

Tramontana-Neill

Roy and Helen A. Tramontana of Fremont Street, Livonia, announce the engagement of their daughter Mary Jane Jo to Michael George Neill, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Neill of Farmington Hills.

The bride-elect graduated from Franklin High School in 1982. Her fiancé is a 1980 graduate of Farmington High School.

They plan to be married in October 1985.



Bechard-Atkins

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Atkins of Farmington Hills announce the marriage of their son Craig Alan to Pamela Marie Bechard. The wedding was performed by the Rev. Eric Hammer in Northville United Methodist Church.

The bride was attended by Debbie Atkins and the groom by Bob Atkins.

The bride is a graduate of Mercy High School and attended Oakland Community College. The groom is a graduate of North Farmington High School and Oakland Community College. He is assigned to the Army Intelligence School at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

After a reception in the Hillside Inn in Plymouth, the couple left for Arizona where they will make their home.



Vykydal-Jamar

Mr. and Mrs. John Vykydal of Farmington announce the engagement of their daughter Dianna Marie to John Phillip Jamar, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jamar of Iron Mountain, Mich.

The bride is a graduate of Farmington High School and will graduate from Michigan Technological University in February with a degree in mechanical engineering. Her fiancé is a graduate of Michigan Tech and is employed with Cable Constructors in Iron Mountain.

A May wedding is planned in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church.



Travel builds garden know-how

January is not exactly a "ho-hum" time on the calendar of a good home gardener. Gardening is like any other skill — you have to keep up on new ideas and experiences in order to keep "above water."

Last week's column gave you many ideas, using our local libraries as a source for increasing your growing knowledge and your taste in garden design.

As an illustration, for years I have subscribed to the American Horticulturist, the official publication of the American Horticultural Society (AHS), 7931 East Boulevard, Alexandria, Va., 22121 — \$20 per year. This not only includes the magazine, but many privileges as well. Their headquarters is on the farm of George Washington, on the Potomac.

They have an annual meeting which generally lasts for three days with some of the finest speakers in horticulture.



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ture, the famous people you read about.

CURRENTLY they are presenting four Horticultural Exploration trips for their members: "Japan in the Glory of Spring" (April 22-May 12), The Pacific Northwest (May 4-10), Switzerland and Northern Italy (June 3-18) and the last presentation is "Garden Cruises of Japan" (Summer 1984).

The American Horticultural Society has always been a leader in planning the Spring Garden Symposium in Colonial Williamsburg. The AHS is always a prestigious affiliation for serious ornamental gardeners.

Another garden exposure to consider on your wish list is the Annual Garden Symposium (April 8-11) in Williamsburg. Your columnist has attended many of them and would advise attendees to make reservations at the Williamsburg Lodge as all meetings in doors will be held in this building if the weather is unfavorable. There are two restaurants within the lodge.

Lady Bird Johnson will be a speaker because of her interest in the National Wildflower Research Center. Norman Johnson, editor of Garden Design, will give a presentation.

LIBBY Oliver, who does flower arrangements for Colonial Williamsburg, will share her expertise, and Charles Thomas, owner of the Lily Pons Water-Lily firm, will share his techniques.

The people you meet from all over the country, plus the excellent practical garden lectures and garden tours makes such an exposure at Colonial Williamsburg a real treat. Your columnist has been an invited speaker twice.

The arrival of garden catalogs has become almost a daily occurrence. To examine what is new on the market in the plant category surely "primes the pump" of garden interest. You can't say that having an interest in gardening is static.

Consider using pet litter when you have an ice problem on your sidewalks and driveways. Other ice melting chemicals can often spoil your lawn. This suggestion comes to you annually.

This is a good cycle of the calendar year for you to grow in garden knowledge.

Antique key opens doors 'To Your Good Health' offered family style

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trailed Vitschok and found some of his descendants.

People living right in Pittsburgh didn't know their relatives," she said. "People who went to the same schools didn't know they were related."

Since the October reunion, Shapira family members have a new outlook on family ties. The key, which unlocked the possibilities for family enrichment, is deposited with the Toronto Jewish Congress Archives.

"It was something I'll never forget," said Boris Shapira of the reunion. "Imagine meeting so many cousins and having the other side of our family present the key back to us."

Shapira, a manufacturer's representative, said his father, Asher Zelig, who gave the land for the Toronto synagogue was "some guy."

"He brought over every relative from Europe that wasn't born here. He had a farm, got a teacher for them, and then helped each one go into business."

Two families came from Israel for the reunion. A ticket was sent for one

cousin, a Holocaust survivor, to make his participation possible.

"JUST BEFORE the reunion, a woman called from Baltimore, all excited, and said 'that's my family' and her mother came to the reunion." Following the reunion, the mother said "I had no one, now so many cousins."

After a festive dinner, opening remarks, tributes to forebears, toasts, and introductions followed. A member of each branch of the family told how their relatives came to America.

"We even had an original song written," Dillick said. The song was done by Lisa and Steven Fisch of Farmington and led by Laurie Woronoff of Southfield.

Boris Shapira accepted the key at the reunion, then gave it to his California brother, Irving Shapira. The two brothers, and their sisters, Leah Boudy of Pittsburgh and Rose Kramer of West Virginia, presented it to the archives the morning after the event.

Things will never be the same for all those Shapira descendants who now have a directory with family members from 21 states and six countries.

"To Your Good Health," an aerobic fitness course taught by Nada Feldman is offered as a family plan to encourage teen-agers to participate for free with an adult.

Valentine fund-raiser is repeated

Farmington Community Band sponsors its third annual Valentine Dinner Dance Friday, Feb. 10, in Glen Oaks Country Club, 30500 13 Mile.

The band's popular fund-raiser begins with a cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m. followed by a buffet feast and dancing to the "big band sounds" of the community dance band. Door prizes will be given.

The six week program is an individually-paced plan aimed at losing weight without drugs, firming up, building up and reviewing nutritional planning, all with emphasis on cardiovascular fitness.

Feldman, who developed and taught the course for the Michigan Heart Association, uses a combination of aerobics, ballet, isometrics, callisthenics, anaerobics and yoga. She describes it as a "fun program for people who are looking for results not designer labels. We have no alligators but a lot of class."

The class meets Mondays and Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Universalist-Unitarian Church of Farmington, 25301 Halsted, north of Grand River.

Cost is \$36 for the six week course with one teen-ager free for each adult. For registration information call Feldman at 357-1223 after 6 p.m. or leave a message for her at the office, 474-7272.

Skatathon set Sunday

The sixth annual Skate to Beat Diabetes will take place in Bonaventure Skating Center, 24505 Halsted Road, on Sunday.

Skatathon chairman Alan Almond, evening disc jockey at WNIC-FM 100, said the event has raised more than \$150,000 for programs and services for Michigan diabetics since 1979.

To participate, skaters may pick up the official entry form in Bonaventure or call American Diabetes Association-Michigan affiliate at 552-0480.

All prizes for bringing in the most money in pledges will be awarded on the day of the skateathon. The grand prize is a Commodore Vic-20 Home Computer with software. Many other prizes will be awarded as well.

The American Diabetes Association is the leading voluntary health organization committed to serving diabetic children and adults and their families, through its research, patient and professional education services, camp, and self-help programs in all 50 states.

Profiting from the past

History is a list of events which will or can the future. American History tells the story of the United States of America, which is made up of naturalized citizens. During the month of February each year, Quakertown chapter Daughters of the American Revolution encourage the study of our country so our future will profit by our past.

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