

FLOSM Sets Dinner To Help Divorced

Geneva — Persons who are divorced, separated or widowed have been invited to a pot luck dinner and white elephant sale, 6:30 p.m., Friday, Nov. 2 at St. Stephen's School cafeteria.

The program, coordinated by the Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry, is a meeting of its Divorced/Separated/Bereaved Support Group.

Persons with articles to donate or to have picked up

for the white elephant sale are asked to call: Geneva, (315) 789-2686; Canandaigua, (716) 394-1953; Stanley, (716) 526-5629 or 526-6985.

The FLOSM notice said, "Please come and join us to enjoy good food, company, conversation and a chance to acquire or get rid of some white elephant which has been in your home or apartment."

Sarah Child



All in the Family

Election's Lesson For Women

As I write this column, it is about 1 p.m., election day, and I have just come from the voting booth. With publication of the piece more than a week away, I cannot be accused of trying to sway anyone toward a particular candidate.

The voting process turns out to be a pleasant experience. One of the women who is checking off names says she recognizes me from the photo that accompanies this column. She mentions that the column often brightens her day.

I am touched by her kindness and tell her so. After coming out of the booth, I stop by a table of baked goods and stationery products that the Methodist church women have set up.

An attractive, blue-eyed, white-haired woman I judge to be in her late 70s takes the packet of birthday cards I have selected and makes change for me.

She tells me that the profit from the sale will go toward a young missionary in India. The group once sent clothes but the postage now costs too much so they send her money and she goes through the streets riding her bicycle buying baby garments and giving them to the poor.

Back in the car, I turn philosophical, glad that what has appeared to be the longest political campaign in history is at last over.

In the past several months, I have seen more television, watching debates, news analyses and other related programs, than I have in several years.

In addition, I have read three daily newspapers, news magazines and several weekly papers, scouring opinion pages, including editorials, letters and a variety of columnists.

Now as I look back, I find Women's Retreat

Canandaigua — A retreat for women, "The Good News of Reconciliation: Being at peace with the Lord, within yourself, with others," led by a retreat team of Father Ed Foley CSSR, Sister Mary Lynch SSJ, and Father Tim Keating CSSR, will be held Nov. 30-Dec. 2 at Notre Dame Retreat House. The suggested offering is \$50. Further information and registration are available through the retreat house, P.O. Box 342, Canandaigua, N.Y. 14424; (716) 394-5700.

that there is one dominant image in those months of reading and television watching that stays with me above all others.

It is a scene of a political rally, a split second on a television screen, held forever in my mind. I get a glimpse of several young fathers holding up their little girls so that they can get a good look at Geraldine Ferraro.

It is significant that in this particular instance, at least, it is the fathers not the mothers holding up the little girls. Men showing their girl children what they can aspire to. Men confident enough not to feel threatened by a woman.

There is another lesser impression of this election. One which will fade soon enough but now is disturbing.

It is the memory of women who, when the subject of the vice presidential candidate came up, would say:

"But is she smart enough?" Or, "Can a woman really do the job?" Comments which said more about how they feel about themselves and women in general than about the historic candidate.

When our daughters were younger and it came time to choose after-school activities, they were told, "Choose a sport. Get on the field. It is a lot of fun controlling the ball."

They gave me the look that meant mother is being weird again. But, once playing the game, whatever it was, they were hooked -- by the challenge, the competition, the sheer joy of putting oneself to the test.

For those little girls, held by their fathers, women of her own generation, and lots of females in between, Geraldine Ferraro has shown the way to the field.

Canon Law Workshop Date Changed

The Office of Continuing Education has recently changed the date for its workshop, "Why the Code of Canon Law Isn't Just for Clergy."

The workshop will now be held 7:30-9:30 p.m., Dec. 5 only.

The program will study the new code from the perspective of its direct implications for lay people, reviewing the ministry of the laity as indicated in the law.

Rev. Mr. Alexander Bradshaw, deacon intern at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Brockport, will present the program at Good Shepherd Church for the Rochester area audience.

Mrs. Margery S. Nurnberg of the Office of Social Ministry will present the same program at St. Mary's Church in Elmira for the Southern Tier audience.

The fee for the workshop is \$5. Further information and registration are available from the Office of Continuing Education, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14621. The registration deadline is Nov. 21.

CDA Events Planned

The Catholic Daughters of America will participate in St. Salome's annual Craft and Baked Food Sale, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 17. Members are asked to bring their goods to the sale.

The organization is also in need of bed sheets for their bandage rolling project for the missions. Anyone wishing to donate these items should contact Bea Schmitt at 654-9271. The group has scheduled bandage rolling for tonight, Nov. 14, at the home of Beverly Schum.

The monthly meeting and reception of new members is slated for Tuesday, Nov. 20 at St. Philip Neri Church. Mass will begin at 7 p.m., with a reception and meeting to follow in the school hall.

Make Today Count

Newark — Make Today Count will meet 7:30 p.m., Nov. 28 at the Newark Wayne Community Hospital, conference room 2. Featured at the meeting will be a showing of "Death of a Gandy Dancer," the story of family's coping with the illness and death of a grandfather. Make Today Count is an association of persons with life-threatening illness and their families and friends. The public is invited to the meeting.



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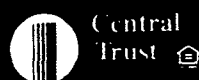
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