ORT leaders from Farmington Hills

Conference in Florida: *Members of the President's Young Leadership Cabinet, Robbie Sherman (left) Nancy McMahon, Wendy Fairhurst and Sandy Shecter, all of Farmington Hills, met recently in Florida. Established by the Women's American ORT, the cabinet provides exposure to the National and World ORT organization which has technological and vocational schools in sixty countries worldwide.*

Bahali assembly marks 15 years in Farmington Hills

April 21 marks the 15th anniversary of the founding of the Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'í Faith in Farmington Hills.

Thirty-nine Farmington Hills Bahá'ís will be elected to the Assembly, the governing body for the members of the Bahá'í Faith in Farmington Hills. Bahá'í assemblies are formed each year at the beginning of the Festival of Ridván which extends over a 12-day period beginning on April 21.

The festival celebrates the proclamation of Bahá'u'lláh, the Prophet-Founder of the Bahá'í Faith, to his followers that he was God's messenger. Bahá'u'lláh made his public proclamation during his stay in a garden in Baghdad, Iraq, which he called the "garden of Ridván" which means "paradise"in Persian. He stayed in the garden from April 21 to May 2, 1863.

Bahá'u'lláh's teachings focus on the oneness of God, the oneness of religion and the oneness of humankind.

Bahá'í teachings also include the equality of men and women, a spiritual solution to the world's economic problems, the urgent need to eliminate all forms of prejudice, universal education and unity through appreciation of our diversity. There are about 142,000 Bahá'ís living in the United States and more than 5 million Bahá'ís worldwide.

On April 27 at 8 p.m. the Bahá'ís will hold an informal get together for people of all religions to join together and explore different and similar beliefs. For more information about Bahá'í activities in Farmington Hills, call (248) 804-1863 or visit www.bahaifarmington-hills.org on the internet.

Care group provides tips to boost a child's self-esteem

The Michigan 4C (Community Coordinated Child Care) Association offers parents and providers information on how to help their children's self-esteem grow.

The association is celebrating The Month of The Child in April with 10 tips for building a child's self-esteem.

- Put a positive note in your child's coat or lunch box.
- Have each family member share what they learned today.
- Surprise the family with an indoor picnic.
- Talk about the wonderful times you had with each other.
- Hang up your child's artwork at home or in your office.
- Plan and prepare a meal with your child.
- Ask your children about their day at school or child care.
- Take a family walk.
- Help your child sort through old books or toys they have outgrown and donate them to a good cause.
- Schedule time alone with your child to read to them, or have them read to you.

Parents can call The Michigan 4C Association's "One Call For Child Care" referral line at: (866)4CHILDCARE.

This toll-free number will connect families directly to regional offices in their communities for help on finding child care.

For more information call the association at (800) 950-4171.

N'ville Historical Society prepares for plant swap

The Northville Historical Society will sponsor a plant swap 8 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 4, at Mill Race Village on Griswold, one block north of Main, in Northville

Participants may attend the event with or without excess plants from their gardens. The society will accept donations for its garden fund.

Gardeners will find a variety of perennials, annuals, wildflowers, shrubs, and trees. They may bring excess pots, flats, tools, books, and magazines to share.

Northville Department of Public Works will supply composted leaf mulch. Participants supply their own containers for the mulch.

The swap will be held rain or shine.

The society will serve coffee, tea and pastries in honor of its 10th anniversary.

Call (248) 348-1845 for more information.

Garden Club plans flower sale

The Hill and Dale Garden club will sponsor a Mother's Day Flat and Flower Sale, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, May 11, at Heritage Park.

The sale will be at the Aldo Vagnozzi Visitors' Center in the park.

Heritage Park is located off of Farmington Road, between Ten Mile and 11 Mile Roads.

A variety of flats, hanging baskets, and accent greens will be available by pre-order, and on the day of the sale.

For more information call: Stacy Buatti, (248) 426-9037.

Tyndale choir sings

William Tyndale College Music Program, including the Tyndale Collage Choir, Tyndale Artists Ensemble and special guest artist – Chamber Ensemble, present Vivaldi's *Gloria* and other musical selections at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 20 in the Kresge Chapel.

Kresge Chapel is located on the William Tyndale College main campus, 35700 W. 12 Mile Road, in Farmington Hills.

General admission is $5 per person or $3 for students.

For more information contact Dr. Jerry Smith at (248) 553-7200, ext. 532.

Hadassah will tour home, garden at Cranbrook

The Tikvah Group of the Greater Detroit Chapter of Hadassah is accepting reservations for its trip to Cranbrook Educational Community in Bloomfield Hills on Tuesday, May 7.

The group will meet at 10 a.m., for brunch in the main dining hall at Cranbrook, followed by a guided tour of Saarinen House.

Saarinen House is the 1930 home and studio of the Finnish-American architect Eliel Saarinen, Cranbrook's resident architect from 1925-1950 and the Academy of Art's first president from 1931-1946. The extraordinary interiors feature Eliel's architectural detailing and furniture and his wife Loja's textiles. The tour includes a visit to the home's extensive gardens.

Cost for the brunch and tour is $20 per person. The deadline for reservations is April 29. For more information call the Hadassah office at (248) 683-1139.

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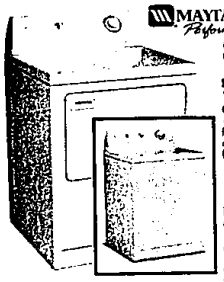

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