

BUSINESS NEWSMAKERS

Achievement award

Millie Elston of West Bloomfield, owner of Elston's American Speedy Printing centers in Dearborn Heights and Redford, was the winner of the YWCA of Western Wayne County's Women of Achievement Award in the business/industry category.

She is active in many community, civic and charitable organizations and is presently an ambassador of the Dearborn Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Adcraft Club of Detroit.

Quality award

Arma Brown of Livonia, branch manager at Comerica Bank's West Grand Boulevard-Steering Office in Detroit, is the 2000 winner of Comerica's National Quality Excellence Award. The award, established in 1998, honors 10 employees annually who continuously demonstrate professionalism, dedication and support of Comerica's vision and core values. Brown will receive 250 shares of Comerica stock.

Two additional Livonia residents were award finalists: Arleen Plasecki, a check file senior clerk, and Kathy McConkey, workflow coordinator in Operation Services.

Engineering team

Fishbeck, Thompson, Carr & Huber, Inc. announced that James B. Garbar, John R. Porter and Jerald O. Thaler have joined the firm's new Farmington Hills Office. The new team, which has been together for over 10 years, will lead water treatment, wastewater treatment and environmental regulatory compliance efforts from F&T&H's Farmington Hills office.

Garbar has a B.S. Degree in Agricultural Engineering from Cornell University and a M.S. Degree in Environmental Engineering from the University of North Carolina. Porter holds both a B.S. Degree in Microbiology and an M.S. Degree in Civil and Environmental Engineering from the University of Iowa. Thaler has a B.S. Degree in Chemical Engineering from Michigan State University and M.S. Degrees in Chemical Engineering and Environmental/Water Resources Engineering from the University of Michigan.

Grace & Wild, Inc.

Steven Wild, president of Grace & Wild, Inc. of Farmington Hills, announced the appointment of Anita Lanning, Fiona Kuzava and Paul DeMars to key management positions.

Lanning moves from sales

manager to general manager of Rustique, a commercial post-production boutique in Southfield. Kuzava has been promoted from sales manager to general manager of the newly formed broadcast advertising division of Grace & Wild Digital Studios in Farmington Hills. DeMars was appointed director of technical operations within Digital Studios Broadcast.

Sales awards

Laureen Bowman of Farmington received top sales honors at California-based AIMS Multimedia's annual sales dinner. A 17-year veteran at AIMS, Bowman was tapped as the company's top salesperson for 2000. Her sales area includes the Midwest, Florida, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands.

"Laureen has been with AIMS since before our 16 millimeter days, and we've been very fortunate to have her on our sales staff," said Biff Sherman, president of AIMS. "She is a star performer and has been instrumental in helping us launch numerous new products. This past year was one of her best ever, and she is very deserving of our top sales honor."

Prior to joining AIMS, Bowman was a Young Adult Specialist at Farmington Community Library.

MEDICAL DATEBOOK

Items for Medical Datebook are welcome from all hospitals, physicians, companies and residents active in the Observer-area medical community. Items should be sent to: Medical Datebook, c/o The Observer Newspapers, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150, e-mail: rskoglund@aol.com, homecomm.net or faxed to (734) 591-7279.

JANUARY

STOP SMOKING

The City of Livonia will sponsor Better Living Seminars' Stop Smoking Program, conducted by Dr. Arthur Weaver. This free program, held at Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Rd., east of Farmington, runs Jan. 8-12, and finishing Jan. 16. All sessions run from 7:30-9 p.m. Call (734) 466-2535 Mondays through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or e-mail: jtreff@livonia.mi.us.

WED, JAN 17

DYSLEXIA AND MATH Dr. W. H. (Dutch) Weidlich, director of the Michigan Dyslexia Institute's Flint Rotary Con-

ter, will explain how to identify clues that indicate which operations of arithmetic should be used to solve story problems. Discussion takes place 7-9 p.m. at the Michigan Dyslexia Institute-Detroit Metro Center, 30230 Orchard Lake Road-Suite 1330, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 737-0044.

