

Hammond-Tyler

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Hammond of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter Barbara to Donald Tyler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Tyler of Farmington.

The bride-to-be and her fiancé are both graduates of Farmington High School.

A late December wedding is planned.



Mitchell-Soltesz

An Oct. 29 wedding is being planned for Ann E. Mitchell of Walled Lake and Christopher J. Soltesz of Farmington Hills. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Mitchell of Walled Lake. He is the son Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Soltesz of Fredrick Street, Livonia.

The bride-elect is employed by Miller and Knoblock, certified public accountants. Her fiancé graduated from Wayne State University in 1981, and works for Hammell Music, Inc.



Town Hall opens with Cyd Charisse

Dancer Cyd Charisse will kick off this season's Livonia Town Hall with a talk at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, in the Mai Kai Theatre, Farmington and Plymouth roads.

She will inaugurate a program involving four speakers. The others are Susan Willens, writer, lecturer and reviewer, on Nov. 16; George Gerbner, talking about TV on Jan. 18; and actor Dana Andrews on March 21.

A ticket for the series is \$22. To obtain one send a check payable to Livonia Town Hall to Terry Hand, 15778 Riverside, Livonia 48154. Proceeds from the lectures go to the American Field Service for its international scholarship program participated in by

a number of Livonia high school students.

A celebrity luncheon at the Mayflower Meeting House in Plymouth follows each lecture. It offers ticket holders a chance to meet the visiting celebrity and to ask questions in an informal setting.

Tickets for these luncheons are \$8 apiece. Tickets for all four are \$32. To obtain them mail a check payable to Livonia Town Hall to Town Hall Inc., PO Box 2143, Livonia 48150.

Reservations must be in on the Friday preceding the lecture.

CYD CHARISSE began ballet lessons at the age of 8, and at the age of 12 was sent to Hollywood for more advanced training. Later she toured the U.S. with the Ballet Russe. During a tour of Europe she married her ballet instructor Nico Charisse with whom she had a son, Nicky.



Cyd Charisse

Fitness class is for those 39 and over

Aerobics geared for active women, and especially those who are over 39, are led by Marilyn Esser twice a week in Bel-Aire Lakes.

"My Golden Fitness class is designed for all women, but especially those who are 39 plus and anxious to stay fit. And no matter what age, you will definitely get better with the special aerobics I've planned for those over 39," she said.

Classes begin at 10:30 a.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday in the bowling alley's exercise room on Orchard Lake, south of 10 Mile.

Cost for Golden Fitness classes is \$25 for 14 sessions. New participants can join the group at any time. For information or preregistration, call Esser at 477-0590.

When she returned to Hollywood she danced in a ballet sequence for the movie, "The Ziegfeld Follies." She acted as well as danced in the movie, "Fiesta."

But it was the show-stopping number Charisse danced with Gene Kelly

in "Singin' in the Rain" that led her to being co-starred with Fred Astaire in "The Band Wagon" and again with Kelly in "Brigadoon."

She later divorced Charisse and met Tony Martin. They had a son, Tony Jr. She and Martin began to appear together in nightclub acts.

Charisse has also appeared in a number of musical comedies in St. Louis and Kansas City. She appeared in "Diana Yankos," "Ilya, Darling" and "Once More With Feeling."

SUSAN WILLENS will survey current mysteries, biographies, love stories and histories in her November appearance at Livonia Town Hall. She is regarded as a reviewer who makes her listener laugh as well as think.

George Gerbner, dean of the Annenberg School of Communications at the University of Pennsylvania, is a television investigator. He will lecture in January about the impact TV has on our habits, attitudes and values.

Dana Andrews, perhaps remembered best for his roles in "Laura" and "The Best Years of Our Lives," will talk about making movies. His career was damaged by his addiction to alcohol, a problem he has overcome. He serves on the board of the National Council on Alcoholism.

During his appearance he will be interviewed by his wife, actress Mary Todd.

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