

MOMS find mothering a full-time job

After Marilyn Van Wingerden's first husband divorced her, she gradually learned to transfer the time and faith she had placed in him to her religion and her four children.

Today, 14 years into her second marriage, she is using her experience to help other women maintain a good relationship with God and their families through her Farmington based group called Mothers on the Move (MOMS).

"During a recent two day seminar, Mrs. Van Wingerden supported the role of women as a cornerstone of home life.

"Women provide a steady emotional climate for their children, she said.

"The job we women must do is

work that can't be measured. No day care center can take care of my children the way I can," Mrs. Van Wingerden told the assembled women.

Women who stay with their families set the tone for their children's home life, she believes.

"They need routine and order. Does a child know what kind of mood you'll be in or does he live in dread of coming home?" she asked.

FAMILIES NEED THE SECURITY THAT A MOTHER CAN PROVIDE. According to Mrs. Van Wingerden, in return, women can find fulfillment at home instead of at the office.

"Marriage is a career. It's a life project. You have children and they're the future. I couldn't give it

up and be a career woman," she said.

Within the family structure, women have a relationship to men that's similar to the one shared by Christ and the church, she says.

"The husband is the shepherd. The woman represents the church in the home. But that doesn't mean the husband leads us around by the nose," she said.

"Men were meant to be the spiritual leaders," she said.

Often women are the spiritual leaders in the home, Mrs. Van Wingerden's spiritual leader before her remarriage was a woman friend.

"Her friend helped her through the crisis of adjusting to life without her first husband.

At that time, her best means of coping with the situation was to refuse to believe that it was actually happening.

She would even forget her name at times. Later, she called those moments her spells.

"THE DAY my divorce trial began, I was driving from work and I stopped at a street light. I looked up at the light and then I realized I didn't know who I was. I wasn't mentally off, I was escaping from reality," she said.

Her spiritual companion managed to convince her that God would take care of her.

"At the very time I needed help,

my marvelous spiritual mother said to me, 'If you have a nervous breakdown, so be it. If you end up in a sanatorium, God will be with you there,'" she said.

In return for her help, the friend asked that Mrs. Van Wingerden help other women.

For the last ten years, Mrs. Van Wingerden has tried to carry out that request by conducting classes at community colleges and lecturing. Her organization has branches in Plymouth, Livonia, Redford, Westland, Troy, Southfield, Wayne and Garden City as well as Farmington.



MARILYN VAN WINGERDEN

Greek cuisine highlights Honey Tree family dining

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"Some restaurants open their doors with a lot of hoop-la, big budgets and menu prices to match, while others quietly open for business and build a clientele through word of mouth.

Two Greek natives decided on the second option when they transformed an all-night coffee and hamburger eatery into the Honey Tree restaurant on Orchard Lake, just south of Thirteen Mile, Farmington Hills.

Co-owners Tom Goulas, 30, of Southfield and his brother-in-law Conny Efstathiou, 39, of Detroit targeted the Hills as a good place to open a restaurant because residents eat out a lot, have the money to spend, travel, and are familiar with authentic ethnic food.

So back in December 1975 they

opened shop. Since that time, both have been working seven days a week to make a go of the business.

"WE'VE HAD PEOPLE from as far away as Florida drop in to our restaurant because they ran into a vacationing Michigan resident who told them about us," Efstathiou says proudly.

"I've done this type of work all of my life and couldn't think of another thing I would rather do," he continues.

Efstathiou emigrated from Greece back in 1958 from a little town called Pieraus, which is famous to many Americans because it was the town used for making the Melina Mercouri movie "Never on Sunday."

Goulas followed suit in 1972. Both have paid their dues by working

throughout the Detroit metropolitan area in various Greek restaurants. But finally they saved enough money to go it alone.

The intriguing part of the Honey Tree is that while the decor has remained in the same motif installed by the previous owners, the Greek portion of the menu is tasty and best of all, inexpensive.

Tops for Greek dishes are \$3.95 (Shish Kabob), with a low of \$1.25 (Greek Spinach Pie). Other items on the menu are typical favorites such as Moussaka, Pastio and Souvlaki.

Desserts are even more inexpensive and delicious. I had a piece of nut and honey pie which I wouldn't even attempt to spell. But it was great.

Business, says the co-owners, has doubled since the restaurant turned on the grill.

"The trick to our success is serving homemade things. We use fresh vegetables and as many other fresh products as we can get our hands on," says Goulas.

"Vegetables are important at the Honey Tree because the Greek salad is the most popular item on the menu, they say.

"We are small, but proud. So we baby the merchandise we dish out," says Efstathiou.

Stressing the fact that their establishment is a family restaurant (no liquor), the pair chose Honey Tree as a name because of its association with Winnie the Pooh and because the product is a favorite in their homeland.



Tom Goulas of Southfield enjoys greeting guests at the Honey Tree restaurant.



Fixing the speciality of the house, Greek salad, is co-owner Conny Efstathiou (right). Aiding in the kitchen is Frank Difloe. (Staff photo)

2 make St. Mary honor roll

Two Farmington area students at St. Mary Preparatory School, in Orchard Lake have been named to the honor roll. Both are sophomores.

Brian Paszkiewicz is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Paszkiewicz of 32281 Valley View Circle, Farmington, who earned a 91.8 average for the first semester.

Keith Pasieczny is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Pasieczny of 25884 Dumas Ct., Farmington Hills, who earned a 90.0 average for the first semester.

Einhaus on list

Among the students named to the dean's list at Einhaus College was Margaret Einhaus, 32200 Valley View, Farmington.

Rocket course completed

Navy Gunner's Mate Third Class Robert McBride, son of Mr. and Mrs. James McBride, 21154 Flanders, Farmington, has completed the Navy's ASROC course.

ASROC is the abbreviation for the anti-submarine rocket weapons system that is installed aboard Navy warships. A 1974 graduate of Farmington High School, he joined the Navy in October 1975.

John J. Leavy Jr., 30866 Glenmuir, Farmington Hills, has been named manager of Dundee Cement Co.'s north central division headquartered in Ann Arbor.



Makinen to run, Lichtman declines seat

Although Farmington School Board Trustee Emma Makinen has decided to seek re-election to another four-year term, Treasurer Gary Lichtman's name will be absent from the June ballot.

"1968 was a long time ago," Lichtman commented on his first campaign.

"I've always believed you have an obligation to the community, but I also have an obligation to my family," he said, in announcing he would not seek re-election.

"I spent six years on the Oakland schools board as well, and it's time to allow new blood into the system," Mrs. Makinen, at the end of her first term in office, is still seeking ad-

vice on her election. But she said she is presently planning to enter the election.

"I'm interested in education, and I enjoy being in a decision-making position," said the Farmington woman. "I believe I've had some influence in helping kids attain the goals they want."

Mrs. Makinen's and Lichtman's seats are the only board vacancies for the June election. Any Farmington School District residents interested in getting their names on the ballot must file petitions with the school board no later than April 11.

Petitions require 24 signatures and are available at the Board of Education office, 32500 Shawwassee, behind Ten Mile Elementary School.

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