

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



BENOIT-FRECHETTE

Emil and Rose Benoit of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane Alice, to Darren Roger Frechette, son of Melvin and Judy Frechette of Sault Ste. Marie.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She is a teacher on Cat Island, Bahamas.

The groom is a graduate of Olivet College with a bachelor's degree in secondary education. He also teaches on Cat Island, Bahamas.

A July wedding is planned in Farmington Hills.



MECK-CERU

William and Elizabeth Meck of Farmington Hills announce the

engagement of their daughter, Andrea Marie, to Scott Joseph Ceru, son of Joe and Joan Ceru of Livonia.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Mercy High School and attended Oakland University. She is currently employed as a loan processor for Citimortgage.

The groom is a graduate of the University of Michigan/Ann Arbor with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and is currently attending classes at UM for a master's degree. He is employed as an engineer for Ford Motor Co.

A July wedding is planned at St. Mary's of Orchard Lake followed by a reception at the San Marino Club in Troy.

NELSON-SEITER

Brent Stephen Nelson and Elizabeth Lynn Seiter were married Nov. 20, 1999, at Paoli Presbyterian Church in Paoli, Pa.

The bride is the daughter of Suzanne and Robert Seiter of Paoli, Pa., and a graduate of Northwestern University with a bachelor's degree in speech. She is currently pursuing a master's degree in counseling at the University of South Florida and works as a corporate trainer with Unicare Systems in Sarasota, Fla.

The groom is the son of Karen and Steve Nelson of Farmington Hills and a graduate of Farmington High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in packaging and is a packaging engineer with Tropicana Products in Bradenton, Fla.



The newlyweds honeymooned in Rome and Tuscany and make their home in Bradenton, Fla.

NEW VOICES



WASSMANN BABY

Shannon and Michael Wassmann of Waterford announce the birth of their daughter, Catherine Emily, on March 1. She weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Pat and Ron Bebes of Farmington Hills, Patsy and Jim Waters of St. Helen and Corliss and Mic Wassmann of Mikado. Great-grandparents are Robie and John Smith of St. Helen and Gustave Wassmann of Osceola.

Show respect for flag

It was September 1814. The United States and England were at war with the idea that the colonies would be invaded once more. The plan was that 5,000 British soldiers would sail south from Canada through the Hudson Bay. On their way, they stopped in Washington, D.C., burned the Capitol Building, the White House and ransacked several other public buildings causing President James Madison and other officials to flee. After returning to their ships, they continued on to Baltimore, their next point of attack. They were to join 16 other ships of the British navy already waiting in Chesapeake Bay to continue the invasion. But first they needed to destroy the fort at the edge of the water.

Fort McHenry was a low-lying fortification which acted as a forbidding stronghold protecting Baltimore. On its flagpole flew the 15-star American flag.

The attack began Sept. 13, and the bombardment continued throughout the day, with the fort answering rocket for rocket, gun shot for gun shot. As night fell, the British became discouraged at the strong American resistance and decided to land several hundred soldiers to attack the fort from the rear. However, even under the cover of darkness, they were discovered as their small boats attempted to steal past the garrison and, in much confusion, were driven back to the fleet. This so frustrated the naval commanders that they moved their ships closer to the fort and doubled their fire, which continued throughout the night.

On the Minden, a British ship, was a young lawyer from Georgetown named Francis Scott Key. He had boarded as an official envoy to negotiate with the British admiral as to the release of a friend, an elderly American doctor, who was being held prisoner. On the way south, Key witnessed the burning and destruction of the nation's Capital.

Fearing that he may have overheard their plans to attack Baltimore, British officers decided they would detain him until the bombardment was over.

Key stood on deck throughout the night watching the battle, and, on impulse, removed an envelope from his pocket and wrote "And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air."

Finally, in the early hours of morning, there was silence. As



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ETIQUETTE

day broke, Key strained to see which flag was flying over the fort. At last, in the clear light of day, Key was able to distinguish that it was the American flag and with tear-filled eyes wrote "Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam ... our flag was still there!"

With the flag being the symbol of our country, I am always amazed at how little respect it is given. With the national patriotic holidays just around the corner, let us be thankful for this flag and give our flag the dignity it deserves.

Let me list a few items on flag etiquette which are also part of the United States Flag Code:

■ When our flag is being carried in a parade, everyone should stand as it passes.

