

Bee Anniversaries



Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pfenning

Church event recognizes 50th anniversary

Martha and Donald Pfenning of Clarence celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 9, 2008, with friends and family at the couple's church.

Donald Pfenning married the former Martha Luebbert on Aug. 22, 1958, at Clarence Church of Christ on Old Goodrich Road.

Donald is a retired tooling and methods analyst at Worthington Compressor of Buffalo and enjoys antique tractors and scroll saw wood-working. Martha is a retired licensed practical nurse at Sacred Heart Home of Clarence and served 25 years as the financial secretary for the Clarence Church of Christ. She also enjoys sewing, quilting and baking.

The couple have four children and six grandchildren.

Anniversary cruise includes family

Florence and Richard Laux of East Amherst celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on a Caribbean cruise with family.

Richard Laux married the former Florence Bartscheck on July 5, 1958, at St. Benedict Church in Eggertsville, followed by a reception at St. Leo the Great School's auditorium.

Richard is semi-retired from his family's business, Laux Sporting Goods, started by his father in 1921. He currently serves as the company's consultant, while Florence is a homemaker. The couple are members of St. Gregory the Great Church, Gyro Club of Buffalo, Buffalo Launch Club and the Amherst Dance Club and enjoy playing bridge, golf and belonging to a 50-year-old pinochle club.

They have three children and four grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Laux



Mr. and Mrs. Alexander D. Katsinis

Yearly trip to Greece part of celebration

Mary and Alexander D. Katsinis of Williamsville celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family.

Alexander Katsinis married the former Mary Veanes on Aug. 17, 1958, at the Hellenic Greek Orthodox Church in Buffalo.

Alex is a retired General Motors employee, and Mary is a homemaker. The couple enjoy a yearly trip to their summer home in Greece to visit family and friends, as well as exploring other countries.

The couple have six children and five grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Felix Gramza

Couple mark 50 years with dinner

Lorraine and Felix Gramza of Williamsville celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a private dinner.

Felix Gramza married the former Lorraine Kulesz on Aug. 16, 1958, at St. Gerard's Church in Buffalo.

John is a retired certified public accountant and financial executive for Tops, and Lorraine is a retired registered nurse.

They are members of St. Gregory the Great Church and enjoy golf.

The couple have five children and 11 grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rottner

Pair celebrate 50 years with cruise

Carol and Charles Rottner of Williamsville celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family members on an Eastern Caribbean cruise.

Charles Rottner married the former Carol Anker on April 19, 1958, at St. Joseph's University Church in Buffalo.

Charles is retired as the president of H&R Tool Works Inc.

Since exchanging vows, the couple have been residents of the Amherst area.

The couple have three sons and five grandchildren.

What's Going On

Registration for twirling group set for Aug. 20

Ambassadors Twirling Corps will hold baton twirling registration night from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, at Park School, 4625 Harlem Road, Snyder. Ages 3 to college age are welcome. Call 688-2514.

Concert to feature tunes from Big Band era

Montgomery Park retirement community will host Sugar and Jazz Orchestra from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, at 6363 Transit Road, near Casey Road, East Amherst. The band will perform tunes from the Big Band era. For information, call 688-7880.

Ideal Weight meets at St. Gregory the Great

The Ideal Weight class, run by Ida Shapiro, will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at St. Gregory the Great School, 100 St. Gregory Court, at Maple Road. Call 636-3698.

Heathwood nears end of concert series

Health Care at Heathwood's final performances in the Summer Concert Series will feature Dare to Dance at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, and Rich and Debbie DerWald at 7 p.m., Aug. 27. Call 688-0111.

Concert to be held at Bassett Park

The Steam Donkeys will perform at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, at Bassett Park as part of the 2008 Amherst Recreation Concert Series. In case of rain, the concert will be held at Transit Middle School.

Montgomery Park sets seniors seminar

The Montgomery Park retirement community will host "Veterans Benefits for Seniors," with Tracy Kinn, a veterans counselor, as part of the "Let's Talk Seniors" seminar series, at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22. There is no charge for admission. Refreshments will be served. Montgomery Park is located at 6363 Transit Road in East Amherst. For more information, call 688-7880.

