

Donor Day

Survivor: Kim Johnson, first runner-up on last fall's CBS *Survivor: Africa* series, will be the guest speaker at the Sisterhood of Adat Shalom Donor Day on Tuesday, May 7. After 38 days, Johnson beat out 14 other male and female contestants to advance to the coveted position of 1st runner-up. Johnson, a 57-year-old grandmother, has been married for 37 years and is a retired elementary school teacher. She currently works as the League/Tournament Coordinator for an indoor tennis club and has been the owner of a sportswear clothing boutique. Donor Day will begin at 10 a.m. with an array of more than 20 shopping boutiques and a continental breakfast. A kosher lunch will be served at noon along with an informal fashion show from the Eleganza Boutique and Guys & Gals. Johnson will talk about her survivor experience following lunch. For more information call Sharon Silverman at (248) 666-8170.



Polar Palooza is summer's coolest outdoor celebration

Polar Palooza, this summer's coolest celebration, is on its way to bring up to 50 fiberglass polar bears to Royal Oak this summer.

This outdoor public art event will feature an eclectic array of polar bears decorated by local artists. Space is limited and individuals or corporations interested in sponsoring a bear of their own should act now. The polar invasion begins in July and the bears will remain on display throughout the summer in downtown Royal Oak, along Woodward Avenue, and at the Detroit Zoo.

A sponsorship fee of \$5,000 per bear includes the bear's production, an artist honorarium for labor and supplies, repair and maintenance, four Cruising

Palooza passes, four Auction Palooza tickets, and a mounted plaque acknowledging the sponsor.

Sponsors can pick their own artist, team up with registered artists or decorate the bear themselves. Polar Palooza's call to artists has already yielded more than 100 eager artists from metropolitan Detroit and out state Michigan. Artist submissions came from professional artists, design students, hobbyists, elementary schools, and interior design studios.

The Polar Palooza celebration will continue throughout the summer with a series of special events in August and September.

"Cruising Palooza," a party on the rooftop of the Detroit Zoo's

parking garage, will be a fun-filled event with great entertainment and an amazing view of the Woodward Dream Cruise on Aug. 17. "Auction Palooza," a celebration in which the public can bid on their favorite bear, will be held on Sept. 27 at the Royal Oak Music Theatre.

Organizers of Polar Palooza include the Detroit Zoo, the Detroit Metro Convention and Visitor's Bureau, ArtServe Michigan, the Downtown Royal Oak Association and the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce, and media partner FOX 2.

For further information or to sponsor a bear, call Tom McGannon of Eventures, Unlimited at (248) 543-8368.

FARMINGTON CLUB CIRCUIT

UNIVERSITY WOMEN

The American Association of University Women Farmington Branch, will hold their fourth annual flower sale 10:30 a.m.- 2 p.m. Saturday, May 11, in the downtown Farmington Farmer's Market area, on Grand River three blocks east of Farmington Road.

FARMINGTON GARDEN

The Farmington Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, May 6 at the Longacre House in Farmington Hills. Pat Sagert will discuss growing herbal teas.

EXCHANGE CLUB

The Farmington Exchange Club will meet at

noon Wednesday, May 8, at the Brass Point Restaurant in Farmington Hills. Mike Tucker will discuss *Marathon in Antarctica*.

FARMINGTON GENEALOGICAL

The Farmington Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 21 at the downtown Farmington Library. Personal history consultant Donna Ellis will discuss *Preserving Your History*.

NORTHVILLE GENEALOGICAL

The Northville Genealogical Society will meet at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, May 5 at the Northville District Library. Kim Harrison will discuss the *Sultana Disaster*.

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