

WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS



CLINTON-O'LOUGHLIN
Daniel and Jill Clinton of

Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter Colleen Margaret to Christopher O'Loughlin, son of Gerald O'Loughlin and Mary O'Loughlin of Van Nuys, Calif.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor and is currently working as an actress. The groom is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and an M.A. candidate at Columbia University. He is a two-time Olympic fencer and an account manager for Bell Atlantic.

A September wedding is planned at Marygrove with a reception at the Detroit Yacht Club.



PINKERTON-DYNDIA
Mary and William Pinkerton

of West Bloomfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Mary to Brian Gerald Dynda, son of Kathleen and Charles Dynda of Stanwood.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Mercy High School and Michigan State University. She is currently attending Ohio University, where she will receive a master's degree in speech-language pathology.

The groom is a graduate of Michigan State University and is employed with Termes Packaging Corp. in Westland.

A June wedding is planned.



ELLENDER-LOCKLEAR
Scott David Ellender and Karin Lynne Locklear were married Nov. 29, 1997, at Sacred

Heart Church in Pinehurst, N.C. The bride is the daughter of Paul Locklear of Pinehurst, N.C. and Sharon Locklear of Novi. She is a graduate of North Farmington High School and Wayne State University and is employed as a sales manager at Pinehurst Resort and Country Club.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Ellender of Webster, N.Y. and a graduate of Methodist College in Fayetteville, N.C. He is employed as a golf professional at Pinehurst Resort and Country Club.

The newlyweds honeymooned aboard the Majesty of the Seas to Grand Cayman and Cozumel. They will make their home in Pinehurst, N.C.

LOVETT-SUKOCKAS
Brad Alvie Lovett and Cindy Marie Sukockas were married Dec. 5 at Martha Mary Chapel in Greenfield Village by Miriam Jarvis.

The bride is the daughter of Elsie Sukockas of Farmington Hills. The groom is the son of Bob and Barbara Lovett of Salem Township.

The bride is a graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a degree in construction management. She is employed as a construction manager for Graystone Construction Co. in Novi.

The groom, a graduate of Wayne State University with a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering, is pursuing a master's degree. He is employed as a chemical engineer at the Budd Company in Troy.



The couple received guests at a reception at Lovett Hall in Greenfield Village, before leaving on a honeymoon trip to Aruba.

They are making their home in Farmington Hills.

NEW VOICES

ALEXANDRA ETZIN
Alexandra Catherine Etzin was born Dec. 9, 1997 at Providence Hospital to Kimberly and James Etzin of Farmington.

Weighing 9 pounds, 3 ounces at birth, she joins brother, Zachary. Grandparents: Allison and George Withey, Farmington Hills; Albert and Mary Urpis, Royal Oak; and Gabriele Colin of Boca Raton, Fla.



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Cool moves: Margaret Morgan of Westland (from left), Kathy Green of Farmington Hills and Dianna Saburn of Livonia sing as part of the chorus's rendition of "Heat Wave."

of four-part harmony in the barbershop genre don't come by accident. From 7-10 p.m. every Tuesday, all year long, they practice at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Five Mile in Livonia. They also practice songs and routines on their own.

Their next public performances are at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 16, at Mercy High School in Farmington Hills. They also perform during the summer Music Under the Stars program in Livonia as well as events in Farmington and Birmingham. For information or tickets to the Mercy performance, call Marge Dugan at (313) 937-2429.

Sweet Adelines uphold winning tradition

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
SPECIAL WRITER

Watching the Sweet Adelines belt out songs during a recent practice felt like having front row seats to a Broadway show instead of a folding chair in the basement of a church.

The local group, called the Spirit of Detroit Chorus, has every reason to look polished and there are a lot of professional eyes and ears who think so. The 111 women recently won the regional division competition among 27 other Sweet Adeline choruses in eastern Michigan and southwestern Canada.

"It's awesome to win it and know that everyone worked together to make it come together," said Carol McKee, membership co-director with Pam Majewski.

And their spirits are soaring, because this entitles them to go onto the international competition next November in Nashville, Tenn.

For the last nine years, the Spirit of Detroit Chorus has won every regional division competition they've entered. However, the highest they've rated at the

international level was 15th, and this year they hope to place in the top 10.

Members range in age from 14 to their late 70s and they live in just about every community in the metropolitan Detroit area as well as Canada and Ohio. By day they work as secretaries, travel agents and countless other jobs.

And their musical repertoire is just as varied ... Nat King Cole, Gloria Estefan and Barbra Streisand, songs from Broadway to Motown, Big Band to jazz.

"The Sweet Adelines are great, because we don't have to read music," Majewski said. "You just have to carry a tune."

"And smile," added McKee. Dodi LaMarte, a Sweet Adeline for 20 years, said the group takes pride in teaching people how to sing.

"We show them correct posture, breathing and vocal production," LaMarte explained.

Marge Dugan, a member for 33 years, said the group has developed professionally over the years, "and the educational aspect has grown by leaps and bounds."

Their standout performances

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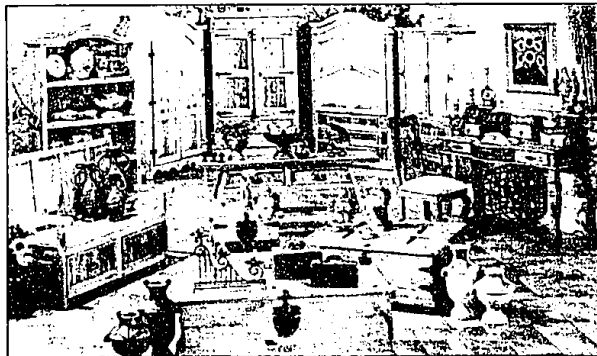
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