

Tangora-Scott

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tangora of Farmington announce the engagement of their daughter, Anne, to Dr. Richard Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Scott of Lexington, Ky.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Michigan State University and earned her master's degree from the University of Kentucky. Her fiancé is a graduate of Notre Dame University and the University of Kentucky School of Dentistry.

An August wedding is planned.



retirement memos

Margaret Miller

Retiree's need brings friendship

ONE OF MY favorite retired friends is part of one of the nicest stories I've heard since coming to Florida.

Her name is Genevieve, Gene for short, and she's a sprightly lady who recently turned 81 and is losing her sight, not too gradually. I've known her in the craft workshop for the visually impaired where we both spend Wednesday mornings.

Gene has only peripheral vision now, but she lives alone and grows beautiful flowers on a tiny patio and walks three miles a day and swims regularly. She also leads 15 minutes or so of limbering-up exercises in the workshop each week.

And she never asks assistance in getting around the room or outside. "I'm working on independence," she says.

BUT IT WAS loss of that precious independence that put her in the middle of the story I mention.

Gene is a widow who came to Florida about six or seven years ago. After her husband's death she was managing for her self very well — until her vision started to go.

A couple of years ago she knew she could no longer see well enough to drive safely. It was a hard decision, but she ran a classified ad to sell her car.

And into the story comes Dolores, who saw the ad, telephoned, and showed up with her husband to look at the car. Dolores is not a retiree.

She helps her husband in his business and has an otherwise full schedule. In fact, they were looking for a second car so she could have one when he was at work.

They liked Gene's car and decided to buy it. But then Dolores got to talking to the seller. How was Gene going to manage now, she asked. Would she be stuck at home all the time? Well, Gene told her, she could get occasional rides, and she'd be OK. At any rate, she knew she must not drive any more.

"I can clear every Monday morning," Dolores told her. "Set up your errands, and I'll come and get you and take you wherever you want."

And a fast friendship was born.

DOLORES VISITED the workshop recently to bring a cake for Gene's 81st birthday. Then she took her friend home for dinner. She wouldn't have missed the important date for anything.

"I got the best of the deal," she told me. "My husband got the car, but I got the lady." Gene would never dispute her, but she's sure she too knows about fine deals. And as far as I'm concerned, these are two real winners.

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.

Family gathers to mark 104th birthday

Pellegrina Zanarini, born in Italy May 2, 1882, was the guest of honor at a party that brought family and friends together to celebrate the Farmington Nursing Home resident's 104th birthday.

"She has a lot of cousins who came to the party, some almost as old as she is," said Rose Morgan, activities director in the nursing home who helped prepare for the celebration.

As a young girl, she came to the U.S. through Ellis Island in 1905 to marry Domenico Zanarini, who had been here since 1901. The couple made their home in South Wilmington, Ill., a coal mining town, where three children were born, Gino, now deceased, Fay and Rena.

In 1911 the family moved to Texas where they farmed for about five years. From there they moved to Missouri, but in 1919, 15-a-day wages offered by Ford Motor Co. drew them to Detroit.

Domenico Zanarini died in 1960 and his widow continued to live in her Detroit home with her daughter, Rena, until her move to the nursing home. Her daughter, Fay, now lives in Farmington Hills.

Pellegrina Zanarini has two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.



RICK SMITH

Mary Herndon (at left) traveled from Madison, Wis., to be with her grandmother Pellegrina Zanarini for her 104th birthday party.



32nd degree

Richard W. Sheffield (left) and Patrick D. Raby were among the Masons who received Scottish Rite Freemasonry's 32nd degree during the final session of the 300th reunion in Detroit Masonic Temple this spring. Sheffield and Raby are both residents of Farmington Hills.

Loss and sexuality topic of workshop

Dr. Marianne Victor will be featured in a workshop, for widowed and divorced people, on loss and sexuality.

The workshop, sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women, will take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 22, at the NCJW offices, 30233 Southfield Road, Southfield.

Victor has been in private practice for 15 years as a psychotherapist and marriage counselor. As a specialist in the area of sexual dysfunction and sexual development, she has worked extensively with individuals, women's groups and couples.

Focus of her workshop will be recovering and rediscovering your sexuality. It is especially designed for men and women re-entering the dating world after having been in a long term relationship.

Questions explored will include: Am I healed? Where am I in my sexual development? Am I repeating negative patterns? Will I ever find as much fulfillment as I once had? And: What will my children think?

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Meeting called to plan language arts center for those with dyslexia

Representatives of Michigan Dyslexia Institute, based in Okemos, will host a public meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 5, in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile.

The representatives will announce plans to establish a language arts center in the metropolitan Detroit area that will provide educational services in reading and communication skills to dyslexic children and adults. The meeting also will serve to increase an understanding of dyslexia.

As a non-profit organization, the proposed language arts center will have two purposes — to serve adults with reading and writing handicaps, and to supplement the work of the public schools by helping children with severe reading and writing difficulties.

Renee J. Schreibman, of Franklin, is project coordinator for the institute. She will take calls of inquiry at 683-8185.

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