

from our readers

Backs benefit, blasts Adams

To the editor:
As a member of the Farmington Historical Commission and as the maker of the original motion accepting the offer of the Farmington-8 Lions Club to hold a banquet and ball on May 22, I feel I must reply to the malicious, slanderous and unforgiving attack made in the Farmington Observer on April 5, 1982, by Don Adams toward myself and other members of the commission.
When I made the original motion on Feb. 17 and when the commission acted favorably upon it that evening, five of our seven members — myself included — expressed strong misgivings that the ticket prices would exclude the majority of our citizens. But, since we felt the proceeds would benefit the museum, and thus the community, we did not object to the Lions Club. Rather than feeling left out, as Mr. Adams charges, we felt it was a Lions Club function and that we should assume a secondary role.

On Feb. 17, the time the motion was made, only two members (of the historical commission) indicated that they probably would attend (the banquet and ball). One member reported that he would be out of town on May 22 and the other four, including myself, stated that we probably would not attend. To my knowledge, these commission opinions regarding the Lions Club affair have not changed.

I find it absolutely incredible that Mr. Adams could possibly suggest that I am a "sorehead" because I feel that I should be admitted free to the banquet and ball. How could he possibly know how I feel? He never took the time to ask me. In fact, as far as I can recall, we have never even met! He could knock me down in the middle of Grand River Ave., help me back up, and never even know that I am a member of the Farmington Historical Commission.

I do not, nor have I ever had, any interest or desire to attend the banquet and ball — for free or otherwise. And, to insinuate anything to the contrary is nothing short of a slanderous untruth. The truth, to at least some of the

commissioners, is that the banquet is an imposition. Under the museum policy, the commissioners will have to give up that Saturday evening to be in the mansion during the tour that is being held for the banquet guests. No, I do not wish to come to the affair without paying. But, because the Farmington-8 Lions Club and the commission have the same interests at heart, I will donate my time for this worthwhile cause.

Despite Mr. Adams' attack, I, as a member of the commission, appreciate the support, hard work, and dedication of the Farmington-8 Lions Club for the benefit of the museum. And even though I join members of the community in opposing some of their policies, I wish them success with this worthy project.

I would hope that Mr. Adams made his remarks without thinking of the consequences to the museum and the community, and, after giving it thoughtful consideration, would demonstrate the kind of individual he really is by apologizing publicly.
DONALD S. MUNTER
Farmington

Museum tiff can be solved

To the editor:
I am deeply concerned by the rift developing in the Farmington community because of plans for the dedication of the Warner Museum. The Historical Commission and many, many volunteers have worked long hours to bring this event about. The Farmington Lions Club has also worked long and hard to plan a benefit for the museum.

We are all wiser with hindsight than with foresight. I personally wish that all events for the dedication were free and open to the public. The community has waited a long time for this event and should not feel excluded from any of it.

However, we must have fund-raising events in order to make the museum viable. The Lions Club benefit is such an event. I think it would have been better received by the community if it had been planned for the weekend following the dedication so that the two

events would be separated by time as well as by intent.

Such fund-raising events are exclusionary by nature. I know that \$100-a-plate events are not meant for me. I am much too concerned about clothes, food, glasses, braces, etc. for my family at this stage of my life. However, I feel that public statements by Mr. Koning and Mr. Adams have been insensitive. People do not need to be reminded that they can or cannot afford these events as explicitly as Mr. Koning did. For Mr. Adams to say that the commissioners have complained about the price of the event merely because they wish to be admitted free is an insult and totally unfair. Gala parties are neither my husband's nor my thing. As I recall, when he first told me of the plans I asked if I had to go.

I think the time has come to put aside all these differences. Too many bitter feelings are being created when only good was intended. In my opinion, mistakes have been made in the planning, and public statements have been made that should have been left unmade. However, this is behind us. Can we not as a community celebrate the dedication of our museum and each of

us enjoy what we feel we can of the one planned weekend? And let us thank all of our neighbors who have worked many long hours so that we can open the museum.
MarySue Munter
Farmington

Resident wants market to stay

To the editor:
I am a concerned citizen of the city of Farmington and a frequent shopper of the Farmer Jack store in our city. However, I am compelled, after studying the facts, to write this to you and ask that you not relocate your present city of Farmington store to Nine Mile and Farmington Road. I can see no way such a switch can be beneficial to you, and there certainly is no way the city needs another shopping center. Perhaps you can expand your present store, but another center is not needed.
Mrs. Rose V. Erger
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