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Musicales Begins Season Sept. 12

The Farmington Musicales will start its year with a program of piano and vocal solos Wednesday, Sept. 12, at 12:30 p.m. in the Farmington Community Center, 24705 Farmington Road.

Theme for the year will be "A Musical Mosaic" with programs given by members as well as guest performers including Farmington students and the Glockenspiels, a junior chapter of Musicales.

The opening program was arranged by Mrs. Landon Swanson. Tea chairman for the day is Mrs. Donald Crook.

On the program will be piano solos by Nancy Morrow and Mrs. James Skillman and vocal trio of Mrs. Neil McCallum, Mrs. Roger Belanger and Mrs. Swanson. Mrs. Skillman will accompany the trio.

All Musicales members are urged to attend a hearing of its revised constitution Sept. 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Farmington Public Library auditorium, 32737 W. 12 Mile Road.

GENIE WARREN (left) will demonstrate the art of belly dancing at the opening meeting of the Redford Suburban League, Margaret Tolton, president of the league, gets in on the action which will take place at a 12 noon luncheon Sept. 12 in Vladimir's Restaurant, Grand River and Eight Mile.

Polcyn-Wiess Vows Spoken

Sandra Anne Polcyn became the bride of James H. Wiess in a recent ceremony in St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church, Farmington.

The couple's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Polcyn of Eldon Street, Farmington and Mr. and Mrs. Norman W. Wiess of Eastfield Street, Farmington.

The bride's gown, made by her mother, featured a white skirt trimmed with lace and beads and a white cathedral train. The headpiece, also made by her mother had a

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NOW Meets

The Schoolcraft College chapter of the National Organization of Women will meet Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 7:30 p.m. in the board conference room of the Schoolcraft administration building.

A study session will be held on child care and candidates will be nominated for office. Elections will be held at the October meeting.

The college is located at 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. The meeting is open to the public.

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MRS. JAMES WIESS (Sandra Polcyn)

Club Plans Auction

On Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. the Western Suburban Junior Woman's Club begins its year with a potluck dinner and crafts auction at the home of Mrs. David Parker, 2901 Glen Arden, Farmington.

All Kappa Kappa Gamma alumnae will hold their first meeting of the year Monday, Sept. 10 at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs. David Parker, 2901 Glen Arden, Farmington.

Included in upcoming programs is a speaker from a local panhellenic association, a short course for women on understanding football, an auction, a wine tasting party,

Kappas Plan Coming Year

a craft seminar, a lecture by a lawyer, a speaker on how to plant an herb garden, as well as an annual potluck dinner.

Kappa's philanthropies last year included the young adult patients at Northville State Hospital, New Hope, a scholarship at Hillsdale, warm-up jackets for a wheelchair basketball team, as well as two Kappa national philanthropies.

Kappas interested in attending the meetings should contact president Judy Burgess, 32955 Perth, Livonia.

Course Slated On Childbirth

The Plymouth Childbirth Education Association will sponsor Lamaze childbirth classes for prospective parents Sept. 11 and 24.

The Story of Eric, a film depicting a couple's anticipation and birth of their first child will be shown.

To register, contact Mrs. John Gross, 371 Blank, Plymouth.

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THE REV. JOHN SHAHOUB (left) shows the elements of the Antiochian liturgical service to Carl Signor, moderator of Mt. Hope Congregational Church of Livonia, and the Rev. Joseph Cimbara, pastor. The two churches will share the Mt. Hope building beginning Sunday, Sept. 9. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

Churches Practice Sharing

By MARGARET MILLER

"We're extending a helping hand to our brethren in Christ - because we share a common savior and a common witness," says Moderator Carl Signor of Mt. Hope Congregational Church of Livonia.

"It seems a miracle that we found this fine, welcoming church on the very first call," says The Rev. John Shahoub of St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church, moving into Livonia.

Both are talking about the newly-arranged plan that will allow both churches to share the Mt. Hope building at 30330 Schoolcraft.

Starting this Sunday, Sept. 9, the Mt. Hope congregation will gather in the sanctuary at 10 a.m. for a service with its minister, the Rev. Joseph Cimbara.

An hour later the Mt. Hope people will move to the fellowship hall for a coffee hour, and at 11:30 the sanctuary will be taken over by the orthodox congregation for its liturgical services.

It all came about because Father Shahoub and his congregation, organized in this area about a year ago, needed room for both services and a church school program.

"We had been using the St. Innocent Russian Orthodox Church in Redford Township," related Father Shahoub.

"We were very pleased there - they were good to us," he added. But the problem was that there was no room to conduct a Christian education program.

The St. Mary congregation had purchased for \$36,000 a three-acre plot at 18100 Meriman and hired an architect to begin plans for a new sanctuary.

"But there have been delays," Father Shahoub said, "and the feeling was that the St. Mary families could not wait to begin the church school program."

The decision was to see if a large church in the area could share facilities until the new building could be built.

"And the very first church we called was Mt. Hope," the priest said. "They accepted us and I think it was a kind of a miracle. Maybe the Lord wills us to meet these good Christian people."

Rev. Cimbara said Mt. Hope's board of trustees and board of deacons recommended the plan, and then the congregation accepted it immediately.

"It's our policy to have our building used as much as possible," he added. "We already have a cooperative nursery and several other groups who meet here."

"To have another church share our facilities is just tremendous."

There also are preliminary plans for some joint endeavors by the two congregations, and possibly they will join in a service at Christmas.

No rent is being charged, Rev. Cimbara said, other than what the St. Mary congregation wants to offer as its share of expenses.

Father Shahoub, who turns 24 this weekend and is the youngest Antiochian Orthodox priest in the world, was eager to express the gratitude of his congregation.

"We are lucky to be in this situation to meet together and serve the Holy Eucharist in this beautiful church," he said.

"On behalf of my whole congregation, and that includes the older men and the little children, we thank and pray for Pastor Cimbara and the good Congregational Christians for this great opportunity."

Margaret Hess Begins Class

The Bible class taught by Margaret Hess will begin its 15th fall session Tuesday Sept. 11.

The class meets in Ward United Presbyterian Church, Six Mile and Farmington Roads, Livonia, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Tuesday mornings during the school year.

The course goes through the Bible in eight years, and new members can enter at any point. This year the study will be in the Old Testament.

Mrs. Hess aims to make the Bible come alive through a knowledge of historical and geographical backgrounds. She applies the truths of the Bible to practical problems of modern life.

Last year the class started off with more than 400 women present and its necessary to move from the chapel to the new sanctuary of Ward Church. There is now room for all who wish to come.

Three nurseries, for infants, toddlers, and pre-schoolers will be provided.

If you need transportation to the class, please call Mrs. Graham Burton, at 14581 Bredin Court, Livonia.

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The Mt. Hope congregation is moving its worship hour up half an hour to accommodate the St. Mary congregation.

"We'll continue to hold our coffee hour in another part of the building while they use our sanctuary and class rooms," the pastor said. "We'll just have to keep a little quieter."

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