



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD DiFRANCESCO
(She is the former Miss Tara Goldsmith)

Miss Tara Goldsmith Weds Richard DiFrancesco

Miss Tara Goldsmith, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Goldsmith of Scotch Plains, was married on Saturday, July 21, to Richard DiFrancesco, the son of Ernest DiFrancesco of Berkeley Heights and Ms. Joan Russo of Chatham.

The ceremony and reception took place at the Farrington Manor in East Brunswick, with Dennis Tobin officiating. Given in marriage by her parents, the bride wore a very long, beaded halter dress and a comb-style, beaded veil and carried a bouquet of 40 white roses.

Ms. Nancy Sarfati of North Plainfield was the matron of honor for her sister. The bridal attendants included Miss Cyndi Reynolds and Miss Claudia Manes, both of Scotch Plains; Miss Alison Sarfati of North Plainfield, Miss Staci Wolff of Avenel and Miss Carrie Dunsmuir of Piscataway. Miss Marissa Sarfati of North Plainfield was the flower girl.

The matron of honor and bridal attendants all wore long, wine-colored, A-line, halter dresses and carried bouquets of mixed flowers.

Dino DiFrancesco of Scotch Plains, the brother of the bridegroom, was the best man. Serving as ushers were Tom Dante of Clark, Kevin Hammel of Watchung, Alex Miller of Green Brook and Michael Sarfati of North Plainfield. Zak Wolff of Avenel was the ring bearer. An alumna of Coles Elementary

School, Terrill Middle School and Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in Scotch Plains, the bride graduated from Union County Vocational-Technical Schools in Scotch Plains in 1995 with a certificate in cosmetology. She has been the manager of Supercuts in Watchung since 1996.

The bridegroom attended Park Middle School in Scotch Plains and graduated from Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in 1988. He has been a firefighter for the City of Newark since 1996.

The rehearsal party was held at Vincenzo's in Middlesex on July 19. Following a wedding trip to St. Lucia, the couple resides in South Plainfield.

Son, Brian Patrick, Born to Cooneys

Lieutenant Colonel and Mrs. Robert L. Cooney of Heidelberg, Germany, have announced the birth of their son, Brian Patrick Cooney, on Wednesday, October 10.

Brian weighed 8 pounds at birth. He joins his brother, Eamon. The baby's maternal grandparents are Ludmila and Victor Ivanov of Rostov-on-Don, Russia.

His paternal grandmother is Miriam Wilcox of Westfield.

Salvation Army's Efforts Praised by Commander

AREA - Lieutenant Colonel Norman E. Wood, Salvation Army New Jersey Divisional Commander, recently reflected on his pride not only in his country, but in the Salvation Army's disaster relief efforts.

"I am proud to be an American and always will be. I was proud of America when I was in the Air Force on two tours of duty in Vietnam and, if it's at all possible, I am even more proud now," he stated.

"The American people have united in brotherhood behind our great nation and their support and generosity following the September 11 terrorist attacks have been monumental," he continued.

Lieutenant Colonel Wood also expressed his pride in the Salvation Army for their ongoing work in the area of disaster relief. Buoyed by

expressions of thanks from individuals, rescue workers and the victims' families, he vowed "to continue all possible efforts that the Salvation Army New Jersey Division can make."

To date, servicing rescue and relief personnel, survivors and victims' families, more than 64,598 meals have been served and 163,705 items distributed, including clothing, tools and other supplies.

Plans for regional assistance centers are in progress. These centers will be manned by counselors and staff, in order to provide easy access to Salvation Army relief services for victims' families not able to visit the Liberty State Park Family Assistance Center.

For more information, to volunteer or to make a donation, please call Tricia Pellegrini at Divisional Headquarters at (908) 851-8227.



KIWANIS SCHOLARS... Father John R. Neilson, left, President of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Kiwanis Club, is shown with winners of the club's 2001 scholarships, left to right, Scott Leichner and Carolyn Keeton of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and Tyne Duffy and Mark Kolvites of Westfield High School.

