

Washington Day Dinner

Every February always reminds me of the Methodist Church's Washington Day Dinner fund raiser from back in the day. Why am I thinking of February in January. This was the month that men got their tickets before they sold out.

Back in the day, the Lemont Methodist Church put on what was called the Washington Day dinner in the church basement. It was a fund raiser for the church. It was a dinner every respectable person attended. That was if you were a male! Such a sexist event would not be tolerated or acceptable in today's society

The event was strictly a male event. Men came with their sons. The ladies of the church and lady volunteers prepared the meal, served the meal and cleaned up after the meal.

The meal was great fellowship for the guys. There was normally a guest speaker. The meal was simple comfort food which was delicious. There was no alcohol served. The basement room was packed with annual sell outs. After dinner all went up to the church for the program.

I always remember our Illinois State Representative at the time really wanted to attend the event. The issue was the representative was a "lady". She finally got to attend as she had to volunteer to help serve the meal for the guys. She was able to make herself seen and got to talk with the attendees while waiting on the tables. During election years her opponent was usually always a male and sat with the men. Interesting process.

The meal event finally had run its course and ended. It would not be politically correct to run an only male event now.

Who remembers the event? Who remembers Ron Walters as the M.C. with his corny jokes. Who has pics of this event? Your turn

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