

Gleiss-Gotaas

Mr. and Mrs. George Gleiss of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter Karyn Lynn to Erik Fritch Gotaas, son of Ole Gotaas of Denver, Colo.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of North Farmington High School and a student at Central Michigan University. Her fiancé is a graduate of University of Colorado.

A January wedding is planned in Northwestern Baptist Church.



Wagner-Altwater

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wagner of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter Susan Kay to James Frederick Altwater, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Altwater of Millford.

The bride-to-be is a student at Calvin College, Grand Rapids. Her fiancé is a student at Western Michigan University.

A December wedding is planned.



Adam-King

Mr. and Mrs. William M. Adam of Livonia announce the engagement of their daughter, Sharon Jean, to John Michael King of Cadillac, formerly of Farmington.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. King of Farmington.

The bride-to-be is a 1978 graduate of Livonia Franklin High School. She graduated from the Ross Medical Education Center and is employed as a registered medical assistant in Canton.

Her fiancé is a 1977 graduate of Farmington High School. He graduated from the Specs Howard School of the Broadcast Arts and is employed by a radio station in Cadillac.

The couple plan an April wedding at St. Paul Presbyterian Church in Livonia.



Pet contest launched to benefit Detroit Zoo

A donation to the Detroit Zoo will buy one vote in the third annual "Pet Contest" launched this month by the Farmington Area Community Women.

Contestants enter a photograph of their favorite pet or pets that will be posted in Ram's Horn Restaurant, 23433 Grand River. Then the contributing voters declare the winner by making donations to the Detroit Zoo in their favorite pet's behalf. Any type of pet may be entered.

To enter, send a photo, no larger than 3 by 5 inches, of the pet along with pet's name, owner's name, address, phone number and at least a \$1 entry fee to: Farmington Area Community Women Favorite Pet Contest, care of Barbara Sobczak, 23310 Haynes, Farmington Hills 48024.

Entries must be received by Saturday, Nov. 16. All photo entries will be on display from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, which is voting day in Ram's Horn.

Prizes to the winning pet's owners will be furnished by Pets 'N' Particulars and Plaza Veterinary Hospital and Joe's Feed and Pet Supplies all of Farmington and Farmington Hills.

Winners will be announced at 3:30 p.m. after the voting in Ram's Horn. Prizes will be awarded Monday, Dec. 16 during Farmington Area Community Women's monthly meeting. Entry forms are available at the contributing businesses and both library branches or call Kathy Oppenheimer at 476-8352 for entry blanks.

Popcorn sale under way

Bill Morgan, president of the Clinton Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America, has announced that Clinton Valley Council will sell Trail's End Gourmet Popcorn until Nov. 15 throughout the Oakland and Macomb counties area of the council. Proceeds from the sale will be used to benefit scout camping of the local council, as well as individual scouting units.

Bill Spice, scout executive for the council, said the sale was prompted by a growing need for supplemental income to finance scouting activities, for camp equipment and maintenance, as

well as continued growth in youth participation.

Morgan emphasized the primary income for scouting activities will continue to come from community support through the United Way and from the Sustaining Membership Enrollment Program of the Council.

Trail's End Gourmet Popcorn was selected because it is a quality product with wide appeal.

Last year 22,000 buckets of Trail's End Popcorn were sold and raised about \$30,000.

Holiday craft show planned

West Bloomfield Community Education Department's holiday arts and crafts sale will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9 in West Bloomfield High School, 4925 Orchard Lake Road.

Among the 90 selected artisans who

will be showing their work that day are three Farmington Hills residents, wood carver Ron Meteyer, dollmaker Virginia Vinson and lace maker Marion Wilson.

Admission to the show and sale is free.

retirement memos



Margaret Miller

Chicago a retirement interlude

It was in 1984, our second retirement summer, that Joe and I started talking about taking a few days in Chicago as part of our fall trip north.

Joe grew up in Illinois, but his main knowledge of the state's largest city had been through trips to Wrigley Field to see the Cubs, and the Bears. As for me, there had been two very brief and very long ago visits and not much memory.

But the visit didn't pan out last fall. And it came up for consideration again this year. Joe noted, though, that I'd been campaigning for a trip to Toronto for considerably longer. Did I want to go there instead?

AFTER A LOT of cogitating, we made reservations for five nights in Chicago, midway in our stay in the north. We'd stay downtown, we decided, and be all-out tourists. It was a time when the Cubs were to be in town, and maybe we might see them, although Joe's baseball favorites, like my Tigers, weren't doing so well this year.

The jaunt proved a delightful retirement interlude. We enjoyed the city's famed cuisine, eating dinners in the manner Greek, Italian, French and German. Chicago ribs, too.

We went to the Field Museum, the Shedd Aquarium, the Museum of Science and Industry and the Institute of

Art. I could hardly tear myself away from the Field displays; Joe was especially enthralled by the Impressionist paintings at the art institute.

We did a lot of wandering to find the famed sculptures scattered around the city. We went to the top of the Sears Tower, where we watched a thunderstorm move in. We had dinner and compared newspapering and retirement notes with longtime friends, and we telephoned other friends now living in the area.

THE DAY we might have cheered on the Cubs turned out to be chilly and gusty. Joe, remembering just how cold that stadium can be, elected to linger longer among the paintings.

All in all, it was a visit we'd happily repeat, and we've decided a big city tourism has a lot of attractions when you spend most of the year in a resort area. We hope to do more of it. Joe says he'd like to see Philadelphia; I'm still determined to get to Toronto and maybe back to New Orleans and Boston.

Variety, we're more and more convinced, is the spice of retirement.

Margaret Miller was Suburban Life editor for Observer Newspapers for 18 years. She and her husband Joe have retired to Florida, where she writes Retirement Memos.

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