THUR, JAN. 18

FIBROMYALGIA

Michigan Specific Chiropractic will offer a free lecture, "Fibromyalgia: The Clinical Syndrome," by Dr. Barry Hobbs at 7278 N. Sheldon Road, Canton. Pre-registration required. Call (734) 416-2442.

MON, JAN. 22

RITUALIN/ADHD

Michigan Specific Chiropractic will offer a free, interactive workshop, "Ritalin: Is it safe; is it necessary?" 7 p.m. at 7278 N. Sheldon Road, Canton. Pre-registration required. Call (734) 416-2442.

JAN. 29 - MARCH

FIBROMYALGIA CONFERENCE

A three-session Fibromyalgia Conference will be held at Arthur's Place, 47659 Halyard Drive, Metro West Technology Park (near Beck Road and M-14), Plymouth Township. Dr. Martin Tamler will present current research and treatments for fibromyalgia and discuss self-management techniques. Other topics include sleep, natural healing and nutrition. Registration required. Cost is \$10. Call Ronnie at (734) 254-0500 or (248) 288-2210.

SAT, FEB. 3

WOMEN'S HEALTH

Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center-Deerborn invites women to the 11th Annual Turning Points Conference (Deerborn Inn) 8 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Keynote speaker will be Mary Alice Williams, an award-winning television news correspondent and anchor who also hosts the Odyssey Channel's Quiet Triumphs cable television program. Discussions on incontinence, sleep disorders, weight management, breast health, joint and muscle care, and cancer risk. \$30. Call (800) 543-WELL.

BUSINESS CALENDAR

TUE, JAN. 16

ISO 9000 CHANGES

Major changes to the ISO 9000 series of quality system management standards were approved in 2000. A study group has been formed in Southeast Michigan (Livonia) to address these changes in a cost-effective manner and share experiences of the transition. An ISO 9001:2000 workshop (\$195) will be held at 8 a.m. and the study group (\$95) will meet at 1 p.m. on 16 January at the Livonia Laurel Park Holiday Inn. Call William (Bill) M. Haral, Arch Associates, at (248) 449-5433 for details and registration.

WED, JAN. 17

SCORE

The Service Corps of Retired Executives will hold a Small Business CEO Counseling Series 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bloomfield Township Library, 1099 Lone Pine Road at Telegraph, Bloomfield. \$160 per person. Call (313) 226-7947 weekdays.

BUILDING INDUSTRY

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan's Sales and Marketing Council will host a breakfast and brainstorming session 9:10-10:30 a.m. at BIA Headquarters, 30376 Northwestern Highway, Farmington Hills. Call (248) 862-1033 for costs.

THUR, JAN. 18

SCORE

The Service Corps of Retired Executives will hold a Business Plan Workshop 8:15 a.m. to 12 noon at One Stop Capital Shop, 2051 Rosa Parks Blvd., Detroit. \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door. Call SCORE at (313) 226-7947 weekdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

WED, JAN. 24

BUSINESS COMMUNICATORS

The Detroit Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators begins its 2001 program. Edsel B. Ford II, will address the combined groups Call Nancy Skidmore at (248) 546-5490.

CLASSIFIED ALERT!

Elmer Throckmorton couldn't figure out what to do with his lava lamp collection. UNTIL we told him... about our pizza/ad deal.

Elmer experiences a major lava-lamp funk.

A dismayed Elmer learns that not only can he sell his lava lamps with an Observer & Eccentric classified ad but he'll get a FREE pizza, too.

Join Elmer and get your FREE Buddy's cheese pizza when you place a classified ad to sell your lava lamps, your regular lamps or any other household items you don't want or need anymore. Just call us, mention this special pizza offer and we'll put your ad in your hometown newspaper and send you a coupon for a FREE small cheese pizza!

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Livonia (734) 261-3550
Royal Oak (248) 548-1344
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