

# Marriage Encounter honors longest-married couple

MOUNTAIN VIEW, CALIF. (NC) — John and Bertie Weaver of Carrolton, Georgia, have been named Longest Married Couple for 1988 by Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

The Weavers were married July 25, 1907. They were among 750 couples nominated for the award, given in connection with World Marriage Day.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter, which sponsors Marriage Encounter weekends for married couples, has sponsored World Marriage Day on the second Sunday of February — this year on February 14 — since 1981.

The Marriage Encounter movement was founded primarily as a Catholic activity but has since branched out among several denominations.

The organization also announced that this year's Cupid Award for the television commercial which best displays positive marriage attitudes and values has been awarded to Hallmark Cards of Kansas City, Mo.

The awards were announced by Scott

and Candy Hockensmith of Mountain View, national coordinators for World Marriage Day.

The Weavers married at age 16 despite family objections, according to John Weaver, who said he had to drive his horse and buggy down back roads to elude family members who wanted to prevent his elopement with Bertie.

He attributed the success of their marriage to "the good Lord watching over us, working together, respecting each others' feelings, being good to one another and being understanding with one another."

Previous winners of the award — Oliver and Cora Glenn, married 83 years, and Calvin and Mina Dunmire, married 82 years — were named this year as Longest Married Couple Emeritus.

Hallmark was honored for its advertisement "Moving In," in which a husband and wife are carrying boxes into their new home when the wife finds an anniversary card on the floor next to



a box.

Also honored were winners of a "why I believe in marriage" essay contest: Barbara Sullivan of Sun City, Ariz.,

married 37 years, and, in the youth category, Janet Besignano, 16, of Brooklyn, N.Y.

## Finger Lakes office schedules preparation classes for couples

The Marriage Preparation Office of the Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry offers a series of marriage preparation classes. Each program is presented by a trained team of married couples and a priest or deacon. They share their experiences and help the engaged couples to explore their relationships, to determine their strengths and weaknesses. The program is an important addition to the personal sessions couples attend with their parish priest or deacon.

Couples planning their weddings should be aware of the following regulations:

1. Couples should register for programs at least six months prior to the wedding date.

2. Registration is by telephone only, unless otherwise indicated, and is on a first-come, first-served basis.

3. A non-refundable registration fee of \$25 per couples is required.

4. Certificates are issued to couples upon completion of seven to 10 hours of classroom instruction (hours vary by program).

5. When one or both parties is under the age of 18, or when pregnancy is involved, couples should contact the Marriage Preparation Office for Intensive Pre-Cana registration before a wedding date is set.

In addition to the sessions, the following programs are also offered:

**Engaged Encounter** — A weekend away with other engaged couples, designed to intensively cover topics concerning cou-

ples' prospective lives together.

Engaged Encounter weekends will be conducted the following dates: March 4-6, March 18-20, April 8-10, April 15-17, May 13-15, May 20-22, June 3-5, June 10-12, July 15-17, August 19-21, September 16-18, September 30-October 2, October 21-23 and November 4-6.

**New Horizons** — Marriage preparation for couples in which one or both partners have been previously married. Special emphasis is placed on topics relative to couples in a second marriage. Certificates are issued upon completion of 12-hour program. Two sessions remain in 1988: April 18, 25, 27 and 29; September 29, October 3, 5 and 7. To register, call (716) 454-7650.

**Hispanic Pre-Cana, Conferencias Para la Comunidad Hispana** — Hispanic traditions and values are presented for couple with Spanish background. For information and reservations, contact the Spanish Apostolate at (716) 328-3210 or the Family Ministries Office at (315) 789-2686.

### SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Couples may be referred to one of the following programs due to special circumstances:

**Separation** — Sessions are arranged through the Marriage Preparation Office for couples who are separated for an extended period before the wedding (i.e., one partner is in the military service or lives in another state). Contact the office at (315) 789-2686.

**Teenagers** — Arrangements are made to

work with the priest or deacon preparing teenagers for the Sacrament of Marriage. **Before the wedding date is set call the Marriage Preparation Office at (315) 789-2686.**

**Pregnancy** — Pregnancy itself is not the determining factor in proceeding with or delaying a marriage. **Before the wedding date is set, call the Marriage Preparation Office at (315) 789-2686.**

Finger Lakes (315) 789-2686		
To register, please follow instructions as requested after each session.		
Date	Time	Place
Feb. 13	Sat. 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m. MAIL REGISTRATION ONLY	St. Mary's School, Clymer St., Auburn Beth Liberatore 19 Silver Ave., Auburn, NY 13021
Feb. 19 and Feb. 21 March 5	Fri. 7-10 p.m. Sun. 2-8 p.m. To be announced	St. Stephen's, Geneva REGISTRATION: (315) 789-1124 St. Michael's, Penn Yan REGISTRATION: (315) 536-3640
March 6 March 8 March 19	Sun. 1-6 p.m. Tues. 7-9:30 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.	St. Michael's, Newark REGISTRATION: (315) 331-6753 St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls REGISTRATION: Dianne Cappellino (315) 568-6335
March 19	To be announced	St. John's, Clyde REGISTRATION: Karen & Tom Liseno (315) 923-7798
April 9	Sat. 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m. MAIL REGISTRATION ONLY	St. Mary's School, Clymer St., Auburn Beth Liberatore 19 Silver St., Auburn, NY 13021
April 22 and April 24 June 11	Fri. 7-10 p.m. Sun. 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sat. 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m. MAIL REGISTRATION ONLY	St. Francis deSales, Geneva REGISTRATION: (315) 789-0658 or (315) 789-0930 St. Mary's School, Clymer St., Auburn Beth Liberatore 19 Silver St., Auburn, NY 13021
Sept. 23 and Sept. 25 Oct. 1	Fri. 7-10 p.m. Sun. 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.	St. Francis deSales, Geneva REGISTRATION: (315) 789-0658 or (315) 789-0930 St. Patrick's, Seneca Falls REGISTRATION: Dianne Cappellino (315) 568-6335
Oct. 8	Sat. 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m. MAIL REGISTRATION ONLY	St. Mary's School, Clymer St., Auburn Beth Liberatore 19 Silver Ave., Auburn, NY 13021
Oct. 21 and Oct. 23	Fri. 7-10 p.m. Sun. 2-7 p.m.	St. Stephen's, Geneva REGISTRATION: (315) 789-1124



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