

Manners Inc.

Wedding consultants talk about etiquette, planning

By LORRAINE McCLISH

Paula Kempton and Carol McCarthy, who hold the Michigan franchise for Manners Inc., came to Farmington Community Center to talk about wedding planning and wedding etiquette at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 19.

The two-hour session is not only for those who are planning a wedding or think they will be one day, but for anyone who has ever had a doubt or a question about proprieties after accepting a wedding invitation and for anyone who might one day be giving a bridal shower.

"The day of the traditional weddings is back," said Mrs. Kempton. "The hosts and the guests will all be much more comfortable at all of the formal affairs that are coming back into style when they know that what they are doing is right."

"If you only have one child and will be giving only one wedding in your life, you can't be expected to know all the answers," Mrs. McCarthy said.

"You'll be giving what amounts to a stage production and is spending a lot of money doing it. We can help you avoid some of the pitfalls to make your day go smoothly."

THE TWO women stress that they are not selling wedding gowns, cakes or pictures.

"We want to help those people who think they've got it all under control and give them some tips so nothing is left to chance, or the woman who doesn't know how to get started with her planning," Mrs. Kempton said.

The small, incidental things that crop up during the wedding day can turn what should be a happy time into, hurt feelings, the women have found in

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the time they've been acting as wedding consultants.

"If Aunt Louise doesn't get along with cousin Marie, you'd better take that into consideration when you're planning the seating or figuring out who is going to ride with whom from the church to the reception," Mrs. Kempton said.

"How to seat divorced parents is a big problem these days. Who gets to 'home' the centerpieces has caused a lot of misunderstandings. Who is going to pay for what better be spelled out very clearly beforehand if you want to avoid a life-long in-law problem.

"And if you're on a budget, we can help with that too," she said.

ON THE SAME subject of the little details, Mrs. McCarthy said, "It's always amazing to me how many people depend on the florist or the band leader to do something for them that has never been put into words, not to mention writing.

"Or the bride who spends six months planning her gown and then expects that everything else is just going to fall into place.

"Our rule is: Don't assume anything."

When the two women first purchased Manners, Inc., they led classes throughout the metropolitan area that were aimed to turn little girls into little ladies with sessions called "White Gloves and Party Manners." These same sessions continue, with one set to start for the 6-10-year-old set on Monday, Jan. 26 in Farmington Community Center.

They have since expanded with classes and seminars for entire business and city departments whose personnel was being groomed for higher positions, teaching the basics of good etiquette.

They have taught table manners to the learning impaired, and some of the fine points of good etiquette to classes in private schools.

Most recently they have served as wedding and etiquette consultants for Kitchen Glamour and Hudson's, as well as for private weddings.

"MANY OF the questions from our seminars concerned second weddings," Mrs. Kempton said. "And many questions lead us to believe that a lot of

people think that a traditional wedding, or any formal affair, means a stiff and rigid affair when quite the opposite is true.

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"With a little help, you can be sure of yourself from the engagement ring to the honeymoon."

The wedding consultants have planned an entire wedding, or have helped in specific areas of correctly wording an invitation, choosing a menu, renting equipment, cutting costs, or even making travel arrangements for the wedding trip.

All of the services offered by Manners, Inc. are based on books authored by Marjabelle Young Stewart, who has served as etiquette consultant to the White House and will serve again in that capacity for the Reagan administration.

Mrs. Kempton is a Birmingham resident who can be reached by calling 645-6866. Mrs. McCarthy is from Grosse Pointe and can be reached at 855-2693.

Cost for "Wedding Planning and Etiquette" in Farmington Community Center is \$7. Reservations are necessary and will be taken by calling the center at 477-8404.



Paula Kempton (at left) and Carol McCarthy bring the answers of wedding etiquette to Farmington Community Center in a session set for Monday evening, Jan. 19. The information applies to any one who will be planning or will be a guest at the formal traditional weddings that are now back in vogue.

Good vibrations

DanceFit classes called "Good Vibrations" for the winter term will start in several locations during the week of Jan. 19. The classes are for women who enjoy the fun of dancing combined with a good physical workout two times a week. Jenny Pedersén (center) leads a class in Mercy Center in the morning and evening session on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Morning and afternoon classes are given in Farmington Gymnasium Center and evening classes in Shiawassee Recreation Center. All facilities have baby-sitting services. Registration information may be obtained by calling Kathy Rosowski, 477-8114.



Wanted: a job

Finding a job isn't easy. And if you happen to be a student in the Ann Arbor-Ypsilanti area, finding gainful employment "sometimes borders on the impossible."

But students at Eastern Michigan University can take heart. Barbara Jones in Eastern's Career Planning and Placement Center is doing everything she can to find employers willing to hire students.