■ Place the right hand over the heart. Men who are wearing hats should remove with the right hand and hold on the left shoulder so that the hand is over the heart. Those in uniform salute as the flag passes by.

■ During the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, everyone stands, faces the flag with hand over heart.

■ Everyone should rise and remain standing during the playing of our national anthem - The Star Spangled Banner.

■ When more than one flag is displayed on a single staff, the U.S. flag should always be displayed at the top.

■ All American ships and aircraft sailing and flying beyond our shores carry the American flag. This includes all space crafts and shuttles.

■ The flag may be flown every day except in inclement weather and only until sunset unless it is illuminated after dark.

■ The flag should never touch anything beneath it, to fly freely without brushing against buildings, trees or other objects. If the flag becomes torn, soiled or faded, it should be destroyed by burning.

Call Margit Erickson, etiquette consultant, at (248) 471-6170.

Art lectures 'user-friendly'

Two lectures remain in the series, "What you've always wanted to know about art but were afraid to ask."

Hope Palmer, associate professor of humanities at Lawrence Technological University and Oakland Community College and chairman of the art department at North Farmington High School, will lead you on a fun-filled journey through the world of art. This is a user-friendly art lecture series.

On Wednesday, May 17, the

topic is "Paris When It Sizzled: The 1880s: Post Impressionism: A strange new breed of artists who most of all wished to express their feelings."

Then on Wednesday, May 24, "The New Image: Discover New Worlds 1890-95: An introduction to the most intriguing paintings of our time."

Time for both lectures is 7-8 p.m. at the Costick Activities Center, Dunmore room. \$10 fee per lecture. Call special services at 473-9570 to register.

Warner Mansion hosts tea

A spring tea on the veranda of historic Warner Mansion in Farmington is set from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 3.

It is a fund-raiser for the mansion, which houses the community's historical museum.

Hostesses will be the Ladies of

the Quakerstown Questers. Finger sandwiches, scones and desserts will be served.

Door prizes will be awarded. Cost is \$15. Tables will be set for eight. Seating is limited. To purchase tickets, call Ellen at 471-6734.

Garden Party

Gala to benefit St. Vincent & Sarah Fisher

The 13th annual Garden Party to benefit the children and families in crisis served by the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center is planned for Sunday, June 4, from 1-5 p.m. on the grounds of the center at 12 Mile and Inkster roads in Farmington Hills.

Good food and wine from the best Michigan restaurants including the Lark, Tribute and the Whitney will be served under tents from 1-3:30 p.m. Guests can also sample more than 100 wines from around the world.

Also featuring appetizers, main course dishes or desserts will be 220, Alban's, Andiamo, Beach Grill, Beana & Cornbread, Big Daddy's Parthenon, Blue Goose, Brendwiner Bakery, Cadillac Coffee Company, Capital Grille, Carvers Steak and Chops, Charley's Crab, Diamond Jim Brady's and E.G. Nick's.

Tantalizing taste buds further will be Emily's, Epoch Events, Excalibur, Five Lakes Grill, Forte, Gayle's Chocolates, Northville's Great Harvest Bread Co., Jalapeno Pete's, LeMetro, Mac & Ray's, Michigan Star Clipper dinner train, and the Midtown Cafe.

More mouth watering morsels will be provided courtesy of Mon Jin Lau, Morels, Morton's of Chicago, Musashi Japanese Cuisine and Sushi Bar, Pike Street, Cafe Cortina, Ristorante di Modesta, Savino sorbet, Tom's Oyster Bar, Too Chee and Wood-Ruff's Supper Club.

Silent auction

A silent auction will offer patrons the opportunity to bid on sports memorabilia, trips and unique packages. Jazz flutist Alexander Zonjic and Friends will perform during the tasting.

From 3:30-5 p.m., a live wine auction will be held. Honorary hosts for the day are FOX television personality Huel and Priscilla Perkins and Detroit radio veteran Dick and Gail Puritan.

The event is sponsored by the Ford Motor Co. and is the biggest annual fund-raiser for the center, which provides comprehensive based services to more than 1,000 infants, youth and families in crisis annually. Garden Party committee co-chairmen are Judy Dunn and Thomas Grobbel.

Tickets are \$150 per person. Call the St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center at 626-7627, extension 3118.

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