Kiwanus Club Awards Scholarships for 2001

FANWOOD - The Kiwanis Club of Scotch Plains-Fanwood has announced their 2001 scholarship winners.

This year's winners are Renee Zidonik, Scott Leichner and Carolyn Keeton from the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School and Tyne Duffy and Mark Kolvites from Westfield High School.

The Kiwanis Club raises funds for scholarship and other charities

through its Luminaria sale set this year for Saturdays, December 8th, 15th, and 22nd from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Monday, December 24 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Fanwood municipal garage on North Avenue.

The theme this year for the sale is to "Remember Those Killed on September 11th" and is in support of the armed forces in the current campaign, "Enduring Freedom."

Choral Evensong Service Sunday at St. Paul's Church

WESTFIELD - A service of Choral Evensong will take place at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Westfield on Sunday, November 18 at 4 p.m.

St. Paul's Choir will be singing works of Martin Luther, Thomas Attwood Walmisley and T. Frederick Candlyn. Following the service, a

gala reception will take place in the Parish Hall honoring all newcomers to St. Paul's. The public is invited to attend. St. Paul's Church is located at 414 East Broad Street, across from the Westfield Municipal Building. For more information, please call (908) 232-8506, extension no. 17.

Pumpkins Plus Costumes Equal Fun For Pack No. 34

SCOTCH PLAINS - Cub Scouts and their families from Pack No. 34 in Scotch Plains enjoyed pumpkin-decorating activities plus Halloween costume contests during their monthly pack meeting October 19 at Evergreen Elementary School.

Using paints, markers, crayons, toothpicks, glue, pipe cleaners, cotton balls, glitter and other arts and crafts supplies, the 45 scouts decorated their pumpkins to resemble everything from traditional jack-o-lanterns to clowns, mad scientists, witches, ghosts and goblins.

All Pack No. 34 members were recognized for their pumpkin-decorating efforts. Scouts receiving spe-

cial recognition included Bart Stawicki, Derek Sands, Justin Rosado, Matt Kersey, Devin Ausbon, Brian Katz, Peter Heuther, Danny Michalik, T.J. DiNizo, Matt McQuoid, Matt Glassett, Victor Zanowicz, Andrew Baates, Adam Bransky, Brian Deegan, Richard Murray, Stephen Magnetta and David McGibbon.

All scouts and their family members were also saluted for their creative costumes. Scouts receiving special recognition for their costumes included Jake Merlo, Paul Koprowski, Joseph McQuoid, Thomas Christiani, Luke Vuono, Mike Bumiller, Connor O'Neil, Zachary Davis, Brian Flood, Chad Ringel, Brett Murray, Christopher Gans, Brian Dunn, Matthew Tegede, Dale Murray, Erik Ekstrand, Lawrence Rosello and Dylan Sands.

The scouts judged the parents' costume competition, choosing winners in several categories with their applause. Pack No. 34 Cubmaster Fred Rosado, himself dressed as Indiana Jones, recognized all the parents for participating.

Adults receiving special recognition for their costumes included Tom Carroll, strangest costume; Harry Ekstrand, scariest costume; Debbie Dunn, funniest costume; Diane Sands, most awesome costume; George Flood, weirdest costume, and Dave Murray, saddest-looking costume.

Turkey Drive Slated Nov. 18-19 at Temple

WESTFIELD - A Thanksgiving turkey and canned goods drive will be held at Temple Emanu-El, located at 756 East Broad Street in Westfield, on Sunday and Monday, November 18 and 19.

Individuals are asked to bring frozen turkeys in a tied plastic bag and canned goods suitable for Thanksgiving to the temple parking lot between 8:30 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. on Sunday and between 3:30 and 6:15 p.m. on Monday.

