

RAINBOW BREAKFAST MCMR HONOREES

Editor's note: Following is the second and last part of a list of the Rainbow Recognition winners announced at the recent Multicultural/Multilingual Community Council breakfast.

Gohar Imam, a parapero at Longacre, is translating Urdu and books into her native Urdu and

conducting an afterschool multicultural programming this February; she is the director of the Pakistan Association of North America.

Dr. Josephine Johnson is the primary facilitator for Mercy High School's Cultural Sensitivity Workshop/Retreat; she has been involved in numerous work-

shops on creating cohesive communities.

David Kinchen, a senior at Harrison High School, has represented the community across the United States at many conferences on behalf of local youth and family initiatives; he hosted a teen issues TV program as well.

Holene Koontz, a co-chair of

OCC's diversity committee, helped plan Diversity Week at the college; the many events included workshops, a writing competition and an ethnic food festival and display.

Ruthann Kuchuk, an East special education teacher, is a founding organizer for "Girls Matter," the conference focused on adolescent girls' issues.

Peg Kulas, a Reading Recovery teacher at Beechview, initiated the school's partnership with Madonna to support bilingual learners; she is a founder and board member of West Oaks Citizens.

Dee Lacy, a Harrison math teacher, spends many extra hours with minority students as a role model; she encourages pride in one's culture, often using first-hand experiences.

Todd Lipa, supervisor of Afterschool Activities Centers for Farmington/Farmington Hills, helped develop the unity candle symbol.

Lawrence Lobert, the school district's personnel director, has worked hard to recruit and to hire staff members that reflect the community's diversity. During his tenure, a significant number of staff representing diverse backgrounds have been hired.

Debbie McCracken, executive assistant to the school superintendent, works closely with MCMR Council; she takes a personal interest in the commitment to diversity helping with such things as last year's Student Diversity Conference.

Lindsey Mergener, a Farmington High senior, orchestrated a district-wide buddy system for special-needs students.

Sally Miller, a Longacre parapero, works with small groups of culturally and racially mixed children, and has extended her relationship into these children's lives - for example, she accepted an invitation to a Japanese open house.

Larry Moloney, a longtime MCMR Council steering committee member, chaired the big swearing-in ceremony at the Heritage Festival; 150 new citizens were sworn into citizenship in Farmington Hills.

Judi Moran, a parapero at Hillside, helped develop FLAGS, a program that reaches out to bilingual students and their parents.

Busayo Obayan, a senior at North Farmington, is president of the Multicultural Club at NFHS, works hard to welcome new members to the group; she has been active as a MCMR Council diversity panel member at

forums.

Marianne O'Connor, a Farmington Hills resident and member of the Universalist Unitarian Church, help Kosovo refugees by contacting 75 friends to try to find employment for the professionally trained parents who had little English background.

Pamela O'Malley, principal at Dunckel, helped form an advisor/advisee student group in her building that represents an ethnic microcosm of the school.

Allison Pittman, a FHS junior, is an active member of REACH, a diversity club, and participated in the recent exchange visit with Benedictine High; she was a participant in a retreat run by the National Council for Community and Justice.

Elsie Price, a Farmington Hills employee who works on the light display at the holidays at city hall, worked on the unity candle project; residents can thank her and many others for its special glow at Orchard Lake and 11 Mile roads.

Susan Rizzi, a Hillside learning center teacher, helped with FLAGS, a program that reaches out to bilingual parents; the children benefit from a deeper conceptual development in science or social studies.

Sandra Rochford, a detective with the Hills police, investigated the report of a West African (Cameroon) teenager living in the basement of a Farmington home. The officer struck up a friendship with the girl and visits her regularly with her foster parents; the case eventually led to charges against the couple who held the girl against her will.

Mark Rutledge, a junior at FHS, a member of REACH, initiated several school-wide activities which focused on dispelling stereotypes. He also went to Benedictine and the Justice retreat.

Jake Schmitt, an intern psychologist at Hillside, has also worked to develop FLAGS.

Nancy Seaman, a Longacre teacher, finds ways to integrate Spanish into her classroom and has various objects in classroom labeled in Spanish.

Lillian Shallal, a Mercy grad, is chair of the school's Mission Life Committee and is always empathetic to different points of view. She helped with MCMR Council's annual luncheon focusing on Chaldean culture.

Suroor "Scott" Shamoun, a Hills police officer, came to the United States at age 7; he completed college and became an offi-

cer in July, 1999. His background and skill have been called upon in several serious situations.

Nicole Sheena, a bilingual parapero in a first grade inclusive multicultural classroom, has genuine love for her work and children; she helped present at the Heritage Festival.

Raida Sheena, a Hillside bilingual parapero, helped develop FLAGS, which reaches out to bilingual parents and students. She, too, helped with the Heritage Festival.

Mary Beth Sikora, a career counselor and coordinator for the district's mentoring program.

Rose Smith, a school psychologist assigned to Hillside, helped develop FLAGS (Fun Language and Great Science), a program that reaches bilingual parents and students.

Linda Stockton, a parapero at Harrison, is described by colleagues as "one of those wonderful people who goes far and above what she is required to for the kids she sees."

Dean Unick, a carpenter, and a singer with Michigan Opera Theater, was a leader in helping Albanian refugee families through his church (St. Fabian) and through other agencies.

Aldo Vignozzi, community activist and recent Democratic candidate for the state house of representatives, former mayor, councilman and school board member, was honored for his long service as an MCMR Council member and for his efforts to bring diversity to Farmington Hills' boards and commissions and stalling.

Betty Wegener, who voiced concerns about "Christmas" lights at the Hills city hall, offered leadership that led to the simple unity candle that stands every year in the fountain.

Judy White, an assistant superintendent in the schools, supports school programs and classes that advance diversity; further, she insists study groups and task forces include representatives from all the community's stakeholders.

Pam Wright, a former Farmington Hills employee of the year, also helped with the city's unity candle, working with the MCMR Council and city staff to see the project through to fruition.

Sue Zurvaloe, a school district central office administrator, was chair of the "Many Faces, One Future" spring conference, and takes a leadership role with the district's Diversity Committee.

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