

Chef leads off spring's Fabulous Fridays Series

By LORRAINE MCCLISH

Tom MacKinnon, executive chef for Clarkson Cafe, leads off The Fabulous Fridays Series for the Farmington Community Center this spring.

MacKinnon will lecture and demonstrate new techniques for creative cooking at 10 a.m. April 14.

The session is called "European Cuisine Made Easy," which the chef says will appeal to the beginning cook, as well as the gourmet.

He will wind up the session with a four-course petite luncheon, and send guests away with copies of the recipes for the \$8 ticket price.

MACKINNON WAS lauded for a Liberty Bell he fashioned from tallow to be used as a centerpiece while he was studying culinary arts at Schoolcraft College.

Part artist and part sculptor, MacKinnon combined his creative abilities with his cooking know-how for his professional career that began when he worked in a credit union kitchen at the age of 14.

His study abroad brought him in touch with some of the most famous eating houses in Europe. During this time, he was chosen to be a member of the American team in a world-wide culinary competition.

Most recently, he and a college friend, Terry Cioffi of Livonia, launched MC Catering Company, which specializes in small gourmet dinners, wedding cakes and ice carvings.

FABULOUS FRIDAYS continue April 21 with Ray Fleming whose talk is on "Understanding Abstract Art." The Birmingham artist promises to give guests a new perspective with his slide lecture. He will help guests learn how to understand and evaluate abstract art, while learning why one piece is better than another.

The session begins at 9:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast. Tickets are \$3. "Woman's Stake in Estate Planning," follows on April 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Amy Morse will conduct the session. She is the originator and coordinator of "Exciting Challenge of Estate Planning," a popular seminar in the center. She will tell guests why it is important for women to understand the problems that they may, one day, face. Tickets are \$3.

"Bridge Party" is set for May 5 with Betty Schwehr. Prizes and lunch are included in the party that lasts from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8.50.

THE SERIES winds up with "Fashions By Irene and Company."

Irene is Irene MacKinnon. Her company is made up of her sewing students who show guests the professional results attained by amateurs under the proper directions.

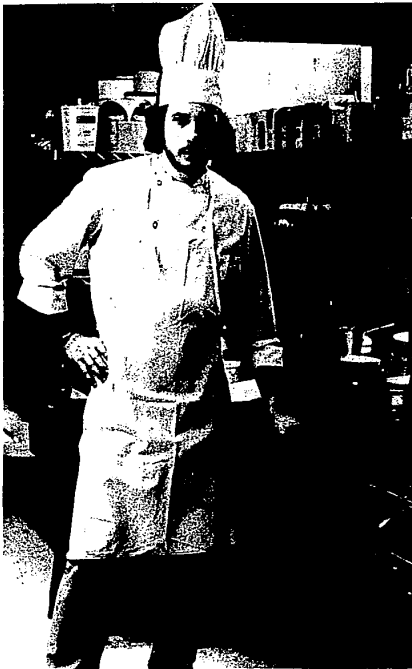
Her afternoon commentary amounts

to a sewing lesson in itself as she shares her knowledge of the best patterns on the market, best materials to work with, and new tricks of her trade.

Luncheon begins at noon, June 9. Tickets are \$7.

Tickets may be purchased in a series, or individually.

Reservations for all events are being taken now by calling the center at 474-8401.



Tom MacKinnon, who believes gourmet results can be accomplished without a lot of calories, will show how it's done when "European Cuisine Made Easy" comes to the Farmington Community Center April 14. (Photo by Cynthia Abatt)

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By MARGARET MILLER



Twenty-five years of marriage was an occasion the man of our house and I had planned to mark fairly quietly.

We don't care much for large parties, and we were planning a fine vacation in another month, and anyway, I had to work on the big day and the NCAA finals were being telecast that evening.

I'd try to get through a little earlier than usual. He had the day off so he'd get dinner, we'd eat and then watch the game. No big deal.

