

Blue Circle to serve up no ordinary tea

Start the holidays in style this year, with Blue Circle's "A Christmas Tea". Guests who attend this event at The Longacre House on Sunday, Dec. 15 will experience an elegant, five course repast, prepared by Chef Russell Chessin of The Longacre House - and that's not all. This event comes with a twist: It's interactive.

Beginning at 2 p.m., guests will enjoy a lively seasonal atmosphere, steaming hot tea and a menu that includes fruit and cheese, tea sandwiches, baked cheese en croute, scones with cream and curd and dessert.

They will also be part of what may be the most interesting tea of their lives - one never knows what might happen at this historic Georgian manor, set on the crest of Farmington Road in Farmington Hills.

This interactive event allows attendees to choose their level of participation. Joni Hubred, editor of the Farmington Observer and author of the Blue Circle's murder-mystery "Murder at the O&E" last spring, has crafted an entertaining afternoon. Those interested in being actively involved should contact Blue Circle soon, because roles for men and women are limited.

The Longacre House is a fitting backdrop for "A Christmas Tea". The oldest portion of the home dates back to 1869.

One hundred years later, in 1969, the home was given to the Farmington area for use as a community center.

During the tea, a raffle will be held for an Icy Snowman Family display that will look great in anyone's home.

Tickets for "A Christmas Tea" are \$25 and are available from Denise at The Longacre House and Farmington Bakery in downtown Farmington, or by sending payment to Blue Circle, P.O. Box 1008, Farmington, MI 48332. For more information call Denise at The Longacre House, 248-477-8404.

The Longacre House is located on Farmington Road between 10 Mile Road and 11 Mile Road just south of Heritage Park in Farmington Hills.

Blue Circle is a nonprofit, civic-minded group promoting cultural enhancement of the Farmington Hills community by organizing and executing unique events and educational programs.



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Goodfellows drive under way

Dick Tupper and Jim Dale are truckin' Goodfellows, with the help of a cube van loaned by Bob Sellers Truck. Sam Slaughter (center) represents the dealership. Goodfellows are collecting items for holiday baskets that will guarantee no child or senior citizen goes without a Christmas. Again this year, the Farmington Observer, 3341 Grand River, will serve as a drop-off point for donations of toys, canned food, and other items.

Diversity group to meet again on Dec. 11

BY SUE BUCK
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The community group which is working to make Farmington/Farmington Hills model cities for diversity will meet again from 6:45-9 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11 at the Farmington Training Center.

The center is located at 33000 Thomas Street, one block north of Grand River, just east of Farmington Road.

The volunteer group was formed with the assistance of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Multiracial

Multicultural Council and the National Conference for Community and Justice, and the help of the Farmington Public School District and the Cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills.

All meetings are open to the public.

The year-long project, which began in October, will focus on topic areas like education, employment, housing and neighborhood services in the community.

In addition to creating a new mission statement for MCMR, the group is looking at concrete "do-able" tasks

to improve openness and communication in the coming year.

Among comments generated by the more than 125-member group that first met in October were a need for more personal understanding of culture and heritage and the need for a place for teens to meet.

"Diversity does not mean melting together, it's about living together," said one person who responded in a group query.

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Legion offering scholarships

The American Legion Post 390 is continuing its scholarship award program for students whose parents or grandparents are serving or have served in the United States armed services.

The recipient must have a grade point average of 3.5 or better to apply and the scholarship is awarded based on outstanding involvement in school and civic affairs as well as academic excellence.

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When & Where:

Tuesday, December 10th, 2002
Sterling Inn 6:00 - 8:00 pm
34911 Van Dyke Avenue Sterling Heights, MI 48312 (586) 979-1400

Thursday, December 12th, 2002
Westin Hotel Southfield 6:00 - 8:00 pm
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