The turkeys and canned goods will be distributed to needy families in Union County through the efforts of the We Care Soup Kitchen, the Mandy Reichman Fund and individuals at Temple Emanu-El.

The Mandy Reichman Feeding Program was established in memory of a 22-year-old Scotch Plains resident who died of cancer in September and who wished to be remembered through the establishment of a program to feed less fortunate people in the area.

For more information, please call Temple Emanu-El at (908) 232-6770.

AARP Reveals Dates For 55 Alive Course

WESTFIELD - An American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) sponsored 55 Alive Driver Refresher course is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, December 4 and 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Mountinside Borough Hall, 1385 Route 22 in Mountinside.

Membership in the AARP is not required; however, participants must pre-register.

Upon completion of the two-day course, students will receive a 5 percent discount on the major portion of their automobile insurance premium for three years. They may also receive a two-point reduction from their motor vehicle record, if applicable.

The cost of the course is \$10. For further information and to register, please call Lisa Cassidy at (908) 232-4406.

Indoor Gardening Has Rewards As Plants Continue to Flourish

By JODY MELLOAN

After my husband and I had paid the last college tuition bills for our three children, we treated ourselves to a small greenhouse, built over the old slanting cellar door of our Victorian house. In late September, we always carry in all the houseplants that have vacationed outdoors for the summer. And then the joy of indoor gardening begins.

It always amazes me that so many of the flowering plants continue to bloom indoors. Take our two Chinese hibiscus, for instance. One bears a new red flower every week or so, but the other, a recent gift from a friend, has at least one yellow blossom every day, plus three or four buds. In his book, "Crockett's Indoor Garden," James Crockett writes that his yellow-flowered hibiscus has hardly missed a day of flowering for 26 years!

Other plants that continue to bloom in our greenhouse are geraniums, begonias, a peace lily, an abutilon (flowering maple), a moth orchid and a pot of nasturtiums.

Of course, you can be an indoor gardener without a greenhouse. Lots of people have healthy plants all over their homes... a gardenia covered with blooms on a cool sun porch, pots of herbs handy on a kitchen windowsill, an eight-foot tall avocado tree started from a seed long ago.

Growing herbs indoors is especially rewarding and fairly easy. In September, I dug up parsley, chives, lemon thyme and rosemary from our little herb garden, potted them in fresh soil and so far they are thriving indoors. So is a tomato plant, still yielding a few tomatoes, after being hauled indoors from the patio.

There is a treasure of information

about growing, drying and cooking with herbs in "The Complete Book of Herbs," by Lesley Bremness. Of special interest to the indoor gardener is an illustration of a window herb garden with a profusion of sage, tarragon, thyme and other herbs sharing the sun.

But despite the advice of experts, I've found that some plants are just plain cranky. For instance, a Christmas cactus that I had closeted in the basement without water to deter flowering until the holidays has begun putting out buds anyhow, as if to say, "I don't care what your garden books say - I'm ready to bloom now!"

Or consider the small lemon tree that our good neighbor, Bernice Osborne, brought us from Florida last year. She has a veritable forest of citrus trees thriving, even producing fruit, on her sun porch. Our lemon tree? In a year, it has had five blossoms and several midget lemons, all of which fell off. And would my gardenias ever bloom? Not even once!

Still, indoor gardening is indeed a joy.

Jody Melloan is a member of the Garden Club of Westfield.

Adam Noah Born To Perry Family

Dr. Andrew Perry and Ardis DeCamp of Scotch Plains have announced the birth of their son, Adam Noah Perry, on Saturday, October 27, in St. Louis, Mo.

Adam weighed 8 pounds and 13 ounces and measured 21 inches in length at birth. He joins his brother, David Alexander. His maternal grandparents are Jack and Mary DeCamp of Los Angeles, Calif. Trudy Perry of Brooklyn, N.Y. and Joseph Perry of Westfield are the baby's paternal grandparents.

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