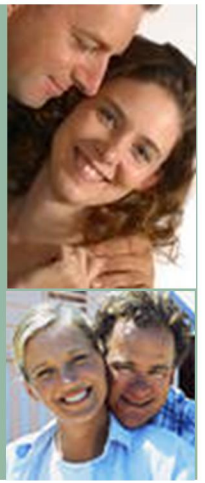


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A "Hole" Lot of Fun



Great Marriages invites you to an afternoon of golf...

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Date: Saturday, July 14

Time: 3:30 - dusk

Location: Blackwolf Run

Fee: \$80 per person/ includes 18 holes of golf and cart

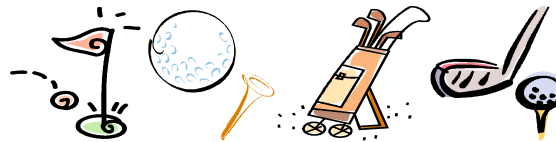
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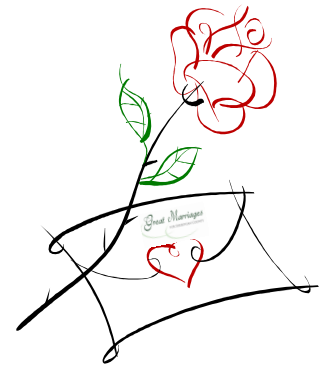
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GMSC Highlights

*Great Marriages
For Sheboygan County
Invites You
to a night of
Dinner and Dancing in
a "Celebration of
Marriage"*



Saturday, May 7, 2011
5:30pm to 11:00pm
The Bull at Pinehurst Farms
Coat and Tie
\$100 couple, \$50 individual

Reservations are necessary. For more information or to make your reservation, please call (920) 783-3660 by April 25, 2010.

HEALTHY Marriage

You can view our award winning cable television show on WSCS, in the Sheboygan cable area every Tuesday at 9:30 am and Thursday at 8:30 pm.



The Editor's Corner



Your opinion is not
the truth.

-Linda and Charlie Bloom

Do you have a story about life and love for our Marriage Moments and Memories column? Married life has many surprises, joys, and challenges. What are yours? We would love to hear the secret to your success. It can be kept anonymous. Send your story to editor@great-marriages.org or stop by our office.

Marriage Moments and Memories

Vacations are necessities,
not luxuries.

-Linda and Charlie Bloom

The Queen Bee

My wife and I started beekeeping as a hobby a few years ago. We have truly enjoyed working in this common interest. It has given us an opportunity to spend time outside while trying to tackle the ever changing challenges of this craft together. I have humbly accepted my place as a worker bee and affectionately refer to her as the "Queen".

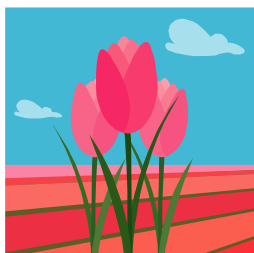
One of the yearly tests that we face is getting them through the winter without the use of the chemicals and medications that we have continued to see more commonly used in this industry over the years. The solutions that our society seek, whether they be to fix our own bodies or those of livestock or farm fields, have too easily relied on the "quick fixes" found in the

chemical and pharmaceutical industry. So our attempts at taking a natural approach may often have disappointments in the short run but we feel will end up helping us develop stronger, more self sufficient colonies over the long run.

As warmer weather approached, we looked forward to checking to see how our colonies fared. The first inspection of our 6 hives was a real surprise. All were alive and the "Queen" had a smile on her face that reminded me of the one I saw on the grandkids faces right after they opened all of their Christmas presents! Now we just have to nurse them through a winter/spring that doesn't seem to want to turn the corner. Then on through summer in hopes of having a successful harvest in fall.

married 37 years

Quotes were found in:
*101 Things I Wish I Knew
When I Got Married;*
*Simple Lessons to
Make Love Last*
by: Linda and Charlie Bloom



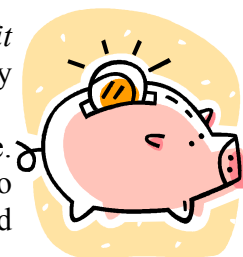
Dealing With Money Conflicts

Many marital arguments have to do with money. In *Profit Sharing: A Guide to Making Money an Asset to Your Marriage*, Gary Chapman addresses dealing with money issues in marriage.

Money should be an asset rather than a liability in your marriage. How do you feel about money? If you expect money and things to give your life meaning, you will be disappointed. Use money to build your marriage instead of letting money control your decisions.