Final 'Movies in the Park' will show 'Ratatouille'

The Village of Williamsville Youth and Recreation Committee and the Jolly Boys will present the season's final Movies in the Park at dusk Friday, Aug. 22, at Island Park on Main Street near Cayuga Road. The movie is "Ratatouille." Refreshments will be available for purchase. Bring lawn chairs and blankets.

McGuire Group sets new schedule for memory loss support groups

Caring for a loved one with memory loss can bring times of joy and times of emotional challenges. The need to research, learn and adapt is essential. Support groups provide ways for caregivers to share information and experiences on getting through the day-to-day realities of the disease process. They also serve as resources for community programs, pharmaceutical advancements and therapy options.

In the 1990s, The McGuire Group opened specialized Memory Care Centers at Harris Hill Nursing Facility in Clarence and Northgate Health Care Facility in North Tonawanda. Today, their experts host a number of monthly support groups in conjunction with the Alzheimer's Association at the following locations:

- General support group meeting, 6 p.m., first Tuesday of each month, First United Methodist Church, 7 Church St., Akron. Call 632-3700 or e-mail spietrowski@mcguiregroup.com.

- General support group meeting, 6 p.m., first Wednesday of each month, Bassett Manor, 245 Bassett Road, Amherst. Call 632-3700 or e-mail spietrowski@mcguiregroup.com.

- Support group tailored to those who have recently admitted a loved one into a facility, 6:30 p.m., first Wednesday of each month, Northgate Health Care Facility, 7264 Nash Road, North Tonawanda. Call 614-1650, ext. 168 or e-mail kdibble@mcguiregroup.com.

- Support group for daughters of those diagnosed, 5 p.m., second Wednesday of each month, Harris Hill Nursing Facility, 2699 Wehrle Drive, Amherst. Call 632-3700 or e-mail spietrowski@mcguiregroup.com.

- Support group for wives caring for a husband at home with dementia, 5 p.m., third Monday of each month, Harris Hill Nursing Facility, 2699 Wehrle Drive, Amherst. Call 614-1650, ext. 168 or e-mail kdibble@mcguiregroup.com.

Community News

Michael Miranda of Williamsville won silver in the Home Wine-making Competition held Aug. 13 at America's Fair in Hamburg. He won the award with his 2007 merlot.

The Sweet Home All-60s Reunion will have tickets available at the door. The event is from 7 to 11 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23, at The Cedars Banquet Facility, 2040 Wehrle Drive. The cost is \$35 per person and spouses/partners are welcome. Also, a Friday night mixer has been planned at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 22, at Scotch 'N Sirloin Restaurant, 3999 Maple Road. For information on the reunion, call 250-1295.

Community Group, Festival Chorus is seeking new members, comprised of singers from beginner to proficient. Rehearsals begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 2 at Randall Baptist Church, 6301 Main St. near Youngs Road, Amherst. For information, call 877-1565.

Support group meets Aug. 25

Complex Regional Pain Syndrome /Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 25 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 4007 Main St., near Eggert Road, Eggertsville. Call 896-0771 for more information.

Historical fiction writers to visit Bender's

Four top historical fiction writers will visit Bender's Parable Christian Store, 8550 Sheridan Drive, Clarence, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 26. The featured authors will be Tracie Peterson, Judith Miller, Cathy Marie Hake and Kim Vogel Sawyer, on their "Reliving the Romance of History Tour" of the Northeast United States. For more information, call 633-5757.

Farmers Market names musical acts

The Williamsville Farmers Market at the Mill, 56 E. Spring St., is held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. The following musical acts have been announced: Aug. 23 — Kevin Doyle & Yayo Rodriguez; and Aug. 30 — Nan Hoffman & Joe Tumino. Call 984-6572.

Pancake breakfast planned for Aug. 24

An all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast, including eggs, sausage links or patties, juice and coffee, will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24, at A.J. Jurek American Legion Post 1672, on New Road between Smith Road and Millersport. Adult tickets are \$6; children 12 and younger, \$3; and children 5 and younger, free. The breakfast will benefit U.S. veteran programs.

Prescription seminar set at Montgomery Park

The Montgomery Park retirement community will host the seminar "Seniors, Prescriptions and Health" with Jim Gaiser of Rite-Aid Pharmacy at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29, as part of its "Let's Talk Seniors" seminar series. Admission is free. Refreshments will be served. Montgomery Park is located at 6363 Transit Road in East Amherst. Call 688-7880.