of Novi, Urnl Interiors, Metro Bank, Plante and Moran, McCabe Funeral Home, George Ross of Signature Associates, Congressman Joe Knollenberg, Novi Expo Center and Baker Street Draperies.

The auction was sponsored by the Longacre House Board of Directors: Linda Jolicœur, president; Earl Stevens, vice president; Charles Coster, secretary; Robert Byrum, treasurer; and trustees May D. Arvo, Ron Oliverio, Stephen Selinger, James Stark and Nurten Ural.

The Longacre House was originally a six-room Victorian home built in 1869 by Palmer Sherman. It is the oldest structure still standing in Farmington Hills. In 1989, after the deaths of the Goodenoughs, the family which owned the house at the time, it was donated to Farmington to be used as a non-profit community center. Income to support the facility is derived from programs, classes, seminars, special events, rentals, individual donations and fund-raisers.



Easter baskets: Jason Green gets ready to hand out arm loads of Easter baskets to kids at Gilda's Club.

OU students bring Easter to Gilda's Club

On April 1, a group of five Oakland University students led by Sylvia Abbate of Farmington held an Easter party for kids at Gilda's Club in Royal Oak.

The project was for a course called Group Dynamics in Communication, designed for students to learn about themselves as creators of group interaction. The students chose Gilda's Club for their final group project called "Make A Difference".

"We wanted to do something with children in need," said Sylvia Abbate, leader. "I was always intrigued with what I'd heard about Gilda's Club." Gilda's Club is a support group for men, women and children with all types of cancer and their families. It was founded in honor of the late comedienne and former Detroit Gilda Radner, best known for her work on "Saturday Night Live." She lost her two-and-a-half year battle to ovarian cancer in May 1989.

The OU students took over Gilda's Club and hosted a party. About 35 kids enjoyed stories, face painting, a picture with the Easter Bunny and an egg hunt. In addition, children's videos and homemade quilts were raffled off.

Big Apple Bagel of Farmington provided bagels and cream cheese. Fresh Approach of Farmington provided a fruit platter. General Appliance of Royal Oak funded Easter baskets, which were distributed to each child to take home.

"The event was greatly appreciated by our members," said Joe Perry, Gilda's Club director. "The parents are often exhausted from the cancer they are fighting and the treatment. Just to have someone help by shopping and making an Easter basket is a huge help."

For more information on Gilda's Club, visit the website: www.gildasclubdetroit.org



Face painting: Oakland University art students paint children's faces. In the background is the Gilda's Club program director Joe Perry dressed as the King of Noogieland.

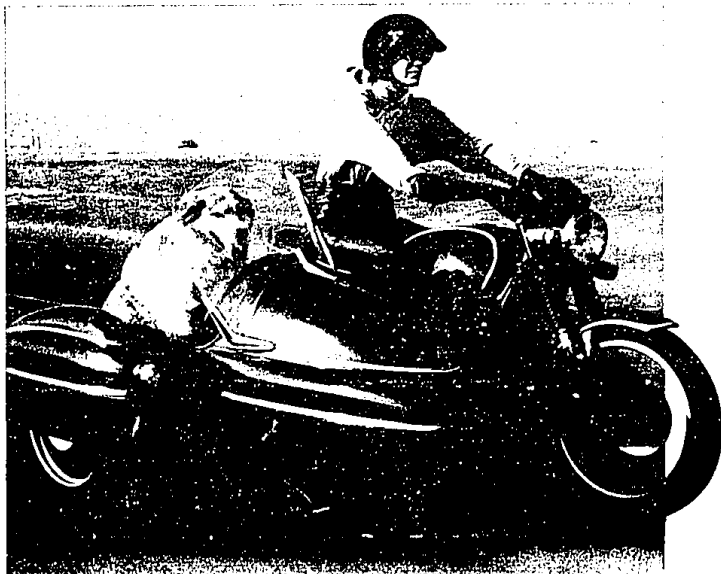
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