

Reid appointed to MASB board post

BY SUE COBB
STAFF WRITER

Farmington Public School Board Member Frank Reid was appointed to a vacancy on the 21-member Michigan Association of School Boards at its fall conference Nov. 8-10 at the Hyatt Regency in Dearborn.

The vacancy was created when another Group VI board member was required to step down in accordance with the MASB county limit provision.

Reid will serve until fall of 2003, when he will have the opportunity for election to that position.

"It's flattering to be appointed," Reid said. "I want our statewide organization to be as productive as we can be."

Reid has served on MASB legal and bylaws committees.

"It's good to know what other people are doing to know what you will experience or, in our case, how lucky we are," Reid said.

Some districts have divided school boards, he added, as an example.

The MASB represents 600

local and intermediate school districts in Michigan, with a membership of 4,000 school board members.

It offers 30-40 different courses to district school board members and helps board members by offering both certified and master-certified board member training.

Instruction covers areas like finance, law, curriculum, the Open Meetings Act and family privacy.

Reid was elected in 1997 to the Farmington school board and re-elected in 2001 for a four-year term.

He is a manager of the Automotive Systems Group at Johnson Controls in Plymouth Township.

Reid has a bachelor's degree from Grand Valley State University.

He and his wife, Nanette, have been active in the district for 16 years. They have two children, Kimberly, a senior at Eastern Michigan University who is majoring in vocal music education, and Adam, a fifth grader at Gill.

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NFHS presents 'Lend me a Tenor'

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The appearance of opera star Tito Merelli is the highlight of the Cleveland Grand Opera Company's most important fundraiser of 1994.

It is also the basis for the play, "Lend me a Tenor," presented Nov. 21-23 by North Farmington High drama students.

When a "Dear John" letter is mistaken for Tito's suicide note, the company stands to lose \$50,000 in ticket sales unless the deceased Tito can give the performance of a lifetime.

Meanwhile, Max, the company's manager, decides that he can stand in for Tito, and soon there are two Ouellos terrorizing Cleveland and vauding off (or taking advantage of) the adoring fans.

"Lend Me a Tenor," with performances at 7:30 p.m. all three days, is an amusing comedy



North Farmington high drama students will present "Lend me a Tenor" Nov. 21-23

with door-slamming farce, identity mix-ups, love interests, adoration, and desperate measures, according to Sue Cobb, TV 10 production assistant. Dean Cobb is the director.

"Lend Me a Tenor" is the winner of two Tony awards, and the Olivier Comedy of the Year nomination, Cobb said. "It was written by Ken Ludwig, and has proven to be one of the most popular comedies in the past two decades. It has been produced in over 30 countries in 16 languages."

Tickets are \$7 general admission and will be available at the door, or between 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. every day school is in session. The NFHS Box Office number is (248) 426-4740.

The play has eight characters and a PG-13 rating, due to sexual innuendo and mild language. Posters clearly indicate the rating, Cobb said.

"It's an adult play," she said.

If you channel surf, SWOCC features the local waves

BY MARCIA DROZ
SOUTHWEST OAKLAND CABLE COMMISSION

"Don't touch that dial" may be words of a bygone era. Do you find yourself channel surfing more and more? Do you find that even with satellite TV and over a 100 channels to choose from that something is still missing? Well, there is an alternative.

That "something else" is local cable access television.

Grab the remote and tune to Farmington's Channel 15, Farmington Hills 8, Novi's TV10, or INFO TV-12 for the latest on what's happening where you live. SWOCC Studios (Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission) is in full production mode once again and offers a wide variety of programming.

For example, "Downtown BIZ" debuted last month on Farmington's Channel 15 and became an instant hit. The program spotlights different businesses in downtown Farmington and gives viewers an opportunity to meet the business owners as they are interviewed by the mayor and city council members.

The "how" and "why" they got started may surprise you.

"Downtown BIZ" airs daily at various times throughout the day. Watch for new segments mid-November.

If you're looking for a "feel good" show, switch channels to Novi's TV-13 for the "Fuerst Farm Family Picnic." It was a blustery cold day but that didn't stop families from stopping by to enjoy the country music, play old fashioned games, and pet the barnyard animals.

Kids got thrills and chills as they rode around the farm on the big horse-drawn wagon. The picnic was a thank you to those residents who helped in the annual Fuerst Farm cleanup.

Don't change that dial! 'Tis the season and the Novi Goodfellows are gearing up to fulfill their motto, "no kid without a Christmas."

"Time in to Novi's TV-13 for "Novi Goodfellows 2002" to find out how you can refer a friend and learn more about what this group does throughout the year. The Novi Goodfellows exemplify community spirit in the truest sense and you may find you want to be part of it.

A cable television studio is as good as the shows they produce. A sure sign that SWOCC Studios must be doing something right can be measured by the numerous awards the staff received this past year.

Recipients of the 2001 Philo T. Farnsworth Awards were: SWOCC Staffers Paul Muczynski, 1st place for "The Streetcar Rail"; Marsha Droz, 2nd place for "Dare to Stand Out"; and Marsha Droz and Steve Merglewski, 2nd place for "Japanese Juggling Performance Troupe".

First place awards went to Dave Tietmeyer and the Farmington Hills Video Division for "Tai Chi for Seniors", "2001 Police Report", and "Van Gogh" as well as second place honors for "Teen Xtremes" and "Being Prepared."

Catch these award winning shows on Farmington Hills Channel 8.

Public Access Producer Harry Robertson won first place for "Hobby Corner" which continues to air on INFO TV-12 through mid-June. The Philo's are regional awards for Community Access Programs in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, sponsored by the Alliance for Community Media.

And, SWOCC's Marsha Droz won the film and video industry's coveted Telly Award taking first place for "Dare to Stand Out". The Telly Awards are a national competition that recognizes outstanding non-network and cable TV commercials.

Congratulations to everyone! Cable TV may be the "other" TV but it is fast becoming "the" TV to watch.

Caren Collins is the Executive Director of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission (SWOCC). The next SWOCC meeting is at 4:30 p.m. Jan. 29 at Farmington City Hall. The next Cable Access Committee meeting is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 10 at SWOCC.

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Letters have gone out to North Farmington, Farmington and Harrison High Schools; Power, Warner, East and Dunclel Middle Schools; the Alternative Academy and Farmington Community School, whose students are all eligible to receive this award. Parents and community members are also invited to submit nominations, which are due by Dec. 13.

The 2nd Annual Turnaround Awards Luncheon is scheduled March 11, 2003 at Farmington Hills Manor. Award winners, their parents/guardians and the person who submitted their nomination will all be invited to attend.

For more information, call 248-489-3339.



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