

Meetings

Flora Lions Club

Charlie Short, District 25-C Governor of the Indiana Lions was the guest speaker at the Sept. 16 dinner-meeting of the Flora Lions Club. He gave a "state of the district" address and commended Flora Lions on their continued dedication to Lionism. He also inducted Norma Gilbert into the Flora club.

Updates were also given as to the Flora Lions' participation at the Deer Creek Park fund raising event that was held there Sept. 12. Ice cream was sold and all profits were donated to the cause.

Preparations are also underway for the club's participation in the upcoming Moonlight Madness that will be held in downtown Flora on Oct. 4.

The annual "Kid's Ride," a motorcycle tour, is scheduled for the first weekend in October. Proceeds from the event will be divided between the Neo-natal Care Unit of Lafayette Home Hospital and Riley Hospital for Children, Indianapolis. All participants will pay their own expenses incurred from the trip as well as

making a donation to the charity. Anyone wishing to donate may do so by sending their donations to: Flora Lions Club, P.O. Box 46, Flora, IN 46929. Questions about this event may be directed to Lions Tom Kressley at (574) 967-4482 or Joe Redmon at (574) 967-3781.

Camden Woman's Literary Club

Camden Woman's Literary Club met Sept. 16 at the Camden Library for the first meeting of the 2008-2009 program year. The following officers are: Judie Peters, president; Lynette Martin, vice president; Kathy Shuler, secretary; Pat Casserly, treasurer and Jimpsie Doyel, historian.

The next meeting will be a back yard picnic Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Peggy Lach-Stone.

Wednesday Forum

Members of Wednesday Forum met at Solomon's Grill for their September meeting. Hazel Mullin led a discussion of "Ordeal by Hunger" by George R. Stewart about the Donner Party. The Donner Party constitutes one of the most amazing stories of the American West.

Masonic Lodge to be rededicated in Camden

Comet staff report

Looking back on the early years of Carroll County, the members of Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge No. 211 are proud of the role this Lodge has played in the community over those years. Noting a significant milestone, the lodge celebrated its 150-year history last year and is now looking forward to another major event.

On Saturday noon the Lodge will host a luncheon at the Camden Community Center, 100 Main Street. The public is invited to participate in this grand kick-off of the Rededication of the Lodge.

Following the luncheon a public ceremony will take place at the Masonic Temple, 211 West Main Street, at 1:30 p.m. Recognizing the significance of the Lodge's and the Temple's part of the community, a large delegation from the Indiana Grand Lodge is expected and they will conduct the celebration.

"We are honored that the Grand Master of the Indiana Grand Lodge, Mr. Jeffery Zaring, will preside over this noteworthy event," remarked Fred Hartman, Worshipful Master of Mt. Zion Lodge.

"We are most honored that

so many of the Grand Lodge and their ladies will be with us on this Rededication Day," Hartman continued.

"Our lodge, now being home to members of the former Masonic Lodges in Cutler, Deer Creek, Flora and Delphi, as well as the Camden area, is strong and growing, defying a trend seen among many service organizations in this day and age," observed

Lodge Secretary Nick Clark. Mt. Zion Lodge currently has 255 members.

Other officers of Mt. Zion Lodge are: Donald Hickman Jr., senior warden; Donald Hickman III, junior warden; Robert McCain, treasurer; Wayne Downham, assistant secretary; Jason Endress, chaplain; Chad McAlexander, senior deacon; Gus Fuller, junior deacon; Larry Mote,

senior steward; Jason Dunning, junior steward; Ronald King, Tyler; and Wayne Downham, Rod Squire and Christopher Dyke, trustees.

The solemn nature of the event calls for guests to be attired festively. Reservations are not needed. Hartman noted that preparations have been made to accommodate all members and friends of Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge.



Mt. Zion Masonic Lodge No. 211

Registration is open for '09 Leadership Carroll County

Comet staff report

Leadership Carroll County (LCC), an in-depth adult leadership development program, is accepting registrations for its 2009 class that will begin Jan. 21.

"Leadership Carroll County is open to county residents or any person with civic or business activities in Carroll County," said Ann Brown, LCC chairman. "The vision for Leadership

Carroll County is to develop a pool of committed and competent leaders necessary to build community unity and to create a dynamic county."

The curriculum will include both personal leadership development topics, as well as information about the county and current issues. Topics to be explored will be communication skills of leaders, teamwork, serving on boards, county demographics, local government, not-for-profits, and much more.

"Sometimes we think leaders are born, but this program proves that anyone who has the desire to make a difference can, said LCC 2006 graduate Andy Cougill of Delphi. "I've never been the type to take charge, but

now I feel energized to step forward and accept new responsibility. I highly recommend the leadership program to anyone who wants to give back to their community."

The program will be held on six consecutive Wednesdays, beginning Jan. 21 and concluding Feb. 25. The first session will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Camp Tecumseh YMCA Center. Each session thereafter will be from 12 noon to 5 p.m. with lunch included. In order for participants to become better acquainted with the county's various communities, the program sites will rotate around the county.

"With three classes of LCC graduates, Carroll County is very fortunate to

have nearly 90 individuals who, because they were interested and wanted to make a difference, now have experienced personal and community leadership development that will make that vision a reality for Carroll County," added Brown.

For more information or to register, contact any member of the task force: Ann Brown, Janet Ayres, Dan Gottschalk, Todd Ladd, Larry Trapp, Al Jackson, Anita Werling, Vicky Snipes, Hannah Germond, and Susan Scholl, or e-mail editor@carrollcountycomet.com or call (574) 967-4135 and ask for Susan.

Class size is limited. Registrations will be accepted until the class is full or Nov. 21, whichever comes first.

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