

FARMINGTON CLUB CIRCUIT

HILL & DALE

The Hill & Dale Garden Club will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11 at the Aldo Vagnozzi Visitors Center in Heritage Park. Jim Mackinder, owner of Gardening Naturally, will be the guest speaker.

FARMINGTON GARDEN

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 1 at the Longacre House in Farmington Hills. Deanna Stephens will give a presentation on roses. Call 615-3616.

MUSICALS

The Farmington Musicals will perform *String Along* at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the Hammett Music Auditorium in Livonia. Call 478-8932.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Farmington Historical Society will meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 26 at the downtown Farmington Library. Peter Knepley will give a computer virtual tour of the Governor Warner Mansion.

EXCHANGE CLUB

The Farmington Exchange Club will meet at noon, Wednesday, Sept. 26 at the Brass Point Restaurant in Farmington Hills.

BNI

The Business Network International, Farmington Hills IV Chapter meets 7:30-8:30 am Friday, Sept. 28 at Korby's Koney Island, 21200 Haggerty Road in Northville. The regional office can be contacted at 810-323-3800.

OPTIMIST CLUB

The Optimist Club meets at 7:30 am every Wednesday at Ginopolis Restaurant at 12 Mile and Middlebelt Roads in Farmington Hills. Call 474-9080 or 442-9786.

KIWANIS CLUB

The Kiwanis Club of Farmington Hills meets at 12:15 p.m. every second and fourth Tuesday at the Steak & Ale Restaurant, 27590 Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills. Prospective members are welcome. Call 661-8463.

TOASTMASTERS

The Windbaggers/Toastmasters Club meets 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday, except the first Thursday of the month, at Korby's Koney Island, 21200 Haggerty, in Farmington Hills.

FINNISH CENTER

Dancing, singing, weaving, cards and more. You don't have to be Finnish to join. Call 478-6939.

FARMINGTON ARTISTS CLUB

The Farmington Artists Club meets at the Farmington Hills Library on 12 Mile Road, next to the Farmington Hills Post Office the second Wednesday of the month. Open to the public at 7 p.m.. Speaker at 8 p.m.. Call Marilyn Carry at 245-324-2626 or online at formarilyn@ameritech.net.

To include your club information in this calendar, submit information to Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 33411 Grand River, Farmington MI 48335.

Donated van helps youth program

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J. Carver Wood's hobby is finding cars for people who need them.

So when the retired national sales manager for Ford Truck heard that the Baldwin Church and Center in Pontiac was in need of one, he went to work.

The result was a 1992 Chevrolet half-ton van in mint condition.

"I do this as a hobby, for the seniors and for our church," said Wood, a member of First United Methodist Church in Birmingham. "I find cars for people who want to buy a car."

"I found a donor who wanted to remain anonymous. (The van) was in superb condition. I just got lucky."

"I had new tires put on it, and did everything that needs to be done, because children are going to be riding in it. It should be a good thing for them for a long time, as long as they take care of it."

Wood asked the Rev. Bill Ritter, senior pastor of First United Methodist Church, to make the presentation, as the church is a supporter of the center. Baldwin Church and Center

development director Maureen Bryant, a Farmington resident, meanwhile, is thrilled with the donation.

"It is fun to be reminded that so many good people exist in this life, and those people I consider to be our angels. Our youth programs were cut short this summer because we didn't have transportation so this is a blessing."

"It's older but it's in mint condition. Thanks to the anonymous

donor who will make the Baldwin youth very happy."

Baldwin Church and Center offers 25 free programs to the community within a two-mile radius of the center.

Youth programs include summer camp, tutoring, crafts and outings. About 150 children took part in programs this summer.

The center also has a soup kitchen serving some 90,000 people a year. The center is financed with private donations.



A key gift: Maureen Bryant accepts keys to a van from the Rev. William Ritter of First United Methodist Church, who presented it on behalf of an anonymous donor.

Farmington Hills Inn resident turns 100

Lois Amy, a resident of the Farmington Hills Inn, will celebrate her 101st birthday on Sunday, Sept. 23.

She will go to church in the morning and then to lunch at Bill Knapp's restaurant, followed in the evening by a birthday celebration at her residence.

From Nebraska

Miss Amy was born on Sept. 23, 1900 in Franklin, Neb. She moved with her family at the age of 3 to Topeka, Kan., where she spent her childhood.

Miss Amy had one brother, Forest, who was nine years her senior. He died as a young man. She graduated from Topeka High School and went to work in the insurance claims adjusting business.

Miss Amy came to Detroit on a visit to see friends in her early 20s and decided to stay. She soon got a job with the Underwriters Adjusting Co. in Detroit. After a big tornado hit Flint in 1941, she moved to Pontiac to set up an office for her company and lived and worked there until a year ago when she moved to the Farmington Hills Inn.

Lifelong church member

Miss Amy has been an active lifelong church member, for many years at Bethany Baptist Church in Pontiac, teaching classes and volunteering. When she was no longer able to drive, she joined a church closer to her home, the Baldwin Avenue United Methodist Church. She continues to be a member of that congregation.

Miss Amy attributes her long life to two things. The first is to never allow the words or actions of another person to cause her to become angry or upset. The second

is a lesson from her mother. "My mother taught me when I was a little girl that life is like throwing a ball against a wall -

if you throw it hard, it will come back to you hard, but if you throw it gently, it will come back to you gently."

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