We reckoned without the ideas of our four daughters and our one prospective son-in-law.

So it worked out that on anniversary eve our Easter Sunday dinner took a

surprise twist. Daughter number two and her fiancé had been invited to share that meal with us along with the two younger girls, and we'd wondered aloud whether our oldest might "call" from her home in North Dakota.

Dinner was set for 8 p.m., because there was a grandmother's party for the engaged pair to take in. But the hour passed and they weren't there. Minutes crawled on and they still weren't there, despite habitual promptness.

We were at the state of wondering whether to be very worried or very annoyed when a car finally pulled into the driveway.

And when the door opened, the voice inquiring "What's for dinner?" was

that of the North Dakota member of our family. She'd been fogged in at the airport and that's why they were late.

They all said my scream was worth the months of planning, and when we settled down the Easter dinner was the best in memory. The broccoli was a bit overcooked, but it didn't matter.

Equally memorable was the trip the next day to Frankenmuth, where the seven of us enjoyed dinner in the restaurant visited many times on the way home from northern Michigan. Some nice fellow-workers of mine cooperated so I could leave early. We even got back just in time for the game.

It was a celebration that should hold us very well until the 50th.

Club Circuit

SECTION 36 HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, in Farmington Hills, meets for a public session tonight at 8 p.m. in St. Alexander Catholic Church, on Shiawassee for election of officers.

XI EPSILON BETA CHAPTER, of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority will be hosted in the West Bloomfield home of Kaye Stringer for its meeting April 4.

WIDOWED PERSONS meet at 7:30 p.m. April 4 in Mercy Center, to hear Sr. Margaret Basso, president of the Coordinating Council of Widowed Services of Southeastern Michigan, Inc.

Living through bereavement, the family adjustment to bereavement, and one's personal and social adjustment, is the topic for the evening program.

The meeting is open to all widows and widowers in all surrounding areas. A \$2 admission charge is asked at the door.

PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS, Farmington-Southfield Chapter, meets at 8 p.m. April 5, in Bonnie Brook, on Telegraph, south of Eight Mile.

All meetings and events of the chap-

ter are open to all parents without partners, only. Membership inquiries will be taken by calling Mary Heinrich, 676-5249.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION (DAR), John Sackett Chapter, meets for lunch at noon April 8, in the Northville home of Mrs. Joseph Ditzhazy. Her co-hostesses for the day will be Mrs. Walter Nacker and Mrs. James Rogers, both of Farmington; Mrs. Harvey Dettler of Livonia and Sue Cooper of Novi.



Phillips-Berkesch

Mr. and Mrs. George Phillips of Fraser announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Ann, to Wayne C. Berkesh, son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Berkesh of Detroit.

The bride-elect and her fiancé are both on the staff at St. Paul Lutheran Church and School in Farmington Hills. She teaches third grade; he is day school principal.

A July wedding is planned.

Clarification

Michelle Stacey, the young miss who was chosen as a finalist in the 1978 Michigan National Teenager Pageant, is a cheerleader for North Farmington High School.

When the announcement was made that she would be competing in the state pageant, it was reported that she was a student at Harrison High School.

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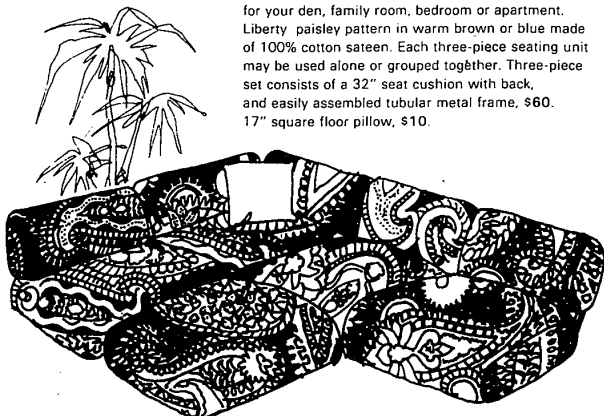
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