

Irem honors Gilbert Tough for his work and dedication

Recently, Irem Temple held its famous outdoor ceremonial at Irem Temple Country Club, Dallas. The purpose was to initiate approximately 100 candidates for membership and to honor a longtime member and diligent worker, Gilbert D. Tough. Inclement weather forced the pagentry inside the large pavilion where an estimated 1000 members watched as the

novices "walked the hot sands" and learned the mysteries of the Mystic Shrine from the ceremonial cast.

Gilbert Tough has been a member of Irem Temple for 44 years. During that time, he has served on the Irem Board of Governors for 15 years and the Board of Governors of the Shriner's Hospital in Philadelphia for nine years. He is now an emeritus of that board and Gil also has been chairman of the hospital speakers committee for eight years. Gilbert, retired President and C.E.O. of Blue Cros of NE PA, lives in Lehman with his wife, Vera.



GILBERT D. TOUGH



Mother/daughter team chair ball

Val Genetti, president of the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Auxiliary, Wyoming Valley Health Care System, recently announced Maureen F. Moran of Shavertown will serve as chairperson of the 30th Annual Starlight Ball. Assisting her mother as co-chairperson of the event is Maureen L. Moran. The Starlight Ball is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 21, at Genetti Hotel and Convention Center, Wilkes-Barre. This year's event will feature a cocktail and social hour at 7 p.m., with dinner served at 8 p.m. Musical entertainment will be provided by bands, Fancy Dancer and Which Doctor. A raffle drawing for separate prizes of \$10,000, \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 will be among the numerous Starlight Ball attractions. A limited number of raffle tickets will be sold at \$100 each. Tickets may be purchased individually or as a group at the Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Gift Shoppe or from any Starlight Ball committee member. For more information about the Starlight Ball or to purchase a raffle ticket, please call 552-1243. Shown, from left, Maureen F. Moran, ball chairperson; Val Genetti, pres. of Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Auxiliary; and Maureen L. Moran, ball co-chair, Dallas.



AWANA Club holds awards night

The AWANA Club Awards Night was held at the Grace Community Church, Dallas, recently. This club is a Bible-based fellowship that meets weekly through the months of September-April. Boys and girls are encouraged to memorize Bible scripture, work on crafts and enjoy recreation time. Pictured above from left, Brenda Chamberlain, AWANA Excellence Award, Jared Berry, SPARKS AWANA Award and Kristin Nichols, AWANA Timothy Award. Second row, Scott Chamberlain, Myrtle Chamberlain, Elizabeth Berry, Lisa Nichols and Doug Nichols. Third row are AWANA leaders, Andrew Race, Diana Race and Bill Burnaford.

Outdoor Day Camp to be held July 6-31

The Outdoor Classroom Children's Day Camp will be held July 6-31 at Luzerne County Fairgrounds. There are four week-long sessions, 9-4:30 daily. Open to grades one through five, part of Project Wild. For more information, call 639-5098.

Luzerne County Fair seeking exhibitors

The Luzerne County Fair scheduled for Sept. 9-13 at the fairgrounds located at Route 118, Dallas-Lehman, is looking for anyone interested in exhibiting at this year's fair. For further information you can call the fair office at 675-3247, ext 35.

General Hospital auxiliary holds party

The Wilkes-Barre General Hospital Auxiliary of Wyoming Valley Health Care System recently held its annual card party. Winners of the raffle held in conjunction with the party include: Mrs. Robert Casper, Shavertown, second prize of \$500. Some Back Mountain residents who attended the party were, Lina Schifano of Trucksville, Elizabeth Covert of Dallas, Sandy Richardson of Dallas, Pricilla Williams of Shavertown, Marie Elgin of Dallas and Lois DeGennaro of Shavertown.

Audubon Society to meet July 11

A field trip to pick wild blueberries on Haystack Mountain in Mountaintop will be sponsored by the Greater Wyoming Valley Audubon Society on Sat., July 11. Meet at the Blackman Plaza K-Mart parking lot in Wilkes-Barre at 9 a.m. or Crestwood Motel, Mountaintop at 9:15 a.m. John Jakoby will lead. Bring berry buckets. Free and open to the public.



Celebrate your freedom

July 4, Independence Day, marks a unique milestone in human history. It was the day our Founding Fathers committed the United States of America to a course that allows us to live in the most free and prosperous nation the world has ever known. Through the years, tens of thousands of Americans have given their lives to protect our freedom — all we ask is that on this Independence Day weekend, you take time to think about the good fortune we enjoy, and to rekindle the "Spirit of '76" in your hearts and those of your loved ones.

Have a very happy and safe Independence Day!

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