As coordinator of the University's Job Location and Development program, Jones and her "job squad" of five student interns is offering a free referral service to area employers with openings for qualified applicants.

At no cost to the prospective employer, Jones and her student interns will post job openings on campus and will refer qualified applicants to the employer. Student employees, Jones explains, are often able to work evenings, weekends and at other times when regularly scheduled employees are not available, making them attractive candidates for many positions.

"We are trying to persuade employers to consider students for career-related positions that relate to their field of study. If employers hire a sophomore or junior, they can train the student and then have the first shot at them when they graduate from school," Jones says. Eastern's Job Location and Development Program began last March with the goal of providing jobs for students with salaries totaling \$18,000 for the first year.

Jones and her group of job locators reached that goal in just three months. Thus far the program has counseled more than 239 students who have earned more than \$17,000 in salaries from part-time jobs with area employers.

Jones says that while the program tries to stress career-related opportunities for students, all kinds of jobs are handled by her office.

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Libraries list winter lineup of programs for youngsters

Children are invited to chase away the winter chills with various winter programs offered by the Farmington Community Library.

Registration for the four-week program session will begin from 7-8:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15 in person by a parent librarian.

Then at 9 a.m. on Friday Jan. 16, telephone registrations will be accepted. Registration is taken for any child in only one program. Those wishing to be a second program will have to put their names on a waiting list. As with all limited enrollment activities, Farmington and Farmington Hills residents will be given first preference. Out-of-town residents are placed on a waiting list, and notified if an opening is available a few days before the program actually begins.

If fees are required for a program, they need to be paid at registration or at least three days before the program first meets, so as to confirm the child's place in the program.

AT THE Farmington Branch, preschoolers may attend several different types of activity programs.

Ages 2 and 3, with an adult, may choose from "Color My World," meeting at 2 p.m. Wednesdays or "Shape of Me," which meets at 10:30 on Mondays, beginning the week of Jan. 26.

Spring Basket" storyhour begins at 2 p.m. Mondays and "The Beat Goes On" at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays.

Children aged 3-5 may concurrently attend "Monkey Business" at 2 p.m. on one Tuesday, Feb. 3, 10 or 17. Then, for ages 4 and 5, "Start with Art" is offered at 2 p.m. on Thursdays.

Elementary aged children also have programs to select from at the Farmington Branch, which begin Jan. 26 and run four weeks until Feb. 20. Kindergartners and first graders may enjoy a cool cooking program entitled "Stone Soup," at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays. For second and third graders, at 4 p.m. "Monster Mash" show "Me Your Song," a media program, will run for eight weeks on Mondays at 4 p.m., Jan. 26-March 30, for fourth and fifth graders who will make their own musical slide shows to present for family and friends. Also, for fourth and fifth graders, "Reader's Roundtable" con-

lines at 4 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month.

PRESCHOOLERS are invited to a variety of programs in the Farmington Hills Branch during this program session.

"Learning to Play — Playing to Learn" will be featured for ages 2 and 3 with an adult at 2 p.m. on Thursdays. Another program for ages 2 and 3 with their favorite adult, will be "Stone Soup" at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays.

Ages 3 and 4 can choose from "A Rainbow of Colors" at 10:30 2 p.m. on Wednesdays or the storyhour "In a Spring Basket" at 9:30 on Mondays.

"Cookie Monster's Cookie Jar Capers" is presented for ages 3-5 at 2 p.m. Mondays on one of these dates: Jan. 26, Feb. 9 or Feb. 16.

Children aged 4 and 5 may attend ei-

ther "How does your Garden Grow?" at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, or "Ed Emberley's Emazing, Empressive, Embellished, Emages of Art" at 9 a.m. on Wednesdays.

Kindergartners and first graders can attend a party planning program called "You Are Invited" at 4:15 p.m. on Mondays. "Do Your Ears Hang Low?" a music program, is offered for second and third graders at 4 p.m. on Thursdays. Fourth and fifth graders may join the "Reader's Roundtable," which meets at 4 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month or "Encyclopedia: Brown Returns" at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays.

PARENTS WHO have questions on any of the programs for their youngsters are invited to call either of the libraries. The number for the Farmington Branch on Liberty Street is 474-7770. The number for the Farmington Hills Branch on 12 Mile Road is 553-0300.

The library's winter brochure, which gives a full description of all classes offered for the young can be picked up without charge at either branch.

Open programs, those that do not require advance registration, are listed in the Community Calendar of the Farmington Observer.

Weekly coffees begin

Oakland Community College WomenCenter invites women from the community to drop into the office on Orchard Ridge Campus from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. any Wednesday for coffee and conversation.

WomenCenter is made up of stu-

dents, faculty and community women devoted to raising the consciousness of all people regarding women in today's society. The coffees are given so area women may learn more about the organization, its programs and facilities.