

Capoccia-Irwin

A June wedding at Mercy College lies in the future for Lori Capoccia of Farmington Hills and Wayne Irwin of Livonia. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Capoccia of Farmington Hills. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Irwin of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a 1983 graduate of Central Michigan University, who works as an assistant manager at Winkelman's. Her fiancé is also a 1983 graduate of CMU, employed as a sales representative for GTE-Sprint Communications.



Soltész-Mitchell

A honeymoon in Cancun, Mexico, followed the wedding of Ann Elizabeth Mitchell of Walled Lake to Christopher Joseph Soltész of Farmington Hills. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Mitchell of Walled Lake. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Soltész of Frederick Street, Livonia.

The event took place in Walled Lake United Methodist Church.

The bride wore her mother's wedding dress. It was an ivory gown trimmed with seed pearls. Her bouquet was of ivory roses tipped in maroon.

Bridal attendants were Jayne Belonger, Margaret Smyth and Sara Soltész. Attending the bridegroom were Bob Daniele, Steve Lovett, Bill Mitchell and Gerry Yurko.

The couple resides in Farmington Hills.



retirement memos

Margaret Miller

Christmas from afar

It was about halfway through our first retirement year that Joe commented we had moved at the right season, from a holiday point of view.

What he meant was that, coming south in January, we could expect to be well-established in our new home by the end of the year. And that would make it easier to spend our first holiday season away from any of our family.

He was a good prophet.

We had made a definite pronouncement that we wouldn't be back in Michigan this Christmas. That didn't mean we wouldn't ever make the trip at Christmas — or Thanksgiving. But we were planning other visits to our old haunts in the course of the year, and Florida was now our home, and that's where we were going to be for the 1983 holidays.

I HAVE TO ADMIT to a few early twinges about the decision. After all, I was the one who so much dreaded the first break in the holiday circle, the first Christmas when the first daughter did not get home. And here I was doing the ultimate in circle-shattering.

But things seem to be working out well.

Thanksgiving saw all of us well scattered but still connected in spirit. We had been so busy the previous couple of weeks that we were glad to have a slow day and turkey for two.

Granddaughter Katie said "Happy Thanksgiving" by telephone, and we

made contact with all the girls before the weekend was over.

And we agreed it was something new and pretty neat to be able to walk on the beach while the Thanksgiving turkey roasted.

LOOKING TOWARD Christmas, we have invitations to holiday parties and Christmas dinner with new friends.

We've enjoyed the holiday-lighted downtown streets, laughed a bit about the artificial snow in the stores of a land that prides itself on banning the real stuff and joined the shopping crowds that are as big in the South as in the North.

There's a traditional Christmas Eve service at our newly adopted church, different from what we have known, but then many things are different now. We also expect to join condominium folk for a carol sing — a tradition they began last year.

On Christmas Day, our first in nearly three decades without daughters near, we'll surely manage to send our love over telephone lines.

And then we'll start looking forward to January, when three of them plan to visit us. A Christmas apart is different, but we expect it to be just as merry and just as blessed.

Margaret Miller was Suburban Life editor for Observer Newspapers for 16 years. She and her husband Joe have retired to Florida where she writes Retirement Memos.

Carpenter-Kelley

Sharon Lee Kelley and Todd Loren Carpenter were married in a double-ring ceremony performed by the Rev. Gregory Marshall in Meriden Congregational Church, Meriden, N.H. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell E. Kelley of Plainfield, N.H., and he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Royce W. Carpenter of Farmington Hills.

The couple was attended by Barbara Tucker and Craig Cartmill. The bride's lace trimmed bridal veil, which fell from a band headpiece of seed pearls and lace, was designed by her. The wedding cake was designed and decorated by the bride's mother.

The bride is a graduate of Lahanon High School and Plymouth State College, employed as a chemistry research assistant at Michigan Technological University. The groom is a graduate of North Farmington High School, majoring in mechanical engineering at Michigan Technological University.

The couple received guests aboard the M.V. Kearsarge for an excursion of Lake Sunapee in New Hampshire before leaving on a honeymoon to Niagara Falls.

They are now residing in Michigan.



Danforth-Schweizer

A long white wedding gown of organza and Chantilly lace with a high ruffled neckline was the choice of Susan Lenore Schweizer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Schweizer of Fairway Drive, Livonia, when she married William Wayne Danforth in Clarencville United Methodist Church. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Danforth of Albion Street, Farmington Hills.

For the ceremony the bride carried a bouquet of white silk roses and ivy with white ribbon streamers.

The maid of honor was Ellen Schweizer. Bridesmaids were Dawn Goldkette, Myra Pukey, Dianne Danforth and Rebekah Ruth Schweizer. Patrick Murphy was best man, and ushers were Keith Hobbins, Bruce Hobbins and Brian Silvernail. Junior groomsmen were Kurt Danforth.

The bride is a 1981 graduate of Bentley High School, and works in Woodland Medical Center. The bridegroom is a 1979 graduate of Farmington High School and a 1983 graduate of Ferris



State College. He works for Southfield Dodge.

Their wedding trip was to Disney World and Epcot Center, after which they became residents of Southfield.

club circuit

SINGLES DEPOT hosts a New Year's Eve house party from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. in the Paddock Room of Parkland Towers, Hubbard Drive and Southfield Freeway, Dearborn. Fee of \$10 prepaid, or \$15 at the door includes buffet dinner and dancing.

Guests are welcome to call Singles Depot for a reservation at 562-6332 before Dec. 27, after 5 p.m. weekdays, or any time Saturday and Sunday.

MOONDUSTERS, a group for singles over the age of 40, are still taking reservations for a New Year's Eve dinner

that begins with cocktails at 6:30 p.m. in Livonia Activities Center, 15218 Farmington Road.

Fee for the holiday party is \$20, made by calling Moondusters at 591-1350.

All club news and announcements for this column are to be addressed to: Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 23372 Farmington Road, Farmington 48024. The information must arrive before noon on the Monday before Thursday publication.

Y plans 'Shake Off'

A three-week Shake Off program is being offered for teen and adult women at Northwest Branch YWCA to help members shake off the extra pounds gained over the holidays and get a start on New Year's resolutions. Registration opens Jan. 4 in the YWCA, 25940 Grand River. Activities begin Jan. 9.

The program is designed so that participants may come five days a week for the three-week period, choosing the times most convenient and the subjects most enjoyable for each individual. Those enrolled may come as often as they choose to any of the activities which are offered daytimes and evenings.

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A few extras have been added to the program this year with Wednesday evenings offering specialized classes.

Weight, measurement and blood pressure check is scheduled throughout the program, diets are available and the activities offered include jogging, swimming, physical fitness, aerobics, body conditioning, lap swimming and relaxation as well as the specialties.

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