



INITIATION TO SPEAKING — Mrs. George Hindmarsh of Livonia, left, new member of the Redford Toastmistress Club, is initiated by Mrs. John Ralston during a recent meeting. (Observer photo)

Toastmistresses Have Aid For Timid Lady Speakers

Are you a new PTA president worrying about the prospect of conducting meetings? Do you hesitate to join a discussion or make an announcement at club meetings because you hate to speak in public? Have you ever wished you could have made that point more effectively in ordinary conversation?

IF ANY of these apply, you're a candidate for membership in a local organization now going into its 14th year—the Redford Toastmistresses Club.

"Our aim is helping women interested in self-improvement," said Mrs. John Ralston of Farmington, president. "We don't want people to think we all are accomplished public speakers.

"We're all trying to learn to express our thoughts more clearly, and about half our new members come in with some definite reason for wanting to learn to think on their feet and speak well."

WOMEN FROM Farmington, Livonia, Southfield, and Detroit as well as Redford Township are current members of the Toastmistress Club, which meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month. The meetings are held at 1 p.m. in the conference room of the People's Federal Savings & Loan, Beech Day and Joy.

Thirteen members currently are on the roll, and while the group is hoping to increase its roster somewhat, there are no plans for a large gathering, Mrs. Ralston said, adding:

"We want to keep an informal atmosphere of the relatively small group."

MEMBERS TAKE TURNS speaking on assigned topics at each meeting and part of each session is devoted to informal table topics.

This year's general topic is "A Fresh Beginning."

The Redford group is affiliated with the International Toastmistresses clubs, non-profit educational organizations established to provide opportunity for women to gain ease in oral communications.

Mrs. Ralston, serving in her "second year around" as president this year, also has been president of the district council of Toastmistress Clubs.

Other officers this year are Mrs. Jacob Hage of Farmington, vice president; Mrs. Noble Burgenor of Detroit, secretary; Mrs. Clifford Terry of Farmington, treasurer, and Mrs. George Middlewood of Detroit, club representative.

Offer Aid To Avoid Heart Ills

Helps for avoiding heart trouble are part of the services being offered from the new western Wayne County Unit of the Michigan Heart Association, 24365 Van Born near Telegraph.

Films and speakers are available for meetings and information services through the center by calling 292-5200 on weekdays between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Another such unit in Birmingham, 644-0946, gives similar service and helps with the association's educational program. Both units are volunteer workers.

Alerting school children to health habits to prevent heart disease, instruction in giving mouth to mouth resuscitation and closed chest cardiac massage are among the public services. Professional workshops are also held for nurses and doctors with emphasis on improved nutrition and techniques to teach for recovery after strokes.

Tides of films available for public meetings are: "One Fine Day," "How Attacks Come On"

Moldwin Speaks

The Greater Detroit Monnet Club, alumnae of Ohio Wesleyan University, will hold its first fall meeting at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 30, in the home of Mrs. Philip Meek, 15905 Glastonbury, Detroit.

Following potluck dinner, there will be a "New Detroit" program by Ohio Wesleyan graduate William Moldwin, former minister of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Livonia. Reservations are being taken at 273-4029 and 353-8376.

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The Observer Women

CYNTHIA MILLER

Mrs. Rosemary Miller of Yale Avenue, Livonia, announces the engagement of her daughter, Cynthia Ann, to Lyle Keith Wishart, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wishart of Englewood, Fla. Both are graduates of Bentley High School. They plan to marry Nov. 15 in St. Maurice Catholic Church.

BONNIE C. FELLOWS

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fellows of Robinson Street, Farmington, announce the engagement of their daughter, Bonnie Clare, to Gerald Thomas Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Cook of Wixom. The bride-elect is a graduate of Clarenceville High School and she and her fiancé both are employed by Western Electric Co. The wedding date is Oct. 25.

ELAINE STUART

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas D. Stuart of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Elaine Eleanor, to Thomas J. Boyne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Boyne of Plymouth. The bride-to-be is a 1967 graduate of Bentley High School and her fiancé graduated this year from Eastern Michigan University. An Oct. 24 wedding is planned.

BPW District 9 To Meet

MADLINE SUTCLIFFE

Mrs. John S. White of College Point, N.Y., and Donald J. Sutcliffe of Hawthorne, N.J., announce the engagement of their daughter, Madeline Sutcliffe, to John H. Kalmbach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert R. Kalmbach of Livonia. The couple plans a February wedding.

The District 9 meeting of the Business and Professional Women will be held in the Mayflower Meeting House, Plymouth, beginning at 9 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 28.

District Director Daisy Proctor, a member of the Plymouth chapter, invited all members from Plymouth, Farmington, Livonia, Garden City, Northville, Lola Valley, Wayne, Westland and South Redford to attend.

Mrs. Cecile Giesler, BPW state president, will speak on membership in the organization.

The day's activities will begin with a coffee hour. Luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m.

Friskes' Home In Garden City

Judith Ann Sierk and Gary David Friske were married recently in St. Hilary Catholic Church, Redford Township, with the Rev. Peter Vanderlinden officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sierk of Schoolcraft Avenue, Livonia and the parents of the bridegroom are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Friske of Appleton Avenue, Redford Township.

Mrs. Sharon Hodfinger was the matron of honor, and Barbara Sierk was maid of honor. Maris Klenk served as bridesmaid.

Douglas Friske was best man, while Jeffrey Klenk and Charles Markowicz served as ushers. For her marriage the bride wore a silk organza A-line gown trimmed in lace with seed pearls. The attendants wore turquoise chiffon dresses trimmed with lace and carried bouquets of white and blue carnations.

Mrs. Sierk chose a mist green sheath for her daughter's wedding. The bridegroom's mother, Mrs. Richard Sierk, followed a beige lace sheath.

A reception for 200 guests followed the ceremony in the Raleigh House.

Following a honeymoon in northern Michigan, the couple returned to their home in Garden City.

Bentley High School and is employed by Livonia National Bank. Her husband is a graduate of Thurston High School and Eastern Michigan University where he plans to continue his studies and teach.

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