Together, as a team, make a plan for managing your finances. Write down the "money issues" on which you disagree and try to figure out a solution. Look for creative ways to lower spending and increase income. Just make sure your decisions don't negatively affect the relationship with your spouse and family. Allow room for little purchases, but remember to discuss purchases that aren't in the budget. And don't forget to save a portion of your paycheck—10% is recommended by this author. Remember that you are a team and must work together to make your plan work.

If creating a plan together is not working, many resources are available. At Great Marriages we have items in our resource library that may help and monthly programs that focus on a variety of marriage-related issues.



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Family Fun Day!

Take an Unplanned Adventure

This is a great date you can take with your spouse.

1. Choose a limited radius around your home.
2. Get your map out and find a back road to follow for at least 15 minutes.
3. Avoid chain restaurants. Eat someplace that looks interesting that you haven't seen before.
4. Find other unique activities to do. Or find a quiet place to talk. Focus your topics on yourselves.



In every newsletter we include a synopsis from the popular book:

The Love Dare

A 40-day challenge to couples to learn how to love unconditionally.

Great Marriages invites you to a day of fun-filled family activities at Camp Y-Koda...

Enjoy an afternoon of quality family fun at Camp Y-Koda. The event focuses on building couple and family strengths. Strategies will be taught throughout the various stations. All activities-boating, hiking, fishing, archery, and climbing wall are included in the registration fee. Join us for this unique program combining adventure and family skill enhancement.



Date: Saturday, July 9

Time: 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Location: Camp Y-Koda

Fee: \$5 per person or \$20 per family

Event Offered & Sponsored by Great Marriages

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The Love Dare by Stephen and Alex Kendrick

DAY 32—Love meets sexual needs

Romance is considered an important part of Christian marriage. In the Bible, sex is referred to as a blessing for both spouses and helps build a confident love in the marriage.

Sex is but one part of marriage. Yet, in time, one spouse tends to value it more than the other spouse. This difference can strain the unity of the marriage.

Sex is an expression of love unmatched by other types of communication and is not meant to be shared with anyone but your spouse. But people are weak. If this need is not filled, our hearts may be tempted to wander from marriage.

This special expression of love is not meant to be bargained with in a marriage. If you or your spouse are depriving the other, the unity of your marriage may be weakened. Come to an agreement through the selflessness and forgiveness of love to renew the intimacy in your marriage.

DAY 33—Love completes each other

Marriage unites a man and a woman. Although love needs to be able to act alone, it is so much better together.

From our bodies to our natures to our temperaments, men and women complement each other and are meant to live in harmony. Our strengths cover the other's weaknesses. We share sorrows and offer support. We celebrate each other's joys.

If we focus on each other's differences, we create conflict. We need to consider our spouse's perspectives and accept their weaknesses. We can then appreciate their strengths.

Together we are more effective. Together we are complete.



Upcoming Events, Seminars and Programs

"Nowadays it's hip not to be married. I'm not interested in being hip."

— John Lennon

Family Day at Camp Y Koda

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“Fun”draiser Golf Outing

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Location: Blackwolf Run, Kohler, WI

"Many marriages would be better if the husband and the wife clearly understood that they are on the same side."

— Zig Ziglar

Prepare & Enrich *** (call for appointment)***

Unlike our regular monthly programs, this program is *not* a group program—couples meet with marriage mentors as a couple and it includes a marriage inventory that is specific to them. Prepare and Enrich is for both engaged couples who are preparing for marriage and married couples that may be struggling in an area or who just want to strengthen and enrich their marriage. This program is the most advanced couple assessment tool available. A marriage or pre-marriage inventory, specific to the couple helps identify their individual strengths and challenges. The couple will learn skills that aid in overcoming the challenges and building a happy, healthy relationship and strong marriage.

Visit Our Relationship Resource Library

A variety of books and DVDs are available to be checked out at no charge at the Great Marriages office. Topics include general communication and enrichment; sex, intimacy and infidelity; parenting and families; singles, engaged couples and newlyweds; divorce prevention; finance; devotionals; and empty nesters. We also have limited resources available in Spanish.

"A great marriage is not when the 'perfect couple' come together. It is when an imperfect couple learns to enjoy their differences."

— Dave Meure

NOTE: Most programs are free. Registration is required. Call (920) 783-3660.

Fundraiser Rummage Sale on June 4th **8:30 a.m.—2 p.m. in Kohler!**

It's time for Spring cleaning...who doesn't have stuff floating around in their attic, basement, or spare room that just isn't used or needed anymore? Clear out the clutter and help out a great cause at the same time. Great Marriages is asking you to donate unwanted items to our fundraising yard sale on June 4th. Ask your friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. to donate items (old furniture, appliances, kitchenware, clothes, coats, toys, books, etc.). We will be accepting donations starting the third week in May. For more information, contact Great Marriages at 920.783.3660.

